

Associated Students Council  
Humboldt State University  
Thursday, November 6, 2014  
University Center Banquet Room  
Minutes #9

Call to Order

Mike Kirakosyan, Legislative Vice President, called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. in the University Center Banquet Room.

Roll Call

Representatives Present: Devante Smith, Patric Esh, Nathaniel McGuigan, Akira Brathwaite, Holly Largent, Thomas Kueplian (late-excused), Taylor Mitchell (late-excused), Taylor Morrison, Rebecca Ingerson

Representatives Absent: Graciela Chipres (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: SINGH/MORRISON move to approve Agenda #9 dated November 6, 2014  
APPROVED  
AS AMENDED

MOTION: DINZES/INGERSON move to amend the agenda to place *Appointments to Committee and Council* before *Official Reports*  
APPROVED

MOTION: DINZES/MORRISON move to place *Old Business Item A* after *Old Business Item C* in Old Business  
APPROVED

Chair's Report

Kirakosyan reported that the meeting has a full agenda and that the Council will need to be aware of the time limits for the items on the agenda.

Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of Minutes #8 dated October 16, 2014 – Action Item

MOTION: MORRISON/SMITH move to approve of Minutes #8 dated October 16, 2014  
APPROVED  
(1) ABSTENTION

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

*There was no Public Comment.*

**Special Presentation**

## A. Peer Health Education Program

Representatives from the Peer Health Education Program were present. The Peer Health Education Program is part of HSU's Student Health & Wellness Center and an inclusive, socially justice based program that seeks to include all students. The Program is located in the Recreation and Wellness Center (RWC). The Peer Health Education Program will be presenting The Consent Project program next week. The Peer Health Education Program educates through multiple means including social media, an anonymous health related question program and through unique campus programming. The Peer Health Education Program also has a volunteer program that meets on Friday's at 5:00 p.m. in RWC 124.

**Old Business**B. Resolution 2014-15-6: Resolution Requesting Administrative Action Relating to Dr. Jacquelyn Bolman, Former Director of the Indian Natural Resources in Science and Engineering Program (INRSEP) –**Action Item**

The resolution demands an administrative response to the termination of Dr. Bolman that includes a formal apology to impacted students; a review and response of the community's comments and opinions; creation of a safe space for students to voice their concern through peaceful protest and a long term support plan for INRSEP and ensures local tribes of HSU's commitment to Native American students.

Dinzes, the author of the resolution provided a presentation on the resolution. Dinzes stated that students from the INRSEP program have attended the last two University Senate meetings and have requested the Senate to take action on the termination of Dr. Bolman. Dinzes stated that the Associated Students resolution is the first step that he is taking within the University Senate and the AS Council regarding the termination of Dr. Bolman. Dinzes stated that the resolution resolves that the University Administration should:

1. Offer a formal apology to the impacted students at HSU.
2. Open official channels allowing for the campus community to express their comments and opinions.
3. Conduct a thorough review of the community comments, and prepares a response by way of a document for release to the campus and community at large.
4. Reach out to local Tribal Nations to reassure them of HSU's commitment to aboriginal students.
5. Develop and distribute a long term support plan for INRSEP.
6. Create a safe space for students that wish to voice their concern through any form of peaceful protest.

*Kirakosyan opened the floor to Public Comment:*

Mary Townsell, a student and officer of the Black Student Union, requested that the resolution be amended to replace the word "outcry" with "action." Townsell stated that the lack of

professionalism that the administration showed should be included in the resolution and that upon speaking with university staff and faculty that the termination of Dr. Bolman was handled inappropriately. Townsell noted that the lack of professionalism in administrators is discouraging and humiliating and it is difficult to respect or look up to campus administrators as role models or professionals.

Connor Handley, a student, thanked Dinzes for proposing the resolution. Handley stated that the resolution should demand that a national search not be conducted and that Dr. Bolman be rehired.

Sarah Carabajal, a student, thanked the Council for considering the resolution. Carabajal commented that students are meeting with the University President and Administrators tomorrow. The students would like to have a formal public apology for the administration's handling of the INRSEP program and are demanding the reinstatement of Dr. Bolman. Students also would like to assure that diversity programs and initiatives are secure. Students have also voiced concern over half time positions and the lack of tenure track faculty in academic programs. Carabajal stated that the University Master Plan shows that the INRSEP house is designated to be demolished for a parking lot and students would like the INRSEP facility to be secured. Carabajal also stated that students would like the INRSEP/STEM program moved out of the Retention and Inclusive Student Success division and placed back in the College of Natural Resources and Sciences. Carabajal stated that there is an overwhelming amount of student support to reinstate Dr. Bolman including representatives of the Yurok and Tolowa Tribal Council and that over 500 students have protested and 400 students have signed a petition.

Michael Majors, a Native America Studies student, stated that he came to HSU because of the Native American Studies programs and has urged other Native American students to attend HSU. Majors noted that HSU has a lineage of dynamic programs for Native American and alumni of the Native American Studies program are highly respected in their fields. Majors is concerned that the direction the University is taking with Native American programming is not a good idea and will negatively affect students. Majors also noted that students in the INRSEP house were preparing to attend a conference, applying for grants and applying for graduate program when the termination occurred. Majors concluded that terminating Dr. Bolman hurt the prestige of their program.

Alicia Hernandez, a student, thanked Dinzes, Cervantes and Morrison for their effort on the resolution but stated that the resolution should also include the demands of the students of INRSEP which includes a formal apology and admission of guilt. Hernandez also noted that the resolution should request reparations for students in the program and incorporate language of the University's vision statement that the University will be in partnership with tribal nations.

Peter Muller, a student, commented that he has been working with students involved in the INRSEP program and stated that it would be beneficial to develop a coalition and have the assistance of the AS Council to navigate the bureaucracy of the University.

Jana Vargas, a student, commented that she is a Mexican Immigrant and that it is important to see a range of diversity and ethnicity in the administration so that students may mirror success. Vargas urged the Council to view the situation from the perspective of the students commenting at the meeting. Vargas stated that students have been recruited to meet a quota but their cultures have not been incorporated into the campus.

Joyce Lopes, Vice President for Administration, commented that there are no plans to demolish the

Walter Warren House #38 where INRSEP is located.

*Cortes arrived at 5:18 pm*

MOTION: CORTES/SMITH move to approve Resolution 2014-15-6: Resolution Requesting Administrative Action Relating to Dr. Jacquelyn Bolman, Former Director of the Indian Natural Resources in Science and Engineering Program (INRSEP)

APPROVED  
AS AMMENDED  
(3) ABSTENTIONS

Dinzes thanked the audience for their comments and stated that he would like to propose amendments to freeze the search process for a new director and to preserve the Walter Warren House #38.

MOTION: DINZES/MORRISON move to amend the resolution to insert an additional paragraph between paragraph 8 and 9 to read:

*RESOLVED, by the Associated Students Council of Humboldt State University that we formally demand the reinstatement of Dr. Jacquelyn Bolman*

APPROVED  
(2) OPPOSED

Esh stated that he was concerned that not all of the information on the termination was available. Cervantes stated that the Council has heard from students regarding the termination. Esh stated that the comments provided by the public was helpful but did not provide a reason for the termination.

MOTION: CORTES/BRATHWAITE move to amend the amendment to include: *as director of the INERSP/Stem Center for Academic Excellence* at the end of the original amendment

APPROVED

Dinzes acknowledged Esh’s concern but that the Council is only able to make decisions based on the information provided to them. Brathwaite asked how much interaction the position has with the administration and if the tension caused by a reinstatement would hinder student success. Cervantes stated that he was in favor of the students in the program deciding what would work best for them.

*The Council voted on the pending amendments and then returned to discussion on the resolution as amended.*

Esh asked why students are demanding a safe space to protest and what is making them feel unsafe. McGuigan stated that students have not felt safe because of police being present during protests. Brathwaite stated that a concern expressed by students that work for Dining Services felt pressure from their work that they could not protest and that those employed in the Depot or the J felt that there employment was threatened if they were to participate in the walkout. Brathwaite also stated that Faculty and Staff are concerned about participating in the protest because they feel that they may be identified and treated differently. Esh stated that if staff or management is threatening workers to not protest than the official channels should be used to clarify these threats. Dr. Blake stated that she asked University Center management about student employees wanting to protest and stated that the University Center stated that students who left their positions to walk out while not on break would create a situation where customers would be unable to be served. Dinzes stated that

because of the way Dr. Bolman was terminated employees are concerned that if they speak their mind they may be terminated, Dinzes stated that he has spoken to student Dining Services employees and that some students were allowed the opportunity to switch their breaks with others to be a part of it. Cervantes stated that students would like respect for the right to protest.

*Mitchell and Kupelian arrived at 5:56 p.m.*

Esh was concerned about speculation regarding the safety of protest and noted that there have been no violence or official threats. Dinzes stated that he would like to see a more thorough policy regarding student's right to protest.

MOTION: DINZES/CORTES move to amend the original paragraph eight, demand five to read:  
*Develops and distribute a long term support plan for INRSEP and a plan that protects the Walter Warren House #38 and states this in the HSU Master Facilities Plan*  
APPROVED  
(1) ABSTENTION

MOTION: DINZES/CORTES move to amend the original paragraph eight, demand seven to read: *Freezes the national search process until the students of INRSEP come to a consensus that the process should move forward.*  
APPROVED  
AS AMMENDED  
(1) OPPOSED  
(1) ABSTENTION

Brathwaite stated that the proposed language appeared contradictory to the demand to rehire Dr. Bolman. A member of the audience stated that the search has already begun.

MOTION: BRATHWAITE/INGERSON move to amend the amendment strike the word *until* and replace with the word *unless*  
APPROVED  
(1) OPPOSED

Esh asked for a definition of consensus. Dinzes defined consensus as: everyone coming to an agreement.

MOTION: ESH/BRATHWAITE move to amend the amendment by adding at the end *members of INRSEP will define consensus and all other procedures*  
APPROVED  
(1) OPPOSED

C. Resolution 2014-15-7: Resolution on the Creation of a Scholarship Trust for Native American Students –**Action Item**

The resolution requests that the University Center implement an honor tax of 1-3% in dining facilities that would fund a trust that would award scholarships to Native American students and support faculty trainings to improve awareness on campus.

Dinzes, the author, provided a presentation on the resolution. Dinzes stated that the Wiyot are the original people of the Humboldt Bay region and that the University sits on Wiyot land. The Wiyot were victims of genocide and their land was taken from them by white settlers. Dinzes stated that the purpose of the resolution is to establish a scholarship for native students by providing a surcharge, referred to as an honor tax, on food served by dining services. Dinzes stated that it is

important for students to recognize that our culture lives off of subsidies of others and that it is wrong to continue without recognition of native people. Dinzes noted that prejudice and bigotry continue to exist locally. Dinzes also stated that the honor tax would help in response to declining American Indian enrollment in the CSU system which has experienced a rapid decline since 2008. Dinzes noted that the American Indian population on campus is currently 1.1% and because of the geographic location of the university the enrollment should be higher. Dinzes stated that the Seventh Generation Fund is organizing the honor tax in the community. Dinzes suggested amending the resolution to make the tax 1%.

*Kirakosyan opened the floor to Public Comment.*

Paula Tripp-Allen, a staff member from the Indian Teacher Education Program, stated that if the Associated Students were to pass this resolution it would increase dialogue and allow healing to occur. Tripp-Allen also noted that it would serve as a great example to other institutions and would be promoted within other settings with California tribes.

Kara Lynx, a member of the public, stated her support of the resolution.

Connor Handley, a student, stated his support for the resolution. Handley noted that HSU recently became a Hispanic Serving Institution and that the University could become a Native American Student Serving Institution and attract additional Native American students.

*Banning Ramirez arrived at 6:30 p.m.*

MOTION: MITCHELL/MORRISON move to approve Resolution 2014-15-7: Resolution on the Creation of a Scholarship Trust for Native American Students

TABLED UNTIL  
December 4, 2014.

Mitchell suggested changing the percentage from a range to a specific number. Largent asked how the scholarship would be distributed. Dinzes stated that the scholarship could potentially be distributed by the Seventh Generation Fund.

MOTION: ESH/BRATHWAITE move to amend the 5<sup>th</sup> paragraph to read:

*WHEREAS, an "Honor Tax" as defined in this resolution is a volunteer surcharge and the amount is defined by the individual and that it is attached to the purchase of goods that are sold by the Humboldt State University Center*

*The Council did not take action on the amendment. The Council voted to table the resolution prior to voting on the amendment.*

Dinzes recommended voting against the amendment and stated the voluntary process would be more difficult to collect. Dinzes stated that the point-of-sale system for dining services could easily accommodate a surcharge, but may not have an option to incorporate an honor tax. Brathwaite stated that a change to the cashiering system did not seem as though it would be difficult. Esh stated that the surcharge should be voluntary and that the cost of food prices will be increasing. Esh stated that the Council has previously passed a resolution regarding food insecurity and that the increase price of food is concerning. Singh suggested surveying students on the proposal. Dinzes stated that

the AS Council is a representative organization and that the AS Council was elected to make decisions on behalf of the student body. Ramirez stated that as a native student he is in favor of the initiative and cautioned that a survey would require additional data. Ingerson stated that she would like the item to be discussed by the Residence Housing Association. Blake suggested that the item may need to be reviewed by University Counsel.

MOTION: BRATHWAITE/INGERSON move to table the resolution to the December 4, 2014 meeting  
APPROVED  
(1) OPPOSED  
(1) ABSTENTION

Mitchell stated that if the item is tabled information to questions asked should be researched during this time. Singh suggested the resolution be tabled until November 20

MOTION: SINGH/MORRISON move to amend the motion to table by striking *December 4* and replacing with *November 20*  
FAILS

- A. Resolution 2014-15-5: An Act to Amend the Associated Students Constitution and Elections Code –**Action Item**  
The Executive Committee is proposing changes to the Elections Code and Constitution that would change the ballot counting method for races where candidates are elected to Council representative seats including College Representatives, Graduate Representative and At-Large Representatives.

Christensen presented that the changes to the Associated Students Constitution and Elections code would allow the Associated Students to elect Council Representatives using a plurality basis

*There was no Public Comment.*

MOTION: MITCHELL/DINZES move to approve Resolution 2014-15-5: An Act to Amend the Associated Students Constitution and Elections Code APPROVED

*There was no Council Discussion.*

- D. A.S. Election Dates: April 21, 22 & 23, 2015 – **Action Item**  
Approval of the dates for the AS General Elections as per Associated Students Elections Code, Section 13.04. Recommended dates are April 21, 22 & 23, 2015

Tyson presented that the dates recommended to the Council are in the week that the AS Elections are traditionally held.

*There was no Public Comment.*

MOTION: INGERSON/MITCHELL move to approve A.S. Election Dates: April 21, 22 & 23, 2015 APPROVED

*There was no Council Discussion.*

**Appointments to Committees and Council**

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

MOTION: SMITH/CORTES move to appoint Juan Cervantes to the Instructionally Related Activities Committee  
APPROVED

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

No Appointments.

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

No Appointments.

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

MOTION: MITCHELL/ESH move to suspend AS Government Code Section 6.03 to appoint James Barnett to the AS Campus Community Service Scholarship Committee  
APPROVED

*Barnett is in class and is unable to attend.*

MOTION: BRATHWAITE/SMITH move to appoint James Barnett to the AS Campus Community Service Scholarship Committee  
APPROVED  
(1) ABSTENTION

MOTION: SMITH/INGERSON move to suspend AS Government Code Section 6.03 to appoint James Barnett to the Service Learning/Community Engagement Advisory Committee.  
APPROVED

*Barnett is in class and is unable to attend.*

MOTION: BRATHWAITE/SMITH move to appoint James Barnett to the Service Learning/Community Engagement Advisory Committee  
APPROVED  
(1) ABSTENTION

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

Dinzes reported that he has attended the following meetings: The Strategic Planning Steering Committee, which is coordinating the efforts of the committees that are working on the HSU 5-year strategic plan; the University Center Program and Facilities Committee, which discussed the Associated Students and Clubs Office remodel and the proposed bicycle repair center at the Recreation and Wellness Center; Check It; The University Resources and Planning Committee, the CCAT Steering Committee, the Online and Distance Education Learning Committee; the University Leadership Committee, the CSSA Executive Committee, the Student Fee Advisory Committee. Talk to Dinzes if you would additional information.

**Administrative Vice President (Ana Cortes)**

Cortes reported that she attended the AS Event Funding Committee. The Board of Finance is still in need of a Student at Large Member. Cortes reported that she is in need of a designee for the Humboldt Energy Independence Fund Committee.



## Board of Finance Report – October 22, 2014

1. Request from A.S. General Operations in an amount not to exceed \$3,046 from Special Projects – Facilities Reserve for costs associated with the replacement of the Buck House exterior basement door – **Action Item**

The door replacement will improve security to the Campus Center for Appropriate

MOTION: ESH/SMITH move to approve the request from A.S. General Operations in an amount not to exceed \$3,046 from Special Projects – Facilities Reserve for costs associated with the replacement of the Buck House exterior basement door

APPROVED

2. Review and approval of Associated Students 2013/2014 Comparison of Budget to Actual – **Action Item**

As per AS Fiscal Code 9.01 the Board of Finance has reviewed and recommended approval of the annual comparison of budget to actual program budget details. The Comparison of Budget to Actual details the budgeted revenue and expense of each AS Program

MOTION: DINZES/MITCHELL move to approve the Associated Students 2013/2014 Comparison of Budget to Actual

APPROVED

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

Singh reported that the Masquerade Ball was successful and that over three hundred students attended. Singh thanked Council members that assisted in cleaning up the event. Singh will be meeting with the Student Affairs Advisory Committee this week. The Study Lounge event will be held during finals week. Singh met with the MultiCultural Center for which he is a liaison to. Singh attended a meeting of the University Center Programs and Facilities Committee. Singh will be assisting McGuigan with a Diversity Forum.

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

Kirakosyan reported that he is assisting the Student Health Advisory Committee with setting up a meeting. Kirakosyan reported that the Diversity Program Funding Committee will be meeting soon. The Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Prevention Committee has not yet met. Kirakosyan stated that he met with the Dean of Students to discuss training on Title IX for faculty. The Queer Resource Center Development Committee will be meeting soon; Kirakosyan has offered to serve as Co-Chair of the committee. Kirakosyan voiced concern with the concept of placing the Queer Resource Center in a Housing Facility. Transgender Week of Remembrance is November 18-25. Kirakosyan has reached out to students at large who are serving as committee members. Kirakosyan will be attending the Diversity Forum. Kirakosyan reminded the Council to act professionally during meetings.

#### **Smith – College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences**

Smith reported that he met with the International Advisory Committee and discussed International Education Week which is scheduled for November 17-21. The Clubs and Activities office will be hosting a comedian, Nina G, with an emphasis on leadership. The Women's Resource Center is hosting the Kink on Campus Pleasure Party on Friday.

#### **Morrison – College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences**

Morrison reported that the College mixer was successful and thanked members who attended the

event. The Graduation Pledge Alliance is hiring a new co-director. The Real Food Challenge committee is meeting and working on the implementation of the calculator.

Ingerson – College of Professional Studies

Ingerson reported that the Student Grievance Committee has met once. The Residence Housing Association had a successful RHA week. The College of Professional Studies will be having a week of seminars on graduate admissions the week of November 10-14.

Mitchell – College of Professional Studies

Mitchell reported that athletes will begin to better advertise their community services efforts. Mitchell stated that the Student Athletic Advisory Committee developed a “my culture is not a costume” campaign. The Board of Finance meeting will be on Wednesday. Mitchell will be hosting a coffee stand on Monday from 9 – 11 a.m. The Basketball team will be hosting a donation clothing toss at an upcoming Basketball game.

McGuigan – College of Natural Resources and Sciences

McGuigan reported that the Women’s Resource Center is planning the Environmental Justice Conference to be held on December 6. The Sexual Assault Prevention Committee will be meeting with the Police Chief and the Director of Center Activities to discuss offering more self-defense classes. There will be a Diversity Forum from 7-9 p.m. on November 10.

Brathwaite – College of Natural Resources and Sciences

Brathwaite reported that she attended the Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences Mixer and the Masquerade Ball. Brathwaite was appointed to the Lobby Corps committee. CCAT has received a grant to attend the Sustainability Convergence at UC Davis. Brathwaite attended a forum on Food Insecurity and has been following the development of the Campus Food Pantry.

Kupelian – College of Natural Resources and Sciences

Kupelian reported that he attended the Board of Finance meeting on October 26. Kupelian will be meeting with the Learning Center Tutorial Program. Kupelian will be at the coffee table on Monday.

Largent – At Large

Largent attended the Student Fee Advisory Committee meeting and the Instructionally Related Activities Committee meeting. Largent assisted with setting up the Masquerade Ball. Largent assisted with the Diversity Forum and the Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences Mixer. Largent would like to have a discussion about the Spring 2015 meeting time.

Esh – Graduate Representative

Esh thanked Kirakosyan for chairing the meeting. The Integrated Curriculum Committee has forwarded a recommendation to the University Senate on the use of concentrations and emphasis in degree programs. Esh reported that the Provost Search Committee has completed phone interviews and will be reviewing the applicant pool. Esh will be meeting with the Financial Aide director to discuss awards for students with conditional admittance status.

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

Cervantes reported that the University Senate continues to review concentrations within majors. The President of CSSA has resigned. The Lobby Corps committee will be meeting soon.

**AS Presents (Ramirez)**

Ramirez reported that the AS Presents committee will be meeting on Monday. AS Presents is drafting a plan to do a music and arts festival in the spring. Ramirez reviewed the meeting and shows.

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

Absent.

**General Manager (Joan Tyson)**

No report.

**General Council Discussion**

There was no General Council Discussion.

**General Council Work Session**

There was no General Council Work Session.

**Announcements**


Singh acknowledged McGuigan for his advocacy efforts.

**Adjournment**

Kirakosyan adjourned the meeting without objection at 8:00 p.m.

Recorded by:  
Rob Christensen  
AS Council Assistant

Approved by:



Mike Kirakosyan  
Legislative Vice President