

Associated Students Council
Humboldt State University
Thursday, March 5, 2015
University Center Banquet Room
Minutes #16

Approved
as amended
3.26.15

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: Akira Brathwaite (late), Nathaniel McGuigan, Holly Largent, Taylor Morrison, Rebecca Ingerson, Taylor Mitchell (late), Eamon Daly, Patric Esh, Madison Whaley, Thomas Kupelian, Natasha Sanders, Alexis Hernandez (late)

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

Advisors Present: Joan Tyson, Juan Cervantes, Banning Ramirez, Eli Poppers, Peg Blake

Approval of Agenda

MOTION: MORRISON/DALY move to approve Agenda #16 dated March 5, 2015

APPROVED

Chair's Report

The agenda will include multiple resolutions and appointments. University Police Chief Donn Peterson will introduce himself to the Council.

The Council heard appointments to Committees prior to the Special Presentation.

Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of Minutes #15 dated February 19, 2015 – **Action Item**

MOTION: MORRISON/INGERSON move to approve Minutes #15 dated February 19, 2015

APPROVED
(1) ABSTENTION

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

There was no Public Comment.

Appointments to Committees and Council

A.S. President (Jerry Dinzes)

MOTION: DALY/CORTES move to appoint Cacy Sylvester to the Associated Students Elections Commission

APPROVED
(1) OPPOSED

Brathwaite arrived at 5:07 p.m.

MOTION: DALY/MORRISON move to appoint TJ Singh to the Associated Students Elections Commission

APPROVED
(3) OPPOSED
(3) ABSTENTIONS

Hernandez arrived at 5:12 p.m.

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: CORTES/DALY move to appoint Alexis Hernandez to the AS Campus/Community Service Scholarship Committee

APPROVED
(1) OPPOSED

Special Presentation

A. University Police Chief Donn Peterson

University Police Chief, Donn Peterson, was present. Peterson stated that during the application process he highlighted that part of his focus at HSU would be reaching out to students. Peterson asked the Council if they had any questions. Cortes asked for his office location. Peterson stated that his office is located in the Student Business Services building on the first floor. Singh asked what some of the major issues that the Chief has identified for improvement. Peterson responded that social justice is important and needs to be addressed. Dinzes asked about what challenges the Chief has had to address since arriving to campus. Peterson stated that reaching out to the campus has taken a sizeable amount of his time and that he would like to be able to more quickly respond to those who communicate with him. Hernandez stated if there were any specific programs that the Chief would like to implement. Peterson stated that he would like to improve communication, collaboration and understanding, but does not yet have any specific proposals in mind. Sanders asked if the Chief would be interested a forum where Police Officers discuss social justice. Sanders also noted officer involvement in safety traffic stops of skateboarders. The Chief stated that he will address traffic safety with officers, but noted that a major accident occurred recently with a skateboarder colliding with a car at the corner of B Street and Harpst Street. Dinzes asked about the Chief's experience with students residing in the Native American Forum. Peterson responded that the protest was non-violent and that the students were respectful of the space. Peterson provided his contact information to the Council.

Mitchell arrived to the meeting at 5:34 p.m.

Old Business

- A. Resolution No. 2014-15-12: An Act to Amend the AS Government Code to include Section 6, Non-Compensatory Stipends—**Action Item**

The resolution will amend the AS Government Code to incorporate guidelines for Non-Compensatory Stipends received by AS Council members. Also provided is a spreadsheet that outlines proposed adjustments to the Non-Compensatory Stipend amounts for AS Council Members.

Dinzes was present on behalf of the Act to Amend the AS Government Code. Dinzes stated that the intention of the Amendment to the AS Government Code is to acknowledge the commitment of AS Council members by increasing the stipends of AS Council members. Dinzes stated that the intention of tying the increases of the stipends to tuition is so that the stipends stay commensurate to the increases in tuition. Dinzes stated that HSU is lower than many other Associated Students stipend rates at other CSU campuses. Dinzes stated that the change to the Act would also increase the number of payments to AS Council members from two times per year to four times per year. Dinzes stated that the change would limit the employment of AS Council members and would not allow AS Council members to be employed within an AS program. Dinzes noted that when AS Council members serve in positions in programs it limits the leadership opportunities for students.

Dinzes opened the floor to Public Comment.

Dominick Page, the Vice President of Communications for the Residence Housing Association (RHA), commented on the item. Page stated that the Residence Housing Association has representatives of their special interest groups on the RHA Board. When a representative of a special interest group funded by RHA is hearing business related to their special interest group the member abstains from the vote. Page suggested that the Council could consider an abstention.

There was no further Public Comment.

MOTION: MITCHELL/BRATHWAIITE move to approve Resolution No. 2014-15-12: An Act to Amend the AS Government Code to include Section 6, Non-Compensatory Stipends FAILS

YES VOTE	NO VOTE	ABSTENTION
Ingerson	Morrison	Sanders
Mitchell	Daly	Hernandez
Brathwaite	McGuigan	
Kupelian	Largent	
Cortes	Whaley	
Dinzes	Esh	
	Singh	

Hernandez asked what would happen to a stipend that is unspent in the budget. Dinzes stated that unused funds would go into the reserves. Hernandez asked if it would affect individuals who volunteer for programs. Dinzes stated it would not affect volunteers. Mitchell stated that 6.03 specifically notes employment would not be allowed, but that someone could still volunteer for a program if they were passionate about it. Daly stated that he would like 6.03 to be removed. Ingerson asked if there was a reason for the change to the stipend. Brathwaite stated that there is an

availability to abstain from a conversation when an item occurs regarding the consideration of a program and that section 6.03, which eliminates employment in AS Programs by AS Council members beginning July 1, 2015. Largent stated that student need the ability to work on campus and limits the opportunity. Largent stated that most individuals who work on campus are strong leaders. Largent suggested that section 6.02 is irrelevant and should be removed. Whaley stated that a conflict of interest could occur even if one were volunteering with an AS Program. Whaley noted concern that 6.03 may decrease the amount of students who run for office. Esh asked for examples of a conflict-of-interest. Dinzes noted that a Council member who works in Sports Clubs serves on the Council and has effectively lobbied for improvements to Sports Club infrastructure. Dinzes stated that there is a shortage of leadership position and that he has received multiple qualified applications for appointment to positions. Dinzes noted that a conflict-of-interest can also be the ability to participate in discussions that influence the outcome and provided an example of himself being able to significantly alter last year's budget in his position as the External Affairs Representative. Dinzes stated that his position and the Administrative Vice President provide a lot of direction on the budget. Cortes stated that there are liaison opportunities for all AS Council members and that it provides the Council the opportunity to bring information about the programs to the Council. Cortes stated that it is difficult as Administrative Vice President to be a part of a program and that she had previously wanted to advocate for the organization Finding Resource and Empowerment through Education (FREE) in her role as Administrative Vice President. Cortes stated that she had to step back from her role in FREE so that she could better serve the entire campus in her position. Singh provided an example that he asks for grants on the AS Events Funding Board and also serves as a member. Singh stated that it is important for Council members to be aware of the Conflict of Interests that they have. Singh noted that students may not want to involve themselves on the Council if they feel that they cannot participate in programs. Concern was raised that the Council did not get to provide input on the proposal. Cervantes noted that it was hard to involve the entire Council on the proposal because of open meeting law. Cervantes stated that many of the members are focusing on the issue of trust, but that he wants to focus on the issue of transparency. Cervantes stated that one of the largest roles of the Council is to vote on the budget and to serve as a Council member and be unable to vote on the budget because of a conflict of interest would not allow the members to complete their duties. Sanders asked if there could be a compromise to the language and suggested that the idea be considered later. Hernandez stated that he agreed with the increase in stipends. Mitchell noted that the intention was for Council members to prioritize their service on the Council.

MOTION: DALY move to call the question

The motion died due to the lack of a second to the motion.

amended { Brathwaite stated that it is important for the Council to be involved in programs so that they may bring experience to their position. Whaley stated that a conflict of interest is something that would financially impact you. Whaley stated that dialogue can also be a conflict of interest. Dinzes stated that the likelihood of volunteering would be a much different level of commitment to a program than as an hourly employee. Esh stated that it is difficult to justify an increase in stipend amount when Council members do not show up to committees or forums. Dinzes stated that he has heard members note that their employment does not allow them to show up to committee meetings or other obligations. Dinzes stated that he is aware of the issues of Council participation and that this proposal is to encourage better participation. Cervantes stated that he understands abstentions but that a primary role of the Council is to pass the budget and he would be disappointed in a Council member who abstained from the budget because of a conflict of interest. Ramirez stated that many

students work less than five hours a week in a program, but are still interested in serving. Poppers yielded his time to Dominick Page, a member of the public. Page noted that the AS President receives over 90% of his/her tuition and fees in non-compensatory stipends. Sanders stated that it would be a conflict-of-interest for the Council to support this item as their wages would increase with their support of student fees. Brathwaite stated that increasing the stipends could decrease funding for programs. Dinzes stated that there is an equity issue of the stipends and that a student supporting themselves would be unable to serve in some positions. Cortes encouraged the Council to consider the resolution for the incoming Council and reminded the Council of the Mission Statement and that the Council should consider the student body. Cervantes stated that there is a discrepancy and that students of privilege can serve in Council positions. Cervantes stated that no Council member will have a conflict of interest as the item would not go into effect until July 1, 2015.

MOTION: DALY/SINGH move to table the Resolution 2014-15-12 to March 26, 2015 FAILS
 (4) AYE
 (9) OPPOSED
 (2) ABSTENTIONS

Cortes stated that the resolution ties into the budget process for this year and is time sensitive. Esh and Hernandez stated that there were ready to vote. Singh is in favor of tabling the resolution so that there is more time to consider.

It was requested that a Roll Call vote be taken.

After the Council voted on the resolution the Council adjourned for a 5 minute recess.

Dinzes and Largent left the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

- B. Resolution No. 2014-15-13: Resolution in Recognition of Check It—**Action Item**
 The resolution officially recognizes the accomplishments of Check It, a student led movement to prevent and respond to sexual assault, dating violence and stalking at HSU.

McGuigan was present on behalf of the Resolution. McGuigan stated that the resolution recognizes and acknowledges Check It for the accomplishments over the last year.

Kirakosyan opened the floor to public comment.

Dominick Page, a student at large, stated his support for the resolution.

MOTION: SINGH/DALY move to approve Resolution No. 2014-15-13: Resolution in
 Recognition of Check It APPROVED
 (1) ABSTENTION

Singh is in favor of the resolution. Brathwaite asked about if the number of reported sexual assaults is decreasing. Dr. Blake stated that the process to come forward as a victim has become easier and that the impact of Check-It has had the number of reports rise as victims feel more empowered to come forward. Dr. Blake stated that the university was expecting the number of reports to rise with the new program and believes that the number will decrease in the future.

C. Resolution No. 2014-15-14: Resolution in Support of Unified Students of Humboldt–**Action Item**

The resolution resolves that the Associated Students support Unified Students of Humboldt in their mediation with the University President and encourages HSU Administrators to respect and follow through on the demands formulated by Unified Students of Humboldt.

McGuigan was present on behalf of the resolution. McGuigan stated that the Unified Students of Humboldt left the Bolman forum in good faith on February 28 in advance of a March 3rd mediation meeting with the university administration. McGuigan stated that the resolution is to show support for the Unified Students of Humboldt through the mediation process.

There was no Public Comment.

MOTION: DALY/MORRISON move to approve Resolution No. 2014-15-14: Resolution in Support of Unified Students of Humboldt **APPROVED**

YES VOTE	NO VOTE	ABSTENTION	ABSENT
Sanders		McGuigan	Largent
Hernandez		Esh	Dinzes
Morrison		Singh	
Ingerson			
Mitchell			
Daly			
Brathwaite			
Kupelian			
Whaley			
Cortes			

MOTION: DALY/BRATHWAITE move to amend paragraph #12 to read:

RESOLVED, that HSU Associated Students encourage Humboldt State Administrators and the Unified Students of Humboldt to meet with open minds and mutual respect for each other and the process of mediation. The demands presented by the Unified Students of Humboldt should be carefully considered by the Humboldt State Administrators and that the outcomes of the mediation and any promises made should be respected by all; be it further

**APPROVED
AS AMENDED
(1) ABSTENTION**

Esh asked McGuigan to review the list of demands. McGuigan reviewed the list of demands with the Council. Esh stated concern that the demands infringe on professors academic freedom. Poppers yielded to, Dominick Page, a member of the public. Page stated that the word *respected* should be replaced with the word *honored*.

MOTION: ESH move to table Resolution No. 2014-15-14 to the March 26, 2015 meeting

The motion dies with the lack of a second.

MOTION: CORTES/HERNANDEZ move to amend Resolution No. 2014-15-14 to attach the demands of Unified Students of Humboldt **APPROVED**

AS AMENDED
(2) NAY

Esh reiterated that students should not demand how professors teach their classes. Brathwaite stated that attaching the demands to the resolution does not imply endorsement of the demands.

MOTION: DALY/INGERSON move to amend the amendment to add *For Reference Only* to the demands APPROVED

MOTION: INGERSON/MITCHELL move to call the question APPROVED

A roll call vote on the Motion to call the question was requested.

YES VOTE	NO VOTE	ABSTENTION	ABSENT
Sanders		McGuigan	Largent
Hernandez		Esh	Dinzes
Morrison			
Ingerson			
Mitchell			
Daly			
Brathwaite			
Kupelian			
Whaley			
Singh			
Cortes			

A roll call vote on the Motion to approve the Resolution as amended was requested. The roll call is included on page five of the minutes.

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

President (Jerry Dinzes)
Absent.

Administrative Vice President (Ana Cortes)

Board of Finance Report – March 3, 2015

- Request from Club and Program Support from Unallocated in an amount not to exceed \$2,500 for costs associated with providing approximately six additional club travel grants – **Action Item**
The Clubs and Activities Office received an original allocation of \$20,000 to provide travel grants to clubs and organizations. As of February 20, the Clubs Office has allocated all available funding to over thirty organizations.

MOTION: KUPELIAN/INGERSON move to approve the request from Club and Program Support from Unallocated in an amount not to exceed \$2,500 for costs associated with providing approximately six additional club travel grants APPROVED
(1) ABSTENTION

Cortes noted that the Board of Finance amended the Motion to change the amount to \$2,500.

2. **Resolution No. 2014-15-12: An Act to Amend the AS Government Code to Include Section 6, Non-Compensatory Stipends – Information Item**
The Board of Finance reviewed a resolution that will be considered by the AS Council at the March 5, 2015 meeting. The resolution will amend the AS Government Code to incorporate guidelines for Non-Compensatory Stipends received by AS Council members. Also provided is a spreadsheet that outlines proposed adjustments to the Non-Compensatory Stipend amounts for AS Council Members.
3. **Associated Students 2015-16 Unrestricted Net Position Analysis – Information Item**
The Board of Finance will review the Unrestricted Net Position Analysis which provides the balance and projected expenditures from the Associated Students Reserve funds.

Cortes stated that the Board of Finance reviewed the 2015-16 Unrestricted Net Position Analysis.

4. **2015-16 Recommended Associated Students Budget – Information Item**
The Board of Finance has completed its recommendations and the AS Council will receive the recommended budget at the end of this meeting. **Action will be taken regarding the budget at the April 2, 2015 meeting.** There will also be a meeting on Thursday, March 26, 2015 to discuss the 2015-16 Recommended Budget.

Cortes stated that the 2015-16 Fiscal Year recommended budget will be provided to the AS Council at the end of this meeting.

Student Affairs Vice President (T.J. Singh)

Singh reported that he will be presenting a workshop on the Social Justice Summit. Planning for the Holi Festival is continuing. Singh will be meeting with the campus transgender community to learn about more ways that they can be supported.

Legislative Vice President (Kirakosyan)

Kirakosyan reported that the Eric Rofes Queer Resource Center will be hosting the Queer Battle of the Bands on Saturday, April 4 at 8:00 p.m. The Queer Resource Center Development Committee continues to meet. Kirakosyan attended the California Higher Education Student Summit.

Morrison – College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

Morrison reported that the Graduation Pledge Alliance will be hosting a pledge party on Friday, May 1 from 3:00-5:00 p.m. Morrison continues to work on the Real Food Project. The Arts Humanities and Social Sciences representatives met with Dean Ayoob who has offered \$500 for the All University mixer.

Sanders – College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

Sanders reported that she met with the Dean of the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences.

Hernandez – College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

No report.

Ingerson – College of Professional Studies

Ingerson reported that the University Senate is considering changing the add/drop deadline to the Monday of the third week of the semester.

Mitchell – College of Professional Studies

Mitchell reported that he is continuing with planning the all college mixer.

Daly – College of Professional Studies

Daly reported that the Humboldt Film Festival will be hosting a fundraiser on Saturday at the Arcata Theater. Daly has been nominated to serve on the Sponsored Programs Foundation Governance Committee and Incentives Committee.

McGuigan – College of Natural Resources and Sciences

McGuigan reported that Sexual Assault Prevention Committee is reviewing the campus' policies on Sexual Assault.

Brathwaite – College of Natural Resources and Sciences

Brathwaite reported that she met with Assembly member Jim Wood during the Higher Education Student Summit and will be following up with his office. The Natural Resources and Sciences mixer will be on Monday, March 9 from 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. in the Great Hall.

Kupelian – College of Natural Resources and Sciences

Kupelian reported that he is working with Brathwaite, McGuigan and Whaley on the Natural Resources and Sciences Mixer. Kupelian attended the Board of Finance meeting.

Largent – At Large

Absent.

Whaley – At Large

Whaley reported that the Waste Reduction Resource Awareness Program will be hosting an event to teach students to make bags out of t-shirts. Whaley will be attending an elections commission meeting tomorrow.

Esh – Graduate Representative

Esh reported that the University Senate is considering a proposal to create a Dean's list for students who receive a Semesterly GPA between 3.5 and 3.74.

External Affairs (Cervantes)

Cervantes reported that he and a group of ten students attended the California Higher Education Student Summit. The Lobby Corps will be meeting soon. Cervantes will be attending the Instructionally Related Activities meeting on Monday, March 9.

AS Presents (Ramirez)

Ramirez updated the Council on upcoming Arts in the Quad events. The Arts and Music Festival has obtained the University Events Field. The lineup for the Arts and Music Festival will be announced at the next AS Council meeting.

Elections Commissioner (Poppers)

Poppers stated that candidate packets will be available on March 9. A candidate information night will be held on March 11 in Nelson Hall East 106.

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

Blake reported that a candle light vigil will be held to commemorate the lives lost in the Bus Crash on the one year anniversary, April 10, 2015.

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

It was announced that HSU received the spirit award at the California Higher Education Student Summit. Q-Talks, an opportunity for students to talk about LGBTQ issues are on Friday's at 3p.m. in Nelson Hall East 119. The Social Justice Summit is Friday March 13-15. Tyson provided the budget to the AS Council.

Adjournment

Kirakosyan adjourned the meeting without objection at 7:45 p.m.

Recorded by:
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Approved Via E-mail 3/23/15
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Legislative Vice President