

Associated Students Council  
Humboldt State University  
Monday, November 18, 2013  
Nelson Hall East, Goodwin Forum  
Minutes #9

**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, Jerry Dinzes, Jessie Holtz, Corinne Krupp, Jackie Martinez, Mary May, Taylor Mitchell, Lino Sanchez

Representatives Absent: Fabiola Quiroz (excused),

Officers Present: Victor Arredondo, Jacob Bloom, Forust Ercole, Mark Teeter

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

**Approval of Agenda**

MOTION: ARREDONDO/KRUPP move to approve Agenda #9 dated November 18, 2013

APPROVED  
(1) ABSTENTION

**Chair’s Report**

Teeter reported that Thompson will be leaving the meeting at 4:30 p.m. Quiroz has been excused.

**Approval of Minutes**

A. Approval of Minutes #8 dated November 4, 2013 – Action Item

MOTION: KRUPP/CORTES move to approve Minutes #8 dated November 4, 2013 APPROVED

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

Juan Diaz-Infante, a member of the public, commented that he attended two events of the California State Student Association and that the intention of CSSA is valuable, but that the organization is a waste of time and marginalizes student activists. Diaz-Infante stated it would be more valuable for CSSA to create initiatives for the ballot to achieve goals rather than using the legislative process.

Juan Cervantes, a student at large, attended the California Faculty Association (CFA) meeting today. Cervantes reported that the CFA discussed that the current Dean of the Library is not a librarian and that Title V requires the Dean of the Library to be a librarian. Arredondo stated that the current Dean is Anna Kircher, the Chief Information Officer of the University. Blake stated that Kircher is serving as an interim administrator and referred questions regarding the position to Dr. Colleen

Mullery, the Senior Associate Vice President for Faculty Affairs and Human Resources, and that Dr. Mullery is knowledgeable of collective bargaining agreements. Dinzes asked how long Anna Kircher has been the Interim Dean. Dr. Blake stated that Kircher has been in the position for one week.

### **Program Presentations – Marching Lumberjacks (Sarah Fine)**

Sarah Fine, General Manager for the Marching Lumberjacks (MLJ's), was present on behalf of the program. The purpose of the MLJ's is to provide a fun and musical environment for all students and to create positive publicity for Humboldt State University. The MLJ's take pride in being one of the last remaining student-organized college marching bands. The band performs at all home men's and women's basketball games in the spring and home football games in the fall. The MLJ's also perform in a variety of community events and parades along the North Coast. Any student may join and previous music experience is not necessary. Arredondo stated that the MLJ's play at the farmers market and it is appreciated. Mitchell commented that having the MLJ's at sporting events is appreciated by athletes. Dr. Blake noted that she enjoys seeing the MLJ's play. More information on the MLJ's can be found at their website: [www.kissouraxe.com](http://www.kissouraxe.com)

### **Special Presentations – California State Student Association (Miles Nevin, Executive Director)**

Nevin thanked the Council for allowing him to speak and provided a history of the organization. The California State Students Association (CSSA) was founded in 1958 and has a Board of Directors that includes representation from the 23 Associated Students organizations in the CSU system. CSSA is the officially recognized voice of students by the CSU Board of Trustees and has a lobbyist funded through campus dues that lobby's on behalf of students at the State Capitol. Nevin stated that a majority of funding for CSSA comes from membership dues but also receives funding through sponsorships and through a memorandum of understanding with the Chancellor's Office. CSSA is recognized as a special interest advocacy organization with the California Secretary of State and has the authority to introduce legislation. Nevin noted that all CSSA authored legislation in the last four year has been signed by the Governor. Nevin reported that one of the largest accomplishments of CSSA is achieving two student trustees on the CSU Board of Trustees and a student position on all system wide committees. CSSA has also worked with the Chancellor's office to ensure a student seat on all CSU Campus auxiliary boards. CSSA recent legislative accomplishments include passage of Assembly Bill (AB) 970 which implemented a new process regarding student mandatory fee increases, Senate Bill 1404, a bill that eases the transfer process for community college students and guarantees admission for a student who has completed 60 transferable units. CSSA sponsored AB 130 and 131 which implemented the California DREAM Act for undocumented students. Nevin demonstrated how students can use the CSSA website to engage the organization including the Greenovation Fund, a fund for sustainable student initiated projects on campus, and the CSSA online advocacy system. CSSA is currently conducting the search for a student trustee for the 2014-16 term. Nevin encouraged the HSU Associated Students to provide consistent representation and participation in CSSA. Krupp asked how the policy agenda of CSSA is created. Nevin responded that the board develops a policy agenda over a three month period that is created by the board members. Dinzes noted that he attended the summer meetings of the CSSA with Diaz-Infante who spoke about CSSA during public comment and encouraged the Board to include an initiative in the annual goal setting process and was disappointed that it was not supported by CSSA. Nevin replied that CSSA takes its role seriously and that the staff tries to provide the best advice possible, Nevin further stated that there are many hurdles in successfully passing a ballot initiative and that CSSA did participate in the successful passage of Proposition 30,

but was part of a large coalition of organizations. Nevin stated that when passing a proposition it is important to have broad support. Sanchez asked how students who do not sit on the Board can participate in CSSA activities. Nevin stated that CSSA relies on its members to take information back to the campus. Bloom stated that he appreciated the concept of CSSA, but is of the opinion that the organization can co-opt student movements and that the state of education has become worse since CSSA's inception. Bloom also stated that he would like to see CSSA allow for teleconference opportunities. Bloom asked for more information about CSSA funding from the Chancellor's Office and questioned the objectivity of the staff if they are employees of the Chancellor's Office and noted that Nevin had recently been named Employee of the Week at the Chancellor's Office. Nevin stated that the relationship of CSSA with the Chancellor's office, although may not be the best, is necessary; Nevin continued that CSSA was created to allow students to take their own opinion on issues and that a Memorandum of Understanding with the CSU is clear regarding the independence of the organization and the management of the staff. Nevin stated that he would be happy to provide the MOU to anyone to review if requested. Nevin also stated that it was a decision of the CSSA Board of Directors to request funding from the Chancellor's office. Nevin stated that while the funding model may not be ideal, CSSA has authored a bill to allow for independent funding through a mandatory state wide fee. Nevin also stated that CSSA is authoring a bill regarding student licensure programs for undocumented students. Arredondo inquired about CSSA's decision to move to a three year MOU, rather than an annual MOU. Nevin stated that three year MOU's are not uncommon with other organizations and it was intended to assist CSSA with stability. Krupp stated that she is supportive of CSSA and that in New York there is no similar organization and stated that the system has made her feel more in control of her education than any other institute she has attended. Nevin encouraged the AS Council to consider meeting CSSA in the middle on some issues and let the Council know that he is always available to discuss issues with the Council. Bloom encouraged CSSA to become more technologically advanced and asked what would happen if HSU Associated Students chose to no longer be dues paying members. Nevin replied that CSSA has a membership policy that outlines the benefits of membership. Nevin encouraged the Council to research the work that CSSA has done at [www.csustudents.org](http://www.csustudents.org) and also reported that CSSA now webcasts all of their meetings. Teeter yielded to Juan Cervantes, a student at large, Cervantes stated that he met with Nevin and was pleased with the information that he received and has heard members of the AS criticize CSSA but not engage the organization. Cyrina Steward, a student at large, asked what happens if a representative of AS does not attend the meeting. Nevin relied that a campus may not vote if they do not attend the meeting. Steward asked if Nevin follows up with campuses who do not attend. Nevin stated that he does not reach out to each campus that does not attend a meeting, but Executive Officers are always available and communicate with the membership frequently. Steward asked why the meetings are in Southern California. Nevin responded that meetings rotate between Northern and Southern California and that all meeting locations for the year are published after the July meeting where a calendar of meetings is approved.

MOTION: BLOOM/CORTES move to recess from 4:20 – 4:25 p.m.

APPROVED  
(2) ABSTENTIONS

### **TIME CERTAIN 5:00 P.M. – Appointments to Committees and Council**

#### **A.S. President (Jacob Bloom)**

MOTION: KRUPP/HOLTZ move to appoint Lino Sanchez to the Instructionally Related Activities Committee

APPROVED  
(2) ABSTENTIONS

**A.S. Administrative Vice President (Forust Ercole)**

MOTION: KRUPP/CORTES move to appoint Nicolas Colbrunn to the Instructionally Related Activities Committee  
 APPROVED  
 (1) ABSTENTION

MOTION: KRUPP/COLBRUNN move to appoint Ana Cortes to the Diversity Program Funding Committee  
 APPROVED  
 (1) ABSTENTION

**A.S. Legislative Vice President (Mark Teeter)**

MOTION: CORTES/ARREDONDO move to appoint Van Ralf Augus to the Student Affairs Advisory Committee  
 APPROVED  
 (3) ABSTENTIONS

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

MOTION: ARREDONDO/DINZES move to suspend AS Government Code Section 6.03 to appoint Alexis Hernandez to the Student Affairs Advisory Committee  
 APPROVED  
 (1) ABSTENTION

*Hernandez is tending to family business.*

MOTION: ARREDONDO/BLOOM move to appoint Alexis Hernandez to the Student Affairs Advisory Committee  
 APPROVED  
 (1) ABSTENTION

**Official Reports (10 minutes limit each speaker, additional time at discretion of Chair)****Administrative Vice President Report (Forust Ercole)**

Board of Finance Report – Monday, November 6, 2013

1. Request from Associated Students Government from Unallocated in an amount not to exceed \$697.00 for costs associated with the purchase of a Dell 3010 PC for the Associated Students Vice President's Office – Action Item  
 This computer would replace the Gateway Computer that was purchased in 2008. The Gateway computers power source and motherboard is no longer operable. HSU Academic Information Services has recommended replacing the unit with the Dell 3010 PC.

MOTION: ARREONDO/COLBRUNN move to approve the request from Associated Students Government from Unallocated in an amount not to exceed \$697 for costs associated with the purchase of a Dell 3010 PC for the Associated Students Vice President's Office  
 APPROVED  
 (1) ABSTENTION

Bloom asked Ercole if the Board discussed the purchase of a tablet. Ercole stated that the purchase of a replacement computer is intended to last for five years and that tablet technology is not yet advanced enough to serve a user for five years. Bloom asked if the board considered requesting that the request come from Reserves. Ercole stated that approving the request from Reserves would require additional time for the organization to seek approval. Mitchell asked Tyson for her

recommendation for where the allocation could come from. Tyson recommended that the allocation be made from Unallocated funding and noted that the Council could use Reserves for future requests if they are received.

2. **Projected Impact of California Minimum Wage Increase including Possible Next Steps –Discussion Item**

The Board will continue to discuss the projected impact of the minimum wage increase and review potential options and next steps to recommend a balanced 2014-15 Associated Students Budget. Options include, but not limited to, program budget adjustments, AS fee increase recommendation to Council, allocation from Operating Reserves, etc.

Ercole stated that the Board of Finance discussed the possibility of increasing the AS Fee to provide funding to mitigate the costs of the Minimum Wage Increase. Ercole stated that the Board of Finance will be voting on recommending a fee increase to the AS Council at the Board of Finance meeting on Wednesday, November 20.

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

Arredondo reported that he is preparing for the fall semester AS Finals Week Study Lounge and that he is planning the Study Lounge to be open Sunday, December 15 from 2:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m. and Monday, December 16 - Wednesday, December 18 from 5:00 p.m. – 2:00 a.m. Arredondo is arranging catering through dining services and will be asking to volunteer for shifts. Arredondo stated that the AS Executive Committee has approved recommendation of changes to the Elections Code and Constitution to institute ranked choice voting in AS Elections. Arredondo noted concerns with allocations made at the Diversity Program Funding Committee. Arredondo expressed disappointment that some requests were denied funding due to miscalculations on their grant proposal. Arredondo attended a meeting of the University Center Board of Directors on November 14. The UC Board discussed the subsidization of UC Programs using UC fee money. The UC Board also discussed placing a student in the UC Manager Committee. Arredondo will be reviewing the candidate statements of Council members to produce a list of goals that the Council could take on in the next year; Arredondo will be sending out a survey to solicit feedback from the Council. Arredondo also shared a graph that outlines changes he would like to make to the Committee appointment process.

**Legislative Vice President (Mark Teeter)**

Teeter reported that the Academic Policies Committee is reviewing a policy that would change the disqualification and process policy. Teeter expressed interest in creating a Youtube Channel for the Associated Students.

**Martinez – College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences**

Martinez reported that over 230 individuals came to the MultiCultural (MCC) Center event: Festival of Live on November 15. On November 20, the MCC will be hosting a community meeting regarding the Social Justice Summit from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. in the Library Fishbowl. The MCC is providing a prayer space for Muslim students on Friday's from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. in the Vine Deloria Room. Martinez reported that she still has not been appointed to any committees that she applied for, but still plans to attend the meeting of the Diversity and Inclusion Committee. Martinez is drafting ideas for a social media marketing plan and would like to present it to the Executive Committee at their next meeting. Martinez is interested in bringing the Real Food Challenge, a program based on hunger issues, to HSU and will be speaking to the Northern California

representative of the program after the thanksgiving break. Martinez will be attending a meeting of the Food Insecurity Task Force on December 9, from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Sanchez – College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

Sanchez reported that the Arts, Humanities and Social Science Mixer was successful. Sanchez has heard from students regarding some issues using the Politics and History computer lab and will be speaking to the Dean of the College to resolve the issues.

May – College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

May reported that the play *Humboldt Unbound* closed this weekend and that funding is not available for the play to go to Chile and the department will be looking for other ways to travel with the show. May is interested in ways that the Associated Students can email the entire student body. The Sexual Assault Prevention Committee is seeking ways to make Title IX more accessible. Members of the Sexual Assault Prevention Committee will be presenting at the Chancellor's Office on how to make campuses survivor centered. The Sexual Assault Prevention Committee is gathering a team of student leaders to become involved in peer programming in the spring semester.

Krupp – College of Natural Resources and Sciences

Krupp reported that she is assisting a student who is seeking changes to the curriculum to assist students who have injuries that affect their memorization skills. Krupp stated that the Humboldt Energy Independence Fund (HEIF) Committee approved nearly all of the submitted proposals, the largest proposal to receive funding was for bi-level lighting for parking lots. The committee will be receiving a new chair and a new voting staff member. The Waste Reduction Resource Awareness Program (WRRAP) is hiring a new Education Director, Education Coordinator and Office Manager for the spring semester. WRRAP will be hosting a clothing swap on December 4-5 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

*At this time the AS Council moved onto Appointments to Committees and Council at a time certain of 5:00 p.m. After appointments to Committees and Council the AS Council resumed reports.*

Colbrunn – College of Natural Resources and Sciences

Colbrunn reported that one of the Youth Educational Services (YES) program directors spoke to him about the lack of compensation that program directors at YES receive. Colbrunn also noted that YES students will also be losing their ability to receive a unit for participating in the program.

Holtz – College of Natural Resources and Sciences

Holtz reported that the Campus Center for Appropriate Technology (CCAT) is currently hiring the CCAT Co-Directors for the following year.

Mitchell – College of Professional Studies

Mitchell reported that he and Cortes met with staff from the Dean's office to begin planning the spring mixer at the Plaza Grill. The Dean's office is working to make internships more accessible by department and major. Mitchell attended the Intercollegiate Athletic Advisory Committee (IAAC) meeting where the budget for each sport was discussed. Mitchell noted that a proxy is needed for the Fields Oversight Committee meeting on Thursday.

Cortes – College of Professional Studies

Cortes reported that she and Mitchell met with the Dean's Assistant for the spring mixer. Cortes attended the Diversity Program Funding meeting and the Board of Finance meeting on November 6.

Cortes thanked Nevin for attending the meeting and stated that it is important that the student appointed to the AS External Affairs Representative position is consistently attending the meetings and is reminded of the responsibilities. Cortes stated that she has arranged her schedule to allow her to attend AS meetings at the scheduled times for next semester. Cortes attended the WRC's Consent Project and reported that the keynote speaker did a fantastic job. Cortes stated that the FREE club worked with university administration to get a painting hung in the University Center South Lounge that was created during UndocuWeek. Cortes also reported that there was confusion today because clubs were unable to table on the quad, Cortes will be working with Dinzes on this issue. Cortes is interested in pursuing the ability for students to have ID Cards with birth dates included on them to assist undocumented students who may not have another form of id. Cortes thanked Bloom for providing his AS Office as a space where FREE can meet with students. Cortes asked the AS Executives how many vacant committee positions each of them have to fill.

Quiroz – College of Professional Studies  
Absent.

Berkley – At Large  
Berkley requested information regarding the meetings times of the Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Committee.

Dinzes – At Large  
Dinzes reported that no clubs could table in the quad today because a reservation was made for International Week of Education. Dinzes stated that many clubs who wanted to table were supportive of international education. Dinzes reported that the California Student Sustainability Convergence thanked the Associated Students for funding their event. Dinzes expressed that he would like the Committees of the University Center (UC) to meet more frequently and noted that the UC Programs and Facilities Committee has not yet met this semester and an opportunity to provide feedback on programming has not been able to occur. The Programs and Facilities Committee will be meeting on Thursday, November 21 at 5:00 p.m. Dinzes also stated that it would be beneficial if a student were able to attend the UC Managers Meeting.

### **External Affairs (Benjamin Cox)**

Cox reported that he attended the UC Board of Directors meeting on Thursday, November 19 and posed the question if the University Center is a Student Union. Cox stated that the only reference to being a Student Union is in the governing documents of the organization. Cox noted that the University Center should consider an advisory committee for each department of the University Center to provide input in decisions. Cox stated that the Lobby Corps met with Miles Nevin to receive an introductory training on Lobbying and will begin its lobbying in the spring. Cox attended the CAHSS Mixer. Cox reported that the Executive Committee has forwarded language changes regarding ranked choice voting to the AS Council for a future meeting, the new voting system would send students a ballot to their email. Cox attended the CSSC and reported that it was a good opportunity to network. Cox questioned the CenterArts Manager at the UC Board meeting regarding how students provide input for performances. Cox learned that the CenterArts manager has the final say in shows that are chosen. Cox stated that he strives to be accountable and transparent.

### **AS Presents (Kobe Thompson)**

Teeter reported in Thompson's absence. Naomi Klein will be coming to HSU and is being sponsored by AS Presents. There are three Arts in the Quad events scheduled for the Spring Semester. The AS Presents committee meets in Nelson Hall East at 11:15 on Fridays. .

**President (Jacob Bloom)**

Bloom reported that he would like reports to be written and put on a blog. Bloom stated that currently the only way to access information from reports is in the minutes. Bloom stated that it is hard to hold the programs of the University Center accountable and that there is not an opportunity for the Board of Directors to brainstorm on programs and services. Bloom commented that there is a weekly managers meeting and he asked if he could attend as a Board member; Bloom further commented that the managers meeting seems to be where most of the decisions are being made. Bloom asked the Council how everyone's goals, as outline in their candidate statement are coming along or if they feel like they are being tied down doing College mixers. Bloom stated that it is hard to fulfill his candidate statement when he has to complete the prescribed duties of the position. Bloom asked if anyone wanted to complete some of his duties for him and apologized that he was not able to meet with everyone one-on-one and has reported that he has been attending meetings of the California Faculty Association and Labor Council. Bloom is working to intertwine his goals of a blog, interclub council and a restructure of the Associated Students.

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

Dr. Blake invited that Council to an opportunity to meet Dr. Larry Roper, the Vice Provost of Oregon State on Friday, December 6 at 1:30 p.m. Roper will be meeting with student leaders to discuss intercultural communication. Roper will also be holding a keynote address called "Who Owns Community?" The Housing Department is discussing the opportunity to remodel some housing units to create a faculty residence programs. The Student Health Center and Counseling Services has received a three year reaccreditation. The new Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management, Vikash Lakhani, began work on Tuesday, November 12. The University Senate has approved a policy that would place a hold on students who have completed 90 units, but have not applied for graduation.

**General Manager (Joan Tyson)**

Tyson reported that the Council will have the opportunity to approve changes to the governing documents to implement instant run off voting at the December 2, 2013 meeting. Tyson will be reaching out to new Instructionally Related Activities (IRA) Committee members to provide them an orientation. The IRA meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 9 at 5:00 p.m.

MOTION: KRUPP/CORTES move to Table General Council Discussion

FAILS  
(1) ABSTENTION  
(2) AYES

**General Council Discussion**

Bloom stated that he wants to solidify his ideas on decentralizing the power on the Associated Students Council by amending the AS Codes and Constitution. Bloom asked Ercole if a public forum would be included as part of the outreach effort for the fee increase. Ercole responded that there would be opportunities for Public Forums in the spring. Bloom agreed with Teeter that an AS YouTube account would be of good use and would allow the Associated Students to post candidate forums on the internet. Dr. Blake clarified that the Academic Policies Committee is meeting to discuss changes to the academic probation and disqualification policy to be in CSU Executive Order 1038. May asked the Council to consider the gender makeup of the AS Executive Committee. Cortes offered to assist Bloom with his responsibilities. Arredondo asked Bloom to prioritize his Committee appointments.



MOTION: HOLTZ/COLBRUNN move to extend the AS Council meeting until 6:05 p.m. to discuss General Council Work Session items APPROVED

*Items below in italics were not reached on the agenda. These items will be included on the December 2, 2013 agenda.*

Old Business

- A. *Creation of a Constitution and Code Revision Committee – Action Item*  
*The A.S. President has requested the creation of a Constitution and Code Revision Committee. AS Constitution Article V Section C #15: Powers and Duties of the Associated Students Council include the power to create committees and ad-hoc committees, and to empower those committees to accomplish goals set by the Council.*

General Council Work Session

- A. A.S. Retreat December 7-8, 2013, Far North Climbing Gym – Discussion Item (Jessie Holtz and Jackie Martinez)

Holtz stated that she and Martinez have met with Tyson and Christensen to plan an A.S. Retreat. The Council will participate in a recreational activity on December 7 before an overnight at the FarNorth Climbing Gym. Holtz stated that more information will be provided to the AS Council by e-mail. Tay Triggs, the Associate Dean of Student Engagement and Leadership, will facilitate a leadership training. Martinez stated that the retreat is a University activity and that the Council must act in accordance with the University Code of Conduct.

- B. *A.S. Study Lounge: Sunday, December 15 – Wednesday, December 18 – Discussion Item (Victor Arredondo)*
- C. A.S. Council Meeting Time Spring Semester – Discussion Item (Jessie Holtz)

Holtz noted that the AS Meeting time conflicts with her and others required class schedule for Spring 2014. Other Council members noted that they may have potential conflicts as well. It was requested that Council turn in their spring course schedule to the AS Office by the end of the week.

Announcements

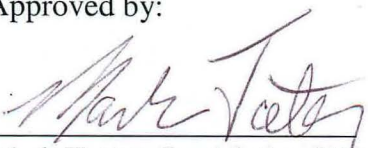
There were no announcements.

Adjournment

Teeter adjourned the meeting without objection at 6:05 p.m.

Recorded by:  
Rob Christensen  
AS Council Assistant

Approved by:

  
Mark Teeter, Legislative Vice President