

**Associated Students Council
Humboldt State University
Monday, October 20, 2008
University Center, South Lounge
Minutes #8**

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

Members Present: Kale Roberts, Rachel Cooke, Desiree Woods, Corey Fenton, Josephine Villegas, Jennifer DeBoer

Members Absent: NightSnow Vogt (excused), Dina Haigounian (unexcused)

Officers Present: Sofia Pereira, Gabe Shames, Nikki Kovalcheck, Beth Weissbart, Brandon Chapin, Steven Dixon, Melissa Gussin

Offices Absent: Sofia Pereira (excused), Dorothyann Guido (excused)

Advisors Present: Joan Tyson, Gail Wootan

Approval of Agenda

MOTION: FENTON/DEBOER move to approve Agenda #8 APPROVED

Chair's Report

Weissbart reported that Pereira, Guido and Vogt contacted her before the meeting and have been excused. Weissbart asked the Council to remember to sign in for office hours throughout the week. Weissbart also asked the executives to make appointments of those present before appointing those who are not in attendance.

Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of Minutes #7 dated October 6th, 2008 -- Action Item

MOTION: DEBOER/COOKE move to approve Minutes #7 dated October 6th

2008.

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 (Sofia Pereira)

Pereira was absent.

A. S. Administrative Vice President (Nikki Kovalcheck)

MOTION: COOKE/ROBERTS move to suspend AS Government code Section 6.03 to appoint Jocelyn Orr to the Instructionally Related Activities Committee.

APPROVED

Orr is in a meeting and is unable to attend.

MOTION: FENTON/DEBOER move to appoint Jocelyn Orr to the Instructionally Related Activities Committee.

APPROVED

A.S. Legislative Vice President (Beth Weissbart)

MOTION: BESHORE/DEBOER move to suspend AS Government Code Section 6.03 to appoint Sara Wood to the Services to Students with Disabilities Advisory Committee.

APPROVED

MOTION: FENTON/ROBERTS move to appoint Sarah Wood to the Services to Students with Disabilities Advisory Committee.

APPROVED

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

Shames had no appointments.

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

No report.

College Representative Reports

Cooke – College of Natural Resources and Sciences

Cooke reported that she has been working with the Career Center to provide a career panel for students at the College of Natural Resources and Sciences Social. The social is scheduled for December 2nd, 2008 in the Kate Buchanan Room. Cooke also reported that she attended her first AS Presents committee meeting today.

Roberts – College of Natural Resources and Sciences

Roberts reported that he is looking forward to the College of Natural Resources and Sciences Social.

Fenton –College of Professional Studies

Fenton reported that the College of Professional Studies Social will be November 12th from 5:00-6:30 p.m. in the Goodwin Forum. Fenton is currently working with Villegas to plan the social.

Villegas –College of Professional Studies

Villegas reported that she has spoken with Donna Gephart from the office of the College of Professional Studies. Gephart will be sending out an e-mail to all the departments regarding the upcoming College Social.

Woods –College of Arts Humanities and Social Sciences

Woods reported that she and Haigounian have scheduled their College Social for December 2nd, 2008 in the Green and Gold room. The AHSS College Social will have a potluck that will include activities. Woods and Haigounian met with the Dean from the College recently. Both of the Policy Forums that the Associated Students is sponsoring have gone well. Woods asked that the Council come out to support the last two Policy Forums.

Haigounian –College of Arts Humanities and Social Sciences

Haigounian was absent.

Vogt –All University

Vogt was absent.

Graduate Student Representative (Jennifer DeBoer)

DeBoer reported that she has met with the Graduate Pledge Alliance (GPA) advisor Chris DeHart. DeHart and DeBoer will be working with DeHart to hire a GPA coordinator. There are twelve applicants for the coordinator position and DeBoer is requesting that if any Council Members are interested in helping to hire the Coordinator to please contact her.

Residence Hall Association (RHA) Representative Report (Zachary Beshore)

Beshore reported that RHA has completed a resolution to change the Quiet Hours on campus beginning next semester. Quiet Hours would then begin one hour later than they start at now. RHA is preparing for the haunted JGC event.

General Manager (Joan Tyson)

Tyson reported that a letter has been sent out to the different AS Programs letting them know who their AS Council Liaisons are. Council members may pick up their AS vests from Tyson at her office. Tyson complimented the College Representatives for the good effort they have made toward their College Socials.

Public Relations (Dottie Guido)

Guido was absent.

AS Presents (Melissa Gussin)

Gussin reported that Chapin has approached AS Presents to provide music and entertainment for the Elections Night event. AS Presents will provide both a stage manager and an audio technician for the event.

CSSA (Steven Dixon)

Dixon reported that CSSA has registered over 12,000 students to vote since the beginning of the school year. This past weekend HSU hosted the October CSSA meeting and that CSSA members were impressed with the hospitality that was provided by the campus. Dixon also reported that the Board of Trustees recently authorized Executive Order 1034 which created a new student fee policy and Executive Order 1037 which will implement changes in grading procedures. Shared Governance continues to be a policy that is discussed by CSSA and Dixon is working to have a policy on shared governance passed by the CSU trustees. Students from CSSA, the University of California Student Association and the California Community College Student Senate are working together to protect students during the mid year budget revise. Dixon warned that students should be prepared that the state may make midyear cuts to the CSU budget. The California Higher Education Students Summit will be the weekend of April 17th, 2009. Dixon will be attending a roundtable with Pereira and Chapin with the Chancellor regarding CSSA's future.

CSSA (Brandon Chapin)

Chapin reported that Associated Students has registered 721 voters since the beginning of the school year. Associated Students will be hosting an election night party on November 4th from 6:00 p.m. – Midnight. Chapin has worked with AS Presents to bring multiple bands to campus that day. The event is being held in conjunction with the Dialogue on Race.

Legislative Vice President (Beth Weissbart)

Weissbart met with Carl Coffey, the Vice President for Administrative Affairs, regarding the installation of edible landscaping around campus. Coffey indicated that fruit trees might be able to be planted

around the residence halls. Weissbart will be meeting with Housing soon to finalize the project. The University Curriculum Committee will be introducing a General Education Pilot Program to help increase student retention to the Academic Senate. The Educational Policies Committee is also working on modifications to the student writing requirement and will be introducing a resolution to the Academic Senate.

Student Affairs Vice President (Gabe Shames)

Shames reported that the University Center Board of Directors met last Thursday regarding the University Center reorganization. Shames will be discussing the reorganization plan in depth during the General Council Work Session.

Administrative Affairs Vice President (Nikki Kovalcheck)

Board of Finance Report – October 13, 2008

A. Board of Finance Orientation – Information Item

The Board of Finance will receive an orientation that will cover procedures, the 2008-09 Budget, Fiscal Code and Reserve Policies.

Kovalcheck reported that the Board of Finance members received an orientation about the Budget, Policies and the Budget timeline for the 2009-10 budget,

B. A. S. Board of Finance 2008-09 Standing Rules and Meeting Dates – Information Item

These are the rules by which the Board of Finance agrees to operate their meetings. Also included is the proposed 2008-09 meeting schedule.

Kovalcheck reported that the Board of Finance approved their standing rules and meeting schedule for the 2008-09 school year.

C. Request from the Women’s Resource Center (WRC) for a line-item transfer in the amount of \$438.00 from line item Work Study to line item Hourly. –Information Item

The WRC has hired a student to the Anti-Racist Coordinator work study position. Once hired, the student’s work study was canceled. The WRC would like to continue to keep the student on staff as an hourly employee.

Kovalcheck reported that the Board of Finance approved a line-item transfer for the Women’s Resource Center.

President (Sofia Pereira)

Pereira was absent.

the proposal in April, 2008 to the University Center Board of Directors. Richmond's original proposal suggested that the University Center create a sub-board for commercial services that would be enabled to more decisions more quickly. The Associated Students passed a resolution last spring against the idea. The proposal was re-recommended to the UC Board of Directors in Fall 2008 to create an entirely separate board that would oversee the profit-making entities of the University Center. Roberts stated that not knowing the by-laws of the new organization prohibits students from discussing the different options. Fenton stated that the council should take action through a new resolution. Weissbart stated that the current University Center Board has a majority of students that could be lobbied to vote no on the proposal. The following suggestions were made regarding ways to stop the current proposal from passing; AS should author another resolution on the proposal, petition members of the UC Board to vote against the proposal and make sure they understand the implications of the proposal, attend UC Board meetings, put on a town hall to educate students on the proposal, pass a resolution against the proposal in the academic senate, provide letters for students to sign against the proposal, place a comment box on the website to collect opinions on the proposal, and place advertisements in The Lumberjack to educate students on the proposal. Dixon stated that students need to become more educated on the issue and understand their role in the operation of the University Center. Gussin suggested getting student employees of the University Center involved in the process. Weissbart state that she will be calling a special meeting in the following week to continue discussion on the issue. Woods stated that having a one page brief on the issue would be very helpful for students who are unfamiliar with the University Center operations. Cooke suggested that publicity on the matter be very pointed to encourage students to understand what could happen to the current University Center services.

Announcements

There were no announcements.

Adjournment

Weissbart adjourned the meeting without objection at 7:41 p.m.

Recorded by:

Rob Christensen
AS Secretary

Approved by:

Beth Weissbart
AS Legislative Vice President

