

**Associated Students Council
Humboldt State University
Meeting on Wednesday, February 13th 2008
University Center, South Lounge
Minutes #12**

Call to Order

Ryan Guy, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m. in the University Center South Lounge.

Roll Call

Members Present: Tiffany Newton, Ryan Guy, Carol Hurley (late), Carrie Schaden, Nikki Kovalcheck, Tyler Smith, Christopher Lobo, Porscha Cobbs, Carol Balch, Jesse Hughes, Tara Holloway

Officers Present: Terra Rentz, DaVonna Foy, Rachel Rodriguez, Alan Chesbro, Keith Lambert, Steven Dimon (late), Jason Robo (late)

Officers Absent: Lladira Baez, Constance Mitchell (excused)

Advisors Present: Joan Tyson, Steven Butler

Approval of Agenda

MOTION: NEWTON/HUGHES move to approve Agenda #12. APPROVED

Chair's Report

Guy had no report

Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of Minutes #10 dated January 23rd, 2008—Action Item

MOTION: NEWTON/SMITH move to approve Minutes #10 dated January 23rd, 2008
APPROVED
(1) ABSTENSTIONS

B. Approval of Minutes #11 dated January 30th, 2008—Action Item

MOTION: NEWTON/LOBO move to approve Minutes #11 dated January 30th, 2008
APPROVED
AS AMMENDED

Lobo noted that his report was misstated in the minutes and should read “Lobo will be giving a report on the Library Committee at the next meeting” rather than “The Library Committee will meet next week.” There were no objections to changes in the minutes.

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

There was no public comment.

Program Presentations

Children’s Center – Trudi Walker

Trudi Walker, Director of the Children’s Center, was present on behalf of the Children’s Center and brought a power point to accompany her presentation. The Children’s Center is located on the south end of campus and consists of three renovated houses, garages and a modular building. The Children’s Center offers services for children ages 12 months thru pre-kindergarten. There are currently 56 toddlers and 56 preschoolers enrolled in the Children’s Center. Most students who utilize the Children’s Center for child care are served through grants for low-income parents. The Children’s Center offers flexible scheduling for students based on class times and work schedules. The majority of children served at the Children’s Center spend 45-50 hours a week there. The Children’s Center also provides many opportunities for student-parents to network by hosting family socials at the beginning of the school year. The Children’s Center also provides parent education discussion groups and referral services to both on and off campus resources. A Parent’s Advisory Board meets monthly and is active in both the planning and evaluation of the Children’s Center and the hiring of staff. The Children’s Center has begun to offer service learning opportunities for children at the request of the parents. The Children’s Center also provides opportunities to many students on campus through employment and observation hours needed for classroom assignments. Normally, 50-55 students are employed by the Children’s Center with jobs ranging from meal preparation to classroom assistants. Many of the students who work at the Children’s Center are Early Childhood Development and Elementary Education majors; although there is a variety of students from different disciplines. Recently the Children’s Center received re-accreditation by the National Organization for the Education of Young Children. Sixty-five percent of the Children’s Center’s enrollment is made up of children of current students; the other thirty-five percent are children of faculty and staff on campus.

Learning Center – Carmen Colunga

Carmen Colunga, Coordinator for the Learning Center, was present on behalf of the Learning Center. The Learning Center provides tutoring services to students through a variety of means. Students can receive one on one tutoring in any subject for \$10.00 an hour. Free small group tutoring is offered to students in the same course taught by the same instructor. Small group tutoring focuses on helping students master concepts taught in the class and to build study skills for the particular content. Currently Associated Students subsidizes tutors for students enrolled in supplemental instruction for Zoology 110 and Biology 104. Colunga mentioned that students who attend the Supplemental Instruction sessions have a high pass rate for the courses. A new program that the Learning Center is offering is drop-in tutoring for finals week.

Appointments to Committees and Council

Election of Vice-Chair – Action Item

The Constitution of the Associated Students, Article IV, Section C8 charges the Council to elect a Vice-Chair from its membership.

MOTION: HOLLOWAY/SMITH move to table Election of a Vice-Chair indefinitely APPROVED
Guy stated that he would be able to serve as Vice-Chair for the remainder of the year.

A. S. President (Terra Rentz)

MOTION: KOVALCHECK/SMITH move to suspend AS Government code section 6.03 to appoint Steven Dixon to the IRA Committee. APPROVED

Dixon is in class and unavailable to attend class.

MOTION: SMITH/NEWTON move to appoint Steven Dixon to the IRA Committee. APPROVED

MOTION SMITH/NEWTON move to appoint Tara Holloway to President’s Council. APPROVED
(1) ABSTENSTIONS

MOTION: SMITH/NEWTON move to appoint Jesse Hughes to the University Curriculum Committee. APPROVED

MOTION: KOVALCHECK/NEWTON move to appoint Jesse Hughes to the Student Grievance Committee APPROVED

A. S. Administrative Vice President (DaVonna Foy)

MOTION: NEWTON/HOLLOWAY move to appoint Jesse Hughes to the Sponsored Program Foundation for a two year term. APPROVED

This is Hughes’s third committee. There was no objection by the Executive Committee as per AS Government Code Section 3.05.

A. S. Legislative Vice President (Jason Robo)

Robo was absent.

A. S. Student Affairs Vice President (Constance Mitchell)

Mitchell was absent.

Old Business

A. 2007-2008 Revised Standing Rules –Action Item

MOTION: HOLLOWAY/SMITH move to approve 2007-2008 Revised Standing Rules.

APPROVED

These are the revised standing rules—updated to reflect changes as a result of the changed meeting schedule and time of meeting.

B. Resolution in Opposition to Governor Schwarzenegger’s 2008-09 Budget Proposal – Action Item

MOTION: HOLLOWAY/SMITH move to approve Resolution in Opposition to Governor Schwarzenegger’s 2008-09 Budget Proposal

APPROVED
AS AMMENDED

MOTION: KOVALCHECK/HOLLOWAY move to switch the 4th paragraph and 5th paragraph

APPROVED
1 (OPPOSED)
2 (ABSTENSTIONS)

Kovalcheck suggested that the 4th and the 5th paragraph should be switched to help clarify the resolution. Holloway agreed that changing the order would help the tone of the document.

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

Committee Reports

Stephen Wieland – reported on the University Space and Facilities Committee. The Space and Facilities Committee has not met since Wieland’s last report. Wieland sent an email to Gary Krietsch, Director of Facilities Planning to ask for a meeting to discuss the Music Building fire. Krietsch responded by e-mail that the committee would not be meeting to discuss the Music Building Fire. Wieland expressed that he is having continued problems communicating with Krietsch.

Michael Hamanaka – reported on the Academic Affairs Budget Committee. Hamanaka reported that he received an e-mail that the Academic Affairs Budget Committee is currently inactive. Rentz noted that she would look into it.

College Representative Reports

Schaden – College of Natural Resources and Sciences

Schaden asked Council to review the information she passed out regarding Program Prioritization. Schaden would appreciate anyone’s availability or notes on the program prioritization document. Schaden will be proposing a resolution about the Program Prioritization criteria from feedback she receives from Council. Schaden has been volunteering for Tuition Relief Now and reported that the Tuition Relief Now campaign is looking for more volunteers.

Smith – College of Natural Resources and Sciences

Smith has been focusing on the Lab Fee Committee and will be working with CNRS stockroom clerks to smooth out the budget request process. The Humboldt Energy Independence Committee is still accepting proposals until March 4th.

Kovalcheck – College of Natural Resources and Sciences

The Student Recreation Center Board of Directors will be meeting on February 27th at 10:00 a.m. The programs in the Warren House have completed most of their reorganization of space. Kovalcheck attended the CSSA meeting in East Bay last weekend and recommended that other Council members take the opportunity to attend one of their meetings.

Hurley – College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences

Absent.

Newton – College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences

The Student Health Advisory committee is meeting on March 7th at 12:30 p.m. Next Wednesday, the Associated Students Student Affairs Committee will be meeting in AS Office at 4:00 p.m. Newton is still working on a college social and has tentatively scheduled it for February 28th. Newton is working on a layout for a college newsletter.

Guy – College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences

Guy reported that he attended the Board of Finance meeting on Monday.

Lobo – College of Professional Studies

None of Lobo's committee's has met. Lobo met with Dean Higgins and received some great information. Lobo will be attending the college meetings.

Cobbs – College of Professional Studies

The AS Funding Board met and allocated \$2,700.00 in funds for the small club activities grant, \$1,200.00 in funds for the Cultural Education Grant and \$2000.00 in fund for the Cultural Programming Grant. The AS funding board has budgeted to have money left for the next grant cycle.

Balch – All University

Balch met with the University Curriculum Committee (UCC) on February 5th. Balch reported that the UCC committee is not supporting the elimination of the German program. Balch reported that she researched the cost of a solar powered electronic marquee and the price range is between \$400.00-\$800.00.

Hughes –All University

Hughes attended the emergency UCC meeting this week. Hughes observed that the UCC is displaying a defeatist attitude regarding the elimination of the German program. Hughes thanked the Council for his appointment to multiple committees and commented that he will have more information about them soon.

Graduate Studies Rep (Holloway)

Holloway went to the Graduate conference on February 1st. Holloway is excited about being appointed to President's Council and is looking forward to her liaison-ship with the Children's Center.

General Manager (Joan Tyson)

Tyson noted that the AS Scholarship applications are still available and are due back by February 29th. The deadline for AS Budget proposals was today at noon. Tyson is in the process of summarizing all the requests. A copy of the proposed budgets will be available in the Council office. The first IRA meetings of the year will be Friday, February 15, 2008 at 3:30 p.m. Tyson announced that the delivery of the new AS Brochure should arrive soon.

Elections Commissioner (Keith Lambert)

Lambert announced that there is still one position open on the elections commission and that anyone interested should fill out a committee application. Lambert expressed to Council that they should be working to get student involved in AS throughout the spring semester. Lambert and Dimon are working on hiring a Graphic Designer.

Public Relations Coordinator (Steven Dimon)

Dimon met with Lambert, Tyson and Gail Wootan, Associate Director of Student Life to work on plans for the upcoming election. Dimon and Lambert are working on coming up with a slogan for the AS Elections. Dimon is encouraging AS members to write letters to the editor for the Lumber Jack Newspaper. Dimon is planning a large event to promote the AS Elections on April 23rd in the Kate Buchanan Room.

AS Presents (Alan Chesbro)

Tegan and Sara is selling well and if forecasted to sell out by the end of the week. Chesbro is working on a proposal to get free tickets for AS Council to the AS Presents show.

CSSA (Rachel Rodriguez)

Curtis Grima, a Sacramento State Graduate Student, was selected as the new student trustee by Governor Schwarzenegger. Grima will serve through the 2008-09 school year. A new student trustee search has begun; interested students should contact the CSSA office. A regional meeting for Northern California campuses will be held at CSU Chico on February 29th. CSSA is currently considering support for newly introduced bills in the state assembly. There are potential policy changes for CSSA including raising meeting fees for dues paying campuses from \$70.00 to \$100.00 per person and an increase from \$100.00 to \$200.00 for non-dues paying campuses. CSSA is also considering an increase in dues from \$.60 cents per student to \$.70 cents per student. A resolution named *Affordability for Student Parking* was passed at the last meeting. Rodriguez collected names of Council Members interested in attending the CHESS conference or a CSSA meeting. Rodriguez is working with the administration to fund part of the cost of the trip to Sacramento in April.

CSSA (Lladira Baez)

Absent.

Legislative Vice President (Jason Robo)

Absent.

Student Affairs Vice President (Constance Mitchell)

Absent.

Administrative Affairs Vice President (Davonna Foy)

Board of Finance Report –February 6th, 2008

- A. Request from the Associated Students Government from Unallocated for funds in amount not to exceed \$350.00 to fund a catered lunch for the winners of the HSU Hunger Fighter Challenge Food Drive. –Information Item
The Associated Students in collaboration with the Service Learning Center sponsored the HSU Hunger Fighter Challenge. The Associated Students Government has committed to providing a catered lunch for the winning club.

- B. Request from the Women’s Resource Center for a line-item transfer in the amount of \$400.00 from line item Work Study to line item Hourly.—Information Item
The Women’s Resource Health and Body Politics Coordinator has lost her work study eligibility but the WRC would like to keep her on staff. Allowing the Work Study funds to be transferred to the Stipend line item would allow the coordinator to be compensated.

Foy reported that the Board of Finance will be meeting on February 18th to determine which AS Programs will be called in on March 1st to ask questions about their budget.

President (Terra Rentz)

Rentz reported on behalf of Mitchell. Mitchell is getting quotes on behalf of AS on day timers. Mitchell is requesting that anyone with ideas about information that should be included in the day timers to contact her. The University Center Board of Directors will be considering if they should continue to hold elections for student’s seats, or if they should return to an application process at their February 14th meeting.

Rentz reported that Dean Wang is interested in putting up a digital display case in the library at a cost of \$3,000.00. Wang is seeking feedback from students on the idea of the display. The display would serve be the first step for the planned learning commons. The \$3,000.00 for the display case is not available to be allocated for book purchases. Rentz passed around ideas for shirts to the Council to vote on. Rentz met with President Richmond on Monday and is working with him to provide meals for students who will be marching on the Capitol in April.

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

Newton noted that she was the only student who attended the WASC reception. Rentz asked Dimon if he would be willing to put together a calendar that Council members could sign up for writing letters to the editors of the Lumberjack. Baez noted that she attended a WASC meeting about diversity on campus with Schaden. Holloway mentioned that Council Members may want to create a folder on the computer or use a USB drive to store documents for transition. Kovalcheck announced that she reserved the Green and Gold Room for the CNRS mixer on February 28th at 6:00 p.m. Hughes asked how many

positions were still open on Council. Rentz replied that there is a COPS position and an RHA position still available. Rodriguez thanked Council Members who volunteered for Getting Funky with the Vote.

Announcements

Rentz announced that the Conservation Unlimited is having their annual Beast Feast on April 11th at 6:00 p.m. at the Bayside Grange. Foy announced that she is selling tickets to the annual Soul Food dinner on February 24th at 5:00 p.m. Tickets to the Soul Food dinner are only \$5.00 for students.

Robo arrived at 4:45 p.m. and chaired the remainder of the meeting.

Robo announced that at 6:00 p.m. the 9/11 Truth Club will be hosting Sanders Hicks in Founders hall 125. Sanders Hicks will be speaking about the death of Dr. Graham, a 9/11 Truth advocate. Dimon announced that this Saturday Circus Remedy will be holding an all day benefit for CASA. Newton announced that the Rocky Horror Picture Show will be having a performance at 10:00 p.m. on February 14th in the Studio Theater.

Adjournment

Robo adjourned the meeting without objection at 4:50 p.m.

Recorded by:

Rob Christensen
AS Secretary

Approved by:

Jason Robo
AS Legislative Vice President

Ryan Guy
AS Vice Chair