Call to Order

Jennifer DeBoer, Legislative Vice President, called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m. in the University Center South Lounge.

Roll Call

Members Present: Kale Roberts, Dina Haigounian, Desiree Woods, Morrissa Hudson, Joyce Tam, Alex Kramer, and Alex Gradine

Members Absent: Zachary Beshore (excused), NightSnow Vogt (excused), and Rachel Cooke (excused)

Officers Present: Sofia Pereira, Jennifer DeBoer, Corey Fenton, Gabe Shames, Brandon Chapin

Officers Absent: Steven Dixon (excused), Melissa Gussin (excused), Dylan Sutherland (excused)

Advisor Present: Joan Tyson

Approval of Agenda

MOTION: KRAMER/WOODS move to approve Agenda #21. APPROVED

Chair's Report

DeBoer welcomed everyone to the meeting.

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

There were no Public Comments.

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. This item was tabled at the last regularly scheduled AS meeting on April 6th, 2009.

MOTION: WOODS/HAIGOUNIAN move to remove the 2009-10 AS Recommended Budget from the table. APPROVED
At the April 6th, 2009 meeting the Associated Students Council voted to call in the Associated Students Presents program to the April 13th meeting.

Fenton introduced Michael Moore, AS Presents Advisor, to the Council. Fenton explained that when a program is called in the Council has the opportunity to ask the program questions regarding their budget proposal.

Woods asked Moore why AS Presents requested more money for 2009-10. Moore explained that AS Presents has teamed up with the Sustainable Living Arts and Music (SLAM) Festival to provide the entertainment portion of the event. Moore continued to explain that outdoor events, like the SLAM Festival, cost a great deal more to put on than a regular concert. Haigounian stated that she was also under the impression that $2,500.00 was also given to AS Presents from CenterArts. Tyson clarified that the Board of Finance placed the funding that had traditionally been in the CenterArts budget into the SLAM Festival budget, not placed in the AS Presents budget. Moore explained that in the past student directors for the SLAM Festival were required to do so much fundraising for the event that they were not able to focus on the event itself. Moore stated that the increase in funding has allowed the SLAM Co-directors to better focus on the details of the event. DeBoer asked Moore what programming changes would AS Presents make if money were to be subtracted from their 2009-10 budget. Moore explained that the market costs for performers can change quickly and he wouldn’t be able to give a specific example of how a decrease in funding would change their programming. Moore continued to explain that a typical show in the Kate Buchanan Room can cost anywhere from $5,500.00 – 12,000.00. Gradine asked Moore what would happen if their budget were to be dramatically cut. Moore replied that AS Presents would not be able to provide entertainment for the SLAM Festival. Moore also went on to explain that the fundraising done for the SLAM Festival by the co-directors is used to help SLAM Festival meet its mission. Chapin, a SLAM Coordinator, also explained that with the current economic conditions the SLAM Festival has had an extremely hard time gaining sponsorships. Chapin also clarified that SLAM Festival Coordinators begin in January and only receive a stipend for the Spring semester. Coordinators only have one month to spend time finding sponsors. Kramer asked Moore how much profit the SLAM Festival makes. Tyson explained that the SLAM Festival is a free event and does not receive any gate revenue. Haigounian asked if AS Presents receives any additional subsidies other than from Associated Students. Moore replied that AS Presents also receives ticket revenue along with the allocation from the AS Budget.

Woods expressed that she feels that some of the funding for AS Presents should be placed back into the Unallocated line item so that other programs may utilize the funding. Gradine expressed that he feels that $25,000.00 for a one day event is too much and that the amount allocated for AS Presents would not be maintainable in future years. Chapin stated that the cost to bring bands to the SLAM Festival include transportation, accommodation and the payment to the band. Chapin further explained that $15,000.00 dedicated for entertainment where three out-of-the area bands is a relatively good deal. Pereira believes that the amount of funds ear-marked for the SLAM Festival is appropriate to the size of the event. Haigounian stated that she would like the funds for the SLAM Festival set-aside in a separate line item within the AS Presents budget.
Tyson reiterated that the Special Events/Artist Fees line-item includes funding for the SFAM Festival entertainment. Also, AS Presents funding has increased so they can maintain the current level of programming. The increase is not intended to fund only the SLAM Festival.

MOTION: WOODS/HAIGOUNIAN move to amend the budget by decreasing the AS Presents Budget by $4,000.00 and increasing the Unallocated Budget by $4,000.00.  
FAILS  
(2) AYE  
(5) NAY  

DeBoer stated that she feels that $4,000.00 is too large of an amount and suggested $2,000.00 as a compromise. Tam also agreed that $2,000.00 was a more appropriate amount. Pereira stated that reducing the amount significantly would cause AS Presents or SLAM Festival to come back to the Board of Finance in the Fall semester and will create a “time crunch” for the program. Gradine stated that he does not see a pressing need to increase the Unallocated line item and is now comfortable with the amount taken from Reserves to balance the budget.

MOTION: WOODS/HAIGOUNIAN move to amend the Budget by decreasing the AS Presents Budget by $2,000.00 and increasing the Unallocated Budget by $2,000.00.  
FAILS  
(3) AYE  
(4) NAY  

MOTION: HAIGOUNIAN/WOODS move to amend the Budget by transferring $13,000.00 from the AS Presents Special Events/Artist Fees to a new AS Presents line item for the SLAM Festival.  
FAILS  
(1) AYE  
(5) NAY  
(1) ABSTENTION  

Pereira stated that it is her understanding that the costs of production can change easily and suggested that the need for a new line-item is unnecessary. Woods stated that there is much confusion about the cost of entertainment for the SLAM Festival and that creating a new line-item would make the amount allocated much easier to understand. Gradine stated that he does not feel it is necessary to place the funding for the SLAM Festival in a different line-item. Tyson stated that the $13,000.00 increase in funds would be available for all AS Presents programming not just for the SLAM Festival.

After discussion of the budget was complete the Council voted on the 2009-10 AS Recommended Budget as amended.  
APPROVED  
AS AMENDED  
(5) AYE  
(2) NAY  

B. Spring 2009 Meeting Schedule Revision –Action Item  
The proposed revision would cancel the April 20th, 2009 meeting at 2:00 p.m. and reschedule the meeting for April 27th, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. It has been recognized that the
Council would be unable to meet on April 20th due to a lack of quorum.

MOTION: HUDSON/TAM move to approve the Spring 2009 Meeting Schedule Revision to cancel the April 20th, 2009 meeting and reschedule the meeting for April 27th, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. APPROVED

There was no discussion on the action.

**Board of Finance Report – April 13, 2009**

A. Request from The Campus Center for Appropriate Technology (CCAT) from Facilities Reserves in an amount not to exceed $2,200.00 for costs associated with installing a roof on the new CCAT tool shed. –Action Item
   Currently CCAT does not have adequate space for its supply of tools, hardware and construction supplies. CCAT has been informed by the Plant Operations Department that the roof must be designed using red metal standing seam roofing materials.

MOTION: GRADINE/KRAMER move to approve the request from The Campus Center for Appropriate Technology from Facilities Reserves in an amount not to exceed $2,200.00 for costs associated with installing a roof on the new CCAT tool shed. APPROVED

Fenton explained that the tools for CCAT are currently being stored in the yurt. Building the tool shed will allow tools that are being stored in the yurt to be relocated to the tool shed. The yurt will then become available for classroom use.

**Adjournment**

DeBoer adjourned the meeting without objection at 4:10 p.m.

Recorded by:

Rob Christensen
AS Secretary

Approved by:

Jennifer DeBoer
Legislative Vice President