Before the AS Council was called to order, the Council participated in an Open Forum, open to all students, regarding the proposed fee, the Materials, Services and Facilities Fee. The fee would be a new fee in the amount of $72 per semester for part-time students and $144 per semester for full-time students adjusted by the Higher Education Price Index in order to fund extra curricular classroom and educational support activities.

Call to Order

Beth Weissbart, Legislative Vice President, called the meeting to order at 2:15 p.m. in the University Center, South Lounge.

Roll Call

Members Present: Stefanie Chen-Welch, Kristy Eden, Kari Armstrong, Ana Parra, Nathan Rudberg, Stephanie Partlow, Norman Romero, Iban Rodriguez, Rachel Brownell, Quinn McWatters, Krystina Thurin, Brent Warnken

Members Absent: Cortland Johnson (excused)

Officers Present: Brandon Chapin, Beth Weissbart, Joyce Tam, Alex Gradine, NightSnow Vogt, Amanda Hubacek, Rina Ferrario

Officers Absent: Aaron Wilyer (unexcused)

Advisors Present: Joan Tyson

Approval of Agenda

MOTION: PARTLOW/THURIN move to approve Agenda #18 APPROVED

Chair's Report

Weissbart had no report.

Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of Minutes #17 dated April 5th, 2010 – Action Item

MOTION: PARTLOW/ARMSTRONG move to approve Minutes #17 dated April 5th, 2010 APPROVED AS AMMENDED
Vogt clarified his report from April 5th. Vogt noted that his disappointment was that the Lumberjack’s article did not give a specific time or location of where the Academic Senate meeting regarding Program Elimination would be.

MOTION: RUDBERG/EDEN move to amend NightSnow Vogt’s report in Minutes #17 to read Vogt reported that he was disappointed that the story produced by The Lumberjack did not include the time and location of the Academic Senate meeting where Program Elimination would be discussed. APPROVED

(1) ABSTENTION

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

Amanda Schmidt, a student and Chair of the CNRS Lab Fee Committee, commented that the Materials, Services and Facilities (MSF) Fee proposal memo that was sent out to students from their departments was unsigned. Schmidt is a double major in Cellular Biology and Chemistry and feels that students who do not take lab fees should not be forced to pay for lab costs. Schmidt also noted that there was an excess in lab fees collected this year.

Appointments to Committees and Council

A. S. President (Brandon Chapin)
No Appointments.

A. S. Administrative Vice President (Alex Gradine)
No Appointments.

A.S. Legislative Vice President (Beth Weissbart)
No Appointments.

A.S. Student Affairs Vice President (Joyce Tam)
No Appointments.

Old Business

A. Resolution No. 2009-10-14: Resolution in Support of Affordable Textbooks and Affordable Alternatives – Action Item
The Associated Students would encourage and support efforts by professors to provide students with access to more affordable textbooks.

MOTION: EDEN/ARMSTRONG move to remove from the table and approve Resolution No. 2009-10-14: Resolution in Support of Affordable Textbooks and Affordable Alternatives APPROVED AS AMENDED

Rodriguez explained that he had written the resolution a little over a week ago after Jerri Hanley, from
the Chancellor’s Office, addressed the Academic Senate. Rodriguez has worked with a professor who provides low cost texts on the details of the resolution. Chapin stated that he was in favor of the resolution but suggested removing the fifth paragraph and including a new resolved in the beginning that read:

**RESOLVED.** AS supports the creation of the Steering Committee on Affordable Learning Solutions and looks forward to its recommendations to the campus community.

**MOTION:** RUDBERG/PARTLOW move to amend the resolution by inserting:

**RESOLVED.** AS supports the creation of the Steering Committee on Affordable Learning Solutions and looks forward to its recommendations to the campus community; therefore be it below the third paragraph. APPROVED

Chapin suggested that the original fifth paragraph should be amended to focus more on e-book opportunities for students.

**MOTION:** PARTLOW/THURIN move to amend the resolution by changing the fifth paragraph to read:

**RESOLVED:** The Associated Students of Humboldt State University supports the efforts of faculty to provide students with access to e-books, which provides students with online and downloadable versions of textbooks for a fraction of the cost of traditional paper textbooks; be if further APPROVED (1) ABSTENTION

**MOTION:** RUDBERG/THURIN move to amend the amendment to also strike encourage professors to research the textbooks that they plan to use for affordability from the fifth paragraph FAILS

**MOTION:** THURIN/PARTLOW move to amend the resolution by changing the original fourth paragraph to read:

**RESOLVED:** The Associated Students of Humboldt State University encourage professors to research and evaluate their textbook choices considering price for students; be it further APPROVED AS AMENDED

**MOTION:** EDEN/THURIN move to amend the amendment by striking considering and replacing with with consideration to APPROVED

Chapin asked for clarification on the original sixth paragraph. Rodriguez explained that some professors who create their own instructional materials do not receive compensation for it. Rodriguez is recommending that professors receive compensation for preparing their own materials. Rudberg stated that his own professor wrote his own textbook and provides it to the class, but receives no compensation for it. Rodriguez stated a materials fee could be considered for courses where instructors provide materials. Thurin stated that a materials fee for a particular fee for a class without a textbook is a good
idea, but not appropriate for this resolution, but should be considered for the future. Chen-Welch agreed that it may be confusing. Chapin noted that course material fees could be discontinued under the Materials, Services and Facilities Fee proposal. Gradine supports striking the second to last resolve.

MOTION: RUDBERG/ARMSTRONG move to amend the resolution by striking by this formal petition to the President and Chancellor to allow course material fees to be charged and paid to professors who replace expensive texts with their own materials from the original sixth paragraph APPROVED

MOTION: CHEN-WELCH/PARTLOW move to amend the resolution by striking Professors should be encouraged to notify students in advance of the books that will be required for the course from the original fourth paragraph FAILS

(1) ABSTENTION

Rudberg states that he is against striking the language. Chen-Welch states that she does not know how professors would be held accountable.

The question was called by Rudberg. There was no objection to calling the question and the Council proceeded to vote.

B. Resolution No. 2009-10-15: An Act to Amend the Associated Students Fiscal Code – Action Item

This act would clarify the language of the Associated Students Fiscal Code Section’s 13 & 14 regarding travel for clubs.

MOTION: ARMSTRONG/EDEN move to remove approve Resolution No. 2009-10-15: An Act to Amend the Associated Students Fiscal Code APPROVED

Chapin explained that last week there was an issue with payment of a faculty member for club sports travel. The amendment would clarify that Associated Students funds are to be used for student travel only.

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

Committee Reports from Students-at-Large

No report.

Chen-Welch – College of Arts Humanities and Social Sciences

Chen-Welch reported that the CAHSS mixer went well on April 7th.

Eden – College of Arts Humanities and Social Sciences

Eden reported that the CAHSS mixer was a success. The Change Steering Committee will be meeting on April 26th.

Armstrong – College of Arts Humanities and Social Sciences

Armstrong thanked everyone who assisted with the CAHSS mixer. The AS Presents committee will be meeting two weeks from today.
Romero – College of Professional Studies
Romero had no report.

Rodriguez – College of Professional Studies
Rodriguez reported that he attended the Academic Senate meeting and Election Orientation meeting.

Johnson – College of Professional Studies
Johnson was absent.

Parra – College of Natural Resources and Sciences
Parra was absent.

Rudberg – College of Natural Resources and Sciences
Rudberg reported that he attended the Academic Senate meeting and voted against cutting the Nursing Program as Rodriguez’s proxy. Rudberg also noted that Dean Nancy Hurlbut and Weissbart were present on behalf of the Nursing program.

Partlow – College of Natural Resources and Sciences
Partlow reported on behalf of Parra. Parra met with the Dean and Associate Deans of CNRS to confirm their attendance at the CNRS Mixer.

Brownell – At Large
Brownell reported that she attended the Academic Senate meeting and the CAHSS mixer.

McWatters – All University
McWatters reported that she attended the Academic Senate meeting on Tuesday. McWatters also attended the IRA meeting last week.

**Residence Hall Association (RHA) Representative Report (Krystina Thurin)**
Thurin reported that RHA week was a success with large turnout for most programs. RHA did not meet last week. Thurin attended the IRA meeting.

**Graduate Representative Report (Brent Warnken)**
Warnken had no report.

**General Manager (Joan Tyson)**
Tyson reported on behalf of Ferrario. The voters guide will be available on Tuesday. Tyson also reported that there will be 20 AS candidates on the ballot and four referendums/initiatives. The deadline to be a write-in candidate is Friday, April 16th. There are some positions that have no candidates.

**Elections Commissioner (Rina Ferrario)**
Ferrario was absent.

**AS Presents (Amanda Hubacek)**
Hubacek had no report.
California State Student Association (Aaron Wilyer)
Wilyer was absent.

California State Student Association (NightSnow Vogt)
Vogt reported that he attended the Election Orientation Meeting to discuss CHESS with the candidates. The CHESS conference is April 23rd-26th and will provide training on how to lobby legislators.

Legislative Vice President (Beth Weissbart)
Weissbart reported that she has been spending the last two weeks organizing nursing students against the proposed elimination of the program. Weissbart noted that local politicians have been voicing their support for the program.

Student Affairs Vice President (Joyce Tam)
Tam reported that the ACB/MCC Allocation Board will be having its final meeting on Wednesday. Tam attended the University Center (UC) Board of Directors meeting last week. The UC Operating Agreement will expire in June and the Board is working with the campus administration on a renewal. Concern has been raised about the number of students on the committees of the UC Board. Tam will be holding events in the KBR on April 20th and May 5th.

Administrative Vice President (Alex Gradine)

Board of Finance Report – April 7th, 2010

A. Request from the Lambda Theta Phi Latin Fraternity in an amount not to exceed $703.38 from Unallocated for costs associated with the Latinization in America Lecture – Action Item
Lambda Theta Phi Fraternity is hosting an event funded by the ACB/MCC Allocation Board. The event received the maximum allocation from the board of $2,500.00 in a Cultural Programming Grant and is requesting an additional $703.38 from Unallocated as per Multicultural Center budget language #10.

MOTION: EDEN/BROWNELL move to approve the request from the Lambda Theta Phi Latin Fraternity in an amount not to exceed $703.38 from Unallocated for costs associated with the Latinization in America Lecture APPROVED

Gradine explained that Lambda Theta Phi was allocated $2,500.00 from the ACB/MCC Allocation Board. They are requesting the remaining amount from Unallocated per the ACB/MCC budget language.

B. Request from the Campus Recycling Program (CRP) to change the program name from Campus Recycling Program to Waste-Reduction & Resource Awareness Program (WRRAP) – Action Item
The program is requesting changing its name to better reflect the goals of the organization. A recommendation from the Board of Finance would be forwarded to the Associated Students Council for final approval.

MOTION: EDEN/THURIN move to approve the request from the Campus Recycling Program (CRP) to change the program name from Campus Recycling Program to
Tyson explained that CRP has requested the name change. Tyson further explained that the change of a program name is a rare occurrence. Associated Students Council is considering the name change approval since the program is a program of the Associated Students of Humboldt State University.

President (Brandon Chapin)
Chapin reported that he attended the Academic Senate meeting last Tuesday and commended Weissbart for the excellent job that she has been doing and noted that the Academic Senate was impressed by the nursing programs response. Nurses were at Arcata’s Farmers Market and have received over 2,500 fans to their Facebook page in less than a week. The University President and Provost are receiving feedback on the possible elimination and plan to make a decision by the end of the academic year. Chapin also reported that he gave a welcome at Spring Preview and that there were over 2,000 future students and guests on campus that day. Tam and Gradine were also on panels for students. The Instructionally Related Activities Committee is calling in three programs to discuss their proposed budget. Two of the programs are new and the third is the Lumberjack newspaper. The UC Board of Directors continues to discuss changing their by laws. The proposal is to create three committees underneath the UC Board; the Programs and Facilities committee, the Administrative Services committee and the Enterprise Board. Originally the University had suggested a separate Enterprise Foundation with six non-students and four students that would administer Center Arts, Dining Services and the Bookstore. The committee that has been created will administer the same programs but would consist of four students and four non-students and the Executive Director would chair the committee. Chapin feels that this committee structure is a good compromise. Chapin noted that there are still eight spots open for those who would like to attend the CHESS conference.

General Council Discussion

Tam noted that she attended the California Big Time events. Gradine asked where the open forum event for the MSF fee would be held. Chapin said he would look into where they will be and let Gradine know.

General Council Work Session

There was no General Council Work Session.

Closed Session

Closed Session (The Council may hold a closed session under circumstances authorized in Section 89307 of the Gloria Romero Open Meeting Act.) At this time the Council and Executives will go into closed session as per Associated Students Personnel Policy 302. As per the AS policy, the University Center Executive Director, with the Associated Students President, will be responsible for conducting the evaluation of the AS General Manager. (See attached policy).

MOTION PARTLOW/ARMSTRONG move to enter Closed Session to conduct the evaluation of the AS General Manager. APPROVED

The Associated Students Council met in Closed Session in the South Lounge Conference Room.

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Weissbart left the meeting as Chair. Vice-Chair Rudberg chaired the remainder of the meeting.

Announcements

Gradine announced that this week is *Take Back the Night*. Gradine also noted that Friday is Day of Silence and that the Breaking The Silence event will be at 5:00 p.m. on the UC Quad. The Night of Noise Drag Show will be that evening in the Gist Theater. Gradine gave the *You Rock Rock* to Thurin. Armstrong announced that the Humboldt Film Festival will begin on Monday, April 19th. Eden and Hubacek will be doing a wood press event on Wednesday, April 21st from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Rudberg adjourned the meeting without objection at 4:12 p.m.

Recorded by:

Rob Christensen
AS Council Assistant

Approved by:

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Beth Weissbart
Legislative Vice President