Call to Order

Beth Weissbart, Legislative Vice President, called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. in the University Center, South Lounge.

Roll Call

Members Present: Stefanie Chen-Welch, Kristy Eden, Kari Armstrong, Ana Parra, Stephanie Partlow, Nathan Rudberg, Cortland Johnson (arrived at 3:00 p.m.), Norman Romero, Iban Rodriguez, Rachel Brownell, Quinn McWatters, Krystina Thurin

Officers Present: Brandon Chapin, Beth Weissbart, Joyce Tam, Aaron Wilyer, NightSnow Vogt, Amanda Hubacek, Rina Ferrario

Officers Absent: Alex Gradine (excused)

Advisors Present: Joan Tyson, Gail Wootan

Approval of Agenda

MOTION: THURIN/EDEN move to approve Agenda #13 APPROVED

Chair's Report

Weissbart reminded the Council to sign in for their office hours.

Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of Minutes #12 dated January 25th, 2010 – Action Item

MOTION: THURIN/BROWNELL move to approve Minutes #12 dated January 25th, 2010 APPROVED

Public Comments (As per the Gloria Romero Open Meeting Act of 2000 authorized by Section 89306.)

Ross Nolan, a current Capitol Fellow in the CSU Capitol Fellowship Program and a Humboldt County Native, provided public comment. Nolan encouraged graduating seniors on the Council to consider applying for the Capitol Fellows program. Fellows in the program are paid, receive extensive training and support from professors at CSU Sacramento and have the potential to receive graduate credit in public policy. The program was recently named a top internship program by Forbes Magazine.
Special Presentations

A. California State Student Association Presentation – Steven Dixon, President of CSSA and Miles Nevin, Executive Director of CSSA

Steve Dixon, President of CSSA and Miles Nevin, Executive Director of CSSA were present on behalf of the organization. Dixon is a current HSU student on exchange at CSU Sacramento. Nevin gave a brief overview of CSSA and explained that he and Dixon are doing a 23 campus tour to introduce CSSA to each campus. CSSA was originally the California State University Student President Association and was formed in 1960. In the 1970’s the organization was renamed the California State Student Association and won approval from Governor Regan to begin its governmental relations program in Sacramento. In 2001 CSSA successfully negotiated a shared governance policy that was recently updated to define best practices of shared governance. CSSA is also the organization responsible for placing students on system wide committees, the Board of Trustees, the Postsecondary Education Commission and the California Student Aid Commission. Nevin also mentioned some of the legislative victories that CSSA has won. CSSA lobbied the state legislature to create installment plans on campus in the early 1980’s. The CSSA has also supported legislation that helped to create MultiCultural Centers across the CSU system and provide interpreters to deaf and hard of hearing students. Assembly Bill 3823, passed three years ago, increased the age of students who qualified for Cal Grant A from 24 to 27. Currently CSSA is lobbying to pass a bill that would allow Cal Grant B to be awarded to students in their first year. Nevin noted that CSSA recognizes that they request campuses to provide a significant amount of money and has had many changes in staffing and membership. Nevin, who has been in the position for six months, noted that CSSA is changing the way that they communicate and are rebuilding their relationship with the Chancellor’s Office.

Dixon addressed the Council about the importance of the legislative process and wants student leaders to understand that the battle for funding is not with the Board of Trustees but with the State Legislature. Dixon went on to explain that the Governor’s proposed budget assumes a 10% increase in student fees. Dixon highlighted the importance of students, parents and families letting the legislature know how they feel about cuts to higher education. Dixon stated that CSSA is highlighting its theme this year: Made in the CSU, because it is important that the state, and especially law makers, understand that the CSU prepares most teachers, nurses, public safety officers and gerontology specialists in the state. For every dollar invested in the CSU the state sees a return of $4.23. Dixon expressed the importance of students to attend a rally at the Capitol on March 22nd and also encouraged the Council to attend the California Higher Education Student Summit in April.

B. Graduation Rate Initiative – Dr. Ken Ayoob, Dean of the College of Arts Humanities and Social Sciences and Randi Darnall Burke, Dean of Students

Dr. Ken Ayoob, Dean of the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences was present to discuss the Graduation Improvement Rate Initiative. Dean Ayoob explained that the plan is still flexible and can be modified to include more information provided by groups. Dean Ayoob explained that the biggest focus of the plan is in retention and services for first time freshman. Vogt noted that he has heard concerns over how the plan will affect students some who are double majors. Students that double major are worried that could be forced to graduate after completing one major. Dean Ayoob noted that those who spread out their coursework over an extended time are forcing potential students to defer from entering the university. Dean Ayoob also mentioned that the Degree Audit Report System (DARS) will also allow students to better understand requirements they have left to graduate. Romero noted that advising isn’t as helpful as it should be and that most professors seem interested in getting student in and out as
quickly as possible. Romero reported that the best advising he has ever received was from the EOP program. Parra explained that she was unable to access advising in her first semester because her advisor was on sabbatical.

**Appointments to Committees and Council**

**A. S. President (Brandon Chapin)**

MOTION: EDEN/PARTLOW move to appoint Scott Ensley to the Elections Commission

APPROVED

MOTION: THURIN/PARRA move to appoint Sean McCann to the ACB/MCC Allocation Board

APPROVED

MOTION: ARMSTRONG/PARRA move to suspend AS Government Code Section 6.03 to appoint Phi Nguyen to the ACB/MCC Allocation Board.

APPROVED

Nguyen is in class and unable to attend.

MOTION: BROWNELL/CHEN-WELCH move to appoint Phi Nguyen to the ACB/MCC Allocation Board.

APPROVED

MOTION: THURIN/PARTLOW move to appoint Brent Warnken to the Associated Students Council as the Graduate Representative.

APPROVED

**A. S. Administrative Vice President (Alex Gradine)**

Absent.

**A.S. Legislative Vice President (Beth Weissbart)**

MOTION: THURIN/PARTLOW move to appoint NightSnow Vogt to the Elections Commission

APPROVED

**A.S. Student Affairs Vice President (Joyce Tam)**

MOTION: ARMSTRONG/THURIN move to appoint Jennifer Tankersly to the AS Campus/Community Service Scholarship Committee

APPROVED

MOTION: RODRIGUEZ/THURIN move to suspend AS Government Code Section 6.03 to appoint Steven Margell to the Academic Senate.

APPROVED

MOTION: THURIN/PARRA move to appoint Steven Margell to the Academic Senate.

APPROVED

(1) NAY

(1) ABSTENTION

**Old Business**

There was no old business.
Official Reports (10 minutes limit each speaker, additional time at discretion of Chair)

Committee Reports from Students-at-Large
No report.

Chen-Welch – College of Arts Humanities and Social Sciences
Chen-Welch reported that she attended the AS Night Basketball Game on Thursday, February 4th. Chen-Welch also attended the WASC welcoming reception and the AS Board of Finance meeting this previous week.

Eden – College of Arts Humanities and Social Sciences
Eden thanked everyone who came to the WASC open forum and welcoming reception. Eden also reported that she attended the IRA meeting.

Armstrong – College of Arts Humanities and Social Sciences
Armstrong reported that she met with her liaison-ship, the Humboldt Film Festival last week. Armstrong will be attending an AS Presents meeting later today. Armstrong met one of the candidates for the open position of Dean for the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences.

Romero – College of Professional Studies
Romero reported that he is planning a mixer for the College. Romero will be meeting with his liaison-ship, the Women’s Resource Center tomorrow.

Rodriguez – College of Professional Studies
Rodriguez reported that he attended both Academic Senate meetings last week. Rodriguez will also be attending the Student Recreation Center Board of Directors meeting today at 5:00 p.m.

Johnson – College of Professional Studies
No report.

Parra – College of Natural Resources and Sciences
Parra reported that the CNRS Lab Fee Committee will be meeting this Friday. The CNRS reception is scheduled for Wednesday, April 21st.

Rudberg – College of Natural Resources and Sciences
No report.

Partlow – College of Natural Resources and Sciences
Partlow reported that she attended the AS Night Basketball Game on February 4th as well as the televised men’s game on February 6th. Partlow also reported that attended the Board of Finance meeting on February 1st and will be meeting with her liaison-ship, the Learning Center, later this week.

Brownell – At Large
Brownell reported that she attended the AS Night Basket Ball game.

McWatters – All University
McWatters reported that the 2010-11 IRA Budget Applications were approved at the last IRA meeting.

Residence Hall Association (RHA) Representative Report (Krystina Thurin)
Thurin reported RHA is looking for a new Secretary and Elections Commissioner. RHA week will be April 3rd – April 11th. Events during the week are not exclusive to residents. RHA is raising funds for the Raven Project. The National Residence Hall Honorarium (NRHH) recently became an official club and will be raising funds for philanthropy projects. Thurin is working at planning an AS and RHA bonding event.

Graduate Representative Report (Brent Warnken)
No report.

Associate Director of Student Life (Gail Wootan)
Wootan reported that Ferrario is doing a great job as the Elections Commissioner and requested that the Council help get the word out about the election. Wootan also reported that she has taken a job at Evergreen State in Olympia, WA but will remain on campus through the beginning of March. Ferrario will be working with Tyson and Christensen on the elections.

General Manager (Joan Tyson)
Tyson reported that the AS Budget Requests are due on Wednesday. HARD DEADLINE! Remind that Wednesday at noon is the deadline. Applications are also available for the AS Campus/Community Service Scholarship. The deadline to apply is February 26, 2010.

Elections Commissioner (Rina Ferrario)
Ferrario’s report was delivered prior to Appointments to Committee’s and Council. Ferrario reported that she has decided upon several slogans for the election including: You Have A Say, Voting is Student Action, Back your A.S. up and Remember to Vote Starting 4/20. Ferrario will be providing information through an e-mail.

AS Presents (Amanda Hubacek)
Hubacek reported that she attended the AS Night Basketball Game and the WASC open forum on February 4th. AS Presents will be meeting directly after the meeting today.

California State Student Association (NightSnow Vogt)
Vogt reported that he is excited to be serving on the Elections Commission. Vogt offered to approach the book store with Rudberg about textbook affordability. Vogt is scheduling a meeting of the External Affairs Committee.

California State Student Association (Aaron Wilyer)
Wilyer reported that he working on the CSSA budget request for 2010-11. Wilyer is also organizing a bus trip from the rally in Sacramento on March 22nd. There is a HSU AS Lobby Corps meeting on Monday, February 15th.

Legislative Vice President (Beth Weissbart)
Weissbart reported that the Cabinet for Institutional Change (CIC) has published their report which includes recommendations to improve governance at the University. Weissbart is working on a resolution in support of the recommendation by the CIC.

Student Affairs Vice President (Joyce Tam)
Tam reported that she is working on purchasing 1,000 planners to be given away at the beginning of the 2010-11 school year. Tam attended the WASC open forum last week and reported that the reception from the WASC visiting team was good and that they appeared excited to talk to students. Tam was the
mascot for the televised basketball game on Saturday, February 6th. The University Center Program and Facilities Committee has set their goals for 2010-11. Key Card locks will replace locks used on doors in the University Center.

**Administrative Vice President (Alex Gradine)**
Absent.

*Chapin reported on the Board of Finance on behalf of Gradine.*

Board of Finance Report – Monday, February 1st, 2010

A. Request from the Associated Students Government from Unallocated in an amount not to exceed $1,500.69 for the purchase of a Dell Desktop Computer – Action Item

This purchase would replace the Mac desktop in the AS Council office that has become outdated. The Dell would provide the same functionality as the other PC’s in the AS Council Office.

**MOTION:** EDEN/THURIN move to approve the request from the Associated Students Government from Unallocated in an amount not to exceed $1,500.69 for the purchase of a Dell Desktop Computer

**APPROVED**

(8) AYE

(4) NAY

(1) ABSTENTION

Rudberg encouraged the Council to vote against the measure. Rudberg noted that if this funding is not used it could be used for program budgets next year. Chapin stated that the Budget will be similar to the Budget as this year. The Unallocated amount is at $10,000.00. Rodriguez asked if the amount can be amended. Rudberg encouraged the Council to not support the proposal and that the Associated Students is $80,000.00 in the hole.

B. Associated Students Annual Fiscal Audit Proposal—Action Item

Each auxiliary organization is required to have an annual fiscal audit performed by a certified public accountant selected by the governing board. It is the responsibility of the Board of Finance to make a recommendation to the Associated Students Council as to which audit firm is selected.

**MOTION:** EDEN/BROWNELL move to approve the request from Hunter, Hunter and Hunt to extend the existing agreement for one year at an amount not to exceed $6,000.00.

**APPROVED**

(1) ABSTENTION

Eden asked if the current auditors have been serving the organization well. Chapin replied that the Auditor had been performing well, but the campus was in the process of consolidating auditors for campus auxiliaries. The Associated Students would begin the process of selecting another auditor next year.

**President (Brandon Chapin)**
Chapin reported that the Student Fee Advisory Committee met last week and discussed the process for
approving the Counseling and Instructionally Related Activities (IRA) fee increases. The Counseling Fee will be part of the Student Health Services Fee and will increase the fee by $45.00 each semester. The Committee suggested that a referendum be held regarding the fee increase during the spring AS Elections and that the Associated Students, Residence Hall Association and Student Health Advisory Committee are consulted regarding the fee. There will also be two open forums on campus and one open forum in the Residence Halls. The committee suggested that the IRA fee increase also be included as a referendum in the AS Election and that the Associated Students and Residence Hall Association be consulted regarding the fee. The IRA Fee will also include open forums for students to learn more information. Pro and Con statements for the Health Center fee are being solicited on the Associated Students website. Students may leave a comment on the site or e-mail their statement to hsuas@humboldt.edu. Chapin attended the Academic Senate meeting last week where a process was decided upon for program elimination. A list of proposed programs to be eliminated will be sent to the Academic Senate. Programs must be eliminated to make up a short fall of 2.3 million dollars. Provost Snyder has announced that there will be a unit cap on enrollment for the fall semester of 13 – 14 units. Chapin also reported that he attended the WASC Exit Review. The WASC visiting team noted that diversity on campus is still a cause for concern and the university needs to improve communication among different segments of the campus. Chapin encouraged the Council to read the Cabinet for Institutional Change report.

**General Council Discussion**

Brownell asked Tam for more information about the SLAM Festival. Tam explained that the Sustainable Living Arts and Music Festival will be a one day event that promotes alternative energy, local arts and music. SLAM Fest will be the same week as the AS Elections and Earth week. Johnson reported that he was giving the* You Rock Rock* to Wilyer for his dedication. CIC report will be e-mailed from the Provost.

**General Council Work Session**

A. March for Higher Education – Discussion Item (Aaron Wilyer)

The March for Higher Education will be Monday, March 22nd at the State Capitol. Wilyer will be arranging for a group of HSU Students to attend.

Wilyer explained that he is coordinating HSU students to attend the *March for Higher Education* in Sacramento on March 22nd. HSU students attended a similar demonstration in April of 2007 with approximately 70 students. Wilyer explained that the demonstration will be the day after students return from spring break and suggested that the Associated Students fund a bus on a one way return trip from the Capitol. Wilyer asked the Council for creative suggestions to get students interested in the trip. Tyson noted that students interested in going would be required to sign a release form before leaving for spring break. Eden asked if student from College of the Redwoods would be able to travel. Wilyer replied that it would not be possible. Tam suggested that the funds be spent to purchase accommodations in Sacramento instead of transportation. Wootan suggested that the Council contact the Associated Students of Sacramento to find accommodations. Eden noted that she knew of some facilities that would be receptive to housing students. It was suggested that students looking for rides on the rideshare board in the Residence Hall be contacted.

B. Meet the Decision Makers - Pizza with the President Monday, February 15th 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. – Discussion Item (Brandon Chapin)

Associated Students will be hosting Pizza with the President in the University Center,
President Richmond, Vice President Snyder, and Vice President Butler will be present. It is an opportunity for students to get answers to their questions about a range of topics such as fee increases, budget cuts, and program elimination.

**Announcements**

Hubacek reminded the Council that the Scott H. Biram show is Wednesday at 9:00 p.m. in the Depot. Chapin reminded the Council that the Meet the Decision Makers series featuring Nevin and Dixon of CSSA is tomorrow at 12:00 p.m.

**Adjournment**

Weissbart adjourned the meeting without objection at 4:00 p.m.

Recorded by:

Rob Christensen
AS Council Assistant

Approved by:

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Beth Weissbart
Legislative Vice President