

Associated Students Council
Humboldt State University
Friday, May 2, 2014
University Center Banquet Room
Minutes #21

APPROVED
5-9-14

Call to Order

Lino Sanchez, Legislative Vice President, called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. in the University Center Banquet Room

Roll Call

Representatives Present: Ray Alvarez, Rashod Berkeley, Nicholas Colbrunn, Jessie Holtz, Jesse Hoskins, Corinne Krupp, Jackie Martinez, Taylor Mitchell, Jennifer Moore, Terreivia Shirley

Representatives Absent: Mick Johnson (unexcused)

Officers Present: Victor Arredondo (late), Ana Cortes, Forust Ercole, Lino Sanchez

Advisors Present: Dr. Peg Blake, Jerry Dinzes, Joan Tyson, Eli Poppers, Matt Lutwen

Approval of Agenda

MOTION: COLBRUNN/HOSKINS move to approve Agenda #21 dated May 2, 2014

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Special Guest

Dr. President Richmond, University President, was present. President Richmond stated that he would be approving the Associated Students Fee increase and requested the AS Council to consider the amount of funds held in reserves. President Richmond also provided information on the system that was implemented by the CSU, in collaboration with the California Secretary of State, that allows students to register to vote when registering for classes and stated that over 200 HSU students utilized the resource in the past year. President Richmond encouraged the Council to continue to register students to vote. Ercole provided and read a proclamation honoring President Richmond for his service to Humboldt State University.

Chair's Report

Sanchez reported that this will be the final meeting of the 2013-14 AS Council.

Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of Minutes #20 dated April 25, 2014 – Action Item

MOTION: COLBRUNN/CORTES move to approve Minutes #20 dated April 25, 2014

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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 (Forust Ercole)**

No Appointments.

A.S. Administrative Vice President (Ana Cortes)

No Appointments.

A.S. Legislative Vice President (Lino Sanchez)

No Appointments

A.S. Student Affairs Vice President (Victor Arredondo)

Absent.

Old Business

- A. Approval of the April 22-24, 2014 Associated Students Election Results – **Action Item**
The Elections Commission recommended approval of the Election Results to the AS Council at the Friday, April 25, 2014 Elections Commission meeting. The unofficial results have been attached.

There was no Public Comment.

MOTION: HOSKINS/MOORE move to approve the April 22-24, 2014 Associated Students Election Results
APPROVED
(1) ABSTENTION

Ercole thanked the Elections Commission for their work on the election.

- B. Resolution # 2013-14-25: Resolution to Support Empower HSU – **Tabled Action Item**
The Resolution resolves support for Empower HSU gathering in the Art Quad on May 1-2 for a public forum where students deliberate contemporary social challenges.

MOTION: HOLTZ/COLBRUNN move to table Resolution #2013-14-25 Resolution to Support Empower HSU indefinitely
APPROVED
(4) ABSTENTIONS

Ercole stated that he is in favor of tabling the resolution; but wanted to include on the record some of the comments he received from programs. Moore stated that the Newman Center was concerned that their name had been used on a zine for the event and that approval of sponsorship is required from the Catholic Diocese for their organization. Ercole stated that he was concerned that a petition students signed did not provide enough detail about the event. Holtz stated that she would like to have the resolution tabled indefinitely as it does not represent the student body in its entirety.

- C. Resolution # 2013-14-27: Resolution Opposing Use of Super Toxic Rat Poisons on Campus–

Action Item

The Resolution resolves that the Associated Students strongly discourages the use of Super Toxic Rat Poisons on campus and that Plant Operations incorporate non-toxic alternatives.

Sanchez, the author of the resolution, was present. Sanchez stated that the resolution calls for setting up a policy that is in accordance with California legislation to ban second-generation Anticoagulant Rodenticides (SGAR). SGAR's have the ability to pass poisons to predators of rats and can be toxic to humans in the area.

There was no Public Comment.

MOTION: COLBRUNN/CORTES move to approve Resolution #2013-14-27: Resolution
Opposing Use of Super Toxic Rat Poisons on Campus APPROVED

There was no Council Discussion on the Resolution.

- D. Resolution # 2013-14-28: Resolution to Reevaluate Funding for Social Work Food Pantry –
Action Item
The Resolution resolves support for the Food Pantry and recommends action to the 2014-15 AS Council for establishment of a food pantry.

Sanchez, the author of the resolution was present. Sanchez stated that the Social Work Department has been working on establishing a food pantry on campus and that the program is currently strategizing how to fund its efforts.

There was no Public Comment.

MOTION: CORTES/KRUPP move to approve Resolution #2013-14-28: Resolution to
Reevaluate Funding for Social Work Food Pantry APPROVED
AS AMMENDED

Dinzes suggested that the Resolution be amended to allocate funds in the budget. Colbrunn stated that the resolution will show support for the Social Work Food Pantry when seeking funding. Sanchez stated that the resolution does not guarantee funding for the program but is a step in the right direction. Holtz asked if there were additional items that could be included in the resolution to better secure the funding. Sanchez stated that the work would likely be carried into the next year with the AS Council. Tyson stated that the IRA Committee is supportive and has allocated funding to assist the Social Work department in implementing a food pantry. Blake stated that multiple funding sources are being investigated.

MOTION: HOSKINS/HOLTZ move to strike the term *Social Work Food Pantry* and replace
with the term *Humboldt Campus Food Security Program*. APPROVED

There was no discussion on the amendment.

MOTION: COLBRUNN/CORTES move to amend the 5th paragraph to read: Resolved, that
Associated Students support this effort as a means to decrease food insecurity by
ensuring that no students go without food APPROVED

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

Ercole reported that President Richmond received a petition requesting that discussion regarding restructuring auxiliaries be discontinued. The petition had the signature of 775 students. President Richmond will be discussing the proposal with incoming HSU President Dr. Lisa Rossbacher.

Administrative Vice President (Ana Cortes)

Cortes reported that she attended the meeting of the Student Fee Advisory Committee. Cortes looks forward to continuing service with the AS Council in 2014-15.

Student Affairs Vice President (Victor Arredondo)

Arredondo reported that he met with students from the INERSEP regarding concerns about the restructure of programs that serve Native American students. Arredondo attended a discussion on *Super Taco*, a painting that was moved from the J Dining Hall to the HSU Library. A majority of students at the meeting were in support of having the painting removed. Arredondo showed the Council a video of students who were interviewed about the restructuring of INERSEP.

Legislative Vice President (Lino Sanchez)

Sanchez reported that he has enjoyed being chair.

Martinez – College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

Martinez reported that she feels that she has grown into a leader while serving on the AS Council and that it is a pleasure to work with Council members. The Real Food Challenge organizers will be meeting with President Richmond on Tuesday, May 6.

Hoskins – College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

Hoskins reported that he has enjoyed getting to know everyone and has built really good relationships and has learned how to view things from a different perspective. Hoskins thanked the Council for the opportunity.

Colbrunn – College of Natural Resources and Sciences

Colbrunn reported that he has enjoyed serving on the Council and that the Council faced many obstacles but finished strong. Colbrunn will be performing in the Eric Rofes Queer Resource Center drag show,

Holtz – College of Natural Resources and Sciences

Holtz reported that serving on the AS Council has inspired her and that she enjoyed the opportunity.

Krupp – College of Natural Resources and Sciences

Krupp advised the incoming Council to remember the student's voice next year and to solicit opinions from students. The Humboldt Energy Independence Fund approved three proposals at their last meeting. The Waste Reduction Resource Awareness Program is preparing for Donation Dash.

Mitchell – College of Professional Studies

Mitchell reported that he enjoyed this year and further remarked that the Council accomplished a lot together. Mitchell looks forward to continuing to serve on the AS Council in 2014-15.

Johnson – College of Professional Studies

Absent.

Shirley – College of Professional Studies

Shirley reported that she has grown as leader serving on the AS Council and feels honored to be a part of the organization.

Berkley – At Large

Berkley reported that he enjoyed his experience on the AS Council and that other Council members were welcoming and helpful when he joined mid-year.

Moore – At Large

Moore reported that she attended the Student Fee Advisory Committee meeting on April 30. The Library Dean Search Committee has invited three candidates to campus next week and open forums will be available. Moore recommended that next year's Council develop a relationship with the Newman Center. Moore stated that serving on AS has been the highlight of her year.

Alvarez – Graduate Representative

Alvarez reported that he attended the Western Psychological Conference. Alvarez traveled to the Reno Jazz Festival with the HSU Jazz Choir. Alvarez stated that the 2013-14 AS Council was passionate in their work and accomplished a great deal.

External Affairs (Jerry Dinzes)

Dinzes reported that he will attend a CSSA meeting this weekend. CSSA will be considering resolutions sponsored by HSU. Dinzes attended an open forum of the UPD Police Chief Search Committee. Dinzes stated that it had been a pleasure working with the Council.

AS Presents (Mathew Lutwen)

Lutwen reported that he has spent multiple years serving Associated Students and that he appreciates the dialogues that the Council has and hopes that Council members continue public service.

Elections Commissioner (Eli Poppers)

Poppers reported that the AS Elections concluded last week and thanked everyone who helped with outreach for the election. HSU Associated Students was featured in an article on fairvote.org about implementing ranked choice voting.

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

Dr. Blake reported that she attended the discussion on the *Super Taco* painting and it confirmed her desire to continue to serve students. Dr. Blake noted that she has received a lot of communication regarding INERSEP and that there is some misinformation on the program. The Dean of the College of Natural Resources and Sciences has sent out an e-mail to clarify some of the misinformation about changes to the INERSEP program. Dr. Blake stated that a Center for Academic Excellence in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math is being created which will house the INERSEP program. HSU has been designated a Tree Campus by the Arbor Day Foundation and over 100 trees will be planted on campus in the next twelve months. HSU has received over \$100,000 in funds to support a scholarship created in honor of the victims of the April 10th bus crash. HSU is also applying to receive a grant of \$160,000 in funds to create scholarships for first time college students. Dr. Blake remarked that the Council succeeded this year after a rough start and congratulated them on a job well done.

General Manager (Joan Tyson)

Tyson reported that it was an honor working with the Council and that she appreciated their hard work and support. Tyson and Ercole passed out Graduation stoles to graduating Council members and each Council member received a certificate of acknowledgement for their service.

General Council Discussion

Dr. Blake noted that the new trees would be a variety of species. Cortes reported that there is a Check It Party in the Goodwin Forum tonight at 8:00 p.m. and that Lambda Theta Phi and the Finding Resource and Empowerment through Education (FREE) Club will be hosting a dance at 9:00 p.m. on Saturday. Cortes encouraged the Council to understand the history of Cinco De Mayo. Cortes stated that she is pleased that a scholarship has been created; but opined that FREE has been struggling to create a scholarship for undocumented students and is disappointed that it was not until after a tragedy that a scholarship was created. Cortes asked for an update on the invitation of a consultant who will assist HSU in creating a strategic plan to serve undocumented students. Dr. Blake stated that the consultant will be coming in the Fall semester. Cortes stated that additional funding should be provided by HSU to support students attending conferences and representing the university. Martinez asked if the meal point drive that raises funds for Food for People could be changed to provide meal points to needy students. Dr. Blake stated that she will investigate if that is possible. Dr. Blake stated that a faculty residence is being constructed in Sunset Hall.

General Council Work Session**A. Spring 2014 Study Lounge – Information Item (Victor Arredondo)**

Arredondo stated that the Spring 2014 Study Lounge will be held May 11-14 and that tutoring will be provide by the Learning Center. The event will be held in Karshner Lounge and the South Lounge and will be open until midnight each day.

Announcements

There were no announcements.

Adjournment

Sanchez adjourned the meeting without objection at 3:46 p.m.

Recorded by:
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Approved by:



Lino Sanchez
Legislative Vice President