Call to Order

Jason Robo, Legislative Vice President, called the meeting to order at 3:03 pm in the University Center South Lounge.

Roll Call

Members Present: Tyler Smith, Nikki Kovalcheck, Carrie Schaden, Tiffany Newton, Carol Hurley (late), Carol Balch (late), Christopher Lobo (late)

Members Absent: Ryan Guy (excused), Jeff Sanders (unexcused)

Officers Present: Terra Rentz, DaVonna Foy, Jason Robo, Constance Mitchell, Lladira Baez, Rachel Rodriguez, Alan Chesbro

Advisors Present: Joan Tyson, Steve Butler

Approval of Agenda

MOTION: NEWTON/SMITH move to approve Agenda #10. APPROVED

Chair's Report

Robo reported that many Council members are missing the meeting because they are attending the first day of class. Other Council members are currently working with Steve Butler, Vice President of Student Affairs to resolve some eligibility issues.

Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of Minutes #9 dated December 10th, 2007—Action Item

MOTION: NEWTON/SMITH move to approve Minutes #10 dated December 10th, 2007. APPROVED

Mitchell commented on the level of detail of the minutes in regards to the budget discussion on page 7. Robo concurred with the comments. No suggestions for changes were made.

Public Comments (As per the Gloria Romero Open Meeting Act of 2000 authorized by Section 89306.)
Mona Mazzotti, the new Outreach Coordinator for the Multicultural Center (MCC), introduced herself and dropped off information about spring programming at the MCC. She referred the Council to check out the MCC website for more information on upcoming events. She reminded Council that the MCC is planning for Black History Month and Lunar New Year in February. This year’s title of the Social Justice Summit is “Reclaiming SOUL!” Workshop proposals for the Social Justice Summit are available online and are due by February 1st. Students who volunteer for the Social Justice Summit get to attend the conference for no charge.

Caitlin Gill, an HSU alumni class of 2004, addressed the Council and congratulated the Council on their current work. Gill is now a stand up comedian and small business owner in the bay area. She offered her services to the Council if they are ever in need of a speaker or performer. Gill’s e-mail is: caitlinisall@yahoo.com. Gill took a minute to perform pieces of her stand up comedy.

Michael Hamanaka, a student, addressed the Council about the campus new security agent software that must be downloaded on computers that use the campus wireless network. Hamanaka believes that students have the right to freely send and receive information and that students have the ability to understand what should or should not be allowed to be downloaded and the legal ramifications of downloading copyrighted materials. Hamanaka reported that he requested twenty books over the break through the inter-library loan system, but was only able to receive one of the twenty books. Hamanaka will be meeting with Library Dean Ray Wang to discuss issues and concerns he has with the library. Hamanaka believes that the library should carry more documents and that the university should make it easier for students to access materials freely. Hamanaka is a business major and is requesting business, computer and economic reference materials for the library.

Dr. Butler, Vice President of Student Affairs, addressed the Council on the state budget. Butler expressed that the University has great anxiety about the state budget and its impact on HSU. The Governor has called a state-of-emergency and the legislature has 45 days to present a balanced budget proposal to the Governor for fiscal year 2008-09. The Governor’s proposed budget includes a reduction to the CSU system. Butler is unsure if the budget will continue to fund the compact. The CSU system has announced a freeze on enrollment increases for all campuses. HSU is in the 3rd year of an enrollment increase, currently applications for enrollment for next year are up 30 percent over the prior year. Lower division transfers will not be accepted and upper division transfer students must have completed all of their lower division requirements. The CSU system will only fund HSU up to the enrollment target, funding will not be provided for any students enrolled over the target enrollment. HSU is currently planning for various budget scenarios. Rentz asked what the enrollment target will be for next year. Butler replied that the enrollment target will be 7304 FTE in-state students. Schaden asked how students can find out how many students were deterred from applying. Butler noted that there is no way to tell how many students do not apply because they are blocked from the applications process. Hamanaka asked why the school ended the application period. Butler responded that the Chancellor’s office chose to end the application period, not the campus.

Robo questioned Butler about what actions the Chancellor’s office is doing to stop the budget cuts to the CSU. Butler responded that there is an effort to gain more money for the system through the state legislature.
Tyson introduced Gail Wootan, the new Associate Director of Student Life. Wootan introduced herself and told Council that today is only her 7th day on campus. Before working at HSU Wootan was an event planner for the non-profit organization Idealist.org. Wootan attained her master’s degree in Higher Education Administration from the University of Oregon. Wootan announced that she will be advising the spring AS Elections and will be attending the spring retreat with Council.

Program Presentations

Humboldt Film Festival – Benn Bettenhausen

Bettenhausen introduced himself to the Council as a co-director for the Humboldt Film Festival. The Humboldt Film Festival is one of the nation’s oldest student run film festivals and was established in 1967. In the past the Humboldt Film Festival has been known for their experimental film entries. Bettenhausen reported that this is the first year that the Festival is accepting submissions over the internet. This year the festival has received over 1,500 entrees. This year will also be the first time that students will be able to attend the festival for free. Kovalcheck asked if the number of finalists or awards will be expanded due to the large amount of entries. Bettenhausen replied that the festival is still considering the amount of finalists or awards that will be given out. The festival will be the 24-30th of March and will be held on campus rather than at the Minor movie theater. Holding the event in the Van Duzer Theater will allow digital submissions to be shown in better quality. Bettenhausen said that the film festival is working hard to bring out freshman and sophomores to the event. There will be a local filmmaker’s night on the first evening. This year the judges will be offering workshops on certain days for festival goers to attend.

Appointments to Committees and Council

A. S. President (Terra Rentz)

MOTION: SMITH/NEWTON move to appoint Keith Lambert as Elections Commissioner

APPROVED

A. S. Administrative Vice President (DaVonna Foy)
No appointments

A. S. Legislative Vice President (Jason Robo)
No appointments.

A. S. Student Affairs Vice President (Constance Mitchell)
No appointments.

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

College Representative Reports

Kovalcheck – College of Natural Resources and Sciences
Kovalcheck will be continuing the clean up process at the Warren House. The Student Recreation Center Board of Directors will be meeting in the coming weeks. Kovalcheck has not heard from the International Resource Committee on any upcoming committee meetings.

Smith – College of Natural Resources and Sciences
The CNRS Lab Fee committee is having a lot of scheduling conflicts, but will be settling on a meeting time soon. The Humboldt Energy Independence Fund (HEIF) will be releasing their first call for proposals soon. Smith recommended that any student who has an idea for a HEIF project to please contact him.

Schaden – College of Natural Resources and Sciences
Absent.

Hurley – College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences
Absent.

Newton – College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences
Newton will be running a safe spaces campaign for the campus and will be providing training to anyone interested. Newton wants to work on priority registration issues that are fair and equitable to students. The Student Health Advisory Committee will be meeting next week to work on creating a website that has medical resources for students. The Sexual Health Advocacy Committee is preparing for the Sex-po and Sex Land events this spring.

Guy – College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences
Absent.

Lobo – College of Professional Studies
Absent.

Balch – All University
Balch reported that the University is organizing a German Studies major to replace the German Language major.

Sanders –All University
Absent.

**General Manager (Joan Tyson)**
Tyson announced that Associated Students has completed the CSU compliance audit. The Associated Students audit had no findings or recommendations. The AS Campus and Community Service Scholarship application is now available both online and in the office. The scholarship award is $1,000, $500 per semester, and students must qualify for financial need. Tyson announced that she will be holding an open office hour from 2:00-3:00 p.m. on Wednesdays.

**AS Presents (Alan Chesbro)**
Chesbro reported that Tegan and Sara have confirmed for AS Presents and will be performing April 18th, 2008. Pinback is also scheduled to perform on February 11th. One of the headliners for Coachella may be performing at HSU and will be announced soon.

CSSA (Rachel Rodriguez)
Rodriguez handed out the summary of the Governor’s proposed budget affects on higher education. Rodriguez noted that the conclusion included a larger than planned fee increase in student fee levels at both CSU and UC campuses. This may mean that CSU students will be paying more than 10 percent than this year. CSSA has scheduled a march on the Capitol for April 21st. Baez and Rodriguez will be organizing busses for HSU students interested in taking part in the march. The march will be held the Monday after the CHESS conference. The goal is to get at least 2000 students to march on the state capitol. Rodriguez reported that 10,000 qualified students will be denied entrance into the CSU system due to the budget shortfall. Cal Grant B will not be offered to new students in the 2008-09 school year but will continue for students already receiving aid. Rodriguez noted that Council members should take time to call the Governor’s office to advocate for the appointment of a student trustee. Rodriguez asked for Council’s help with Getting Funky with the Vote.

CSSA (Lladira Baez)
Baez announced that part of the December meeting was focused on the CSSA budget and the dues and non-dues paying campuses issue. Non-dues paying member campuses of CSSA will now have less privileges then dues-paying campuses during meetings. The Multicultural Caucus passed a resolution on Textbook affordability. Baez reported that the CSSA board evaluated the Executive Director at the January meeting and that the process went well. The University Affairs committee discussed shared governance issues and the Board of Trustees will be creating a policy within the next year. Baez mentioned that dues paying campuses should not be allowed to debate on issues at the plenary meeting. Baez noted that CSSA was organized to represent the students of the CSU not the individual ASI’s of each campus within the CSU. CSSA will be reevaluating the MBA fee proposal. Baez is currently concentrating on building a lobby corps at the HSU campus.

Legislative Vice President (Jason Robo)
Robo wanted to bring the financial aid disbursement process to the attention of the Council. Robo feels that the opportunity for students to get their Financial Aid checks should come earlier so that students have enough time to purchase books for classes. Robo commented that changes to AS Codes can be made either by Council or though an election. Robo informed Council that he is expecting each college to hold a social this semester. Robo is starting a list of University and Associated Students committees that are not meeting and wants to address the concerns of them. Robo will address the non-meeting committees to the Academic Senate. Jason had a meeting with the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention committee (ADAPT) on December 4th, 2007 and will be able to make all of the meetings this semester. The ADAPT committee did introductions and set goals for the year. Robo stated that most of the conversation in ADAPT was focused on tobacco use. The ADAPT committee will also work on dealing with alcohol issues on campus.

Student Affairs Vice President (Constance Mitchell)
Mitchell thanked Council for their volunteer efforts for the AS Study Lounge. Mitchell noted that she received a lot of positive feedback on the AS Study Lounge and that is was one of the most successful and well attended ones ever. The Newman Center won the AS Hunger Fighter food drive. The
Associated Students will be hosting the catered dinner for the Newman Center on January, 30th at 6:00 pm. Mitchell said that she would like the Executive Committee to hold another review of executives again this semester and encouraged Council members to participate. Mitchell has decided not to put on the Shadow Day event but wanted to allow another Council member to take up the opportunity. Mitchell is requesting designees for certain committees this semester. Mitchell requested that at the retreat that the Council discusses grades and eligibility issues.

**Administrative Affairs Vice President (Davonna Foy)**
The AS Funding Board is working at setting the meeting dates for this semester. Foy will be working with Tyson and Marylyn Paik-Nicely, Director of the Multicultural Center, to work out a clearer definition for diversity funding grants.

**President (Terra Rentz)**
Rentz reported that the Focus the Nation town hall event will be held on January 31st. Rentz nominated Jeff Steuben from CCAT and Jeffrey Hinton from HEIF, along with herself, to sit on the panel with local elected officials. Rentz noted that the office needs a “Spring Cleaning” and asked Council members to take time to clean the office and make their files more accessible. AS Executive Committee meetings will take place at 2:00 pm—the hour prior to the AS Meeting this semester. Rentz asked Council to connect with their program liaison so that they can avail themselves for the budget. Mitchell and Rentz have been working with Dr. Butler on shared governance and committees. Rentz released a memo to the administration that they get in contact with all chairs of committees in their division. Rentz will be meeting with the University Executive Committee to update them about shared governance efforts. Rentz is working at getting AS Shirts made for Council members. Rentz requested Council’s assistance in getting people excited about running and participating in the elections for AS.

**General Council Discussion (At this time Council members and Executives may follow-up with questions regarding reports.)**

Mitchell mentioned to Robo that he has a seat on the Financial Aid committee and should use it to his advantage to take on issues he has with the financial aid disbursement process. Mitchell asked Balch about what the German Studies program would entail. Balch said that she would deliver information on the program as it becomes available. Mitchell complimented Tyson on her open office hour plan. Mitchell asked if CSSA had made a recommendation for a student trustee. Rodriguez replied they are waiting for the Governor to make the appointment. Mitchell asked what Rentz meant by user accessibility in the office. Rentz said that students should feel comfortable in all offices and that keeping the offices clean would help. Newton noted that she is unsure of her duties for WASC and asked Rentz for help. Rentz obliged. Newton asked the CSSA representatives if they needed help with getting information about the budget out. Lambert noted that he is looking forward to input and feedback and would like students who can be on the elections committee to contact him. Lambert would like Council members to contact him so he can learn how they became involved in Associated Students. Rodriguez mentioned that CSSA passed resolutions in support to parking equity, in support of textbook affordability, and in support of the Tuition Relief Now campaign. Rodriguez stated that CSSA committed to 10,000 signatures for Tuition Relief Now. Robo stated that decorating the office is also an important way to make students feel welcome. Robo stated that when AS chooses someone to represent the students they should include it on the agenda as an action item, doing this would help to preserve the
integrity of the Council. Mitchell said that she is excited to have Newton and Baez representing students on the WASC committee.

**General Council Work Session**

A. A. S. Spring Retreat- Friday-Sunday, February 1-3 -Joan Tyson and Terra Rentz

Tyson reminded Council that they will be departing on February 1st at 5:00 p.m. at the Library Circle. It will be important for the group to caravan since there is only one key for the gate. Friday night’s dinner is a Mexican potluck and each member should sign up for an ingredient. Students should also sign up to prepare or clean up a meal. Those who volunteer to prepare a meal will be able to pick up money for groceries from Liz Samaniego. Tyson reminded Council to bring warm clothes. Rentz let Council know that they will be covering elections, budget, position binders, lobby core, and revisiting goals at the AS retreat.

**Announcements**

Foy recommended that AS Council present at the Social Justice Summit. Mitchell announced that a DUI prevention video is being shot this Friday at 5:00 p.m. at the CCAT house and that Council is invited to be in the commercial. Mitchell announced that tickets for a Roller Derby dinner on Saturday are available for sale. Robo announced that on March 15th there is a nation wide march to stop the war in Iraq and to impeach the president at the Municipal auditorium in Eureka.

**Adjournment**

Robo adjourned the meeting without objection at 5:30 p.m.

Recorded by:

Rob Christensen
AS Secretary

Approved by:

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Jason Robo
AS Legislative Vice President