Associated Students Council  
Humboldt State University  
Meeting on Monday, October 22, 2007  
University Center, South Lounge  
2:00 PM

Minutes #6

Call to Order

Jason Robo, Legislative Vice President, called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m. in the University Center South Lounge.

Roll Call

Members Present: Tiffany Newton, Ryan Guy, Carol Balch, Carrie Schaden, Carol Hurley, Tyler Smith, Jeff Sanders, Christopher Lobo

Members Absent: Nikki Kovalcheck (excused), Enisha Clark (unexcused)

Officers Present: Terra Rentz, Jason Robo, DaVonna Foy, Constance Mitchell, Rachel Rodriguez, Lladira Baez, Stephanie Haller, Alan Chesbro

Advisor Present: Joan Tyson

Approval of Agenda

MOTION: NEWTON/SMITH move to approve Agenda #6. APPROVED

Chair's Report

Robo will be leaving the meeting at 4:00 p.m. Guy will chair the remainder of the meeting. Robo reminded the council to let him call upon them before speaking. Committee reports need to be turned in within 3 days of the committee meeting.

Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of Minutes #5 dated October 8, 2007—Action Item

MOTION: NEWTON/SCHADEN move to approve Minutes #5 dated October 8th, 2007 APPROVED
Public Comments (As per the Gloria Romero Open Meeting Act of 2000 authorized by Section 89306.)

Jonathan Wu from the HSU Leadership and GPA Conference thanked Associated Students for the generous support of the conference. Wu also apologized to the Council for the mix up in the workshop presentations. Wu reported that conference attendees came from as far away as Taiwan and the Middle East. Wu interviewed a participant, Courtney Glover, about her experience at the Leadership Conference in front of council. Moshe Krafchow an HSU master’s student addressed the council about landscaping infrastructure on campus. Krafchow is making a request to the Vice President of Administrative Affairs, Carl Coffey to allow students the stewardship of a half acre on campus near the Behavior and Social Sciences building. Krafchow will be coming to the council’s next meeting with more information.

Appointments to Committees and Council

A. S. President (Terra Rentz)

MOTION: SMITH/NEWTON move to suspend AS Government Code section 6.03 to appoint Sarah Schoenberger to the Voter Registration and Education Committee. APPROVED

Schoenberger is at a conference and is unable to attend the meeting.

MOTION: GUY/SMITH move to appoint Sarah Schoenberger to the Voter Registration and Education Committee. APPROVED

A. S. Administrative Vice President (DaVonna Foy)

MOTION: SMITH/NEWTON move to appoint Matthew Herrera to the External Affairs Committee. APPROVED

MOTION: NEWTON/SCHADEN move to appoint Tyler Smith to the Humboldt Energy Independence Fund Committee. APPROVED

(1) ABSTENTIONS

Smith will be sitting on the committee as Foy’s designee

A. S. Legislative Vice President (Jason Robo)

MOTION: SMITH/GUY move to appoint Gabriela Girona to the Sexual Health Advocacy Committee. APPROVED

MOTION: SCHADEN/SMITH move to suspend AS Government Code Section 6.03 to appoint Alissa Fogg to the Parking and Transportation Committee. APPROVED

Fogg is in class and unable to attend the meeting.

MOTION: SMITH/NEWTON move to appoint Alissa Fogg to the Parking and Transportation Committee. APPROVED
A.S. Student Affairs Vice President (Constance Mitchell)

MOTION: SMITH/SCHADEN move to appoint Christopher Lobo to the Library Committee.  
APPROVED  
(1) ABSTENSIONS

Program Presentations:

A. Multicultural Center (MCC) – Marylyn Paik-Nicely

Marylyn Paik Nicely, Director of the Multicultural Center, was present. Paik-Nicely thanked the Council for their support of the MCC. The MCC acts as a hub for cultural clubs, for event programming, and funding. The MCC shares House 55 with the Women’s Resource Center and is currently the temporary home of the Eric Rofes Center. The Multicultural Center has sponsored the Diversity Conference for the past 13 years. Paik-Nicely noted that the Diversity Conference name is changing this year into the Social Justice Summit to more accurately reflect the event. The Social Justice Summit will be held March 7-9, 2008. The MCC is bringing back a program called United Through Diversity. This is a time where clubs within the MCC will be meeting together to get know each other and be able to collaborate on projects together.

Paik-Nicely explained to the Council about the three grants available to students for programming; the Cultural Education Grant, the Cultural Programming Grant, and the Small Clubs Grant. The Small Clubs Grants are for on campus club events that are open to the campus and community. The Cultural Education Grant is available for on-campus events and activities that promote cultural education and multicultural awareness. Cultural Programming Grants are available to bring speakers, performers or artists to HSU for larger scale campus events that promote diversity education and awareness.

B. Club and Program Support – Rees Hughes

Rees Hughes, Director of Student Life, was present on behalf of Alexander Fonseca the Clubs and Activities Coordinator. Hughes passed out a packet with information about the Clubs Office. Humboldt State University has about 180 active clubs on campus during a year. Clubs office staff is available to meet with new clubs to help them organize. The Clubs Coordinating Council approves all new clubs and is advised by Fonseca as well. The Clubs Office maintains an online clubs calendar where different organizations can advertise their meetings on the clubs calendar. Student Affairs IT is working to make a new online clubs calendar. The clubs office also offers Travel Grants which are supported by the Associated Students. The clubs office has recreated the Clubs Communicator a newsletter for campus clubs. Currently Student Life and the Clubs office are working to update the current dance policy.

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
Steven Wieland of the Space and Facilities Committee has been in contact with the Chair of the Space and Facilities Committee to have a UV filtration system for the new pool placed on the committee’s next agenda. Wieland has also been conversing with the Chair about a planned parking structure on campus that will be built on the west side of the library. Construction on the parking structure will not begin for the next five years. Wieland is encouraging the Space and Facilities Committee to meet regularly rather than on an as needed basis.

College Representative Reports

Kovalcheck – College of Natural Resources and Sciences
Kovalcheck was absent.

Smith – College of Natural Resources and Sciences
Smith reported that the Lab Fee Committee has begun distributing the lab fee survey in all of the different labs affected by the fee. The Lab Fee Committee has started an online Google spreadsheet to collect the data. Smith reported that most students are happy that they have a student voice about where there lab fee money goes. Smith will be working to make sure that the HEIF fee stays within student’s hands. Chesbro is working with Smith on the 24 hour study lounge idea and will be meeting with students as the library closes this Friday to take surveys on the idea.

Schaden – College of Natural Resources and Sciences
Schaden has been working with Kovalcheck on a timeline for the club’s council goal. Schaden is meeting with a new club coalition Tuesday, October 23, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at Mosgo’s coffee shop. Schaden went to the Provost’s Council which is working on prioritization of academic programs. Schaden attended the CSSA meeting this weekend and was impressed.

Hurley – College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences
Hurley had no report.

Newton – College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences
Newton attended the Student Health Center Advisory Committee (SHAC). The next SHAC meeting will be Monday, October 29, 2007. Currently SHAC is working with a $200,000 deficit in the Health Center budget partially due to pay and benefit increase costs for physicians and other staff. Newton reported that there is a new system set up for same day appointments rather than for walk in and that the Student Health Center is working on educating students on the new system. Newton has been in contact with the Eric Rofes Center and is helping them with their current projects. The Eric Rofes Center meets on Friday’s at 3 p.m. in the Multicultural Center.

Guy – College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences
Guy sat in and observed the Student Fee Advisory Committee on October 9, 2007. The two fees that were increased were the Diploma Fee and the Graduation Commencement fee. Guy has been working on a resolution titled “Passing the Buck.” Guy’s goal is to have it ready by the November 5, 2007 AS meeting. Guy is also considering authoring a resolution in support of campaign finance reform. Guy went to the CSSA meeting on Saturday. He commented on his frustration about CSSA’s lack of focus on external issues.
Clark-- College of Professional Studies
Clark was absent.

Lobo – College of Professional Studies.
Lobo has been going over the mission statement and goals of Associated Students. Lobo is in the process of getting contact information for the faculty members of the College of Professional Studies. Lobo will be contacting Dean Higgins for a meeting. Lobo also thanked the council for appointing him to the Library Committee.

Balch – All University
Balch is working on what students can do about the elimination of the German Program. Balch met with Professor Kay La Bahn last week. Balch has reported that Professor La Bahn has placed the German Program on E-Bay.com to advertise for sponsorship of the German program. Balch also reported that the UCC discussed the German Program and the unfairness of it being targeted for elimination. Balch and Sanders will be holding a meeting with All-University students about budget and program cuts in November.

Sanders – All University
Sanders has copies available of the presentation that Professor La Bahn presented to the UCC. Sanders pointed out that German is related to many other disciplines including history, philosophy, women’s studies, ethnic studies and the sciences. Sanders is meeting with the HSU Children’s Center on November 6, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. for the Children’s Center parent’s meeting.

Graduate Student Representative (Vacant)

Residence Hall Association (RHA) Representative Report (Vacant)

General Manager (Joan Tyson)
Tyson noted that on Friday a candidate for the Associate Director of Student Life will be visiting the campus and encouraged Council to attend the open forum. The CSU audit team will be coming on November 26 to audit all auxiliaries on campus and will review our compliance with: The Chancellor’s Office policies and practices, California Educational Code, Title 5, Chancellor Executive Memorandum’s, campus agreements and Associated Students own internal programs. Tyson will be meeting with the Warren House programs regarding space issues on Tuesday, October 23 at 5:00 p.m. with Foy and Rentz.

Public Relations (Stephanie Haller)
A press release was written and sent out for the Lt Governor’s visit and was published in the Times-Standard. Handbills, flyers and posters will be handed out and posted for students. The Enrollment Management Committee has not met yet. Haller asks that council members contact their liaison ships and let them know about the Lieutenant Governor’s visit. Haller also noted that she is still working on the AS brochure.

AS Presents (Alan Chesbro)
The AS Presents committee had their first meeting on Friday, October 12, and will have another meeting soon to determine the rest of the AS Presents Fall line up. The only remaining AS Presents show for the fall is Thurston Moore on October 26, 2007 at 9:00 p.m.

CSSA (Lladira Baez)
Baez thanked staff and council members for their help with the CSSA conference this weekend. Baez noted certain issues that CSSA is facing including unbudgeted deficits and a large number of non-dues paying campuses. The CSSA internal affairs committee will be looking at way to define non-campus member benefits. CSSA passed a resolution on ASI budget sovereignty. Some CSU schools are pushing their campus Associated Students to pay for university services such as police services. The University Affairs committee is working on a resolution in support of timely adoption of textbooks for students with disabilities and a resolution dealing with parking equality issues (students pay more than faculty and staff). CSSA is currently discussing a recall of the Internal Affairs vice chair. Currently Baez expressed that the CSSA representatives from HSU are currently not in favor of the recall. Baez noted her frustration that CSSA is not focusing on University issues. Other campuses were excited about HSUAS parent’s pledge and were interested in adopting the idea.

CSSA (Rachel Rodriguez)
Rodriguez reported that Student Trustee Jennifer Reimer announced that the Board of Trustees will be taking action on the MBA proposal at the November meeting. Ray Murillo the Assistant Director of Student Programs for the CSU reported that enrollment applications are up throughout the CSU. In January CSSA will be holding a lobby workshop. Last day to register voters for the presidential primaries will be January 21, 2008. CSSA appointed students for system-wide committee. The CHESS conference will be April 18-20, 2008.

Legislative Vice President (Jason Robo)
Robo reported that he went to the CSSA Conference for most of the week-end. Robo spoke during public comments at the different meetings. Robo still hasn’t met with the Educational Policies sub committees but spoke with the Educational Curriculum Committee about the elimination of the German Program. Robo stated that he felt that any decision on the German Program should wait and be considered by the program prioritization committee. The Academic Senate took the resolution of no-confidence off of their agenda. Ed Policies committee is working on the accessible technology initiative to help students with disabilities. Robo has initiated contact with the Faculty Technology Program to help different departments become trained in the technology. Robo also said that he noted issues with the 15/30 program in the Educational Policies Committee. Robo encouraged Council to meet with the goal groups soon and to turn their goal sheets into Rentz. Robo has received more information about the president’s job description and is waiting for an open letter of Richmond’s job performance of 2007 but has received the one for 2005. Robo has noted that the Alcohol and Drug committee meetings are on Friday which is when he is unavailable to meet for.

MOTION: SCHADEN/LOBO move to recess until 4:10 pm. APPROVED
(1) OPPOSED
(1) ABSTENTION

Ryan Guy, Vice Chair of Council, reconvened the meeting at 4:08 pm
Student Affairs Vice President (Constance Mitchell)

Mitchell reported that she went to the CSSA Conference and said that the experience was amazing. Mitchell informed that she hoped Council will become more involved in CSSA. Mitchell also made great connection with campuses regarding the student’s Bill of Rights. Miller thanked Smith for his work with the Lab Fee Committee and thanked Baez and Rodriguez for all of their work this weekend. Mitchell asked Council to fill out committee response sheets. Miller and Schaden have been doing voter registration together.

Administrative Affairs Vice President (DaVonna Foy)

The AS Funding board will be meeting this week. Robo and Foy have to prepare for the Dialogue on Race presentation. Rentz and Foy will be meeting with members of the Warren House on Tuesday, October 23, 2007 to discuss space issues.

Board of Finance Report – October 15, 2007

A. Request from the Youth Educational Services program to transfer funds from their stipend line item to the work study line item to fund one Y.E.S. Service Learning Intern who qualifies for work study in the amount of $500.00. –Information Item

By allowing Y.E.S. to transfer funds it will allow the Work Study student to receive an hourly wage and to help Y.E.S. stretch their budget further.

B. Request from the Sustainable Living Arts and Music (SLAM) Festival for amendments to the SLAM 2007-08 FY budget. –Information Item

The SLAM program currently focuses much of its time on outside fundraisers and smaller performances in preparation for the SLAM Festival. Amending their budget would allow the program the ability to focus more on the festival itself.

C. Request from the Associated Students Government from Capital Reserves Purchases for funds in an amount not to exceed $2,900.00 for purchase of 2 new Gateway Computers. –Action Item

The Associated Student’s Council Office currently has two computers that are shared by the council and committee members. Often times there are more students needing to use computer workstations than there are available. The AS Vice President’s office currently does not have a computer available for the Administrative Vice President. Having these additional computers would enable council members and executives to complete their work in a more timely fashion.

MOTION: SMITH/NEWTON move to approve the request from Associated Government for funds in amount not to exceed $2,900.00 from Capital Purchases Reserves.

APPROVED

(1) ABSTENTIONS

Rentz noted that the monies requested for the computer would come from the Capital Purchases Reserves and not from Unallocated. If this proposal is approved it will have to be approved by Carl Coffey Vice President of Administrative Affairs.
President (Terra Rentz)
Rentz noted that she is meeting with the Warren House occupants tomorrow. Rentz asked that liaisons remind their programs in the Warren House to come to the meeting tomorrow at 5 p.m. Rentz also noted that Council members need to turn in their goals by Friday. Rentz thanked Council for approving the computer purchase. Rentz reminded council that the staff is going through audit preparation and to please use staff time wisely. A fee moratorium went into affect on October 10, 2007 for the CSU system while the Chancellor’s Office considers a new policy regarding campus based fees.

General Council Discussion (At this time Council members and Executives may follow-up with questions regarding reports.)

Mitchell asked Guy and Sanders to file reports on their committee work. Mitchell questioned Smith if computer labs will be observed during the library study lounge observation. Mitchell asked for clarification on the audit procedures and what would be looked at. Tyson explained the difference between the CSU Compliance Audit and the Annual external audit that is provided by Hunter, Hunter & Hunt. Sanders asked for clarification about which programs may be affected at the Warren house. Rentz explained that the programs that may be affected include Student Access Gallery, Campus Recycling Program, Operation U-Turn, Graduation Pledge Alliance, SLAM festival and the Eric Rofes Center. Mitchell asked where the new computers will be placed. Rentz informed council that one of the computers will be placed in the council office and the other new computer will be placed in the Administrative Vice President’s office.

New Business

There was no new business

General Council Work Session

A. Lieutenant Governor John Garamendi’s HSU visit –Terra Rentz
Discussion will be regarding the visit by Lieutenant Governor John Garamendi to the HSU campus on Wednesday, October 24 and the details regarding the open forum/listening time opportunity that students will be having with him

This Wednesday from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Lieutenant Governor listening tour will be at Humboldt State University in the Kate Buchanan Room. Rentz would like every Council member to come to the students-only question and answer with the Lieutenant Governor in the South Lounge at 4:00 p.m. Rentz stressed that the question and answer period will only be for 45 minutes and is capped at 50 students. The Council brainstormed questions for the Lt. Governor. The Council brainstormed questions that were passed on to Rentz.

B. Food Drive –Constance Mitchell
Discussion will be regarding the Y.E.S./Service Learning Food Drive. Mitchell will be seeking input and ideas from Council regarding participation in this activity.

Mitchell is working with Chris Hackman from Service Learning about the food drive. Mitchell has been working with the AS Executive Committee to find a suitable community service project for Associated
Students. The items that will be donated from the food drive will be donated to Food for People. Council suggested extending the food drive for a longer period. Lobo suggested a community service project serving food to the homeless. Newton suggested a gift tree. Currently the food drive is scheduled for November 26-30, 2007.

MOTION: SANDERS/NEWTON move to extend the meeting to 5:15 p.m. per standing rules.
APPROVED
(1) ABSTENTION

C. WASC accreditation: Americans With Disabilities (ADA) compliance as it relates to medical cannabis use –Jason Robo
Discussion will be regarding the WASC accreditation process and the Americans with Disabilities (ADA) compliance component as it relates to medical cannabis use. Robo will be seeking Council input regarding this matter.

APPROVED

Announcements

Baez thanked President Richmond for helping to sponsor lunch for CSSA. Lunch was prepared by Cheryl Seidner and Indian tacos were served. Newton announced about a cop-watch demonstration on the Eureka Plaza taking place later today. Hurley announced that the Political Science Club will be at McKinleyville High School this Thursday for a candidate forum for the NHUSD School Board. Tomorrow afternoon is the one year anniversary of Chris Burgess’ death. Burgess was killed in Eureka by a Eureka Police Officer. There will be a demonstration in Eureka at the County Courthouse. Guy announced that this Thursday the Communications Club will be hosting a debate about parking on the HSU campus.

Adjournment

Guy adjourned the meeting without objection at 5:05 p.m.

Recorded by:

Rob Christensen
AS Secretary

Approved by:

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Jason Robo
AS Legislative Vice President