

Associated Students Council  
Humboldt State University  
Thursday, August 28, 2014  
University Center Banquet Room  
Minutes #3

Approved  
9-18-14

**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, Thomas Kupelian (late-excused), Patric Esh, Nathaniel McGuigan, Taylor Mitchell (late-excused), Akira Brathwaite, Taylor Morrison, Morgan Williams

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

Officers Absent: Ana Cortes (excused)

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

**Approval of Agenda**

MOTION: SMITH/DINZES move to approve Agenda #3 dated August 28, 2014 APPROVED

**Chair's Report**

Kirakosyan provided an overview of the AS agenda for the meeting. Kirakosyan also reviewed Section 7 of the AS Government Code that outlines the attendance policy and point violations. Kirakosyan stated that the chair enforces the attendance policy and that Council members receive points for unexcused absences or tardiness for AS Council meetings, retreats, orientations and office hours. Council members with three points could be subject to impeachment proceedings from office. Kirakosyan also asked the Council for their assistance and patience as he becomes used to chairing.

**Approval of Minutes**

A. Approval of Minutes #1 dated May 2, 2014 – Action Item

MOTION: DINZES/WILLIAMS move to approve Minutes #1 dated May 2, 2014 APPROVED

B. Approval of Minutes #2 dated May 9, 2014 – Action Item

MOTION: WILLIAMS/ESH move to approve Minutes #2 dated May 9, 2014 APPROVED

**Public Comments (As per the Gloria Romero Open Meeting Act authorized by Section 99306.)**

Juan Fernandez, a candidate for Arcata City Council, was present to address the A.S. Council. Fernandez asked for support for his campaign. Fernandez stated that he graduated in 2013 and has always worked to advocate for students. Fernandez stated that there are 8,000 students and no representation of HSU on the City Council. Fernandez stated that he would like to register students to vote and encouraged the Council to do so as well. Fernandez is interested in talking to students about issues that affect them.

**Appointments to Committees and Council**

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

MOTION: WILLIAMS/MORRISON move to appoint Akira Brathwaite to the Humboldt Energy Independence Fund

APPROVED  
(1) ABSTENSION

MOTION: WILLIAMS/SINGH move to appoint Patric Esh to the Integrated Curriculum Committee

APPROVED  
(1) ABSTENSION

MOTION: WILLIAMS/SINGH move to appoint Devante Smith to the International Advisory Committee

APPROVED  
(1) ABSTENTION

MOTION: WILLIAMS/BRATHWAITE move to suspend AS Government Code Section 6.03 to appoint Taylor Mitchell to the Intercollegiate Athletic Advisory

APPROVED

*Mitchell is at football practice and is unable to be present.*

MOTION: WILLIAMS/BRATHWAITE move to recommend Taylor Mitchell for appointment to the Intercollegiate Athletic Advisory Committee

APPROVED

*The appointment will be recommended to the University President for final approval.*

MOTION: ESH/MORRISON move to appoint Suzanne Loutsis to the Humboldt Energy Independence Fund

APPROVED

MOTION: MORRISON/WILLIAMS move to appoint Nathaniel McGuigan to the Student Health Advisory Committee

APPROVED  
(1) ABSTENSION

MOTION: SMITH/SINGH move to appoint Nathaniel McGuigan to the Sexual Assault Prevention Committee

APPROVED  
(1) ABSTENSION

MOTION: WILLIAMS/ESH move to suspend AS Government Code Section 6.03 to appoint Adrian Baez Alicea to the AS Events Funding Committee

APPROVED

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

MOTION: WILLIAMS/BRATHWAITE move to appoint Adrian Baez Alicea to the AS Events Funding Committee APPROVED

*Baez Alicea was recommended by the Clubs Office for appointment.*

MOTION: WILLIAMS/BRATHWAITE move to appoint Juan Cervantes to the University Senate APPROVED

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

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

MOTION: WILLIAMS/SMITH move to appoint Taylor Morrison to the AS Campus/Community Service Scholarship Committee APPROVED

MOTION: DINZES/WILLIAMS move to suspend AS Government Code Section 6.03 to appoint Taylor Mitchell to the Board of Finance Committee APPROVED

*Mitchell is at Football practice and is unable to be present.*

MOTION: ESH/BRATHWAITE move to appoint Taylor Mitchell to the A.S. Board of Finance APPROVED

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

MOTION: MORRISON/DINZES move to appoint Devante Smith to the International Program Screening Committee APPROVED  
(1) ABSTENTSION

**Old Business**

- A. 2014-15 A.S. Council Standing Rules and Meeting Schedule – **Action Item**  
The Gloria Romero Open Meeting Act of 2000 Section 89305.5 requires each legislative body to annually establish the time and locations for holding regular meetings.

Tyson stated that the Standing Rules are approved annually and outline the operating rules for AS Council meetings as an auxiliary organization. The Council approves the standing rules and meeting schedule annually. Tyson noted that the deadline to submit items for the A.S. Agenda will be Friday at noon in the academic workweek prior to an AS Council meeting. Meetings of the fall semester are scheduled for Thursday at 5 p.m., the spring semester meeting times are scheduled for Monday at 3 p.m. Tyson noted a special meeting scheduled for Friday, September 12 at 12:30 p.m. where the AS Council will receive a presentation and receive the Associated Students audit. Tyson noted that AS Council meetings would not conflict with the UC Board of Directors meetings.

*Dr. Blake arrived at the meeting at 5:49 p.m.*

*There was no Public Comment.*



MOTION: DINZES/WILLIAMS move to approve the 2014-15 A.S. Council Standing Rules and Meeting Schedule APPROVED

Dinzes noted that the AS Council has a good set of standing rules. Dinzes expressed appreciation on setting the alternate time for the AS Meeting for the semester and encouraged the Council to work around the 3:00 p.m. Monday meeting time for the Spring 2015 semester.

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

**President (Jerry Dinzes)**

Dinzes thanked the Council for stepping into committee positions quickly. Dinzes encouraged the Council to continue to promote committee opportunities to students. Dinzes was on a White House conference call on topics regarding rising tuition and sexual assault on college campuses and will provide additional information to the Council by e-mail. Dinzes and other students lobbied state legislators in the spring regarding a proposed sexual assault prevention bill that passed. Dinzes attended meetings of the California State Student Association (CSSA) over the summer and formed positive relationships with other student leaders in the CSU system.

**Administrative Vice President (Ana Cortes)**

Absent.

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

Singh thanked the Council for tabling on the quad for the first two days of school to hand out academic planners, talk about committee opportunities and register students to vote. Singh is looking forward to working with the Student Affairs Advisory Committee.

**Legislative Vice President (Kirakosyan)**

Kirakosyan reported that he is interviewing candidates for appointment to committees. Kirakosyan attended the CSUnity conference this summer. Kirakosyan and Cortes will be presenting at the AS Retreat on tips for student leadership.

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

Smith reported that he is working on a survey for clubs and would like to assist clubs in learning more about Associated Students.

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

Morrison is beginning to plan the Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences College Mixer.

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

Williams served as the Interim External Affairs Representative over the summer. CSSA has been discussing outreach on the new Student Representation Fee (SRF) and is planning how the transition to the new fee will be made. Williams attended the CSUnity conference with Smith, Cortes, Esh and Kirakosyan. Williams is interested in projects for HSU that she learned about at the conference.

**Kupelian – College of Natural Resources and Sciences**

Kupelian will be applying for the Fields Oversight Committee and the AS Board of Finance.

**McGuigan – College of Natural Resources and Sciences**

McGuigan has been outreaching to student to join committees and will be working on the College Mixer.

**Mitchell – College of Professional Studies**

Mitchell looks forward to serving on the AS Board of Finance and Intercollegiate Athletic Advisory Committee.

#### **Brathwaite – At Large**

Brathwaite reported that the Natural Resources and Sciences Mixer may be in the first couple of weeks of school and that she would like to host it early in the semester based on advice from the Dean. Brathwaite is hoping to be the Council Liaison for CCAT or WRRAP. Brathwaite is looking into how recycling bins could be placed in more locations on campus and has heard from students who are concerned that they have not been able to receive approval for the chartering of their club.

#### **Esh – Graduate Representative**

Esh goal is to raise awareness of Associated Students among graduate students and has sent them an e-mail, attended graduate student orientation and attended graduate classes to talk about Associated Students. Esh attended the CSUnity conference. Esh will be presenting on communication at the upcoming AS Retreat. Esh is serving on the Provost Search Committee.

#### **External Affairs (Vacant)**

No report.

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

Ramirez reported that *El Ten Eleven* will be the first Arts in the Quad performance on September 24 and will be free to students. Tickets are currently on sale for *Danny Brown* on September 14 and *Jordan Keppler* on September 20. Dinzes has requested a budget for Arts on the Quad from Ramirez and Ramirez will be providing it.

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

Dr. Blake introduced herself to the AS Council and stated that she is looking forward to getting to know the Council better. Dr. Blake is serving on the Provost Search Committee. The Provost serves as the second in command of the University. Dr. Blake stated that the University Executives and Deans have expressed interest in being available to present to the AS Council on any issues or provide input on anything under consideration. The University will be interviewing finalists for the University Police Chief the week of September 15. A new director of Housing and Residential Life, Dr. Steven St. Onge, will be coming to campus on September 8. Thursday, September 4, at 4:00 p.m. is the campus block party. The Student Health Center and Counseling and Psychological Services have extended hours to 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday. The Depot will be open later on Friday evenings and will host open mic nights and karaoke.

*Mitchell arrived at the meeting at 6:12 p.m. Ramirez arrived at the meeting at 6:15 p.m.*

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

Tyson thanked the Council for their attendance and participation at the AS Orientation last week. Tyson stated that the Associated Students is currently going through their annual fiscal audit and a representative of the firm CliftonLarsonAllen will be meeting with the AS Council on September 12 to review and accept the audit. The AS operates on a fiscal year that ends on June 30. The Campus Food Pantry has received \$20,000 in Instructionally Related Activities funds and the Social Work Department is currently working on the initiative; Tyson will continue to keep the Council informed of developments on the Food Pantry. Tyson and Brownell will be meeting with AS Programs to provide an orientation on the AS Budget. Tyson reported that the AS Council will be hosting the CSSA meeting on October 11 & 12.



*Kupelian arrived at 6:21 p.m. Kirakosyan provided the opportunity for Mitchell, Kupelian and Ramirez to provide reports.*

### **General Council Discussion**

Esh asked about the amount of committee applicants compared to last year. More students have been appointed to committees in the first week of school compared to last year. Esh asked if more students are needed to assist with the Food Pantry initiative. Tyson stated that she will provide Esh with additional information as it is known. Brathwaite asked about the new bill in California about prevention of sexual assault on college campuses. Dinzes stated that the new law requires California colleges and universities to follow set guidelines in the instance of sexual assault and the law provides more rights to a survivor of sexual assault. Mitchell requested a copy the financial break down of Arts in the Quad that Dinzes receives.

### **General Council Work Session**

#### A. AS Priority Planning Retreat, September 5-7, 2014 – Information Item (Joan Tyson)

Tyson provided information on the retreat at the Blue Slide Camp and stated that the Council should sign up to bring an item for the Friday night potluck. Tyson will be providing additional information to the Council by e-mail to prepare for the retreat. She also reminded Council that this is a University Sanctioned Event so the Student Code of Conduct does apply on this trip—which includes the same policies and rules that apply to students when they are present on campus.

#### B. AS Welcome Back BBQ – Information Item (T.J. Singh)

Singh provide an update on the A.S. Welcome Back BBQ and asked the Council to sign up to assist with promoting Associated Students services at the BBQ.

### **Announcements**

Dinzes thanked Kirakosyan for chairing the Council meeting and commended him on an excellent job. Kirakosyan announced that the Council will elect a vice-chair at the following meeting who would chair in his absence.

### **Adjournment**

Kirakosyan adjourned the meeting without objection at 6:45 p.m.

Recorded by:  
Rob Christensen  
AS Council Assistant

Approved by:



Mike Kirakosyan  
Legislative Vice President.