Call to Order
Dina Haigounian, Associated Students Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. in the University Center South Lounge.

Roll Call
Members Present: Rachel Cooke, Dina Haigounian, Desiree Woods, Joyce Tam, Corey Fenton, NightSnow Vogt, Zachary Beshore, Jennifer DeBoer
Members Absent: Kale Roberts (excused),
Officers Present: Sofia Pereira, Gabe Shames, Brandon Chapin, Melissa Gussin, Dorothyann Guido
Officers Absent: Steven Dixon (excused)
Advisors Present: Gail Wootan, Joan Tyson

Approval of Agenda
MOTION: FENTON/DEBOER move to approve Agenda #14. APPROVED

Chair's Report
Haigounian reported that as Vice Chair she will be presiding over meetings until a new Legislative Vice President is appointed.

Approval of Minutes
A. Approval of Minutes #13 dated December 15th, 2008 -- Action Item

MOTION: WOODS/FENTON move to approve Minutes #13 dated December 15th, 2008. APPROVED

Public Comments (As per the Gloria Romero Open Meeting Act of 2000 authorized by Section 89306.)
Nikki Kovalcheck, former Administrative Vice President, commented to Council that she had resigned from her position. Kovalcheck wished the Council luck in the coming semester.

Program Presentations
A. Children’s Center - Trudi Walker
Trudi Walker, Director of the Children’s Center, was present on behalf of the Program. The Children’s Center is located at the corner of 14th and Union streets and is open year round from 7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. and can serve up to 36 toddlers and 42 preschoolers at any one time. Currently there are 107 children enrolled and each child receives approximately 30-35 hours of care per week. Most students who utilize the Children’s Center do not have to pay for care that their Child receives due to grants that cover enrollment for low income families. Grant Funding currently covers 65% of the children in the program. The Children’s Center offers support services for student-parents thru networking, parent education events and discussion groups. A parent advisory board helps to oversee the activities of the Children’s Center. Student-Parents also sit on the hiring committees for teachers at the Children’s Center. Around fifty-six students work at the Children’s Center; two-thirds of which are Early Childhood Education or Elementary Education majors. Students on campus may also use the Children’s Center for observation requirements as well as internships and field placements. Currently the Children’s Center is working on a new program to provide funding for off-campus child care to students who are currently on the waiting list. The new program is expected to begin in the Fall of 2009.

B. Learning Center - Carmen Colunga & Su Karl

Carmen Colunga and Su Karl, Learning Center Coordinators, were present on behalf of the program. Colunga explained that the Learning Center currently provides support for students who are in Math, French, Spanish, Chinese, Zoology 110 and Biology 104 classes. Students can receive private tutoring for $10.00 an hour or free tutoring for small groups of students. Colunga discussed that the Learning Center will be moving into the basement of the library this summer. Colunga explained that the space in their current location is very small and that the move will allow the Learning Center to serve more students. Colunga explained that the Learning Center has over 100 student tutors on staff as well as six office assistants.

**Appointments to Committees and Council**

**A. S. President (Sofia Pereira)**

MOTION: DEBOER/VOGT move to appoint Dylan Sutherland to the Associated Students Council as the Elections Commissioner.  
APPROVED  
(1) ABSTENTION

MOTION: WOODS/TAM move to appoint Morrissa Hudson to the Associated Students Council as an Arts Humanities and Social Science Representative.  
APPROVED

**A. S. Administrative Vice President (Vacant)**

No Appointments.

**A.S. Legislative Vice President (Vacant).**

No Appointments.

**A.S. Student Affairs Vice President (Gabe Shames)**
No Appointments.

**Old Business**

A. A. S. Elections – Action Item
   Approval of the dates for the AS General Elections as per Associated Students Elections Code, Section 13.04. Recommended dates are April 21, 22 & 23, 2009.

   **MOTION:** FENTON/COOKE move to approve the AS General Elections dates of April 21, 22 & 23, 2009. **APPROVED**

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

**Committee Reports from Students-at-Large**

Andrew Bond, Academic Senate representative, reported that the Academic Senate is considering a proposal for an Integrated Curriculum Committee that would replace the University Curriculum Committee and the separate College Curriculum Committees. The proposal indicates that no students would sit on the committee. Bond will be working with other students on the Academic Senate to make sure that students receive representation on the new committee.

**College Representative Reports**

Cooke – College of Natural Resources and Sciences
Cooke reported that she is looking forward to the AS Retreat this weekend.

Roberts – College of Natural Resources and Sciences
Absent.

Fenton – College of Professional Studies
Fenton reported that the Board of Finance will be meeting next week. Fenton also reported that the AS Presents Committee will be producing shows for Animal Liberation Orchestra and Lyrics Born. AS Presents is also working on providing the entertainment for the SLAM Festival in April.

Tam – College of Professional Studies
No report.

Haigounian – College of Arts Humanities and Social Sciences
Haigounian reported that Provost Council met on January 22nd to discuss the goals for the Cabinet for Institutional Change (CIC). The Provost has indicated that the CIC would identify and prioritize the goals for WASC and then make sub-groups to solve the problems. Haigounian encouraged anyone with ideas to contact her before the next Provosts Council meeting.

Woods – College of Arts Humanities and Social Sciences
Woods reported that she met with the Educational Policy Committee in the previous week. The
Educational Policy Committee is working to define what constitutes a serious and compelling reason to drop a class. Woods attended The Educational Effectiveness Review Committee (EERC). From her experience, she felt that the EERC wasn’t as willing as they should be to listen to what students concerns were.

Hudson – College of Arts Humanities and Social Sciences
No report.

Vogt – All University
No report.

Graduate Student Representative (Jennifer DeBoer)
DeBoer reported that the Graduation Pledge Alliance will be placing flyers up educating students about the pledge. DeBoer also reported that she will be attending a Grievance Committee meeting this week to hear a pending grievance.

Residence Hall Association (RHA) Representative Report (Zachary Beshore)
Beshore reported that RHA meets tonight for the first time this semester.

General Manager (Joan Tyson)
Tyson congratulated Chapin for the successful Inauguration watching event. The AS Campus and Community Service Scholarship applications are currently available.

AS Advisor (Gail Wootan)
Wootan reminded the Council to fill out the survey that was e-mailed to them by Wednesday. Wootan will review the survey results at the retreat and will use the results to help shape future trainings.

Elections Commissioner (Dylan Sutherland)
No report.

Public Relations (Dottie Guido)
Guido reported that she is looking to hire a graphic designer for the upcoming election.

AS Presents (Melissa Gussin)
Gussin reported that the AS Presents group is working to produce the music for the SLAM festival.

CSSA (Steven Dixon)
Absent.

CSSA (Brandon Chapin)
Chapin reported that the re-organization for CSSA was passed despite opposition from students from Humboldt. Before being implemented each campus will need to review and ratify the proposal. Chapin also reported that the California Higher Education Student Summit (CHESS) will be April 17-21. Each Council Member received a CHESS application in their box. Chapin encouraged any students returning
next year to consider going to the CHESS conference. Chapin thanked everyone who helped with the inauguration watching event and estimated that there were over 250 in attendance. CSSA recently passed a resolution that opposes support for any budget that does not honor the Compact between the CSU and the Governor. CSSA also passed a resolution in opposition to Executive Order (EO) 1037 and encourages that EO 1037 be revised so that students could retake a class if they received less than a B- rather than a C-. Chapin also announced that applications are available to be the next CSU student trustee.

Legislative Vice President (Vacant)
No report.

Student Affairs Vice President (Gabe Shames)
Shames reported that there will be a Council Work Session on an informational town hall.

Administrative Affairs Vice President (Vacant)
No report.

President (Sofia Pereira)
Pereira reported that she and Weissbart met with Provost Snyder to consider candidates for the Cabinet Institutional Change.

General Council Discussion
Bond clarified information regarding the Integrated Curriculum Committee for the Council.

General Council Work Session

A. Retreat Update – Sofia Pereira and Joan Tyson
The Spring Retreat will be held Saturday January 31st at the Humboldt Area Foundation in Indianola.

Pereira reminded the council that the retreat will be on Saturday, January 31st at 8:30 a.m. Directions and maps will be available in the Associated Students office. The retreat should conclude by 6:00 p.m. Some of the topics that will be discussed at the retreat will include conflict management, AS Budget Process, CSSA reorganization, instant run off voting and spring elections as well as evaluations and the cabinet for institutional change. On Friday evening there will be a team building activity. Council should meet at 7:00 p.m. at Library Circle.

B. Informational Town Hall Meeting – Gabe Shames
Shames will lead a work session presentation about the goals of an informational town hall meeting like the one that was planned for Finals' week and never materialized.

Shames and Pereira will first explain the goal already in progress of switching over to Instant-Runoff Voting (IRV). IRV is also an agenda item at our retreat. They will then
ask for volunteers to sign up as we get written down a tabling schedule for publicity of this town hall. They will continue by guiding a discussion as a precursor for that of what would be the differences and similarities and pros/cons of on top of that either A) preparing a constitutional convention with direct involvement of more affected participants or B) forming a Constitution Task Force of a select few involved and/or experienced students. The last question posed will be to assess a time guideline for a future series of vote actions to culminate in a collective written correspondence with the newly formed Cabinet for Institutional Change proactively laying out our own goals (and perhaps those of other bodies that overlap and whose decisions affect us) for procedural transformation.

Shames stated that Instant Runoff Voting will be covered in depth at the retreat. Shames stated that he would like to facilitate an AS Constitutional Convention or convene a Constitutional Task Force to evaluate the AS Constitution. Pereira suggested that another option would be for the Executive Committee to make formal recommendations to council for constitutional change. Pereira stated that Executive Committee meetings are open to the public and would allow students to participate in a setting that was already available. Haigounian asked if Shames wanted to look at just the Constitution or if he also wanted to look at the Codes. Shames stated that both the Constitution and the Code would be good to review. Chapin agreed with Pereira that using the Executive Committee would be best and that the Associated Students could do major advertising for the executive meeting. Fenton asked for clarification about what Shames is asking for from the council. Shames explained that there would be different amounts of involvement but that he is currently looking for people to table regarding the issue. Shames also stated that he is hoping to get ideas from students regarding the governing procedures currently in place. Tam suggested that handbills would be helpful to give to students. Shames stated that he would arrange for handbills.

**Announcements**

There were no announcements.

**Adjournment**

Haigounian adjourned the meeting without objection at 3:35 p.m.

Recorded by:

Rob Christensen  
AS Secretary

Approved by:

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Dina Haigounian  
Associated Students Vice Chair