Call to Order

Jennifer DeBoer, Legislative Vice President, called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m. in the University Center South Lounge.

Roll Call

Members Present: Rachel Cooke, Kale Roberts, Dina Haigounian, Desiree Woods, Joyce Tam, NightSnow Vogt, Zachary Beshore

Members Absent: Morrissa Hudson

Officers Present: Sofia Pereira, Jennifer DeBoer Gabe Shames, Brandon Chapin, Steven Dixon (late), Dorothyann Guido, Dylan Sutherland

Officers Absent: Melissa Gussin (excused), Corey Fenton (excused)

Advisors Present: Gail Wootan, Joan Tyson

Approval of Agenda

MOTION: BESHORE/VOGT move to approve Agenda #16. APPROVED AS AMENDED

Sutherland asked that the Council move the Elections Commissioner report to the beginning of Official Reports

MOTION: VOGT/HAIGUONIAN move to amend the agenda by placing the Elections Commissioner report at the beginning of Official Reports. APPROVED

Chair's Report

DeBoer had no Chair’s Report.

Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of Minutes #15 dated February 9th, 2009 -- Action Item

MOTION: TAM/VOGT move to approve Minutes #15 dated February 9th 2009. APPROVED
Sierra Gjerde, Zero Waste Compost Coordinator for the Campus Recycling Program, addressed the Council. Gjerde wanted to bring attention to corn husk biodegradable containers that dining services is using. Gjerde explained that the clear corn husk biodegradable containers are unable to decompose quickly during composting. Gjerde displayed other options that the campus could use instead of corn husk containers. Gjerde also encouraged the Council to use reusable products instead of disposable containers.

**Program Presentations**

A. Sustainable Living Arts and Music Festival (SLAM Fest) – Alexander Fonseca

Alex Fonseca, Advisor to the SLAM Fest, and Sierra Gjerde, Arts Coordinator for the SLAM Fest were present on behalf of the SLAM Fest. Fonseca explained that the SLAM Fest is currently in its 14th year. There are four student coordinators that work on the SLAM Fest throughout the year. Each coordinator is delegated a specific aspect of the festival including, art, public relations, vendor relations and volunteer coordination. The festival gives these students an opportunity to put on their own event and gives the entire campus community the opportunity to attend the event. SLAM Fest is a zero-waste event and will be held outside on the SBS Parking Lot on April 25th. This year’s SLAM Festival line up is Albino, Great American Taxi and DJ Party Ben. Fonseca is anticipating that over 5,000 people will attend.

B. Graduation Pledge Alliance (GPA) – Brea Sorrells

Brea Sorrells, GPA Coordinator, was present on behalf of the program. GPA was started in 1987 on the HSU campus and is now a part of over 200 graduation ceremonies worldwide. The pledge asks students to consider the social and environmental outcomes of any career that they may take after graduation. This year GPA is working at making the program sustainable for future years and is currently planning two different retreats that will help guide the coordinator as well as the steering committee towards a long term plan. Sorrells is envisioning creating a program that would be a part of a student’s experience the whole time they are at HSU rather than only at graduation. GPA will be active on campus leading up until graduation and will have a featured story in the Lumberjack in the coming weeks.

**Appointments to Committees and Council**

A. S. President (Sofia Pereira)

MOTION: BESHORE/VOGT move to appoint Alex Gradine to the Associated Students Council as the Graduate Representative. APPROVED

A. S. Administrative Vice President (Corey Fenton)

Absent

A. S. Legislative Vice President (Jennifer DeBoer)
MOTION: BESHORE/WOODS move to suspend AS Government Code Section 6.03 to appoint Beth Weissbart to the Educational Policies Committee. APPROVED

Weissbart is in class and unable to attend the meeting.

MOTION: HAIGOUNIAN/WOODS move to appoint Beth Weissbart to the Educational Policies Committee as DeBoer’s designee. APPROVED

MOTION: HAIGOUNIAN/COOKE move to appoint Joyce Tam to the Associated Students Board of Finance. APPROVED

MOTION: COOKE/GRADINE move to appoint Kale Roberts to the AS Campus/Community Service Scholarship. APPROVED

(1) ABSTENTION

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

Shames had no appointments.

Old Business

There was no Old Business.

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

Elections Commissioner (Dylan Sutherland)
Sutherland reported that elections packets will be available on March 9th. Sutherland is requesting that all AS Council members speak to their classes and a couple of clubs about the opportunity to run in the AS Elections. Sutherland will post a sign up sheet for Council in the office. The slogan this year will be “Get up Speak Up, AS.”

Committee Reports from Students-at-Large
There were no Committee Reports.

College Representative Reports

Cooke – College of Natural Resources and Sciences
Cooke reported that the Board of Finance will be holding budget hearings this Saturday and will be finalizing their recommended budget. Cooke also reported that she attended the AS Presents meeting two weeks ago.

Roberts – College of Natural Resources and Sciences
Roberts reported that he attended the Instructionally Related Activities (IRA) Committee meeting on Friday, February 13th. The IRA Committee designated additional funds for Model Arab League, Music Department and Sports Clubs to send a student to Nationals for cycling. The IRA Committee is
developing a reserve policy and also considering options as to how to best use the IRA reserve. Students on the committee will be meeting in advance of the next IRA meeting to become better informed about the IRA fee to insure that its original intention that was voted on by students is being maintained.

Tam – College of Professional Studies
No report.

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

Woods – College of Arts Humanities and Social Sciences
Woods reported that the Educational Policies Committee is working on revising the add/drop form that students fill out when changing classes. Woods also reported that AS has reserved the banquet room for the AS reception scheduled for Tuesday, April, 14th from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Woods is waiting on a menu from the caterer and will be approaching the Board of Finance for funding.

Hudson – College of Arts Humanities and Social Sciences
Absent.

Vogt – All University
No report.

Residence Hall Association (RHA) Representative Report (Zachary Beshore)
Beshore reported that RHA week will be in April. Beshore also reported that he is looking for assistance from another Councilmember with the planner project.

General Manager (Joan Tyson)
Tyson reminded the council that AS Campus/Community Service Scholarship deadline is Friday, February 28th at 5:00 p.m. Tyson will be meeting with the Board of Finance this weekend to craft the 2009-10 budget.

Associate Director of Student Life (Gail Wootan)
Wootan reported that the first ad of the elections campaign will come out next week. Wootan also reported that she is coordinating a panel of student who would be interested in a planned discussion with students during Spring Preview in April.

Public Relations (Dottie Guido)
Guido reported that she has been working on the ad campaign for the AS Elections. Guido also reported that Sexland is coming up this weekend and encouraged Council to attend.

AS Presents (Melissa Gussin)
Absent.

CSSA (Steven Dixon)
Absent.
CSSA (Brandon Chapin)
Chapin reported that CSSA has chosen to drop proportional voting and the two year memorandum of understanding as part of the internal restructure. Chapin also reported that CSU San Jose, CSU Sonoma, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and CSU San Bernardino did not pass the resolution in support of the reorganization. Chapin forecasted that will be about 18 dues paying campuses in CSSA next year. CSSA passed a resolution about textbook affordability that outlines five ways that faculty and book stores could make textbooks less expensive. CSSA will be giving presentations on textbook affordability to the statewide academic senate. Chapin also reminded the Council to apply for the Student Trustee position and encouraged Council Members interested in returning to apply for CHESS.

Legislative Vice President (Jennifer DeBoer)
DeBoer reported that the Educational Effectiveness Review committee discussed lifelong learning objectives and barriers of underrepresented students at HSU. DeBoer also reported that the University Curriculum Committee is looking for multiple students who would be interested in sitting on the committee. Currently there are no students on the committee.

Student Affairs Vice President (Gabe Shames)
Shames reported that he conducted an Information Session about AS on February 18th, but there were only eight students in attendance. Shames will be posting a schedule to sign up for tabling in the office. Shames is also working to expand tabling spaces on to the Art Quad.

Administrative Affairs Vice President (Corey Fenton)

Fenton was absent. Pereira presented the Board of Finance report on his behalf.

Board of Finance Report – February 2nd, 2009

A. Request from the Graduation Pledge Alliance (GPA) for a line item transfer in the amount of $300.00 from line item Supplies and Services into a new line item titled Retreats – Information Item. The amount of $300.00 will be used to fund two GPA retreats. The first retreat will allow the GPA steering committee to create a three-year plan for the Graduation Pledge. The second retreat will occur at the end of the semester to discuss the success and suggest improvements towards the end of the Spring 2009 semester.

B. Request from the Graduation Pledge Alliance (GPA) to insert budget language into the 2008-09 GPA budget that will allow GPA to use the Supplies and Services line item to purchase T-Shirts, Pens and a journal. –Information Item
GPA has traditionally used their line item to purchase pins and cards to hand out to graduates.

C. Determination by the Board of Finance as to which AS Programs will be invited to the Board of Finance meeting to answer specific question about the 2009-10 budget request. Date of Budget Hearings is Saturday, February 28th –Information Item
Budget Hearings for 2009-10 for selected AS Programs have been scheduled for February 28th, at which time they need to be prepared to clarify any areas in their budget request.
President (Sofia Pereira)
Pereira reported that last Friday there was about 50 people at a Budget Rally in the KBR to discuss the State Budget. Pereira reported that she put in a statement to the Lumberjack about Walid Shoebat and how programs are funded. Pereira also acknowledged in the Lumberjack that the Women’s Center will have a debriefing session on Wednesday. The UC Board met and made its program goals for the next year. The Executive Committee is looking into who will take over Nordstrom’s role. The Student Recreation Center Board of Directors met to review their goals for the next year.

Dixon arrived at 3:00 p.m.

General Council Discussion
DeBoer further explained what the University Curriculum Committee’s purview was.

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 reported that the IRV task force had met multiple times since the last meeting. The task force has decided to spend the rest of the semester working on the revisions to the code that could become effective for the Spring 2010 semester.

Announcements
There were no announcements.

Adjournment
DeBoer adjourned the meeting without objection at 3:11 p.m.

Recorded by:
Rob Christensen
AS Secretary

Approved by:

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Jennifer DeBoer
Legislative Vice President