Call to Order

Ryan Guy, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m. in the Nelson Hall East, Goodwin Forum.

Roll Call

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

Members Absent: Tara Holloway (excused)

Officers Present: Terra Rentz, DaVonna Foy (late), Constance Mitchell, Rachel Rodriguez, Lladira Baez, Keith Lambert, Steven Dimon, Alan Chesbro

Officers Absent: Alan Chesbro (excused), Steven Dimon (unexcused)

Advisors Present: Joan Tyson, Steven Butler

Approval of Agenda

MOTION: SMITH/KOVALCHECK move to approve Agenda #16. APPROVED

1 ABSTENSIONS

Chair's Report

Guy reported that Public Comments would be limited to four minutes per speaker due to the amount of people in attendance.

Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of Minutes # 13 dated February 13th, 2008—Action Item (should have been listed on agenda as Minutes #13, February 27, 2008 meeting—will be corrected at the April 9, 2008 meeting)

MOTION: SMITH/KOVALCHECK move to approve Minutes #13 dated February 13th, 2008. APPROVED

B. Approval of Minutes #14 dated February 27th, 2008—Action Item (should have been listed on agenda as Minutes #14, March 3, 2008 meeting—will be corrected at the April 9, 2008 meeting)
MOTION: NEWTON/KOVALCHECK move to approve Minutes #14 dated February 27th, 2008. APPROVED AS AMENDED

Mitchell requested that her absence be listed as excused in the minutes.

MOTION: SMITH/NEWTON move to list Mitchell’s absence as excused in the February 27th Associated Students Council meeting minutes. APPROVED

MOTION: NEWTON/KOVALCHECK move to list all members absences as excused in the February 27th Associated Students Council meeting. APPROVED

This was a Special Meeting called by Jason Robo and members could not be in attendance due to schedule conflicts.

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

Steven Wieland, a student, addressed the Council and stated that he had resigned from the Space and Facilities Committee. Wieland accused the Council of illegally impeaching Jason Robo, former Vice President of Legislative Affairs. Wieland said that the Associated Students Council is part of the problem rather than the solution and that they have no power. Wieland stated that the Council does not consider people who may be directly or indirectly affected by decisions it makes. Wieland also stated that the Council handed out non-recyclable paper fliers at a campus event on Monday.

Jason Robo, a student and former Council member, requested that he be given more than four minutes to speak. Guy suggested allowing others with public comment to speak first. Robo consented.

Kintay Johnson, a student, addressed the Council and stated that he was appalled by what the Associated Students Council has been doing this year. Johnson stated that he has been waiting to see what Associated Students will do this semester and that he fears what new students will have to face next years due to cuts to HSU. Johnson reminded the Council that any of them could be recalled from office. Johnson stated that students will be unable to get services next year and that Online classes are not the “Humboldt Way.” Johnson said that the Council should not fight each other but focus on problems.

Tony Snow, a student, addressed the Council and referred to Article 2, Section B and Article 4, Section C of the AS Constitution. Snow questioned if Robo was legitimately removed from office and stated that Council has the right to impeach but not the right to remove a member from office. Snow stated that the Code states that the accused rights must be maintained. Snow also noted that when an official is impeached in the US Government the articles are written in the House and the individual is tried in the Senate. Snow stated that he would be happy to share his information with anyone on Council.

Dawne Abdul Al-Bari, a student, addressed the Council and stated that the HSU Community recently lost two female students who left the campus because of harassment in downtown Arcata. Abdul Al-Bari also reminded the Council about two college women who lost their life on the east coast as well. Currently Abdul Al-Bari is working to create a peace scholarship for an HSU student. Abdul Al-Bari
also suggested that the Humboldt Orientation Program give students resources and skills to protect their own safety.

Patrick McCauley, a student, addressed the Council and stated that Associated Students Government Code Section 9.07 says that all necessary information must be provided to the accused. McCauley believes that the accused did not receive all necessary and pertinent information and feels that the Associated Students Council did not follow its Government Code or Constitution throughout the impeachment process.

Abby, a student, addressed the Council on issues surrounding Robo’s impeachment and asked the Council to discuss the problem. Smith welcomed Abby to come in to the AS Office and discuss the process with him.

Anna Dyadco, a student, addressed the Council regarding Jason Robo’s impeachment. Dyadco stated that she works with Robo on a committee and realizes that it can be difficult to communicate with Robo. Dyadco believes that Robo is an important asset to the HSU community and that she was not in favor of his impeachment. Dyadco read a letter from another student who also was not in favor of Robo’s impeachment.

Chad St. John, a student, read a letter to the editor of the Lumber Jack Newspaper written by Shannon Taylor a Graduate student. Taylor believes that Robo’s impeachment was mishandled by the AS Council.

*Guy allowed Robo to speak for ten minutes.*

Jason Robo, a student and former Council member addressed the Council regarding his impeachment. Robo stated that his impeachment was both unethical and illegal and that the Council committed harm to the Student Body by its actions. Robo stated that his grades have suffered due to the impeachment process. Robo stated that the current Associated Students Meeting times are void. Robo stated that he did not receive his impeachment on time. Robo stated that the CSU system is not the solution. Robo also stated that he missed the meeting on January 30th due to a conflict with the Focus the Nation event on campus that day, but that he was sitting on a student leader forum. Robo also believed that his impeachment was invalid due to a failure of secretarial duties because the impeachment documents were not posted online. Robo stated that he believed the impeachment articles were purposely kept from the campus community and stated that the campus was not informed until the day of the impeachment through a Lumberjack article. Robo finished his public comment time by reading quotes from famous individuals.

**Program Presentation**

Sustainable Living Arts and Music Festival (SLAM) – Alex Fonseca, Daniel Coleman, Jessica Loop and Sierra Gjerde

Alex Fonseca, advisor to SLAM introduced the three co-directors in attendance. The SLAM festival was created in 1996 and replaced the HSU Renewable Energy Fair and the Lumberjack Days Festival. Fonseca began advising the festival last year and has worked with students to reorganize the operations.
Gjerde, SLAM Arts Co-Director announced that SLAM will be held on the South Soccer Field this year. Student produced art, as well as art from the community will be displayed across the festival. Art workshops will also be held where festival goers can learn how to make maypoles, scarecrows and snowflakes. Currently Gjerde is working to put on a poetry slam at the festival as well as creating an environment for children who attend the festival. Coleman, SLAM Clubs and Organizations Co-Director are working with campus groups to display different energy efficient technology. Coleman will be orchestrating tours of the Schatz Energy Research lab, the Campus Center for Appropriate Technology and the LEED certified Behavior and Social Science Building. Coleman announced that one performance stage will be entirely powered by solar panels and bio diesel fuels. Coleman is working with food vendors to create as little waste as possible from the event and The “J” will be providing silverware for the fair. Loop, SLAM Music Co-Director has been seeking diverse music for the festival this year. Loop announced that performers for the festival will all be local and will include The HSU Calypso Band, HSU Samba, The Bump Foundation, Sour Grass and The Marching Lumber Jacks. A battle of the bands performance will award paid performance space to local amateur bands. SLAM has created a My Space page for anyone interested in learning more about the festival.

Appointments to Committees and Council

A. S. President (Terra Rentz)

MOTION: NEWTON/KOVALCHECK move to appoint Cody John to the Voter Registration and Education Committee.

APPROVED

A. S. Administrative Vice President (DaVonna Foy)
No Appointments.

A. S. Student Affairs Vice President (Constance Mitchell)
No Appointments.

Old Business

There was no old business.

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

Committee Reports

College Representative Reports

Hurley – College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences
Hurley reported that none of her committees have met recently. Hurley has been spending time encouraging students to run for AS next year.

Newton – College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences
Newton reported that the Sexual Health Advocacy Committee will be meeting on April 4th at 3:00 p.m. in the Health Center Conference Room and will be providing training about HIV testing. The Health
Center is having a difficult time seeing all patients due to a $200,000.00 budget cut. Newton will be going to the state capitol on April 21st for the March for Higher Education.

Guy – College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences
Guy has been spending time encouraging students to run for AS next year.

Kovalcheck – College of Natural Resources and Sciences
Kovalcheck reported that she will be attending future International Resource Committee Meetings soon. The Student Recreation Center BOD will be meeting at least one more time this year.

Smith – College of Natural Resources and Sciences
Smith reported that the HEIF committee awarded over $100,000.00 in funds to two proposals. The first project will be solar panel installation on the Old Music Building. Students will be installing the solar panels under the supervision of a general contractor. The second project will fund the installation of solar monitoring equipment on top of the HSU Library. Smith noted that he was satisfied with the progress the HEIF committee had made this year. The CNRS Lab Fee Committee will be meeting Thursday, April 2nd.

Schaden – College of Natural Resources and Sciences
Schaden reported that the Program Prioritization Task Force will be having a town hall meeting with President Richmond as the speaker. The town hall meeting is scheduled for April 16th at 5:00 p.m. The Program Prioritization Committee recommended the elimination of the German Program in a 10-4 vote. The National Survey of Student Engagement is currently surveying students on campus. Schaden asked the council to make recommendations on a letter that she had written to Provost Snyder, President Richmond and the UCC about keeping small class sizes.

Cobbs – College of Professional Studies
The Activities Coordinating Board will be having its last meeting of the year this week. The Diversity Program Funding Committee has put out a call for proposals.

Lobo – College of Professional Studies
Lobo attended a Grievance Committee meeting on March 25th. The College of Professional Studies mixer will be Wednesday April 2nd, 2008 in the Goodwin Forum from 4pm-6pm.

Hughes – All University
Hughes had no report.

Balch – All University
Balch reported that the German program is continuing to restructure the German Studies major. Balch also reported that there is a discussion about an exchange program for HSU students interested in German technology programs.

**Residence Hall Association (Villegas)**
Villegas reported that RHA week will be April 5th-13th. RHA will be giving away care packages to all of the residents on campus.
Graduate Studies Rep (Holloway)
Absent.

General Manager (Joan Tyson)
Tyson reported that IRA budget applications were turned in on Monday and the IRA Committee will be meeting on Wednesday, April 9th at 8:00 a.m. Tyson reminded the Council that the IRA fee is a $250 per semester mandatory fee that every student pays.

Elections Commissioner (Keith Lambert)
Lambert reported that 15 packets have been taken out but no packets have been returned yet. Applications are due on April 7th. Anyone interested in helping with the election should sign up in the AS Office to do a class rap. Lambert handed out a letter written to the campus community by Dimon that invites students to participate in an election event on Wednesday, April 23rd in the Kate Buchanan room.

Public Relations Coordinator (Steven Dimon)
Absent.

AS Presents (Alan Chesbro)
Absent.

CSSA (Rachel Rodriguez)
Rodriguez reported that she went to Sacramento over break to help prepare for the rally in April. Rodriguez clarified her statement that was printed in the Tuition Relief Now article in the Lumberjack Newspaper. There is going to be a student protest/campout at the state capitol starting in May until the budget is passed.

CSSA (Lladira Baez)
Baez reported that she is working on an appeal to the CSSA program budget. Baez reported that Associated Students of Sonoma State University will be pulling their dues next year from CSSA. Baez encouraged Council members to do club raps for the bus trip to the capitol in April. There will also be a campus event on April 21st for students who can’t go on the lobbying trip. Amy Moore will be setting up meetings with area legislators for April 21st 2008.

Student Affairs Vice President (Constance Mitchell)
Mitchell reported that the University Center is considering building a convenience store with the new residence halls on lower campus. The University Center is proposing closing the South Campus Market place when the new convenience store opens. The Student Affairs Directors Meeting discussed the Outstanding Student Award nominations. The last Activities Coordinating Board meeting will be Friday March 27th, 2008. Mitchell has made a request to Unallocated for funding for 1,000 academic planners that will be made available to student and will include information from campus clubs and AS Programs. Mitchell requested that Council submit ideas they would want included in the planners to her by Friday, March 28th, 2008.

Administrative Affairs Vice President (Davonna Foy)
Foy reported that the last AS Funding Board meeting is this Friday from 10 a.m. -12 p.m. Foy is working with Alex Fonseca from the Clubs office to reformat the application for funding for the ACB/MCC allocation board. Foy reminded the Council that they will be taking action on their budget at the April 9th meeting. She pleaded with everyone to ask questions in advance so the process could go smooth.

President (Terra Rentz)
Rentz thanked the Council for their professionalism during the meeting and that the Council has done an excellent job this year. Rentz also encouraged the Council to continue to support each other. The A.S. government vests have arrived and can be picked up at the AS Business Office. The AS Campus and Community Service Scholarship committee will be meeting on Friday, April 4th. Rentz will be attending the Academic Senate meeting next week on Tuesday at 4:00 p.m. Rentz reminded Council members to encourage students to apply for the vacant Legislative Vice President position. Rentz suggested a resolution by Associated Students in support of CSSA in response to the resolution passed by Sonoma State University’s Associated Students.

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

Mitchell announced that her letter was not printed for the second time in a week and will be meeting with the Lumberjack Newspaper to discuss the issue. Schaden asked if binders will be purchased to create position transition binders. Rentz stated that she will purchase the binders for each college and position. Schaden noted that at the last clubs coalition meeting they are creating a binder with contact information with people on campus and requested that Council get information to her that she could place in the clubs coalition binder. Lambert announced that buttons and pins for the AS Elections have arrived and are available to pass out to students and that he will be tabling throughout this and next week on the quad encouraging students to run for office. Newton reported that she is planning a transition meeting for the incoming College of Arts Humanities and Social Science representatives. Tony Snow, a student at large asked Balch if she could provide information about the difference in costs of having a German Major instead of just a German Minor. Snow also commented that Council should remind students to participate in the elections and that defending the University during a state budget crisis will take a lot of hard work. Rentz stated that President Richmond and the campus Vice President's will be putting together general funding requests for their divisions for the upcoming fiscal year. Rentz will be meeting with Richmond next week to learn more about the budget proposals for each area of the campus. Steven Wieland, a student at large, commented that the budget crisis could be solved by legalizing cannabis.

MOTION: HUGHES/KOVALCHECK move to extend the meeting adjournment to 6:20 p.m. APPROVED (1) OPPOSED

General Council Work Session

A. Spring 2008 Goals –Terra Rentz and Tyler Smith
The Council will evaluate and address the goals they set at the Spring 2008 retreat.
Smith asked Council for opinions on the completion of the goals decided on at the Spring retreat. Newton responded that the main goal “Get Up and Get Active” has had substantial progress made with the completion of the college socials, budget rally, election advertising and the march on the California State Capitol. Guy reported that the 24-hour study lounge goal should create a task-force that could work on the goal over the next year. Hughes commented that many of the goals set for the year still haven’t been met. Rodriguez stated that goals could be continued by the next Council.

**Announcements**

The Film Festival will begin in the Van Duzer at 7:00 p.m. tonight. The CSSA is working on a statewide parents pledge similar to the one created by Associated Students. The University of California Student Association (UCSA) is also adopting a Parent’s Pledge Program. Baez reported that Gamma Alpha Omega is holding a Mr. HSU pageant and encouraged Council members to find students interested in being in the event.

**Adjournment**

Guy adjourned the meeting without objection at 6:15 p.m.

Recorded by:

Rob Christensen  
AS Secretary

Approved by:

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Ryan Guy  
Associated Students Vice-Chair