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: Kale Roberts, Dina Haigounian, Desiree Woods, Morrissa Hudson, Joyce Tam, Zachary Beshore,

Members Absent: NightSnow Vogt (Excused), Alex Gradine (Unexcused), Rachel Cooke (Unexcused)

Officers Present: Sofia Pereira, Jennifer DeBoer, Corey Fenton Gabe Shames, Brandon Chapin, Dorothyann Guido, Dylan Sutherland

Officers Absent: Steven Dixon (Excused), Melissa Gussin (Unexcused)

Advisor Present: Joan Tyson

Approval of Agenda

MOTION: BESHORE/TAM move to approve Agenda #17. APPROVED

Chair’s Report
DeBoer had no Chair’s Report.

Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of Minutes #16 dated February 23rd, 2009 -- Action Item

MOTION: TAM/ROBERTS move to approve Minutes #16 dated February 23rd 2009. APPROVED

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

Jason Robo, a student at large, addressed the Council about his upcoming senior project event. Paul Zarembka, an Economics Professor from SUNY Buffalo, will be speaking on campus tomorrow from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. on “The Hidden History of 9-11-2001” in Science B 135. Robo is also looking for funds to cover the cost of Zarembka’s hotel stay while he is here.
Appointments to Committees and Council

A. S. President (Sofia Pereira)
MOTION: TAM/BESHORE move to appoint Alex Kramer to the Associated Students Council as a College of Professional Studies Representative. APPROVED

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

A. S. Legislative Vice President (Jennifer DeBoer)
MOTION: BESHORE/HAIGOUNIAN move to suspend AS Government Code Section 6.03 to appoint Scott Bridges to the Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Prevention Committee. APPROVED

Bridges is in a meeting and unable to attend.

MOTION: ROBERTS/WOODS move to appoint Scott Bridges as the Legislative Vice President’s designee to the Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Prevention Committee. APPROVED

A. S. Student Affairs Vice President (Gabe Shames)
MOTION: TAM/HAIGOUNIAN move to suspend AS Government Code Section 6.03 to appoint Chelsea Barto to the Service Learning Experiential Advisory Committee. APPROVED

Barto is in class and unable to attend.

MOTION: HAIGOUNIAN/WOODS move to appoint Chelsea Barto to the Service Learning Experiential Advisory Committee. APPROVED

(1) ABSENCE

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
There was no report.

College Representative Reports
Cooke – College of Natural Resources and Sciences
Absent.
Roberts – College of Natural Resources and Sciences
Roberts attended the first AS Campus/Community Service Scholarship Committee meeting last week.

Tam – College of Professional Studies
Tam reported that the Board of Finance met on Saturday, February 28th to finalize the Board of Finance’s recommended budget for 2009-10.

Kramer – College of Professional Studies
No report.

Haigounian – College of Arts Humanities and Social Sciences
Haigounian reported that she attended the Provost’s Council meeting on March 4th. The Provost’s Council met with Radha Webley, Associate Director of Diversity and Inclusion, to review the proposed diversity matrix. The matrix will be used to measure the amount of growth in diversity on campus. The Provost’s Council also finalized the Program Prioritization Rubric that will be used for support units within Academic Affairs. The Provost’s Council also reviewed two requests from the Department of Anthropology for use of one time money.

Woods – College of Arts Humanities and Social Sciences
Woods reported that the Educational Effectiveness Review Committee (EERC) discussed the Cabinet for Institutional Change proposal. EERC will be reviewing the proposal and ranking academics, general education and co-curricular student learning outcomes. The EERC has also been reviewing similar committees on different universities to help craft their own committee. Woods also reported that The Educational Policies Committee is evaluating an independent study alternative for students to work closely with professors on individual projects.

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

Vogt –All University
Absent.

Residence Hall Association (RHA) Representative Report (Zachary Beshore)
Beshore reported that the Residence Hall Association is currently in the middle of their elections process for their executive officers.

General Manager (Joan Tyson)
Tyson reported that the Outstanding Student Nominations process is currently underway. Students may nominate other students in one of multiple categories. The applications are due by Wednesday, March 25th. The awards ceremony will be held on April 29th. More information about the Outstanding Student Awards may be found on the Student Affairs Website.

Elections Commissioner (Dylan Sutherland)
Sutherland reported that advertisements have been placed around campus and in the Lumberjack regarding open positions for next year. Sutherland passed out talking points that the Council could use for in-class presentations. Elections packets are available in the AS Office. Sutherland will be tabling this week about elections on the quad and is looking for volunteers who would be interested in tabling with him.
Public Relations (Dottie Guido)
No report.

AS Presents (Melissa Gussin)
Absent.

CSSA (Steven Dixon)
Absent.

CSSA (Brandon Chapin)
Chapin reported that there will be a special election on May 19th. Chapin will be coordinating a get out the vote effort. Chapin and Dixon may approach the Council with resolutions either supporting or opposing certain ballot propositions. Chapin also reported that he and Dixon will be attending a CSSA meeting next week at CSU Channel Islands.

Legislative Vice President (Jennifer DeBoer)
DeBoer reported that she is unable to attend the first half of Academic Senate meetings because of a class conflict. There was a brief discussion in the Academic Senate about reorganizing the colleges into one college, the College of Arts and Sciences. The Academic Senate will also be discussing the Program Prioritization Report at its next meeting. DeBoer encouraged anyone interested in attending the Graduation Pledge Alliance retreat to contact her. Representation is also needed on the University Curriculum Committee.

Student Affairs Vice President (Gabe Shames)
Shames had no report.

Administrative Affairs Vice President (Corey Fenton)

Board of Finance Report – March 4th, 2009

A. Request from The MultiCultural Center (MCC) for a line-item transfer in the amount of $875.00 from line item Stipend to line item Work Study. –Information Item
The MultiCultural Center’s Latino Community Coordinator and Q-Fest Coordinator have been awarded Work Study for the year. By allowing the Stipend to be transferred to the Work Study line item, it allows for better use of funds and supports students in positions of interest. The transfer is for the Spring 2009 semester only.

B. Request from The Learning Center from Unallocated for funds in an amount not to exceed $3,700.00 to augment the 2008-09 budget for an increase of services in the Fall 2008 semester and a projected increase of services in the Spring 2009 semester. –Action Item
The Learning Center has received a higher demand for their services in the Fall 2008 Semester and is expecting an even larger demand in services for the Spring 2009 semester.

MOTION: HAIGOUNIAN/WOODS move to approve the request from The Learning Center from Unallocated in an amount no to exceed $3,700.00. APPROVED

Beshore asked Fenton why there was an increase in services at the Learning Center. Fenton stated that students on campus are becoming better connected with services because professors are advertising the service more in classes. Pereira explained that the Board of Finance wanted to cover the shortfall in money for the Fall semester and also provided the Learning Center with similar funds for the Spring semester. Woods stated that she is a tutor at the Learning Center and she has noticed a large increase in the number of students that are requesting services.
C. 2009-2010 Recommended Associated Students Budget – Information Item
The Board of Finance has completed its recommendations and the AS Council will receive the budget at their next meeting, March 26th, 2008 March 23rd 2009. Action will be taken regarding the budget at the April 9th, 2008 April 6th, 2009 meeting.

It was noted that there was a clerical error on the agenda. The Council will receive the 2009-10 Recommended Associated Students Budget at the March 23rd, 2009 meeting. The Council will review the budget at their March 30th, 2009 meeting and will take action on the budget at the April 6th, 2009 meeting.

President (Sofia Pereira)
Pereira reported that the University Center (UC) Executive Committee met to discuss the appointment of a new Executive Director for the UC. The Executive Committee will be laying out three different proposals of how to select a new Executive Director to the UC Board. The UC Board could choose to hire from within the University Center, from on campus or do a nationwide search. The UC Board will be meeting at 5:00 p.m. in the UC banquet room on March 12. Pereira also reported that the University Budget Committee (UBC) met on February 27th. The University is forecasting a budget deficit of $831,816.00 for the 2009-10 school year. Each division within the University has prepared an analysis of where cuts could be made in their division. The UBC has suggested that the University place any additional enrollment fees into an account for one-time funding next year. The UBC also encouraged the University to look at alternative revenue sources. Pereira also reported that Russell Statham, CSU Student Trustee, will be meeting with students from HSU on March 27th from 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

General Council Discussion

DeBoer encouraged Council to check out the website for the Committee for Institutional Change. Tyson reminded the Council that there are still three vacancies on the Elections Commission and stressed the importance of the Commission. DeBoer also stated that there is currently no student representation on the University Curriculum Committee which meets every other Tuesday at 10:00 a.m.

General Council Work Session

A. Art Quad Utilization – Gabe Shames
Shames will lead a discussion on how the Art Quad could potentially be opened up for student groups to use in a similar fashion to the University Center Quad.

Shames stated that Vice President Nordstrom and President Richmond are considering an expansion of the UC Quad policy to the Art Quad and Redwood Bowl. Shames is interested in getting clubs involved in tabling on the Art Quad. Pereira stated that she will be meeting with President Richmond and Vice President Butler on Friday and will ask for an update on the progress. Hudson asked where equipment for tabling would be stored near those areas. Shames said that he had not considered some of the logistics but would like to continue working on a plan to make the space available. Kramer asked Shames when he would be interested in having the project completed. Shames responded that he hopes that the quad would be opened up before the AS Elections. Hudson asked if students have been interested in looking for more places to table. Shames stated that he was unsure but the idea had come from finding more areas where the free speech zone could be extended to.
Announcements

Chapin announced that both the Men’s and Women’s Basketball teams are in the NCAA tournament and that he will be creating a contest based on bracket standings for the tournament.

Adjournment

DeBoer adjourned the meeting without objection at 3:14 p.m.

Recorded by:

Rob Christensen
AS Secretary

Approved by:

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Jennifer DeBoer
Legislative Vice President