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, Dina Haigounian, Desiree Woods, Morrissa Hudson, Joyce Tam, Zachary Beshore, NightSnow Vogt, Alex Kramer, Alex Gradine
Members Absent: Kale Roberts (Excused)
Officers Present: Sofia Pereira, Jennifer DeBoer, Corey Fenton, Gabe Shames, Brandon Chapin, Melissa Gussin, Dylan Sutherland
Officers Absent: Steven Dixon (Excused)
Advisors Present: Gail Wootan, Joan Tyson

Approval of Agenda
MOTION: BESHORE/WOODS move to approve Agenda #20. APPROVED

Chair's Report
DeBoer welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Approval of Minutes
A. Approval of Minutes #18 dated March 23rd, 2009 -- Action Item
MOTION: VOGT/KRAMER move to approve Minutes #18 dated March 23rd 2009. APPROVED

A. Approval of Minutes #19 dated March 30th, 2009 -- Action Item
MOTION: BESHORE/HUDSON move to approve Minutes #19 dated March 30th 2009. APPROVED

Public Comments (As per the Gloria Romero Open Meeting Act of 2000 authorized by Section 89306.)
There was no public comment.

**Appointments to Committees and Council**

**A. S. President (Sofia Pereira)**
No Appointments

**A. S. Administrative Vice President (Corey Fenton)**
No Appointments.

**A.S. Legislative Vice President (Jennifer DeBoer)**

*Haigounian Arrived at 2:08 p.m.*

**MOTION:** WOODS/BESHORE move to appoint Alex Kramer to the Elections Commission.

APPROVED

**A.S. Student Affairs Vice President (Gabe Shames)**
No Appointments.

**Old Business**

A. Review and Approval of the 2009-2010 Associated Students Budget – Action Item

The Board of Finance forwarded the recommended budgets for A.S. Programs to Council on March 23rd, 2009. Council is scheduled to act at this meeting on the 2009-2010 Associated Students recommended budget. If A.S. Program Directors wished to appeal the Board of Finance’s recommendation to Council, they were to deliver 20 copies of their appeal narrative and justification to the Associated Students Business Office no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 1st, 2009. Each program that appeals will be given five minutes to make their presentation to Council and Council will be given five minutes to ask questions. No adjustments will be made until all of the programs requesting appeals have been heard.

It is also possible that Council may decide to call in programs for which they have questions. If that happens, programs selected will be asked to appear at the following A.S. Council meeting, scheduled for Monday, April 20th, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. If a program is not called in by Council, and the program does not appeal, the program will not have their recommended budgets altered. (Please note: for a program to be called in by Council, at least a majority of the members must vote to do so.) Following hearing appeals, Council will make a motion to approve, proceed through each A.S. Program providing an opportunity for discussion, questions, comments, and/or amendments followed by a vote.

Fenton opened Public Comment on the Budget.

*There was no Public Comment.*
1. The following program is appealing the Board of Finance recommendation. They will have five minutes to make their presentation, after which Council will have five minutes for a question and answer period.

A. The Learning Center

Carmen Colunga, Learning Center Coordinator, was present on behalf of The Learning Center. Colunga explained that the Learning Center has experienced tremendous growth over the past year and is in need of additional funding to maintain services and is requesting that the Learning Center’s request be fully funded by adding an addition $1,875.00 to their budget. Colunga explained that if the Learning Center were not to receive full funding they would most likely have to decrease their services for students.

Fenton asked if Athletics has been able to contribute any additional funding. Colunga explained that Athletics has budgeted $1,000.00 per semester for support of the Learning Center. Fenton also asked Colunga if the 2009-10 short fall would be funded by Student Affairs if Associated Students were unable to fulfill the request. Colunga stated that if Associated Students could not provide additional funding he would negotiate for more funding with Student Affairs. Haigounian asked what services would be cut if the funding was not made available. Colunga stated that the Learning Center would cut support for the Math 99 lab from 19 hours a week to 16 hours a week and would reevaluate options for small group tutoring including cutting the number of sessions or increasing group sizes. Colunga explained that there are currently 47 small tutoring groups and that four of them are for athletes.

DeBoer asked Colunga if they have explored the option of increasing the amount of students in small group tutoring and if it would save funds. Colunga stated that it could save funds although most small groups have more than three students in them. Haigounian asked what the success rate is for students who utilize the Learning Center. Colunga replied that students who use the Learning Center have an 80% success rate.

Cooke asked Colunga if the Learning Center has looked into grants for tutoring services. Colunga stated that he has considered looking for grant funding from the Humboldt Area Foundation.

Fenton closed Appeals and proceeded with discussion of the 2009-10 AS Recommended Budget.

MOTION: VOGT/WOODS move to approve the 2009-10 AS Recommended Budget.

2009-10 Budget Language (Applies to all programs receiving A. S. funds)

Haigounian stated that she would like to have Budget Language #8 strengthened.

MOTION: HAIGOUNIAN/WOODS move to amend the motion by inserting: as well as other disciplinary actions as outlined in the budget language. to the end of Budget Language #8. FAILS

Woods suggested new language that could be placed in Budget Language #3 rather than in Budget Language #8. It was suggested that the Council vote the original amendment down so a new amendment could be considered.

MOTION: WOODS/BESHORE move to amend the second paragraph of Budget Language
#8 to read:

Violations will be reviewed by the A.S. Administrative Vice President, which may result in a fine not to exceed $50. A fine in excess of $50, *or other disciplinary action*, will be reviewed and approved by the Board of Finance.  

The Council had a variety of discussion regarding Budget Language #3 and #8. Tyson suggested some clarifying language for Budget #3. Cooke stated that #3 and #8 are for separate situations and encouraged the Council to keep them separate. Haigounian stated that she would like to see an amendment that ties the violations in section #8 into Section #3.

*Tam arrived to the meeting at 2:38 p.m.*

MOTION: **HAIGOUNIAN/GRADINE** move to amend Budget Language #3 to read:

> Failure to comply with budget language stipulations may result in funds being frozen *or other disciplinary action* pending Board of Finance action.  

APPROVED  

(7) AYE  
(2) NAY

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No discussion.

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No discussion.

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No discussion.

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MOTION: **WOODS/GRADINE** move to call in the AS Presents program to the next Associated Students Council meeting.  

APPROVED  

(5) AYE  
(3) NAY  
(1) ABSTENTION

Woods stated that she would like to call in AS Presents to see why they have received a large increase over their prior year’s budget. Fenton advised the Council to not take actions that may pit programs against each other. Woods feels concerned that programs like the Learning Center are getting cut during
the recession. Gussin stated that the AS Presents Program has been asked to take on additional programming including HumWeek and SLAM festival over the past year and there budget for the upcoming year needed to be adjusted accordingly to cover the same expenses for the 2009-10 academic year. Haigounian stated that she feels it’s necessary to call in AS Presents because of the large increase they received while Associated Students is balancing their budget with a $40,000.00 subsidy from Operating Reserves. Woods stated that the mission of HSU as an institution is to help students succeed academically. DeBoer stated that she recognizes the importance of tutoring but pointed out that more students attend the AS Presents concerts than use the Learning Center’s services. Tam stated that 2009-10 will be a critical year for the economy and feels that it is an appropriate time for the Council to spend money from it’s reserves.

**Arts and Music Festival (SLAM)** $9,800

No discussion.

**AS Government** $70,458

No discussion.

**CSSA** $27,015

No discussion.

**Campus Recycling Program** $33,166

No discussion.

**CCAT** $44,901

No discussion.

**CenterArts** $0

No discussion

**Children’s Center** $34,100

No discussion.

**Club and Program Support** $18,100

No discussion

**Drop-In Recreation** $16,500

No discussion.
Eric Rofes Center $3,766

No discussion.

Film Festival $8,473

No discussion.

Graduation Pledge Alliance $3,272

No discussion

Learning Center Tutorial Program $14,200

MOTION: HAIGOUNIAN/GRADINE move to amend the budget by amending the amount of the Learning Center’s line item to $16,075.00 by transferring $1,875.00 from the Unallocated line item. FAILS (3) AYE (6) NAY

Pereira stated that the Board of Finance met with Colunga regarding unallocated funding for The Learning Center for the current year and recommended that Colunga also approach Athletics and Student Affairs for additional funding for The Learning Center. Pereira feels that it is important for the Associated Students to be politically smart when funding programs and is concerned that the Associated Students may receive more requests to support traditionally state funded activities during bad economic times. Woods stated that only 8.5 percent of tutoring groups are for student athletes. Haigounian reminded the Council that athletes are students as well. Tam stated that she is the AS Liaison to the Learning Center and that the recommendations to the Learning Center by the Board of Finance have not been addressed. Gradine noted that tutoring groups would lose their efficiency if they had to take on additional students and that funding the Learning Center line item from the Unallocated line item would still leave a balance in Unallocated that is larger than the current budget’s allocation for Unallocated. Tyson stated that the reason Unallocated is slightly higher in the proposed budget than in previous years, is that the Board of Finance directed programs to seek funding from Unallocated if grants from the Activities Coordinating Board and the MCC would not cover the cost of their programming. DeBoer agrees with Gradine that some tutoring groups may become too large to be manageable, but that $1,875.00 would decrease the Unallocated line item by 16%. Vogt stated that the Learning Center is only resource for students who need additional resources and could also be served by organizations like the Humboldt Area Foundation or the HSU Writing Center. Haigounian reiterated her feelings that the Learning Center needs to be fully funded. Cooke pointed out that the Learning Center has not tried to seek funds from outside sources like other programs, such as the Children’s Center. Woods stated it is important for the Council to recognize that the funding directly benefits students and that most classes students receive tutoring for are lower division general education courses. Woods also stated that Professors are often inaccessible and that lower division classes can have a large amount of students. Pereira stated that President Richmond just took $100,000.00 out of reserves from IRA for Athletics and that departments on campus are looking for money and cautioned the Council to be careful on where they put their money.
MOTION: BESHORE/WOODS move to amend the amendment by striking $1,875.00 and replacing with $950.00. 

FAILS (5) AYE (4) NAY

Approval of budget items requires a 2/3 approval. (Fiscal Code 5.05)

Haigounian reminded the Council that all students are represented by Associated Students and athletes are students as well. Woods stated that she would consider $950.00 a compromise. Beshore stated that by covering half of the amount requested it shows that Associated Students is making an effort. Morrissa agrees with Pereira that the Associated Students should encourage the Learning Center to approach other groups.

MOTION: HAIGOUNIAN/WOODS move to amend the budget by amending the amount of the Learning Center’s line item to $15,100.00 by transferring $900.00 from the Unallocated line item. 

FAILS (4) AYE (5) NAY

MOTION: COOKE/GRADINE move to amend the amendment by striking $900.00 and replacing with $800.00. 

FAILS (6) AYE (4) NAY

Approval of the Budget requires a 2/3 vote (Fiscal Code 5.05) although the Legislative Vice President voted against the motion

Pereira reminded the Council that everyone is working under their best intentions and encouraged the Council to proceed.

MOTION: HAIGOUNIAN/BESHORE move to table the Learning Center budget to the next meeting.

FAILS (1) AYE (8) NAY

MOTION: GRADINE/WOODS move to amend the budget by amending the amount of the Learning Center’s line item to $14,950.00 by transferring $750.00 from the Unallocated line item. 

FAILS (6) AYE (4) NAY

Approval of the Budget requires a 2/3 vote (Fiscal Code 5.05) although the Legislative Vice President voted against the motion

Council Members who voted in favor of the amendment questioned Members who voted against the
amendment the reasoning for their vote. DeBoer stated that she felt the Learning Center was encouraged to appeal their budget by Council Members and would not have appealed it otherwise. Kramer stated that he did not want to vote in favor of the appeal because he felt that the Learning Center had not used all of their resources effectively. Hudson stated that after reviewing the budget requests she felt that more students utilized AS Presents than the Learning Center. Woods noted that she did not encourage The Learning Center to appeal their budget. It was suggested by DeBoer that one of the Council Members who voted against the previous amendments offer a new amendment in compromise.

MOTION: TAM/VOGT move to amend the budget by amending the amount of the Learning Center’s line items to $14,640.00 by transferring $440.00 from the Unallocated line item. APPROVED

(7) AYE
(1) NAY
(1) ABSTENTION

Marching Lumberjacks $5,800

No discussion.

Multicultural Center $55,565

No discussion

Sports Clubs $27,000

No discussion

Student Access Gallery $7,783

No discussion

Women’s Resource Center $28,992

No discussion.

YES $58,315

No discussion.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Student Life Support $11,000

No discussion.
Unallocated $11,643

No discussion. Amount pending final outcome of budget.

Reserves $0

No discussion.

The 2009-10 Recommended Budget was tabled until a Special Meeting called for Monday, April 13, 2009

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

Committee Reports from Students-at-Large
No report.

College Representative Reports

Cooke – College of Natural Resources and Sciences
No report.

Roberts – College of Natural Resources and Sciences
No report.

Tam – College of Professional Studies
No report.

Kramer – 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 will be attending the Academic Senate meeting to discuss the withdrawal date from courses. Woods is suggesting that instructors provide students with meaningfully graded work before the Census Date.

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 week will begin on Saturday, April 11th with RHA Bingo and will run
through Monday, April 20th.

**General Manager (Joan Tyson)**
No report.

**Associate Director of Student Life (Gail Wootan)**
Wootan reminded the Council that applications to run for office for 2009-10 were due to the AS Office by 5:00 p.m. today. Wootan also reported that there are two weeks left for students to declare themselves as write-in candidates. Wootan also displayed some of the promotional materials that are available for the election.

**Elections Commissioner (Dylan Sutherland)**
Absent.

**AS Presents (Melissa Gussin)**
Absent.

**CSSA (Steven Dixon)**
Absent.

**CSSA (Brandon Chapin)**
Chapin reported that there will be a pre-trip meeting for students who are planning on attending the CHESS conference.

**Legislative Vice President (Jennifer DeBoer)**
DeBoer reported that the Educational Effectiveness Review (EER) committee met with the Cabinet for Institutional Change last week. The EER will be creating an Ad Hoc Committee to discuss the WASC review.

**Student Affairs Vice President (Gabe Shames)**
No report.

**Administrative Affairs Vice President (Corey Fenton)**

Board of Finance Report – April 1, 2009

A. Placement of AS Logo on the California Big Time & Social Gathering poster – Information Item
As per Associated Students 2008-09 Budget Language #4, any budgeted area publicizing their program or an event shall include the PROMINENT DISPLAY of the A.S. logo. Violations will be reviewed by the A.S. Administrative Vice President, which may result in a fine not to exceed $25.00 by the Board of Finance. As the MultiCultural Center (MCC) phone number is listed for contact information, a representative from the MCC has been invited to this meeting.

Fenton noted that the Board of Finance chose to fine the MCC $15.00.

B. Request from The California State Student Association (CSSA) for a line-item transfer in the
amount of $2,000.00 from line item Additional Activities to line item Travel and Conference. –
Information Item
This year the CSSA program has traveled to every monthly meeting. Four of the trips have been to Southern California campuses and has required additional expenditures for airfare for both representatives. The line item transfer will help pay for the cost to send CSSA representatives to a meeting in May and to send both the incoming and outgoing representatives to the June transition meeting.

C. Request from The California State Student Association (CSSA) from Unallocated in an amount not to exceed $1,761.81 to augment the Travel and Conference line-item. –Action Item
This year the CSSA program has traveled to every monthly meeting. Four of the trips have been to Southern California campuses and has required additional expenditures for airfare for both representatives. Additional funding would be used to ensure that representation will be available at remaining meetings and that both the incoming and outgoing CSSA representatives will be able to attend the transition meeting in June.

MOTION: BESHORE/KRAMER move to approve the request from The California State Student Association from Unallocated in an amount not to exceed $1,761.81 to augment the Travel and Conference line-item. APPROVED
(1) ABSTENTION

President (Sofia Pereira)

Pereira reported that the University Center (UC) Executive Committee is considering a leadership succession plan for the vacant Executive Director position. Pereira noted that she felt that the process for appointment of a new Executive Director was bias. The UC Executive Committee has chosen to recommend the appointment of Dave Nakamura, Director of Center Activities, on a interim basis as Executive Director. The University Center will proceed with a national executive director search over the next two years. Pereira also reported that President Richmond sent out a memo to the Instructionally Related Activities (IRA) Committee to inform them that he will be transferring $100,000 from the IRA reserves to the Athletic Program. Pereira has provided a copy of Richmond’s memo to the LumberJack. Pereira also reported that the Saturday prior to finals there will be a gathering of the incoming and outgoing Council; the location is to be determined. Pereira also reported that Guido has resigned from her position as Public Relations Coordinator.

General Council Discussion

Woods reported that some majors will begin to have learning outcomes reflected on their semester evaluations for courses. Oceanography will be the first department to implement the new course evaluations.

New Business
There was no new business.

Announcements
There were no announcements.
**Adjournment**

DeBoer adjourned the meeting without objection at 4:45 p.m.

Recorded by:

Rob Christensen  
AS Secretary  

Approved by:

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Jennifer DeBoer  
Legislative Vice President