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, Kale Roberts, Dina Haigounian, Morrissa Hudson, Desiree Woods, Joyce Tam, Corey Fenton, NightSnow Vogt, Zachary Beshore, Jennifer DeBoer

Officers Present: Sofia Pereira, Gabe Shames, Brandon Chapin, Steven Dixon, Melissa Gussin, Dorothyann Guido, Dylan Sutherland

Advisors Present: Gail Wootan, Joan Tyson

Approval of Agenda
MOTION: VOGT/DEBOER move to approve Agenda #15. APPROVED

Chair's Report
Haigounian had no report.

Special Presentation
A. President Rollin Richmond

President Richmond greeted the Council and introduced Mary Kay Hartman, HSU’s Commencement Coordinator. Richmond addressed the Council on some of the concerns for the upcoming 2009-10 University Budget. Richmond explained that the University has had to reduce its operating budget every year for the past seven years; Richmond still feels the University has continued to provide a great educational value to the students. Richmond delivered a proposal of the 2009-10 budget that would be contingent on the approved state budget. The proposed 2009-10 budget was based off of the Governor’s proposed budget. President Richmond is anticipating that the University will enroll more students next year than the current year. However HSU is being prudent in its projections. President Richmond stated that the estimated budget deficit for 2009-10 would be $831,000.00. The largest reductions would be in the Administrative Affairs and Student Affairs division.
Richmond touched on some of the current facilities projects on campus. Currently the Redwood Bowl Plaza construction has been halted due to state budget issues. The Redwood Bowl Plaza is a general obligation bond project and construction on the project will not be able to restart until the state has finalized a budget. There are also some issues in the new Kinesiology Building that also will not be able to be addressed until the state budget has been finalized. Construction on The College Creek housing complex will continue. The construction is being funded by a Revenue Bond which anticipates its funding through future residence halls fees. Access to and from the campus through the Harpst Street entrance has been drastically reduced due to the College Creek construction. The University will be creating a temporary entrance through the Manor Apartment Complex. Students in the Manor Apartments will be compensated by the contractor for disturbances due to the construction. Currently the construction of College Creek is on schedule and is anticipated to open in Fall 2010.

Richmond also commented on the ongoing concerns of the California State Student Association (CSSA) and acknowledged some of the concerns that the Associated Students have with the CSSA reorganization proposal. Richmond encouraged the Council to search for a compromise with other campuses and urged the Associated Students to continue its membership in the organization.

Woods asked if the enrollment fees for students would be raised and by what amount. Richmond replied that the fee increase is determined by the CSU Board of Trustees but the Governor has based his proposed budget for the CSU on a 10% fee increase.

Dixon asked how the budget cuts will affect departments within Academic Affairs. Richmond responded that Provost Robert Snyder will probably be looking into increasing class sizes and removing unnecessary classes from the schedule. Richmond also stated that Provost Snyder would possibly be interested in addressing any concerns with reductions in Academic Affairs with the Council. Richmond also assured the Council that they will be updated of any significant changes and also welcomed the Council to invite him back to discuss the budget at anytime.

Kay Hartman, HSU’s Commencement Coordinator, addressed the Council on some changes to the Graduation Ceremonies. Due to safety concerns, the Commencement Ceremony will be reoriented to the North. Students will gather in the Student Recreation Center instead of the West Gym and will enter the field on the track. The Dean of each College will host their respective ceremonies.

Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of Minutes #14 dated January 26th, 2009 -- Action Item

MOTION: VOGT/DEBOER move to approve Minutes #14 dated January 26th, 2009.

APPROVED

Public Comments (As per the Gloria Romero Open Meeting Act of 2000 authorized by Section 89306.)
Dr. Steven Butler, Vice President for Student Affairs, announced the following upcoming events for the Spring semester: See list attached to these minutes.

Luke Ferrari, President’s Council representative, reported that there was a presentation at the last President’s Council regarding the CNRS Computer Lab’s paper monitoring program. Ferrari wanted to bring this to the attention of the Council because last year’s Council’s took action on the idea.

Devin McDonnell, a student, commented on a new effort on campus called Project Paper Airplane. McDonnell’s project consists of facilitating communications between Americans and former detainees of Guantanamo Bay and Abu Gharib. Communication will be through letters and art. McDonnell provided her contact information and handed out flyers about the effort.

**Program Presentations**

A. Film Festival – Joshua Nelson

Joshua Nelson, Co-director of the Humboldt Film Festival, was present on behalf of the program. The Humboldt Film Festival is the oldest student run film festival in the country and is in its 42nd year. One of the goals of the program is to strive to make it completely student run and student juried. In addition to the funding received from the Associated Students, students also do fundraising throughout the year in support of the film festival. The film festival will be held April 19th-25th in the Van Duzer and attendance is free for students. The deadline to submit to the film festival is February 20th. The film festival has also put on additional events for students this year including screening of Dark Side of the Rainbow and the Rocky Horror Picture Students.

**Appointments to Committees and Council**

A. S. President (Sofia Pereira)

MOTION: WOODS/TAM move to appoint Nicole Garito to the HSU Associated Student Lobby Corps. APPROVED

MOTION: WOODS/BESHORE move to appoint Stephanie Dowdle to the HSU Associated Student Lobby Corps. APPROVED

MOTION: BESHORE/VOGT move to suspend AS Government Code Section 6.03 to appoint Alyssa Lomier to Student Fee Advisory Committee. APPROVED

Lomier is in class and unable to attend the meeting.

MOTION: FENTON/VOGT move to appoint Alyssa Lomier to the Student Fee Advisory Committee. APPROVED
MOTION: BESHORE/VOGT move to suspend AS Government Code Section 6.03 to appoint Alyssa Lomier to the Elections Commission. APPROVED

Lomier is in class and unable to attend the meeting.

MOTION: BESHORE/HUDSON move to appoint Alyssa Lomier to the Elections Commission. APPROVED

MOTION: TAM/FENTON move to appoint NightSnow Vogt to the University Space and Facilities Committee. APPROVED

MOTION: TAM/WOODS move to appoint Jennifer DeBoer to the Associated Students Council as the Legislative Vice President. APPROVED

MOTION: HAGOUNIAN/TAM move to appoint Corey Fenton to the Associated Students Council as the Administrative Vice President. APPROVED

A. S. Administrative Vice President (Corey Fenton)
No appointments.

A.S. Legislative Vice President (Jennifer DeBoer)
No appointments.

A.S. Student Affairs Vice President (Gabe Shames)

MOTION: HAIGOUNIAN/VOGT move to suspend AS Government Code 6.03 to appoint Sean Cohen to the AS Campus/Community Service Scholarship Committee. APPROVED

MOTION: HUDSON/TAM move to appoint Sean Cohen to the AS Campus/Community Service Scholarship Committee. APPROVED

Old Business

A. Resolution in Support of the CSSA Structure Proposal – Action Item
The Associated Students of Humboldt State University approves of the proposal set forth by the California State Student Association, although with qualifications which include an annual outcomes assessment of the proposal and continued exploration of options other than proportional representation.
MOTION: BESHORE/VOGT move to approve the Resolution in Support of the CSSA Structure Proposal. APPROVED AS AMENDED

Chapin introduced the resolution to the Council. Haigounian asked what would happen if the qualifications for support were not met. Chapin responded that if the qualifications were not met then the Associated Students would still continue to support CSSA but would monitor their membership closely. Dixon stated that this resolution outlines the same things that HSU has advocated for during CSSA meetings.

MOTION: WOODS/BESHORE move to delete fight and insert advocate in the first paragraph. APPROVED

MOTION: VOGT/BESHORE move to delete in and insert for, delete have and insert has, and to delete over and insert approximately in the first paragraph; delete changing and insert amending in the fifth paragraph; delete change and insert amend in the sixth paragraph; insert the word evaluations after the word performance in the seventh paragraph; and insert the words the following before the word qualifications in the tenth paragraph. APPROVED

Dixon suggested that these changes be made to the resolution to clarify some of the language throughout the document.

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 has not yet taken action on the Shared Governance resolution. But will be addressing it at their meeting on Tuesday, February 10th.

College Representative Reports

Cooke – College of Natural Resources and Sciences
Absent.

Roberts – College of Natural Resources and Sciences
Roberts reported that he will be attending the Instructionally Related Activities meeting on Friday.

Tam – College of Professional Studies
Tam reported that she has applications pending for multiple committee appointments.
Haigounian – College of Arts Humanities and Social Sciences
Haigounian reported that she is excited about the All University Kickball Tournament. Haigounian stated that the Associated Students will need to move quickly on the idea because approval to use the field must be made ahead of time.

Woods – College of Arts Humanities and Social Sciences
Woods reported that the Educational Policies committee has come to an agreement on what is considered a Serious and Compelling Reason to drop a class. A list of criteria will be provided to professors.

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

Vogt – All University
No report.

Residence Hall Association (RHA) Representative Report (Zachary Beshore)
Beshore reported that RHA will be meeting tonight.

General Manager (Joan Tyson)
Tyson reported that AS Budgets from programs will be due into the AS Business office on February 11th by 12:00 p.m. Tyson reminded the Council to ensure that the programs that they are liaison with gets there budget in on time. There will be an IRA meeting on February 13th at 3:00 p.m. The deadline for the Associated Students Campus and Community Service Scholarship is February 27th.

Associate Director of Student Life (Gail Wootan)
Wootan reported that she is meeting weekly with Sutherland to prepare for the elections. Wootan encouraged Council to find people to run.

Elections Commissioner (Dylan Sutherland)
Absent.

Public Relations (Dottie Guido)
Guido reported that she is working with Sutherland on finalizing the elections ad campaigns. Guido is still looking for a graphic designer.

AS Presents (Melissa Gussin)
Gussin reported that the Animal Liberation Orchestra had a successful concert on February 9th. Lyrics Born will be performing in the Van Duzer on February 27th. The first AS Presents meeting of the semester will be Wednesday, February 11th at 6:00 p.m.

CSSA (Steven Dixon)
Dixon stated that there will be a 10% enrollment fee increase for the 2009-10 academic year. CSSA will be meeting at CSU San Jose on February 20th-22nd. Russell Statham, the CSU Student Trustee, will be visiting Humboldt on February 27th.

CSSA (Brandon Chapin)
Chapin encouraged everyone to apply for the CHESS conference.

Legislative Vice President (Jennifer DeBoer)
DeBoer reported that she is looking forward to the next Educational Effectiveness Review committee meeting. DeBoer also reported that the Graduation Pledge Alliance will be having two retreats during the spring to focus on a long term sustainable plan for the program. De Boer also reported that she will need to appoint a Council Member to the Board of Finance by the next meeting and encouraged Council Members to apply.

Student Affairs Vice President (Gabe Shames)
Shames stated that town hall will be a week from Wednesday the 18th from 2-4 pm. A representative from the Redwood ACLU will be at the town hall meeting.

Administrative Affairs Vice President (Corey Fenton)

Board of Finance Report – February 2nd, 2009

A. Request from the MultiCultural Center (MCC) in the amount of $868.00 from Facilities/Special Projects Reserves for the costs associated with installing network ports, electrical outlets and circuit breakers in the MCC Computer Lab. – Action Item
The MultiCultural center has updated their computer labs with newer computers and Student Affairs ITS has recommended upgrades to the room’s infrastructure to protect the equipment.

MOTION: VOGT/HAIGOUNIAN move to approve the request from the MultiCultural Center (MCC) in the amount of $868.00 from Facilities/Special Projects Reserves for the costs associated with installing network ports, electrical outlets and circuit breakers in the MCC Computer Lab. APPROVED

B. Activities Coordinating Board/MCC Allocation Board Representation – Information Item
The Administrative Vice President’s position is currently vacant. Representation is needed from the Board of Finance to temporarily fill the Administrative Vice President’s seat on the ACB/MCC Allocation Board.

C. 2009-10 Budget Request distribution to the Board of Finance – Information Item
The 2009-10 Budget Requests are due on Wednesday, February 11th. The Board of Finance will determine which AS programs to invite to budget hearings at the Monday, February 16th Board of Finance meeting.
President (Sofia Pereira)
Pereira reported that she is meeting with Dr. Butler and President Richmond this week and is working with Dr. Butler to include Associated Students members in priority registration. Pereira also reported that the quad policy will be expanded to both Redwood Bowl and the Art Quad. Pereira attended the President’s Council meeting this past Friday. Attendees were informed that the state furlough program will not apply to the CSU system. Pereira also reported that she is now chairing the Program and Facilities Advisory Committee for the University Center.

General Council Discussion

Haigounian asked if there would be any tabling for the town hall meeting. Shames stated that no one had contacted him after he had sent out a request electronically. Gussin asked Woods when the new policy for dropping classes late would go into affect. Woods replied that it would be affective in Fall 2009. Dixon reported that he would like to do a project through IRA that would place all General Education texts on reserve in the library.

General Council Work Session

A. Instant Runoff Voting – Sofia Pereira

Pereira will lead a follow up conversation from the retreat regarding Instant Runoff Voting.

Pereira discussed the concept of Instant Runoff Voting (IRV) with the Council. Pereira is proposing Instant Runoff Voting because the participation in run off elections has generally been smaller than in the general election. In IRV a student would only need to vote once. Pereira also reported that a test of what IRV would look like through Web Reg is now available for students on AS to access. A separate program from Fair Vote would be used to analyze the results. Pereira discussed that there are many different ways that the Council could educate the community on IRV including demonstration on the Quad or a tutorial video. Pereira touched on some of the concerns that had been brought up about IRV but stated that these issues could be mitigated through changes to the code. Any changes to the code would need to be made at the February 23rd meeting. Shames emphasized that education would be vital so that students would understand the concept. There was discussion on whether or not IRV would benefit write-in candidates more or less than the current system. Haigounian stated that she supported the concept of IRV but wasn’t sure if there was enough time to make the changes for this year’s election; Haigounian suggested working on the changes throughout the semester and make it effective for the Spring 2010 election. Dixon stated that he is concerned that there may not be enough time to effectively change the code and that the Council should move thoughtfully on the issue. Dixon stated that elections are sacred and changes should be made carefully. Gussin stated that Council could be prepared to handle the project within the next two weeks. Beshore stated that educating voters on the new system may be difficult and agreed with Haigounian’s suggestion. Wootan stated that she’s recently learned a lot about IRV and emphasized that the code must be “bulletproof”. All possible scenarios of what could go wrong need to be thought of and addressed in the Elections Code. Pereira
stated that she will coordinate a meeting for Council Members interested in working on the project.

B. Student Trustee Search – Steven Dixon
Dixon will give a presentation on the CSU Student Trustee Search and why it’s important for students from Humboldt to apply.

Dixon presented the Council with information on the search for a new student trustee. Student Trustees are appointed for a two-year term by the Governor and are recommended for appointment by CSSA. The Governor has promised an on time appointment if CSSA offers at least five options to him. Dixon stated that an HSU student would have an excellent opportunity to be appointed. The last four students appointed to the Board of Trustees have been from the Central Valley region. Application packets are available on the CSSA website at www.csustudents.org

**Announcements**

Pereira announced that the Alliance for the CSU will be hosting a panel that will include herself, President Richmond, State Senator Pat Wiggins and Assembly Member Wes Chesbro from 12:00-1:00 p.m. in the Kate Buchanan Room. Gussin announced that there will be a Symphonic Band and Jazz Combo performance on Saturday, February 21st in Fulkerson Recital Hall.

**Adjournment**

DeBoer adjourned the meeting without objection at 5:00 p.m.

Recorded by:

Rob Christensen
AS Secretary

Approved by:

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Jennifer DeBoer
Legislative Vice President