

**Associated Students Council
Humboldt State University
Monday, April 27th, 2009
University Center, South Lounge
Minutes #22**

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

Members Present: Kale Roberts, Rachel Cooke, Desiree Woods, Joyce Tam, Alex Kramer, Zachary Beshore, NightSnow Vogt, Alex Gradine (late)

Members Absent: Dina Haigounian (Unexcused), Morrissa Hudson (Excused)

Officers Present: Sofia Pereira, Jennifer DeBoer, Gabe Shames, Brandon Chapin, Dylan Sutherland

Officers Absent: Corey Fenton (Excused), Steven Dixon (Excused), Brandon Chapin (Excused) Melissa Gussin (Unexcused)

Advisors Present: Gail Wootan, Joan Tyson

Approval of Agenda

MOTION: VOGT/KRAMER move to approve Agenda #22. APPROVED

Chair's Report

DeBoer had no Chair's Report.

Special Presentation

A. Randi Darnall Burke, Dean of Students

Randi Darnall Burke, Dean of Students and Cabinet for Institutional Change Member, introduced herself to the AS Council. Darnall Burke is a team leader for the Student Success Focus Area and is interested in soliciting ideas and opinions from the AS Council. Darnall Burke explained that there are three main goals that the Cabinet has developed for student success:

- Develop curriculum and co-curricular activities for achieving inclusive academic excellence and student learning outcomes.
- Develop University-wide metrics for assessing student learning outcomes and diversity within the curriculum and co-curricular activities.
- Develop and assess student retention efforts.

Darnall Burke explained that the student retention effort is a large area of focus and that the campus will be studying where students migrate both to and from and what reasons they leave for. Darnall Burke also stated that the campus is working to tie in activities to the seven learning outcomes defined by WASC. Woods asked Darnall Burke if she had reviewed the Education Effectiveness Review (EER) Committee's findings on student learning outcomes. Darnall Burke replied that she had received the EER report, but had not had the opportunity to review it. Darnall Burke would like to find ways to reach out to get more student input on how to obtain student success. Woods stated that most students feel that they are a part of the campus through their involvement in clubs and organizations. Darnall Burke asked for suggestions about who should be on the Change team for student success. DeBoer suggested that the Change Team should consist of at least two students so that the students point of view may be continually represented on the committee. Darnall Burke stated that anyone who has a continued interest in Student Success should contact the leaders for Student Success which also include: Justus Ortega, Professor of Kinesiology and Dan Davis, a graduate student.

Approval of Minutes

- A. Approval of Minutes #20 dated April 6th, 2009 -- Action Item

MOTION: WOODS/KRAMER move to approve Minutes #20 dated April 6th 2009. APPROVED

- A. Approval of Minutes #21 dated April 13th, 2009 -- Action Item

MOTION: VOGT/WOODS move to approve Minutes #21 dated April 13th 2009. APPROVED

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

Randi Darnall Burke, Dean of Students, commented that posters for the Latino Graduation had been defaced with a racial slur. Students quickly mobilized and held a rally on the art quad on April 24th. Students were assisted in filing a formal complaint with the University Police by administrators. Darnall Burke requested that the Council continue to spread the word that this is unacceptable behavior. Darnall Burke also noted that posters for Take Back the Night and Black Celebration Graduation had also been defaced. If a student would like to speak to someone regarding these issues they can contact Randi Darnall Burke, Christine Mata, and Jyoti Rawal in Student Affairs. Student Affairs and the Diversity Plan Action Committee are creating a Rapid Response Team to respond to these types of incidents in the future.

Appointments to Committees and Council

A. S. President (Sofia Pereira)

No appointments.

A. S. Administrative Vice President (Corey Fenton)

Absent.

A.S. Legislative Vice President (Jennifer DeBoer)

No appointments.

A.S. Student Affairs Vice President (Gabe Shames)

No appointments.

Old Business

- A. Resolution in Support of the Drinking and Utilization of Local Water and the Phasing Out of the Sale of Single-Use Water Bottles at Humboldt State University –Action Item
The Associated Students of Humboldt State University will support the phasing-out of the sale of single-use plastic water bottles on campus.

Natalynne DeLapp, a student and author of the resolution, introduced herself to Council. DeLapp is the coordinator for the Take Back the Tap campaign which encourages the campus to stop using single servings of bottled water. DeLapp explained that using bottled water is more expensive for the consumer, creates more waste, allows communities to lose their water rights and requires additional space to store. DeLapp noted that last year 55 million barrels of oil were used in the production and distribution of bottled water nationwide. DeLapp has written a HEIF grant to have two *Hydration Stations* installed on campus that will provide students with filtered water. While writing the grant DeLapp quantified that HSU contributes 35,000 lbs of CO2 into the atmosphere and has used 43 barrels of oil because of its use of bottled water. DeLapp noted that Arcata has great local drinking water and that it is from a sustainable source, carbon neutral and naturally purified. DeLapp noted that bottled water can have arsenic and bacteria in it. Originally the Take Back the Tap campaign was created by an Environmental Science class. DeLapp also noted that only 14% of bottles used for water are recycled.

MOTION: GRADINE/KRAMER move to approve the Resolution in Support of the Drinking and Utilization of Local Water and the Phasing Out of the Sale of Single-Use Water Bottles at Humboldt State University.

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DeLapp explained that she had met with Ron Rudebock, Director of Dining Services, about the proposal. DeLapp indicated that Rudebock is supportive of the idea but was concerned on the potential effect for a decrease of sales. Gradine stated that he was in support of the resolution and suggested that Rudebock's name be included in the 13th paragraph. Cooke voiced her support of the resolution. Woods asked if any efforts were being made to supply students with reusable water bottles. DeLapp explained that the parameters for the HEIF grant required that the funds used must affect all of the campus community and can not be used to purchase water bottles. DeLapp noted that she is planning a display in the Dining Services area and that the Health Center will be giving away water bottles to students as part of the Option B program. Beshore asked if a campaign to reuse single serving water bottles would be appropriate. DeLapp replied that single use water bottles should be avoided due to the arsenic and bacteria that can be found in them. Shames asked how the refrigerated sections of the different dining facilities would be used. DeLapp explained that there are contracts with bottled beverage companies that would need to continue to be honored. Wootan stated that thrift shops often have free water bottles.

Vogt –All University
No report.

Residence Hall Association (RHA) Representative (Zachary Beshore)

Beshore reported that RHA Week was very successful. RHA is currently in the middle of revising their constitution and bylaws and will be meeting today to continue their work.

Graduate Student Representative (Alex Gradine)

Gradine reported that two graduate programs have scored low in the Program Prioritization model. The College Faculty Preparation Program and the Master's of Business Administration.

General Manager (Joan Tyson)

No report.

Associate Director of Student Life (Gail Wootan)

Wootan reported that positions are still available for the 2009-10 Council and an advertisement has been placed in The Lumber Jack.

Elections Commissioner (Dylan Sutherland)

Absent.

AS Presents (Melissa Gussin)

Absent.

CSSA (Steven Dixon)

Absent.

CSSA (Brandon Chapin)

Chapin reported that the students who went to the California Higher Education Student Summit met with four legislators during the trip. Dixon and Chapin will be attending a CSSA meeting at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo May 8th – 11th. The transition meeting will be held in Monterey Bay in June. A sub committee is being formed to choose the next CSSA Executive Director.

Legislative Vice President (Jennifer DeBoer)

DeBoer reported that the Graduation Pledge Alliance Program has been very active this semester. DeBoer attended the CHESS conference and felt it was largely successful. The Academic Senate met in closed session regarding the appointment of Robert Snyder as a permanent Vice President of Academic Affairs. The Academic Senate unanimously agreed that the Provost position should be opened up to a search.

Student Affairs Vice President (Gabe Shames)

Shames reported that he attended the University Center Board of Directors meeting on April 23rd, 2009. Burt Nordstrom, the University Center Executive Director, is retiring in July from the position. The Board of Directors approved of a leadership succession plan for the University Center. Shames stated that the proposed diagram would have the University Center reporting to Student Affairs.

Administrative Affairs Vice President (Corey Fenton)

Absent.

President (Sofia Pereira)

Absent.

General Council Discussion

Woods reported that HSU's Model United Nations team performed well at the conference they attended the previous week. Wootan reported that Sutherland has provided a written report about the AS Elections to Council. DeBoer reported that the Graduation Pledge Alliance will be hiring their 2009-10 coordinator at the end of this semester.

New Business

There was no new business.

General Council Discussion

- A. Study Lounge Update – Discussion Item (Gabe Shames)
Shames will provide an update of that status of the Finals Week Study Lounge and let Council know what assistance is still needed.

Shames stated that he has e-mailed Ron Rudebock, Director of Dining Services, to prepare for the upcoming study lounge. Shames stated that volunteers will be needed for Study Lounge and will place a sign up sheet in the AS Office.

Announcements

There were no announcements.

Adjournment

DeBoer adjourned the meeting without objection at 3:19 p.m.

Recorded by:

Rob Christensen
AS Secretary

Approved by:

Jennifer DeBoer

Legislative Vice President