Call to Order

Beth Weissbart, Legislative Vice President, called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. in the University Center, South Lounge.

Roll Call

Members Present: Stefanie Chen-Welch, Kari Armstrong, Ana Parra, Stephanie Partlow, Norman Romero, Iban Rodriguez, Cortland Johnson, Rachel Brownell (late), Quinn McWatters, Krystina Thurin, Brent Warnken

Members Absent: Kristy Eden (excused), Nathan Rudberg (unexcused)

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

Officers Absent: Aaron Wilyer (excused), NightSnow Vogt (excused)

Advisors Present: Joan Tyson

Approval of Agenda

MOTION: PARTLOW/THURIN move to approve Agenda #19 APPROVED

Chair's Report

Weissbart had no report.

Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of Minutes #18 dated April 12th, 2010 – Action Item

MOTION: THURIN/PARTLOW move to approve Minutes #18 dated April 12th, 2010 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 (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. Review and approval of the agreement between the Associated Students of Humboldt State University and Humboldt State University Center Board of Directors – Action Item
The University Center agrees to provide Administrative Services, Advising, Human Resource Management, Accounting and Business Services and Facilities Management for the Associated Students of Humboldt State University. This action renews this agreement for the period commencing July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2015 subject to annual review.

MOTION: THURIN/PARTLOW move to approve the agreement between the Associated Students of Humboldt State University and Humboldt State University Center Board of Directors
APPROVED

Tyson introduced Dave Nakamura, the University Center Executive Director. Tyson explained that the agreement has been in place since 1990 and that the agreement is renewed every five years. The amount for the agreement was approved in the Associated Students 2010-11 Budget Process.

B. Resolution No. 2009-10-16: Resolution In Support of a Speedy Recovery of Joseph Igbineweka and Against Hate Crimes on College Campuses – Action Item
The Associated Students of HSU extend wishes for a speedy recovery to CSU Chico’s AS President, Joseph Igbineweka, after being assaulted in a hate crime and also condemns all acts of violence on university and college campuses throughout California.

MOTION: ARMSTRONG/PARRA move to approve Resolution No. 2009-10-16: Resolution in Support of a Speedy Recovery of Joseph Igbineweka and Against Hate Crimes on College Campuses
APPROVED
AS AMENDED
Chapin explained that the CSU Chico AS President, Joseph Igbineweka, was stabbed near the CSU Chico Campus on Sunday, April 18th while walking home. Chapin further explained that multiple hate incidences have happened at colleges and universities across California.

MOITON: ARMSTRONG/PARRA move to amend the resolution by striking continually from the third paragraph and replacing with continuously APPROVED

C. Resolution No. 2009-10-17: Resolution In Support of Humboldt State University Nursing Program – Action Item

The Associated Students of HSU fully support the HSU Nursing Program and highly discourage the elimination and/or suspension of the program.

Chapin chaired the Council meeting during the discussion of Old Business Item C.

MOTION: PARTLOW/ARMSTRONG move to approve Resolution No. 2009-10-17: Resolution In Support of Humboldt State University Nursing Program FAILS

(1) AYE
(1) ABSTENTION

Weissbart, the author of the resolution, spoke on behalf of the item. Weissbart stated that the resolution encourages President Richmond to make a decision regarding the elimination of the Nursing Program before commencement. Gradine stated that he was concerned that the Associated Students would be passing a resolution in support of the Nursing program and not other programs that are being considered for elimination and feels that the Associated Students should not elevate the status of one program over another. Gradine felt that the Associated Students should oppose the elimination of any program urged the Council not to support the resolution as written. Rodriguez suggested tabling the resolution for amendments. Weissbart stated that a decision on the nursing program is coming quickly and that tabling the resolution would not be practical. Weissbart further stated that resolutions on other programs could have also been written and that other programs could come forward and have a resolution written. Thurin noted that she feels it is the responsibility of the Associated Students to advocate against cutting programs, not choosing which programs should be cut. Gradine stated that the Associated Students should have approached each program that was considered for elimination. Rodriguez stated that he is in support of the resolution because he feels that Nursing was unfairly targeted in the Academic Senate. Weissbart stated that the Associated Students have yet to make a statement that it condemns program elimination. Thurin stated that the Associated Students can still condemn the action of the Academic Senate.

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 Board of Finance meeting was canceled last week. Chen-Welch also reported that she attended an Eric Rofes MultiCultural Queer Resource Center (ERC) meeting last week. The ERC produced a drag show on Friday, April 16th after the day of silence event.
Eden – College of Arts Humanities and Social Sciences
Absent.

Armstrong – College of Arts Humanities and Social Sciences
Armstrong will be attending an AS Presents meeting today and will also be attending the Humboldt Film Festival meeting tomorrow.

Romero – College of Professional Studies
No report.

Rodriguez – College of Professional Studies
Rodriguez reported that he will be attending an Academic Senate meeting on Tuesday. Rodriguez also attended the SLAM Festival.

Johnson – College of Professional Studies
No report.

Parra – College of Natural Resources and Sciences
Parra reported that the CNRS mixer went well. Parra, the liaison to the Sustainable Living Arts and Music Festival (SLAM FEST), met with Jerri Jones the advisor of the SLAM Fest to discuss the results of this year’s event.

Rudberg – College of Natural Resources and Sciences
No report.

Partlow – College of Natural Resources and Sciences
Partlow reported that she attended the CNRS mixer last week.

Brownell – At Large
No report.

McWatters – All University
McWatters reported that she attended the Instructionally Related Activities (IRA) meeting last week.

Residence Hall Association (RHA) Representative Report (Krystina Thurin)
Thurin reported that RHA is producing an event on Tuesday evening called “Something Fishy” which will explore the ramifications of the sushi industry’s harvesting of seafood. Sustainably harvested sushi will be available. Thurin also reported that the housing group, N.A.K.E.D. for Mental Health, was excited to see that the Student Health Services Fee initiative was passed by students. RHA will be changing their name from the Residence Hall Association to the Residence Housing Association. RHA is discussing changes to the weekend shuttle service which could include extending the route to College of the Redwoods to allow their on campus students to access the service. The freeze date for event funding from area councils has now passed. Unallocated funding will be returned to the RHA treasury.

Graduate Representative Report (Brent Warnken)
No report.
General Manager (Joan Tyson)
Tyson reported that the Student Fee Advisory Committee will be meeting this Thursday, April 29th at 5:30 p.m. to make recommendations to the President on the Student Health Services proposed fee increase, the Instructionally Related Activities proposed fee increase and the new Materials, Services and Facilities fee proposal.

Elections Commissioner (Rina Ferrario)
Ferrario reported that the elections were a success last week and that 15% of students voted. Ferrario also reported that tabling with laptops was a very effective way of reaching out to students who do not normally vote. 1,045 students voted in the general elections. Ferrario also reported that there will be a runoff election for AS President and Student Affairs Vice President on April 28th and 29th.

AS Presents (Amanda Hubacek)
No report.

California State Student Association (Aaron Wilyer)
Absent.

California State Student Association (NightSnow Vogt)
Absent.

Legislative Vice President (Beth Weissbart)
No report.

Student Affairs Vice President (Joyce Tam)
Absent.

Administrative Vice President (Alex Gradine)
Gradine reported that he was one of the performers in the ERC Drag Show. Gradine thanked the group N.A.K.E.D. for Mental Health for spearheading a campaign to support the CAPS fee increase.

President (Brandon Chapin)
Chapin reported that he attended the California Higher Education Student Summit in Sacramento this weekend, some HSU students are still in Sacramento meeting with Assembly member Wes Chesbro’s staff. Chapin also reported on the turn out in the AS Election and noted that students proved that they were capable of discerning the need for different fees when voting. Chapin also noted that the more information that is provided to students regarding a fee’s purpose, the more likely students are to vote for the fee. Chapin also acknowledged Gradine and Thurin and N.A.K.E.D. for Mental Health’s involvement in educating students about the proposed Health Center fee increase. Chapin also congratulated everyone who ran in the AS Election and encouraged those who did not win to apply for vacant positions and committees.

General Council Discussion
Gradine asked Rodriguez where the Academic Senate meeting would be on Tuesday. Rodriguez replied
that the meeting would be from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. in Goodwin Forum, Nelson Hall East. Tyson noted that the Student Fee Advisory Committee meeting would be Thursday, April 29th at 5:30 p.m. in Nelson Hall East Room 120.

General Council Work Session

A. Student Affairs Division Reorganization Proposal – Information Item (Brandon Chapin)
   Council will review and discuss the proposal to reorganize HSU’s Student Affairs Division and discuss a recommended response on the proposal to President Richmond

Chapin reported that the Vice President for Student Affairs, Dr. Steven Butler, will be retiring on July 9th and that the University is considering proposals to reorganize the Student Affairs division. The position will be renamed the Vice President of Enrollment Management & Student Affairs. Chapin explained that the University Center and the University Police Department will be moved to the Vice President of Administrative Affairs, Athletics will be moved to the Office of the President and that the Associate Dean for Student Success will be reporting to the Vice Provost. Chapin has recommended that Associated Students continue to have a “dotted line relationship” with the Vice President for Student Affairs. Armstrong asked why Athletics was moved to the Office of the President. Chapin responded that the practice among NCAA Division II schools is becoming more common. Thurin stated her support that the Associated Students should have a direct line to the Vice President for Student Affairs. Chapin noted that the only position that would be eliminated in the reorganization would be the Associate Vice President of Enrollment Management, which is currently vacant.

B. Proposed Policy on Time, Place, and Manner of Free Expression – Information Item (Randi Darnall Burke)
   Council will review and discuss the proposed changes to the Policy on Time, Place, and Manner of Free Expression and discuss a recommended response on the proposal to forward to President Richmond.

Dr. Steven Butler, Vice President of Student Affairs, was present on behalf of the proposed policy. Butler explained that the University is responsible to promote free expression, but to also balance the needs of the campus community by fostering a safe environment and ensuring that instruction is not disrupted. Butler noted that the President has forwarded the draft of the policy to Associated Students to solicit their feedback before formalizing the policy. The new policy will be for the entire campus, the current policy only affects the University Center and Art Quads. Chapin questioned the decibel level in the draft of the policy and stated that 60 decibels was rather low. Butler responded that he had consulted with Roy Fushpan, Center Arts Director and Dave Nakamura, University Center Executive Director and that they have recommended a decibel level of 100. Butler will also work on defining the location of where the decibel level is measured before the policy goes into effect.

C. Proposed Temporary Food Facilities Food Sanitation Policy – Information Item (Tom Manoli)
   Council will review and discuss the proposed Temporary Food Facilities Food Sanitation Policy and discuss a recommended action on the proposal to forward to President Richmond. The policy would affect clubs or organizations that sell food on campus.
Randi Darnall Burke, HSU’s Dean of Students, was present on behalf of the proposed policy. Darnall Burke has been working with Tom Manoli, the University’s Environmental Health and Safety Coordinator and Jerri Jones, the Clubs and Activities Coordinator, on a policy that would regulate food served in temporary locations and would effect clubs or organizations that serve food on campus. Darnall Burke explained that the current practices regarding food on campus places the campus and individual students at too much risk. Manoli explained that the policy would change food sales on the campus and that standards for food would be raised. Manoli would monitor and review food permits and would also ensure that a minimum level of sanitation would be met. Jones noted that a forum would be held in the fall to explain the policy to clubs and that the clubs handbook would be updated to reflect changes. Thurin asked when the policy would take effect. Darnall Burke replied that the policy would take effect in Fall 2010. Weissbart asked if Housing and Dining would be required to follow the same policy. Manoli explained that Dining Services is permitted by the County Department of Health. Manoli also noted that coffee tables would still be allowed but Manoli would conduct inspections.

D. Spring 2010 Associated Students Study Lounge – Information Item (Joyce Tam)
Tam will provide an update of that status of the Finals Week Study Lounge and let Council know what assistance is needed.

Chapin reported on the Study Lounge in Tam’s absence. Chapin explained that a sign up sheet would be posted in the office and that the current Council traditionally works with the incoming Council on the event. The Study Lounge will be May 10th, 11th and 12th from 6:00 p.m. – 2:00 a.m.

Announcements

There were no announcements.

Adjournment

Weissbart adjourned the meeting without objection at 3:05 p.m.

Recorded by:

Rob Christensen
AS Council Assistant

Approved by:

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Beth Weissbart
Legislative Vice President