Call to Order

Mark Teeter, Legislative Vice President, called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. in Nelson Hall East, Goodwin Forum.

Roll Call

Representatives Present: Nicholas Colbrunn, Ana Cortes, Jessie Holtz, Corinne Krupp, Jackie Martinez, Lino Sanchez, Fabiola Quiroz

Representatives Absent: Taylor Mitchell (excused), Mary May (excused), Jerry Dinzes (unexcused)

Officers Present: Victor Arredondo, Jacob Bloom, Mark Teeter

Advisors Present: Kobe Thompson, Benjamin Cox, Dr. Peg Blake, Joan Tyson

Approval of Agenda

MOTION: BLOOM/KRUPP move to approve Agenda #7 APPROVED AS AMENDED (1) ABSTENTION

MOTION: COLBRUNN/HOLTZ move to amend Agenda #7 and place General Council Work Session Item A. Faculty Online Course Evaluations directly after Public Comment APPROVED AS AMENDED

Bloom requested that the item be moved to accommodate the speaker who was in attendance.

MOTION: KRUPP/CORTES move to amend Old Business Item A. by striking the word Tabled and replacing with the word Postponed APPROVED (3) ABSTENTIONS

Chair’s Report

Teeter reminded the AS Council to sign in for office hours. Teeter asked the Council to limit their Council reports to four minutes.

Approval of Minutes
A. Approval of Minutes #6 dated October 7, 2013 – Tabled Action Item

MOTION: ARREDONDO/CORTES move to approve Minutes #6 dated October 7, 2013

APPROVED
(2) OPPOSED
(1) ABSTENTION

Bloom stated that he would vote in opposition to the minutes if they were not amended.

MOTION: Bloom move to amend Minutes #6 on page 11 by striking the word responses and replacing with the word communication and striking when he has questions. In the last sentence of General Council Work Session Item B. discussion.

The motion died with the lack of a second.

Public Comments (As per the Gloria Romero Open Meeting Act authorized by Section 89306.)

There was no Public Comment.

General Council Work Session Item A

A. Faculty Online Course Evaluations – Discussion Item (Jerry Dinzes & Jessie Holtz)

Sabra Steinberg, faculty member, will address some issues with the current evaluation process. Holtz and Dinzes will seek input from the Council on some issues relating to the faculty online course evaluation and expanding evaluations to include administrators as well as University Center managers.

Holtz introduced Sabra Steinberg, a Lecturer in the Environmental Sciences and Management department. Steinberg stated that she teaches three courses each semester and in May when she received an anonymous evaluation it included the language Femi-Nazi Cunt Go Fuck Yourself. Steinberg was appalled that a message with so much hatred was directed at her and she was unable to find out who it was that said that. Steinberg stated that the term Nazi was especially offensive because of her cultural heritage and in her opinion was a clear violation of the student code of conduct and she reported it to the administration. Steinberg reported that she got different communication from the administration as to whether the conduct was a violation of the student code of conduct or whether the student could be traced back. Steinberg stated that she understands the justification of anonymity and is not suggesting that it be removed from the evaluation process but that anonymity should not provide a blanket right to use speech however you want and should have certain limits that do not allow harassment, hate speech or personal attacks. Steinberg further stated that attacks should not be tolerated on campus under the guise of anonymity. Steinberg is unable to learn who the student was and is unable to get assurances from the university that the student will not be in her class again. Steinberg wishes to know who the student was so that she could avoid the student on the campus and in the community. Steinberg would not like this to happen to herself or another faculty member in the future.
Steinberg stated that in studies of contra power harassment that 10% of female faculty has been harassed by students and that female instructors are typically called epithets relating to the gender. Steinberg has also heard from four other instructors in the CNRS department who have received harassment in their faculty evaluation. Steinberg stated that the whole incident has left her distrustful of the administration assurances. Steinberg noted that other faculty members have left the university after being harassed. Holtz stated that this should not happen to any member of the campus community. Colbrunn agreed that a system should be put in place so that a student could be tracked who had written a harassing message. Cox stated that the incident should have been reported to the police. Steinberg stated that the campus lawyers said that the incident was not “pervasive harassment” and should not be forwarded to police. Steinberg provided information to the council about an evaluation process that should also be instituted for administrators. Blake stated that she was horrified by the language use and that if Student Affairs were aware of the student who wrote it that they would be called in to meet with the office even if it was not a violation of the student code of conduct. Blake noted that there are regular evaluations of the University President and Vice Presidents and that Vice Presidents are evaluated every three years. Blake stated that she was not opposed to the recommendations that were made and offered her assistance to the Council on a resolution if they were to author one. Teeter asked which committee on campus would have purview over this issue. Blake stated that the University Senate Faculty Affairs Committee would be the appropriate committee to discuss Faculty Evaluations. Arredondo stated that the language in the evaluation that Steinberg received was rude and uncalled for and he is interested in changes to the current system as long as it does not violate student rights. Bloom thanked Steinberg for speaking to the Council and stated that he does not have a view solidified but that accountability is essential and that everyone should be held accountable to the same degree. Bloom offered the assistance of the Associated Students. Holtz stated that there are better methods available for evaluations and the University could go back to paper evaluations or purchase one of 35 software options available, some of which would allow comments to be tracked if needed. Arredondo stated that he is interested in a program that would allow anonymous evaluations but would not allow certain words to be typed. Steinberg stated that she considered that but there are creative ways that students could get around that. Steinberg stated that the opportunity to evaluate administrators every three years is too far apart. Cox suggested a resolution to request the University President to address the issue with the University Senate. Blake suggested that the Council contact Colleen Mullery, the Senior Associate Vice President for Faculty Affairs and Human Resources; Mullery can provided information on union contracts that include language on evaluations.

TIME CERTAIN 5:00 P.M. - Appointments to Committees and Council

A.S. President (Jacob Bloom)

MOTION: BLOOM/HOLTZ move to suspend AS Government Code Section 6.03 to appoint Susanne Loutis to the Humboldt Energy Independence Fund (HEIF) Committee

APPROVED

Loutis is in class and is unable to attend.

MOTION: BLOOM/HOLTZ move to appoint Susanne Loutis to the HEIF Committee.
MOTION: BLOOM/ARREDONDO move to appoint Forust Ercole to the AS Council as the Administrative Vice President

APPROVED

(1) ABSTENTION

A.S. Administrative Vice President (Forust Ercole)
No Appointments.

A.S. Legislative Vice President (Mark Teeter)
No Appointments.

A.S. Student Affairs Vice President (Victor Arredondo)

MOTION: ARREDONDO/CORTES move to appoint Christine Hipolito to the Service Learning and Academic Internship Committee

APPROVED

MOTION: ARREDONDO/CORTES move to appoint Phoebe Bryan to the CSU International Program Screening Committee

APPROVED

MOTION: ARREDONDO/CORTES move to suspend AS Government Code Section 6.03 to appoint Jeffrey Gravinsky to the University Senate, Van Ralf Augus to the Sexual Assault Prevention Committee and Michelle Showers to the Student Grievance Committee

APPROVED

Arredondo stated that Gravinsky and Augus were in class and unable to attend. Showers was at work and was unable to attend.

MOTION: ARREDONDO/HOLTZ move to appoint Jeffrey Gravinsky to the University Senate

APPROVED

(1) ABSTENTIONS

MOTION: ARREDONDO/CORTES move to appoint Van Ralf Augus to the Sexual Assault and Prevention Committee

APPROVED

MOTION: ARREDONDO/SANCHEZ move to appoint Michelle Showers to the Student Grievance Committee

APPROVED

Official Reports (10 minutes limit each speaker, additional time at discretion of Chair)

Administrative Vice President Report (Bloom reported as Vice Chair of the Board of Finance)

Board of Finance Report – Monday, October 14, 2013 (Report to be given by the AS President. Minutes of the Board of Finance will be forwarded to the Council when available.)
1. **Request from the Humboldt Film Festival (HFF) from the HFF Trust Account in an amount not to exceed $1,561 for costs associated with the purchase of a iMac 21.5” Computer, a USB Super Drive, a recycling fee, tax and an Apple Care 3 year protection plan** – Information Item

   The Board of Finance approved a request from the HFF to replace an iMac computer and purchase a USB Super Drive to be used by the Film Festival Co-Directors in their office. The Film Festival Trust Account has a balance of $9,700. As Per AS Fiscal Code Section 10.01 **Excess Revenue** “...Requests for expenditures of the funds in the trust account greater than $200 must be evaluated and approved by the Board of Finance to assure the continued financial solvency of the program...”

   Bloom stated the Board of Finance reviewed and approved the request for a new computer for the Humboldt Film Festival.

2. **Graduation Pledge Alliance (GPA) Discussion Regarding GPA Program and Future Activity – Discussion Item**

   **Graduate Pledge Alliance Program Budget Language #2: GPA Coordinator and Program Advisor shall meet with the Board of Finance to discuss GPA Program and future activity.** It is recommended that a GPA Steering Committee be formed with the intention of increasing the campus support and visibility of the GPA. The first meeting with the Board of Finance shall occur no later than October 14, 2013.

   Bloom stated that the Graduation Pledge Alliance was unavailable to meet at the October 14 meeting and will be attending the October 28 meeting. Bloom stated that the Board of Finance had a discussion on the programs history and that the Pledge was adopted at Universities across the country, but that it is now coordinated from a University in Massachusetts. Bloom suggested that the idea of an administrator pledge and student pledge be considered.

3. **California Minimum Wage Increase Impact on Associated Students – Discussion Item**

   The California Minimum Wage will rise to $9.00 per hour effective July 2014, and will be raised again in January 2016 to $10.00 per hour.

   Bloom stated that the Board of Finance discussed the fiscal impacts of an increase in the minimum wage on the Associated Students. Bloom stated that a discussion was had regarding the work paradigm and is interested in the Associated Students exploring a stipend or scholarship model.

**Student Affairs Vice President (Victor Arredondo)**

Arredondo reported that he will be reviewing candidate statements from the 2013 voters’ guide to find common goals for the AS Council. Arredondo is investigating how surplus food from campus dining facilities can be donated or given to students at the end of the day. The AS Events Funding Committee has allocated 25% of their annual budget to programming. Arredondo is concerned that clubs seeking funding from the AS Events Funding Board are not aware that they can review the deliberative process when the committee decides levels of funding to be distributed for grants. Arredondo noted that the AS Presents Committee is still in need of two members that are appointed by the President and that the resolution for the Arts in
the Quad initiative needs to be amended. Arredondo also noted that appointments to the Diversity Program Funding Committee are still needed. Arredondo noted that the AS has allocated $11,000 in funding to a community garden that still needs to be built.

**Legislative Vice President (Mark Teeter)**
Teeter attended the Academic Policies Committee; The Committee discussed the implementation of a mandatory graduation fee of $58 that all first semester students would be required to pay. Discussion was held regarding the appropriateness of the fee as many students do not complete their degree program. The University Senate will be considering the graduation fee at a future meeting. Teeter would like to set up an HSU Associated Students YouTube channel that would feature recordings of the meeting as well as promotional videos.

**Martinez – College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences**
Martinez reported that she applied for the Diversity and Inclusion Campus Advisory Committee and the AS Executive Committee. Martinez is the Liaison to the MultiCultural Center and will be meeting with Marylyn Paik Nicely, the director of the program. Martinez will be working with Sanchez and May on the Interdisciplinary Research Symposium (IRS).

**Sanchez – College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences**
Sanchez reported that he has been preparing for the Arts, Humanities and Social Science mixer and will be reaching out to faculty in the college.

**May – College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences**
Absent.

**Krupp – College of Natural Resources and Sciences**
Krupp reported that the Natural Resources and Science Mixer was successful. Krupp is an employee of WRRAP and serves as their Liaison. Krupp noted that she was unable to provide zero waste services at the Fall Harvest Festival because she was not able to access the materials that were locked in the KA building. The HEIF committee is evaluating proposals that students have submitted.

**Colbrunn – College of Natural Resources and Sciences**
No report.

**Holtz – College of Natural Resources and Sciences**
Holtz reported that the CCAT Harvest Festival had a good turnout and that CCAT is currently hiring for next year’s Co-Directors. Holtz noted that it is important that the appointee to the HEIF committee be available on Friday’s from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

**Mitchell – College of Professional Studies**
Absent.

**Cortes – College of Professional Studies**
Cortes reported that the Professional Studies Mixer was held on October 17, but only 25-30 students were in attendance. Cortes reported that she needed additional support from the other
representatives. Cortes will be meeting with the Women’s Resource Center on Tuesday, October 22 and will provide a report at the next meeting.

Quiroz - College of Professional Studies
Quiroz reported that as a group the Professional Studies Representative chose to have the mixer on campus and that the time did not work well for many people. The Social Work Student Association is hosting a Zombie Run on Friday, October 25 from 5:15-7:15 p.m. as a fundraiser for non profit organizations; Tickets are $5.00-$7.00.

Dinzes - At Large
Absent.

Colbrunn left the meeting at 4:09 p.m.

External Affairs (Benjamin Cox)
Cox reported that he would like to work with Arredondo on the concerns he had with the AS Events Funding Board. Cox attended the CSSA meeting at CSU East Bay October 11-13. At the CSSA meeting the Association discussed sustainability issues, fossil fuel divestment and food sustainability. Assembly Member Bob Wieckowski (District -20) met with the Board to discuss the proposed Student Bill of Rights. CSSA has voted to support Assembly Bill (AB) 534 and AB 233 and Assembly Joint Resolution (AJR) 11. Each of the bills CSSA is supporting are reforms to student lending practices including enhanced loan counseling, preventing wage garnishment to pay student loans and to allow private student loans to be discharged in bankruptcy. Cox provided the Council with an overview of CSU East Bay and the services of the Associated Students of CSU East Bay.

AS Presents (Kobe Thompson)
Thompson reported that Council still needs to approve a revision to Resolution 2013-14-1 which resolved that AS Presents is to produce monthly Arts on the Quad Events. Thompson reported that AS Presents remaining shows for the Fall semester are Touche Amore, Naomi Klein and Farmhouse Odyssey. Thompson noted that he is still in need of the last two appointments to the AS Presents Committee.

President (Jacob Bloom)
Bloom reported that University Senate received a presentation from Traci Ferdolodge, the Associate Vice President of Facilities Management. Bloom asked Ferdolodge about the status of the Community Garden. Ferdolodge reported that she is still awaiting contact from the students who are in charge of the project. Bloom followed up with the community garden leaders at CCAT who are discussing issues of accessibility for the garden. Bloom asked the following questions to the AS Council: Is it an atmosphere of coercion or inspiration which holds us more accountable? How do we hold ourselves accountable? How do we hold administrators accountable? What is the difference between passive and active transparency? How many typo-s in the constitution have you found? Can we convert our office hours in to mandatory tabling?

Vice President of Enrollment Management and Student Affairs (Peg Blake)
Dr. Blake reported that on Monday, October 28 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. there will be an
open forum for the campus community to meet with the Presidential Search Committee. Mary Van Cott, the HSU Student Health Center Director, is providing information about the Affordable Care Act to the campus community. Open Enrollment for the affordable care act is now open and coverage begins January 1.

**General Manager (Joan Tyson)**

Tyson reported that the CSU Compliance Auditors have concluded their on campus work and Tyson is waiting for their preliminary report. The HSU External Audit Committee has requested a student to serve on the committee, Rosie Austin, the student at large on the Board of Finance committee has agreed to serve. The External Audit Committee will select an auditor to serve the campus for the next five years. Tyson provided stipend paperwork to the AS Council and requested that they sign and return it so that it may be processed in the next payroll period. Tyson noted that Bloom, Dinzes and herself are seated on the Foundation Structure Task Force Committee which has been charged with analyzing and evaluating the current foundation and auxiliary organization structure at HSU and identify possible opportunities for near-term improvements to the existing structure, if any.

**General Council Discussion**

Holtz asked Thompson if he knew the state of the Resolution that Dinzes had presented at the last meeting during the work session. Thompson replied that he is unsure of Dinzes next step. Arredondo told Cortes that he was aware of the amount of time she put into the Professional Studies Mixer and offered to assist her and others in the future. Bloom requested that Thompson and Arredondo send him emails regarding appointments that need to be made to the AS Presents Committee. Bloom also stated that he will make a Facebook event regarding the HSU Presidential Search Open Forum on Monday, October 28. Bloom noted that the Foundation Structure Task Force, which he prefers referring to as the Auxiliary Restructure Taskforce, has been meeting and Dinzes, Bloom and Tyson have been attending. Bloom stated that he is unsure what the outcome of the taskforce will be, but the auxiliary’s could be consolidated into one auxiliary. Bloom stated that the Auxiliary Restructure Taskforce meetings are happening behind closed doors. Bloom asked about the differences between HSU and CSU East Bay, a commuter campus. Cox stated that there were still people on the campus on the weekend. Arredondo stated that the BART train system is near the campus and a shuttle connects the campus to the train station and that many students use transit. Arredondo requested that Christensen send Bloom all of the applications for the AS Presents Committee. Holtz informed Bloom that she has had difficulty trying to contact him. Sanchez stated that CSU Stanislaus is also a commuter and when visiting the campus in September it made him appreciate the community that HSU has more.

MOTION: BLOOM/ARREDONDO move to recess from 4:35 – 4:40 p.m. APPROVED (4) OPPOSED

*The Chair voted in favor of the motion.*

**Old Business**

A. Resolution 2013-14-5: Resolution for Semesterly Parliamentary Procedure Trainings and
Leadership Conferences – Postponed Action Item

The A.S. Council will consider approval of a resolution that resolves that the Associated Students host at least one leadership conference and parliamentary procedure workshop each semester.

Benjamin Cox, the author of the resolution, stated that he has previously provided an amendment to the resolution, but would like the AS Council to refer the resolution to the AS Executive Committee.

Teeter opened the floor to Public Comment.

Forust Ercole, a student at large, commented that the resolution “was good stuff.”

There was no further Public Comment.

MOTION: BLOOM/KRUPP move to refer to the AS Executive Committee (3) APPROVED
(2) NAY
(3) ABSTENTIONS

Martinez stated that she did not find it necessary to refer the resolution and that Tay Triggs, the Associate Dean of Student Engagement and Leadership, is already instituting similar trainings. Cox stated that he is aware of the trainings that Triggs is creating and that the amendments to the resolution would address the trainings that Triggs is coordinating but would make the training mandatory for AS Council members. Arredondo stated that the Associated Students had already received leadership training during the Fall Orientation and received parliamentary procedure training and some of the training may be repetitive.

B. Resolution 2013-14-8: Resolution in Recognition of Veterans as a Cultural Community on Campus and in Support of Efforts to Raise Awareness of Veteran Issues – Action Item

The A.S. Council will consider approval of a resolution that resolves that the Associated Students support efforts to recognize Veterans, Service members and military families as a cultural community on campus.

Victor Arredondo yielded his time to Kim Hall, HSU Veterans Transition Coordinator. Hall stated that she has worked for the Veterans Transition program at HSU for 20 years and that it is important step to acknowledge that veterans are an underrepresented minority group on campus. Hall stated that Veterans come to HSU with different experiences and skill sets that other students and the job of the Veteran’s office is to accommodate their transition to the university. Hall also noted that Veterans only receive 36 months of GI Bill benefits and have to carry a heavier load. The Veterans Administration provides information about career options but provides very little help with transitioning. The Student Veterans Association is hosting a 5k/10k run on November 9. Arredondo stated that he drafted the resolution to support veterans, dependents of veterans, active duty members and reservists. Arredondo noted that the AS Council has passed similar resolutions in the past but the current version is more inclusive and draws on the cultural aspects of being a veteran.
There was no Public Comment.

MOTION:  BLOOM/KRUPP move to approve Resolution 2013-14-8: Resolution in Recognition of Veterans as a Cultural Community on Campus and in Support of Efforts to Raise Awareness of Veteran Issues  

APPROVED  AS AMENDED

Bloom asked for more about the benefits outlined in paragraph seven. Arredondo explained that there is only a 36 month time frame to use GI Bill funds and recently break pay has been terminated. Bloom yielded to Juan Cervantes, a student at large, Cervantes asked if students are no longer eligible for financial aid after the expiration of GI benefits. Arredondo stated that Veterans are eligible for financial aid, but also have additional costs associated with leaving the service.

MOTION:  ARREDONDO/BLOOM move to amend Resolution 2013 - 14-8 by amending the seventh paragraph by adding and 1607 after 1606.  

APPROVED

Arredondo noted that Chapter 1607 also defines GI Bill benefits.

C. Resolution 2013-14-9: Resolution for reimbursing travelers on Associated Students Business – Action Item

The A.S. Council will consider approval of a resolution that resolves that any Associated Students member who operates a private vehicle for travel on AS business be reimbursed at a rate of 56.5 cents per mile and that Benjamin Cox be reimbursed $337.87 for travel from Humboldt State University to CSU East Bay for travel.

MOTION:  HOLTZ/ARREDONDO move to postpone indefinitely Resolution 2013-14-9: Resolution for Reimbursing Travelers on Associated Students Business  

(4) APPROVED  
(3) NAY  
(1) ABSTAIN

Holtz stated that she moved to postpone the resolution indefinitely because the costs associated with reimbursing a student by the mile would be more expensive than if a rental car had been used. Cox stated that it may appear that he is seeking to profit from the resolution, but that he would like to be reimbursed for the costs associated with using his own car including insurance and the wear and tear on the car from driving it and that the CSU Chancellor’s office has set a mileage reimbursement of 56.5 cents per mile. Krupp stated that it was not necessary for Cox to use his own car. Holtz stated that the amount of 56.5 cents per mile sounds high. Thompson stated that it was Cox’s own choice to use his car. Arredondo stated that he is in favor of the motion and that funds had been allocated to the program based on gas reimbursement and that no single member should be above the reimbursement policy. Bloom stated that he would like the Council to consider the resolution although he is not necessarily in favor of the motion. Arredondo yielded to Cervantes, a student at large, who stated that students have a certain amount of due diligence to explore the most cost effective ways to travel and that he would like to see AS fee money spent wisely. Tyson stated that she reviewed travel options with Cox prior
to departure and let him know he would be reimbursed for purchased gasoline based on receipts. Tyson also provided Bloom with the information that showed the difference in travel costs. Bloom stated that Cox approached him about the reimbursement and that he was not aware of the differences in costs until after Cox had left and stated that there was a lack of transparency. Arredondo stated that it was not a lack of transparency but a lack of communication. Arredondo stated that if Cox had used a rental car and purchased gas that the total cost would have been $255 and that the duty of the AS External Affairs representative is to understand the allocations provided to his program. Cox stated that he will author another resolution if this one is not approved as travel paperwork had not been completed five days prior to departure. Bloom stated that there was a lack of communication among many.

MOTION: ARREDONDO/MARTINEZ move to call the question  

APPROVED

General Council Work Session

Cox left the meeting at 5:49 p.m.

B. SAVE THE DATE: AS Spring Training – February 1, 2014 – Discussion Item (Joan Tyson)

Tyson reminded the Council of the AS Spring Training on February 1, 2014 and stated that the date was included in the election materials that the candidates received in April. Tyson stated that items typically discussed at the retreat include an evaluation of the experience to date, the budget process and the AS General Elections. A guest speaker to present on a leadership topic has also been invited, last year that was Tay Triggs. Tyson noted that in the past the event has been held at the Humboldt Bay Aquatic Center but we could also meet on campus or wherever the group decides. Holtz stated that this retreat is important because there was not an opportunity for a fall retreat. Bloom questioned Tyson if this was how the retreat had been planned in the past. Tyson replied that this is the generally the way it is done and did not want to commit funds for this training if the Council could not commit. Tyson stated she was not trying to overstep her role but was trying to help with the facilitation of this event. Dr. Blake stated concern about the tone of the conversations in the meeting and was concerned about the well-being of the AS staff. Blake stated that the AS Staff should not be harassed and is not trying to “pull anything over” on anybody. Bloom stated that discussing Blake’s concern was illegal as it was not placed on the agenda. Martinez stated that the AS Council is a team of students and staff and is not comfortable with the current dynamic and that the mission of bringing positive social change is not being reflected. Thompson agreed with Martinez. Holtz suggested that the AS Council hold a retreat within the next month. Bloom stated that the AS Council is violating their own code as they are to have a retreat each semester.

Announcements

The Sociology Club will be showing The Bro Code on Thursday, October 24 at 6:30 p.m.

Adjournment
Teeter adjourned the meeting without objection at 6:00 p.m.

Recorded by:

Rob Christensen
AS Council Assistant

Approved by:

Mark Teeter
Legislative Vice President