

Associated Students Board of Directors
Humboldt State University
Monday, April 9, 2018
UC Banquet Room
Minutes #20

Call to Order

Valdovinos, Legislative Vice President, called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. in the University Center Banquet Room.

Roll Call

Representatives Present: Genesea Black Lanouette, Jake Engel, Michael Freire, Maddie Halloran, Flow Lemus, Marisa McGrew

Representatives Absent: Alexis Brown (Excused)

Officers Present: Desteny Gutierrez, Joey Mularky, Kassandra Rice, Tzveta Stoimenova, Paola Valdovinos

Officers Absent: Dana Carrillo (Excused)

Advisors Present: Dr. Wayne Brumfield, Elijah Lechman, Jenessa Lund, Vincent Thomas

Approval of Agenda

MOTION: STOIMENOVA/BLACK-LANOUETTE moved to approve Agenda #20 dated April 9, 2018. APPROVED

Chair's Report

Valdovinos reported that there are two presentations and a resolution during this meeting.

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

There was no Public Comment.

Presentations

1) Introduction and Discussion - CSU Trustee Peter Taylor

Trustee Peter Taylor will have a discussion with the Board of Directors.

Peter Taylor, CSU Trustee, provided background information on themselves and offered the board to ask questions.

Mularky asked why the administration pay is so much. In the past, they found that when administrators are paid lower they tend to find better options for work.

Stoimenova noted that a couple of buildings on campus are being updated to withstand earthquakes that are 9.0 or below. Taylor responded that many CSU buildings are behind on maintenance and seismic codes. Due to the current statewide budget issue, they have to prioritize costs. Stoimenova added that there are concerns on the Disabilities, Access, and Compliance Committee about deferred maintenance, including out of date elevators. Taylor responded that the States' traditional investment platform is conservative.

Gutierrez asked how the pay for administrators is decided. Taylor responded that one aspect that they look at how many administrators there are compared to staff, faculty, and students. Gutierrez asked about student feedback. Taylor responded that they rely on the CSSA for information and that they personally meet with student organizations on campuses.

McGrew asked about how state funding is based on enrollment, yet the university cannot support 10,000 students because of a lack of housing and resources. McGrew suggested recalibrating the state funding for HSU. Taylor responded that they did this for the UC system, though the enrollment numbers have changed for these universities.

Lechman asked how the administration can become more transparent to students. Taylor responded that the only decisions available are to increase tuition or defer maintenance and lower the quality of education.

Lund asked for a recommendation regarding changes. Taylor responded that the CSU system needs to become more sustainable.

2) Student Union Fee Referendum - Dave Nakamura, University Center

Executive Director Nakamura will present on the Student Union Fee Referendum.

Dave Nakamura, UC Executive Director, presented on the student fee increase. Nakamura noted that the U.C. Board has been discussing the fee increase for about 3 years, and have not raised

the the University Center fee since 1987. Nakamura discussed the maintenance needs across campus that provide access, like the elevators, for students that require it. Nakamura mentioned how administration has been cutting costs by reducing two full-time positions, though this has not aided the financial issue. Minimum wage will reach \$15.00 in four years in increments, this is why the Board decided to increase student fees incrementally.

Engel asked if there are any more positions that could be cut and how are they deciding which positions are necessary. Nakamura responded that there are about 40 full-time employees and when facing cuts they are able to measure the need for certain positions.

Halloran asked if the student fee increase will be enough if state funding changes. Nakamura responded that the University Center does not get state funding, though their budget is based on student enrollment. Nakamura noted that with the decline in student enrollment they are concerned that the proposed increase will be enough.

Lechman asked how they can be more transparent regarding the university finances. Nakamura responded that there are student positions available on the board for students to have their voice heard.

Appointments to Board of Directors and Committees

A.S. President (Joëy Mularky)

MOTION: BLACK-LANOUE/ETTE/RICE moved to suspend A.S. Code 7.03 to appoint Nicholas Fassel to the Student Health Advisory Committee. APPROVED

MOTION: STOIMENOVA/FREIRE moved to appoint Nicholas Fassel to the Student Health Advisory Committee. APPROVED

A.S. Administrative Vice President (Kassandra Rice)

No appointments.

A.S. Legislative Vice President (Paola Valdovinos)

No appointments.

Old Business

New Business

- 1) Resolution 2017-18-9: An Act to Change the Elections Commissioner Position Title and Responsibilities to Public Relations Commissioner. – **Action Item**

The Board will take action on a resolution changing the Elections Commissioner to the Public Relations Officer. The author requests to waive the first reading.

MOTION: BLACK-LANOUEFFE/FREIRE moved to waive the first reading of Resolution 2017-18-9. APPROVED

MOTION: STOIMENOVA/BLACK-LANOUEFFE moved to approve Resolution 2017-18-9: An Act to Change the Elections Commissioner Position Title and Responsibilities to Public Relations Commissioner. APPROVED

Stoimenova asked if this position would get a stipend. Black-Lanouette responded that they already received a stipend for the Spring semester, so a Fall semester stipend will be added.

Halloran asked why they are proposing this change. Black-Lanouette responded that this position would advertise for events, operating social media, raising awareness, as well as orchestrate the annual elections.

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

Mularky - President

Mularky reported on the appeal process for the IRA funding for programs that are not connected with a course. Mularky reported that the University Senate elections did not have much competition and recommends that students talk to faculty about running for these positions. Mularky also reported on the student fee referendum discussions with the University Center Board. The Vice President of Administration and Finance Search Committee offered the position to Doug Dawes. Mularky reported on the Student Success Alliances councils that focus on recruitment and retention is looking for more student involvement. Mularky reported that they are building connections with RHA. Mularky also reported that they have been talking with representatives from the 3rd Street Art Gallery to discuss funding issues and even attended a gallery opening. There were over a hundred students that came in that day.

Rice - Administrative Vice President

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- a. Request from Earth Week Planning Committee for \$2,000 – **Action Item**
Review and take action on a \$2,000 request to pay for food, speakers, materials, and supplies for Earth Week 2018.

MOTION: BLACK-LANOUE/TCGRCW moved to approve a request from the Earth Week Planning Committee for \$2,000. APPROVED

Rice reported that the Board of Finance discussed this request last week.

Lemus asked where the money was coming from. Rice responded that it would be taken from the discretionary fund.

Halloran asked how this related to the money allocated last year. Mularky responded that they requested more this year because they are doing more. Rice added that most of the money goes towards food and speakers.

Carrillo - Student Affairs Vice President

Absent.

Valdovinos - Legislative Vice President

No report.

Gutierrez - Environmental Sustainability Officer

Gutierrez reported that Earth Week will start on April 16, 2018 and that their funding has been finalized.

Stoimenova - Social Justice and Equity Officer

Stoimenova reported on the Access, Disability, and Compliance Committee meeting that focused on HSU complying with ADA regulations. Stoimenova reported that there will be increased assessability around the Theatre Arts building. There is a map that shows what buildings and pathways will be closed due to construction.

Ruby Harrison - Public Relations Commissioner

No report.

Brown – College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

Absent.

Vacant – College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

Vacant.

Freire – College of Professional Studies

No report.

Black-Lanouette – College of Professional Studies

No report.

Vacant – College of Natural Resources and Sciences

Vacant.

McGrew – College of Natural Resources and Sciences

McGrew reported on the WRRAP Clothing Swap taking place on April 24-26, 2018. McGrew also reported on the vacancy at WRRAP for a Zero-Waste Director.

Lemus – At Large

Lemus reported on Earth Week.

Engel – At Large

No report.

Halloran – Graduate Representative

Halloran met with Lund and Black-Lanouette focusing on creating events for administration and students to have discussions.

Thomas – Elections Commissioner

No report.

Lechman – External Affairs

No report.

Dr. Wayne Brumfield – Interim Vice President of Student Affairs

No report.

Lund – A.S. Executive Director

Lund reported on the meeting they had with Black-Lanouette and Halloran to discuss hosting a mixer. Lund reported on having discussions about having students that are working on their graduation capstone projects work towards a goal with A.S. or other campus organizations. Lund also reported working on the budget forum data.

General Discussion

Thomas asked Stoimenova about Jenkins Hall. Stoimenova responded that Jenkins Hall will be renovated in one year. Black-Lanouette asked if the science buildings should be renovated as well. Thomas responded that Jenkins Hall is worse than the science buildings and they have to prioritize. Dawes recommended that they open discussions with facilities management.

Thomas asked where events will be held when Van Duzer is closed. Stoimenova responded that programs will use KBR and Gist Hall. Dawes added that they can also request community spaces like the Arcata Playhouse.

General Work Session

No discussion.

Announcements

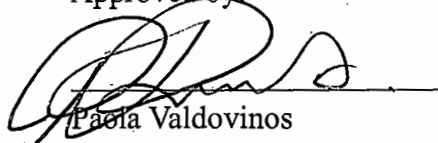
Stoimenova reported that if someone notices that a restroom has run out of menstruation gear to let them know. Thomas announced that the A.S. Elections ballots will be available on April 17-19, 2018 and students may still run as write-in candidates. Lechman announced that signatures have been collected for the petition to make Humboldt a sanctuary county. Lechman also announced that the \$65,000 is needed for the McKinley statue removal. Lechman announced that they are working on a social advocacy workshop and a forum for the village project. Gutierrez announced that in Siemens Hall 118 on Wednesdays at 5-8 p.m. there will be assistance for students to fill out taxes. Black-Lanouette announced menstrual pad making at CCAT on April 10, 2018 from 2-3 p.m. Black-Lanouette also announced A.S. Game Night in the UC South Lounge on Tuesdays at 5 p.m. Stoimenova announced Dance Show in Van Duzer Theatre on April 13 and 14 at 7:30 p.m. Freire announced Rock n' Roll musical performances will be at Silent Siren in Eureka on April 11, 2018.

Adjournment

Valdovinos adjourned the meeting without objection at 4:30 p.m.

Recorded by:
Patric Esh
AS Board Coordinator

Approved by:


Paola Valdovinos
Legislative Vice President