

Associated Students Council  
Humboldt State University  
Thursday, October 16, 2014  
University Center Banquet Room  
Minutes #8

Approved  
11-6-2014

**Call to Order**

Mike Kirakosyan, Legislative Vice President, called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. in the University Center Banquet Room.

**Roll Call**

Representatives Present: Patric Esh, Nathaniel McGuigan, Akira Brathwaite, Holly Largent, Rebecca Ingerson, Taylor Morrison

Representatives Absent: Thomas Kupelian (excused), Taylor Mitchell (excused), Devante Smith (excused)

Officers Present: Jerry Dinzes, Mike Kirakosyan, T.J. Singh, Ana Cortes

Advisors Present: Joan Tyson, Dr. Peg Blake, Juan Cervantes, Banning Ramirez (late-excused)

**Approval of Agenda**

MOTION: DINZES/CORTES move to approve Agenda #8 dated October 16, 2014 APPROVED

**Chair's Report**

Kirakosyan reported that the agenda has no Old Business.

**Approval of Minutes**

A. Approval of Minutes #7 dated October 2, 2014 – Action Item

MOTION: MORRISON/CORTES move to approve of Minutes #7 dated October 2, 2014  
APPROVED

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

John Waters, a student in the Over-60 program, addressed the Council. Waters introduced the HSU Foundation for Advancement of Special Talents (FAST) Trust and the proposed Free Art of Self Teaching Program. Waters stated that he is a self-taught student and teacher with special talents. Waters stated that he is interested in moving this program forward with the assistance of HSU Staff, Students, Faculty, Alumni, Parents and community members. Waters explained that there is no advanced degree program in the free art of self-teaching offered at a university. HSU FAST Trust's long term goal is to establish an internet based course of studies that combines secular humanist teachers in math and health disciplines and to support student organizations in various parts of the

world. The short term goals of the HSU FAST Trust will be to hire four students to assist the program with the course syllabus and introductory textbook and to present a prospectus for potential funders and to establish a peace center on HSU's campus. The present HSU Fast Trust Faculty advisor is Dr. Michael Thomas who is retiring in Spring 2015. Waters suggested that possible sources of grant money to employ students include: HSU Associated Students, a grant through the HSU Sponsored Programs Foundation, private donors, and crowd funding. John Waters may be contacted at [jlw47@humboldt.edu](mailto:jlw47@humboldt.edu).

### **Appointments to Committees and Council**

#### **A.S. President (Jerry Dinzes)**

MOTION: ESH/LARGENT move to appoint Graciela Chipres to the AS Council as the Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences Representative APPROVED

MOTION: CORTES/CHIPRES move to appoint Jonah Platt to the AS Council as the At Large Representative FAILED  
(4) AYE  
(5) NAY  
(1) ABSTENTION

MOTION: MORRISON/CHIPRES move to appoint Holly Largent to the Student Fee Advisory Committee APPROVED

#### **A.S. Administrative Vice President (Ana Cortes)**

MOTION: SINGH/LARGENT move to appoint Akira Brathwaite to the Associated Students Lobby Corps Committee APPROVED

#### **A.S. Legislative Vice President (Mike Kirakosyan)**

No Appointments.

#### **A.S. Student Affairs Vice President (T.J. Singh)**

No Appointments

### **Old Business**

*There was no Old Business.*

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

#### **President (Jerry Dinzes)**

Dinzes reported that many students have expressed their concern with the termination of Dr. Bolman, the Director of the INRSEP program. Dinzes provided a copy of a California Public Records Act (CPRA) request memo that he sent to the university to provide additional information on the termination of Dr. Jacquelyn Bolman

#### **Administrative Vice President (Ana Cortes)**

Cortes reported that she attended a meeting of the AS Events Funding Board and all of the events

were approved. The AS Events Funding Committee is in the process of updating the grant application. The Board of Finance is in need of a student-at-large. Cortes has met with students who are interested in learning more about A.S. Cortes and Esh are working on a tabling opportunity. Cortes stated that on Tuesday students participated in a walkout in response to the termination of Dr. Jacquelyn Bolman and the campus diversity efforts. Cortes discussed with Radha Webley, the Director of Diversity and Inclusion, about the procedures for termination of a campus staff member. Cortes reported that she attended a forum in the Great Hall regarding the future of INRSEP and the termination of Dr. Jacquelyn Bolman. Students were angered that the forum was during the middle of the day when many students were at a Society for Advancing Chicanos and Native Americans in Sciences Conference. Cortes questioned the University President on the commitment of the University to student success. Cortes noted that HSU prides itself on the success of students of color who receive career or graduate school opportunities but that they are not supporting the programs, like INRSEP, that have successfully assisted those students of color succeed. Cortes suggested two solutions at the forum to President Rossbacher: That the University rehires Dr. Bolman as the director of INRSEP and that administrators provide a rubric or criteria that they use in the termination process of a campus community member. Cortes stated that after she provided comment to HSU President Rossbacher that President Rossbacher turned around and did not respond to her comments. Cortes approached Dr. Blake, the Vice President for Enrollment Management and Student Affairs about the University's Hispanic Service Institution designation. Cortes stated that HSU did not receive grant funding as a Hispanic Serving Institution and has asked Dr. Blake to provide information on what resources will be provided to Latino and Latina students who were recruited to come to HSU. Cortes stated that she also asked Dr. Blake when the last time she had visited the INRSEP facility and that Dr. Blake had not been in the facility in 1.5 years. Cortes expressed concern that administrators are making personnel decisions about programs that they are not familiar with. Cortes stated that more support systems for students must be made available for students so that when part of their support system is no longer on campus than student progress would not be placed in jeopardy. Cortes stated that there was a meeting of Faculty and Staff to discuss changes to the INRSEP program without the presence of students. Cortes questioned why students were separated from faculty and staff to discuss the INRSEP program.

#### **Student Affairs Vice President (T.J. Singh)**

Singh reported that he saw the protest related to the termination of Dr. Bolman and discussed concerns with students who use the INRSEP program regarding the way that they were treated the day that Dr. Bolman was terminated. Singh reported that he wanted to attend the forum about INRSEP but the timing of the forum prevented him from attending. Singh reported that he has been working with the Student Affairs Advisory Committee to prepare for the Masquerade Ball on October 24. Singh will be meeting with the MultiCultural Center to discuss a Diwali event. Singh reminded the Council about the Advocating for AS Program.

#### **Legislative Vice President (Kirakosyan)**

Kirakosyan reported that the Student Health Advisory Committee (SHAC) met but did not have quorum. Kirakosyan will be scheduling the SHAC meeting in November. The Homocoming event hosted by the Eric Rofes Queer Resource Center on October 10 was successful. Publicity for the Housing Council, Queers and Allies, was torn down and tagged with derogatory words. The University has labeled the action a hate incident; Kirakosyan noted concern that the queer community on campus was not updated. Kirakosyan noted that he has not received information on the planning committee for the Queer Resource Center. Kirakosyan thanked the Council for continuing to sign in for office hours.

Smith – College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

The International Advisory Committee is seeking students who have previously studied abroad. Students who have studied abroad should contact Smith.

Morrison – College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

Morrison reported that she is working with the Graduation Pledge Alliance to develop content for their website. The Arts Humanities and Social Sciences mixer will be on Thursday, October 23 at 5:30 p.m. Morrison is assisting with the Real Food Challenge.

Chipres – College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

No report.

Ingerson – College of Professional Studies

Ingerson reported that she is planning to meet with Denise Vanden Bos, the Project Director, for the College of Professional Studies. Ingerson will be attending a Grievance Committee meeting on Friday. Residence Housing Association (RHA) Week is coming up and programming will be planned for the entire week. The RHA is hosting the Haunted JGC program.

Mitchell – College of Professional Studies

Absent.

McGuigan – College of Natural Resources and Sciences

McGuigan reported that the Women's Resource Center is working on multiple projects including the Sexual Assault Resource Fair on October 28 and the Environmental Justice Conference. McGuigan attended the Sexual Assault Prevention Committee meeting the Check It Launch team training. McGuigan is working on a project to bring more women's self-defense classes to campus. The Student Health Center Advisory Committee met last Friday but did not reach quorum. McGuigan is working on a project to bring the stress busters program back to campus. McGuigan is working on a forum for the Campus Dialogue on Race.

Brathwaite – College of Natural Resources and Sciences

Brathwaite reported that the Natural Resources and Sciences (NRS) mixer was successful and received positive feedback from the chairs of the departments within the college. The CNRS Dean will be meeting with the representatives soon. The Advancement Foundation voted to divest 10% of the investments that is currently invested in fossil fuels. Brathwaite marched with the Graduation Pledge Alliance in the homecoming parade. CCAT will host Harvest Fest on October 18. WRRAP is facilitating a book swap in the lobby of the library on November 18 & 19. The Humboldt Student Food Coalition is seeking more involvement.

Kupelian – College of Natural Resources and Sciences

Absent.

Largent – At Large

Largent reported that she followed up with McGuigan on the Student Health Advisory Committee meeting. Largent is assisting McGuigan with the stress busters program.

Esh – Graduate Representative

Esh reported that he attended the Integrated Curriculum Committee meeting last week and attended a meeting of the Provost Search Committee today. The Provost Search Committee is finalizing

questions that will be used in phone interviews. The Marching LumberJacks will be marching in the Italian Heritage Parade on October 18. Esh attended a meeting of the Parent Advisory Committee at the Children's Center. The Parents discussed concerns with the rate of speed of cars around the Children's Center and the difficulty in picking up children from the center. Esh will be tabling with coffee on Wednesday the 22<sup>nd</sup> from 9-11 a.m. Esh met with Dr. St. Onge to discuss graduate housing and provided him resources.

#### **External Affairs (Cervantes)**

Cervantes reported that the CSSA meeting was held at HSU on October 11-12. Students from HSU provided public comment on CSSA's transparency efforts. Cervantes stated that in the future the External Affairs representative should provide additional outreach when HSU is hosting a CSSA meeting. HSU introduced a resolution on Auxiliaries. Cervantes will be presenting a poster on Check It at an academic conference in November.

#### **AS Presents (Ramirez)**

Absent.

#### **Vice President of Enrollment Management and Student Affairs (Peg Blake)**

Dr. Blake stated that she and Joyce Lopes, Vice President for Administrative Affairs, have spent much time this week listening to students talk about issues at the University. Dr. Blake stated that a relatively small number of students were impacted at INRSEP, but that on Monday & Tuesday there was an outpouring of concern about the way that some students at Humboldt State feel they are valued. Dr. Blake stated that she sees her role right now as listening to how students feel. Dr. Blake stated that she understood that students were unhappy with the timing of the forum and that she recognizes that; the administration is committed to attending the forum at INRSEP that is planned by students. Dr. Blake stated that this is the beginning of working with students who have felt marginalized, hurt and lied to by the university. Dr. Blake stated that she recognized her privilege that many in the community do not have and stated that she has much to learn. Dr. Blake stated that the university has staff who are willing to listen and learn and that it is important to make a community where every member feels like they belong and are valued. Dr. Blake stated that there was a forum for faculty today because faculty wanted to let the president know how they feel. Dr. Blake stated that the university should have a network of support that student's feel that they can access so that there are other options when a piece of the network breaks. Dr. Blake stated that the administration will be committed to filling the vacancy of the Director of INRSEP and will be having dialogue about the characteristics that are desired in a Director. Dr. Blake stated that the food pantry opened on campus last week and food was provided to 40 students for 120 meals. 111 students have been assisted in signing up for Cal Fresh.

#### **General Manager (Joan Tyson)**

Tyson reported that she attended the CSSA meeting this weekend.

#### **General Council Discussion**

The Food Pantry is open Tuesday – Thursday from 9-11 a.m. and 2-5 p.m. and on Friday from 9-11 a.m. and 4-6 p.m. Dr. Jennifer Sanford, Director of Counseling and Psychological Services will be chairing a committee to develop a LGBTQ resource center on campus. Dinzes stated there will be an open mic at the Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences mixer. Dinzes stated that there has been fear amongst students in the INRSEP program and that the Associated Students authored a resolution in support of the program and that the actions at INRSEP impact the lives of students.

**Announcements**

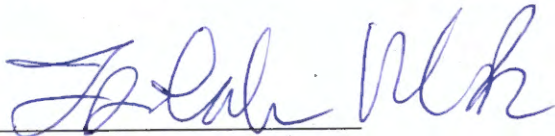
Cortes announced that AS tailgated at the Homecoming. The HSU Diversity Program Grant deadline is approaching. Students from Sonoma State will be participating in Alternative Spring Break in Humboldt County. The Children's Center will host a Pizza fundraising event at the McKinleyville Grange. Cortes announced concern about the way the way students are affected by the reputation as a place to work after high profile terminations. A survey about food insecurity will be sent to students in the following week. Dr. Blake stated that she is working with the University to change termination practices so that students are not affected.

**Adjournment**

Kirakosyan adjourned the meeting without objection at 6:34 p.m.

Recorded by:  
Rob Christensen  
AS Council Assistant

Approved by:



Mike Kirakosyan  
Legislative Vice President