Call to Order

Beth Weissbart, Associated Students Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. in the University Center South Lounge.

Roll Call

Members Present: Kale Roberts, Rachel Cooke (late), Beth Weissbart, Dina Haigounian, Desiree Woods, Corey Fenton, Josephine Villegas, NightSnow Vogt

Officers Present: Sofia Pereira, Gabe Shames (late), Nikki Kovalcheck, Brandon Chapin

Officers Absent: Steven Dixon (excused)

Advisors Present: Joan Tyson

Approval of Agenda

MOTION: WOODS/ROBERTS move to approve Agenda #6. APPROVED

Chair's Report

Weissbart reported that there is no old business to be discussed and that a majority of the meeting will be appointments made by the Executives. Weissbart also noted that the Board of Finance will be giving a report later in the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of Minutes #4 dated September 8th, 2008 -- Action Item

MOTION: VOGT/ROBERTS move to approve Minutes #4 dated September 8th, 2008. APPROVED

B. Approval of Minutes #5 dated September 15th, 2008 -- Action Item

MOTION: VOGT/HAIGOUNIAN move to approve Minutes #5 dated September 15th, 2008. APPROVED

Public Comments (As per the Gloria Romero Open Meeting Act of 2000 authorized by Section 89306.)
Luke Ferrari, a student, commented that he has applied for the position of Legislative Vice President and Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences Representative and would like to be considered for either position.

Jesse Hughes, a student, commented that he felt an executive member of the AS Council rushed the Council through the adoption of a resolution at a meeting two weeks ago. Hughes was disappointed by the particular executive member’s action. Hughes also commented that the Council has the ability to make brief reports, ask clarifying questions and make brief announcements during public comment.

Program Presentations

A. Youth Educational Services – Lindsey Payne

Lindsey Payne, a student, was present on behalf of Youth Educational Services (YES). YES has been on campus since 1968 and celebrated their 40th anniversary earlier this year. There are 14 programs through YES that students can participate in. The programs volunteer within the community and work with children, the elderly, outdoor programming and tutorial services. YES also runs the Alternative Spring Break program which gives students the opportunity to provide service to an out of the area community during their Spring Break. Each program meets once a week and student coordinators organize service programs with their volunteers. Students also work as program consultants and are available to work with the program coordinators to develop the different programs. Woods commented that she was involved in YES and that it helped her get more involved on campus. Payne explained that most funding comes from AS but some funds are contributed from the United Way and Student Affairs.

B. Marching Lumber Jacks – Andrea Grzybowski

Andrea Grzybowski, a student, was present on behalf of the Marching Lumber Jacks. The Marching Lumber Jacks was founded in 1968. The band is operated and led by students. Leadership opportunities include the position of Axe Major, General Manager and Council. Grzybowski described the group as a scatter band that does not follow traditional line formation and marching styles. The Marching Lumber Jacks travel up and down the West Coast to participate in parades and events as well as performing at many local events and home games as possible. The Marching Lumber Jacks is open to all students and there is no requirement to play an instrument. This year is the 40th anniversary of the Marching Lumberjacks and will include a weekend reunion November 7th-9th, and includes a large performance at the November 8th football game. The Marching Lumber Jacks uses their AS Funding to purchase instruments and supplies as well as maintaining their current instruments.

Appointments to Committees and Council

A. S. President (Sofia Pereira)

MOTION: ROBERTS/FENTON move to suspend AS Gov. Code Section 6.03 to appoint Anabel Patino to the HSU Sponsored Programs Foundation. APPROVED

Patino is sick and unable to attend.

MOTION: WOODS/VOGT move to appoint Anabel Patino to the HSU Sponsored Programs
MOTION:  VILLEGAS/FENTON move to suspend AS Government Code Section 6.03 to appoint Kevin Bunch to the International Advisory Committee.  APPROVED

Bunch has a time conflict and is unable to attend.

MOTION:  COKE/HAIGOUNIAN move to appoint Kevin Bunch to the International Advisory Committee.  APPROVED

MOTION:  VILLEGAS/ROBERTS move to suspend AS Government Code Section 6.03 to appoint Jessica Lamm to the Humboldt Energy Independence Fund Committee.  APPROVED

Lamm has a time conflict and is unable to attend.

MOTION:  HAIGOUNIAN/COOKE move to appoint Jessica Lamm to the Humboldt Energy Independence Fund Committee.  APPROVED

MOTION:  COOKE/ROBERTS move to appoint Stefanie Chen-Welch to the Lobby Corps Committee.  APPROVED

MOTION:  COOKE/HAIGOUNIAN move to suspend AS Government Code Section 6.03 to appoint Steven Dixon to the Instructionally Related Activities Committee.  APPROVED

Dixon is ill and unable to attend the meeting.

MOTION:  HAIGOUNAIN/FENTON move to appoint Steven Dixon to the Instructionally Related Activities Committee.  APPROVED

MOTION:  VILLEGAS/COOKE move to appoint Beth Weissbart to the AS Council as the Legislative Vice President.  TABLED

Pereira stated that she is re-recommending Weissbart for appointment to the position and feels that Weissbart is the most qualified of the applicants. Pereira went over the criteria she used to make her decision on appointment of the Legislative Vice President. Pereira focused on the resume, completeness of the application, personal interview of each applicant, applicants’ ability to meet the needs of students, independent minded and the ability to stay calm in tense situations.

MOTION:  HAIGOUNIAN/VOGT move to lay the motion on the table until the completion of the AS President’s Council appointments.  APPROVED

(4) AYES
(2) NAYS
(1) ABSTENTION
Haigounian stated that she wanted as many Council Members as possible on Council before appointing a Legislative Vice President. Shames referred the Council to Section 5.01 of the AS Government Code and encouraged more time before appointing a Legislative Vice President. Pereira stated that all applications and resumes were on file in the AS Office and has been available for the past two weeks so that Council Members may review them. Haigounian restated her opinion that she wanted to wait.

MOTION: HAIGOUNIAN/COOKE move to appoint Melissa Gussin to the AS Council as the AS Presents Commissioner. APPROVED

MOTION: HAIGOUNIAN/ROBERTS move to appoint Jennifer DeBoer to the AS Council as the Graduate Student Representative. APPROVED

MOTION: COOKE/FENTON move to remove the motion from the table to appoint Beth Weissbart to the AS Council as the Legislative Vice President. APPROVED (6) YES (1) NAY

Haigounian asked if the motion could be tabled to a future meeting. Tyson explained different ways a business item could be tabled. Chapin encouraged the Council to go forward with the appointment and related a similar issue that happened when CSSA didn’t elect their Legislative Chair for four consecutive meetings. Weissbart stated that she would like the Council to move forward with the appointment and asked the members to vote for her based on her qualifications. Vogt noted that appointing Weissbart to the position would create another vacancy on Council. Cooke stated that the CAHSS position is still open and that Ferrari has placed an application for that position as well. Haigounian felt it would be more unifying if Ferrari were appointed the Legislative Vice President.

MOTION: HAIGOUNIAN/VOGT move to table the Legislative Vice President position until the College of Arts Humanities and Social Sciences Representative position has been filled. FAILS (3) AYES (4) NAYS

Chapin stated that the longer the position isn’t filled the longer the Council will go with only a Vice Chair running the meeting. Cooke encouraged the Council to take an up or down vote. Woods stated that she perceives that there is a power struggle going on that she is unaware of. Woods feels that there should be more Council Members before they appoint a Legislative Vice President. Haigounian stated that looking through the applications CAHSS had the most applicants and that appointments are being strategically made so that Ferrari is not appointed to Council. Pereira recognized that there were many opinions on how the appointments should be made, but wants to proceed with appointing a Legislative Vice President so that they can make important appointments. Shames stated that Weissbart is doing a good job as Vice Chair and feels that it isn’t crucial to have a Legislative Vice President appointed yet. Tyson stated that the Board of Finance is lacking appointments by a Legislative Vice President as well as lacking representation in the Academic Senate. The Council proceeded to vote on the motion to table. The Council then returned to the discussion to appoint Beth Weissbart to the Legislative Vice President.
position.

Chapin stated that the job of the AS President is to interview the candidates and to recommend appointments to Council and it is the Council’s position is to vote to approve the recommendation. Woods stated that she has already expressed her reservations about voting on the issue but feels that Weissbart has been doing a good job and that her skills have improved exponentially. Shames stated that he would like to have the AS Standing Rules on how votes are counted explained to the Graduate Representative. Shames also stated that he has respected Weissbart as the Vice Chair but that she should continue as a CNRS representative since she was elected to that position. Tyson explained the AS Standing Rules on how votes are counted to the new Graduate Representative. DeBoer stated that she was at the last meeting and feels confident in what Weissbart has been doing and understood the AS Standing Rules on voting. Fenton thinks it’s important to get the Board of Finance and Academic Senate appointments made by a Legislative Vice President. Pereira stated that if anyone has questions on further appointments that she is available to discuss them.

**A.S. Legislative Vice President (Beth Weissbart)**
No appointments.

**A. S. Administrative Vice President (Nikki Kovalcheck)**


APPROVED

*It was recognized later that the remaining open appointments to the Humboldt Energy Independence Fund Committee are to be made by the AS President. Pereira stated that she will recommend Hinton for the appointment at the next AS meeting.*

MOTION: WOODS/FENTON move to appoint Rachel Cooke to the AS Presents Committee

APPROVED

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

MOTION: FENTON/COOKE move to appoint Mary Sue Savage to the Sexual Assault Prevention Committee.

APPROVED

MOTION: VOGT/COOKE move to appoint Jennifer Howell to the Service Learning Experimental Advisory Committee.

APPROVED

**Old Business**

There was no old business.

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

**Committee Reports from Students-at-Large**
Haigounian reported that she attended the Provost’s Council last week. The Provost’s Council discussed concerns regarding implementation of the Chancellor’s Executive Order regarding student fees. Also discussed were changes to fund allocations for General Education classes. The Provost’s Council’s next meeting will be October 1st from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

**College Representative Reports**

Roberts – College of Natural Resources and Sciences  
No report.

Cooke – College of Natural Resources and Sciences  
Cooke reported that she has placed fliers around campus with her office hours and suggested that other Council Members may want to do the same.

Haigounian – College of Arts Humanities and Social Sciences  
Haigounian reported that she will be meeting with John Meyer from the Political Science department to discuss the upcoming elections forums that AS will be hosting.

Woods – College of Arts Humanities and Social Sciences  
Woods reported on the issue awareness event coming up. The Friday before the general election Associated Students will be hosting a discussion on the propositions. The League of Women Voters will be available to train students to present on the issues. Woods will be looking for students from different majors to participate.

Fenton – College of Professional Studies  
No report.

Villegas – College of Professional Studies  
Villegas reported that she will be planning on putting together a social for the College of Professional Studies in the Goodwin forum later this semester.

Vogt – All University  
Vogt reported that he is looking forward to the retreat this weekend.

**Graduate Student Representative (DeBoer)**  
No report.

**Residence Hall Association (RHA) Representative Report (Vacant)**

**General Manager (Joan Tyson)**  
Tyson reported that former Director of Student Life Dr. Rees Hughes will be having a retirement party this Wednesday September 24th in the UC Banquet Room. CCAT will be celebrating their 30th anniversary on Saturday and has a full day of events planned. Tyson also reminded the Council that HSU will be hosting the CSSA Conference from October 17th-19th. Tyson also reinforced the vote outcome for Legislative Vice President was accurate.
Elections Commissioner (Vacant)

Public Relations (Vacant)

AS Presents (Melissa Gussin)
No report.

CSSA (Brandon Chapin)
Chapin encouraged the Council to come to the CSSA Conference scheduled for October 17th-19th. Chapin reported that he attended a CSSA conference in San Marcos where the board finalized their Policy Agenda. This year CSSA will be focusing on Student Fees and Textbook affordability issues. This Friday is the first debate watching party at the Jolly Giant Commons from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Chapin also reported that AS has registered 222 voters and has a goal of 371.

CSSA (Steven Dixon)
Absent

Legislative Vice President (Beth Weissbart)
Weissbart reported that she appreciated everyone’s discussion on her appointment to Legislative Vice President and hoped that the Council will have good communication for the rest of the year.

Student Affairs Vice President (Gabe Shames)
Absent

Administrative Affairs Vice President (Nikki Kovalcheck)

Board of Finance Report – September 15, 2008

A. Review and Approval of the 2007-08 Audit—Action Item
Each auxiliary organization is required to have an annual audit performed by a certified public accountant selected by the governing board.

MOTION: FENTON/VOGT move to accept the 2007-08 Audit. APPROVED

Each auxiliary organization is required to have an annual audit performed by a certified public accountant selected by the governing board. The 2007-08 audit report was provided by the accounting firm of Hunter, Hunter, and Hunt. The Board of Finance is the board designated to handle audit-related items and recommend approval to the full governing board. The report of the financial statement of the Associated Students for the year ending June 30, 2008 expressed an unqualified opinion. Tyson explained that this means there were no current findings by our auditors, Hunter, Hunter, and Hunt and no recommendations were made. This is the cleanest opinion possible and the Associated Students consistently achieves this goal. Tyson explained in detail the different reserve accounts. Vogt asked if there were any anticipated expenditures that the Associated Students would need to pay for from Reserves other than the roof on the Buck House. Tyson replied that there was nothing she was aware of.

B. Request from the Campus Center for Appropriate Technology (CCAT) from Facilities/Special
Projects Reserve for funds in an amount not to exceed $15,329.00 to augment the additional costs of installing a new roof on the Buck house. –Action Item

CCAT recently received a cost proposal from Plant Operations that identified additional costs for the project. The additional costs include project management expenses, rising cost of metal, PV array removal and re-installation and labor for replacing the skylights and vent penetrations. At the May 7, 2008 A.S. Council meeting, $20,500.00 was approved for this project. These funds have not been expended to date.

MOTION: COOKE/DEBOER move to approve the Request from the Campus Center for Appropriate Technology from Facilities/Special Projects Reserve for funds in an amount not to exceed $15,239.00 to augment the additional costs of installing a new roof on the Buck house. APPROVED

Jessica Huyghebaert, CCAT Co-director, was present to answer questions. Weissbart asked if the additional funds would be able to cover the rest of the roof. Huyghebaert answered that there would be no need for additional funding. Kovalcheck went into detail about the sustainability of the roof and that when the roof eventually needed to be replaced, 90 percent of the roof would be able to be recycled. The roof is expected to have a 50 year life.

President (Sofia Pereira)
Pereira reported that she has made a Facebook profile for her AS position and encouraged the rest of the Council to do the same. Pereira also reported that President Richmond attended the last Academic Senate meeting and the Academic Senate is still deliberating the Bill of Particulars in regards to Richmond’s performance. Pereira and Chapin met with Keeling and Associates to discuss some of the WASC goals, a report from Keeling and Associates is due to come out next month. The University Center (UC) Board of Directors appointed their new chair at the last UC Board meeting. Richmond was present at the Board of Directors meeting to discuss his proposal to reorganize the University Center.

General Council Discussion

Haigounian asked for advice on whom to contact regarding the Proposition forum.

General Council Work Session

A. AS Fall Retreat #2 – September 26th & 27th, 2008 (Sofia Pereira & Joan Tyson)

The AS Council should plan to meet at the Library Circle at 7:30 p.m. to leave for Eureka for team building exercises. Saturday morning AS members should plan to meet in the Kate Buchanan Room 9:00 a.m. for a low ropes course. Lunch will be provided and Council will then continue goal setting in the afternoon.

B. Lt. Governor John Garamendi visit – October 3rd, 2008 (Sofia Pereira)

Lt. Governor John Garamendi will be visiting with HSU students on Friday, October 3rd from 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. in the University Center, South Lounge. Questions for the Lt. Governor can be submitted through the AS Website.
Announcements

Pereira reminded the Council to finish any tasks they had been assigned for the Presidential Policy Forum by September 26th.

Adjournment

Weissbart adjourned the meeting without objection at 7:16 p.m.

Recorded by:

Rob Christensen
AS Secretary

Approved by:

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Beth Weissbart
AS Legislative Vice President