

Associated Students Board of Finance
Humboldt State University
Wednesday, November 6, 2013
Nelson Hall East, 120
Minutes #4

Call to Order

Forust Ercole, Administrative Vice President, called the Board of Finance meeting to order at 3:03 p.m. on Wednesday, November 6, 2013 in the Nelson Hall East 120.

Roll Call

Members Present: Forust Ercole, Rosie Austin, Ana Cortes

Members Austin: Jacob Bloom (excused), Jerry Dinzes (excused)

Advisor Present: Joan Tyson

Approval of the Agenda

MOTION: AUSTIN/CORTES move to approve Agenda #4 dated November 6, 2013

APPROVED

Chair's Report

Ercole stated that Tyson will be providing information to the Council regarding Item B.

Public Comments

Victor Arredondo, the AS Student Affairs Vice President, commented that he sits on the AS Events Funding Board which reviewed a proposal for a grant in the amount of \$2,500 from the Humboldt Student Food Collective (HSFC). Arredondo stated the HSFC had already received an allocation from the AS Board of Finance in the amount of \$2,500. Arredondo stated that the event should have first applied for a grant from the AS Events Funding Board before seeking funds from the AS Board of Finance and that the proper process was not followed. Arredondo stated that he is concerned that the action sets the wrong precedent and does not allow for equity of other funding groups. Arredondo requested that in the future the Board of Finance refer organizations seeking for an event to the AS Events Funding Board first.

Approval of the Minutes

MOTION: CORTES/AUSTIN move to approve the Board of Finance Minutes #3 dated October 28, 2013

APPROVED

Old Business

- A. 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 (AIS) has recommended replacing the unit with the Dell 3010 PC.

MOTION: CORTES/AUSTIN move to approve the 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

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Ercole stated that the computer would replace the previous computer that the Administrative Vice President has used. Christensen stated that the Gateway computer was purchased for the Associated Students in January, 2008. The computer stopped functioning in early October and AIS has recommended replacing the computer. The Dell 3010 PC is recommended by AIS as an appropriate computer that can be serviced by the University and is compatible with the network. The request does not include a monitor as AIS has recommended using the current monitor at the work station. Ercole yielded to Arredondo who asked if the current monitor would be compatible with the video card installed in the new computer. Christensen replied that the normal use of the computer does not require a high performance monitor.

B. Projected Impact of California Minimum Wage Increase including Possible Next Steps – Continued 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.

Tyson spoke to the Board about the costs associated with Assembly Bill (AB) 10, which will raise the minimum wage to \$9.00 per hour on July 1, 2014 and \$10 per hour on January 1, 2016. Tyson provided the Board of Finance with a handout that demonstrated the impact of an increase in the minimum wage on the Associated Students. The additional costs to the AS would be an increase of approximately \$26,000 in the 2014-15 Budget and an increase of \$52,000 in the 2015-16 budget from the 2013-14 Budget. Tyson stated that the Associated Students have made allocations from the General Operations reserve to the AS Budget beginning in 2010-11 and that the allocation from the General Operations Reserve for 2013-14 is \$50,000. Tyson also noted that the current balance of the General Operations reserve is \$301,179. Tyson stated that the Board of Finance will need to determine how the Board would want to proceed to meet the costs associated with the minimum wage increase so that it could be included in the budget application materials and communicated to the programs. Tyson stated that the Board could choose to make adjustments to program budgets, continue making allocations from the AS Operating Reserves, pursue a fee increase, a combination of multiple options. Tyson stated that if the Board were to allocate from the reserves for an additional year it would want to provide direction to the 2014-15 Council on a fee increase. Tyson reviewed the process of a fee increase. The Board of Finance would need to recommend a fee increase to the AS Council by the December 2, 2013 meeting so that they Board of Finance could approve budget application materials that would provide information regarding the proposed fee increase. The fee increase would be required to be approved through the Associated Students Spring 2014 election and would require review by the Student Fee Advisory Committee and a recommendation to the University President. The AS would need to commit to educating the student body on the fee. Ercole and Cortes stated support for continuing work on a fee increase, Austin stated her support for the fee increase and also discuss budget adjustments. Ercole yielded to Arredondo. Arredondo stated that the Board of Finance should review the budget on a quarterly

basis. Tyson stated that it would be important to include absent members of the Board of Finance in a discussion regarding a potential fee increase and she will follow-up with Bloom and Dinzes. Ercole yielded to Juan Cervantes, a student at large, who stated that it is important not to commit a budget and a fee increase together. Ercole stated interest in meeting with the program to discuss the fees. Tyson suggested that AS Liaisons to programs would be able to assist in the conversation with programs regarding a potential fee increase. Austin asked what would happen if the AS did not act. Tyson stated that the AS Council would be able to sustain at its current operating capacity using reserves for another year, but would need to provide the next Council direction, as will be a sizable allocation from our reserves. Tyson also stated that she has followed up on the concept of paying students with a scholarship, but that students would be unable to be compensated for hourly work using a scholarship vs. an hourly wage.

Announcements

Christensen reminded the Board that the next meeting is on Wednesday, November 20 at 3:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Ercole adjourned the meeting at 4:22 p.m. without objection.

Recorded by:

Rob Christensen
A.S. Council Assistant

Approved by:



Forust Ercole
Administrative Vice President