

**Associated Students Council
Humboldt State University
Monday, November 3, 2008
University Center, South Lounge
Minutes #10**

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, Dina Haigounian, Corey Fenton, Josephine Villegas, NightSnow Vogt, Jennifer DeBoer, Zachary Beshore

Officers Present: Sofia Pereira, Gabe Shames, Nikki Kovalcheck (late), Beth Weissbart, Brandon Chapin, Steven Dixon, Melissa Gussin, Dorothyann Guido

Advisors Present: Joan Tyson

Approval of Agenda

MOTION: DEBOER/BESHORE move to approve Agenda #10 APPROVED

Chair's Report

Weissbart had no report.

Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of Minutes #8 dated October 20th, 2008 -- Action Item

MOTION: DEBOER/FENTON move to approve Minutes #8 dated October 20th, 2008. APPROVED

B. Approval of Minutes #9 dated October 27th, 2008 – Action Item

MOTION: DEBOER/FENTON move to approve Minutes #9 dated October 27th, 2008 APPROVED

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

Mark Wheatley, The Mayor of Arcata, introduced himself to Council and distributed information to the Council regarding Measure G. Measure G is a ¾ cent sales tax initiative for the city of Arcata that is intended to augment funding for Police Services and Public Works. Currently the city has 24 police office on staff, but should have 34 to provide full services to the city. The city also maintains over 70 miles of paved streets. Wheatley recognized that the city is currently facing problems with safety on the plaza and in the community forest. The sales tax increase would help address those problems with the ability to assign additional officers to those areas as well as the Valley West neighborhood. Wheatley stated other problems that the city is having on the plaza and the community forest and that the sales tax would help to address those problems. Wheatley also explained that the condition of Arcata's streets is

poor and if the needed maintenance of the streets in Arcata is not addressed the city will need to do a total replacement of the streets at a much higher cost. Wheatley also noted that the sales tax increase will help the city to be more competitive in its pursuit of both state and federal grants. The city will make an advisory committee that will have fiscal oversight over the measure and will publish reports annually on its use. Wheatley stated that he will come back to the Council regularly to encourage student and community relationships.

Alex Stillman, The Vice Mayor of Arcata, introduced herself as a supporter of Measure G.

Program Presentations

A. Club and Program Support – Alex Fonseca

Alex Fonseca, The Clubs and Activities Coordinator, was present on behalf of the program. Fonseca thanked the Associated Students for their continued support of the Clubs Office. The Clubs Office is open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. everyday and provides support services and grant opportunities to over 155 different clubs. Recognized clubs are able to use supplies, access the Leadership Resource Center, and receive mail. The Clubs office also administers travel grants on a 75 percent matching fund basis. Travel grants help to provide money for gas, lodging, airfare and rental cars for clubs. The Clubs Office also helps to advocate a small clubs activities grant. The Associated Students office provides supplies to clubs to carry out their mission. Other funding for the office comes from the Club Fairs, Winter Craft Fair and Student Affaris. Projects are given to students for leadership opportunities. The Chair of the CCC is a student assistant. The Clubs office also provides a club and activities small grant. Clubs office can provide up to \$1,000.00 to put on events on campus including guest speakers, skills workshop festivals and conferences. The Clubs Office has also created a new website that provides better information about the club.

B. MultiCultural Center – Marylyn Paik-Nicely

Marylyn Paik-Nicely, Director of the MultiCultural Center (MCC), was present on behalf of the program. The MCC is located in House 55 behind the Library. The MCC receives its entire operating budget through Associated Students to provide support to ethnic and social justice clubs and to support large events including; The Social Justice Summit, Q-Fest and MultiCultural Convocation. The MCC also administers Cultural Education and Cultural Programming Grants so that clubs may put on large events that they normally wouldn't be able to fund. AS funding also helps the MCC to produce the Cultural Times as well as providing wages for student employees. The Social Justice Summit will be held March 6th and 7th.

Appointments to Committees and Council

A. S. President (Sofia Pereira)

MOTION: BESHORE/HAIGOUNIAN move to suspend AS Government Section 6.03 to appoint Winston Sauber to the Recreation Center Board of Directors. APPROVED

Sauber was unable to be contacted to attend the meeting, but was recommendation by the Council of Captains.

MOTION: HAIGOUNIAN/BESHORE move to appoint Winston Sauber to the Recreation Center Board of Directors. APPROVED

MOTION: HAIGOUNIAN/DEBOER move to appoint Kale Roberts to the Instructionally Related Activities Committee. APPROVED

MOTION: DEBOER/WOODS move to appoint Zachary Beshore to the Student Fee Advisory Committee for a two year term. APPROVED
(7) AYE
(1) NAY
(1) ABSTENSIONS

MOTION: FENTON/COOKE move to appoint Joyce Tam to the Associated Students Council as a College of Professional Studies Representative. APPROVED

MOTION: COOKE/ROBERTS move to appoint Matt Duran to the Associated Students Council as a College of Natural Resources and Sciences Representative. APPROVED

A. S. Administrative Vice President (Nikki Kovalcheck)

MOTION: FENTON/HAIGOUNIAN move to suspend AS Government Code Section 6.03 to appoint Lukas Trout to the Diversity Program Funding Committee. APPROVED

Trout is on the Crew Team and is at practice.

MOTION: COOKE/DEBOER move to appoint Lukas Trout to the Diversity Program Funding Committee. APPROVED

A.S. Legislative Vice President (Beth Weissbart)

No appointments.

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

MOTION: DEBOER/FENTON move to appoint Sean Cohen to the Service Learning/ Experiential Education Advisory Committee. APPROVED

Old Business

- A. Resolution in Recognition of Veterans as a Cultural Community on Campus and in Support of Efforts to Ensure Humboldt State University is a Safe and Friendly Learning Environment for Student Veterans, Active Duty Service Members and Military Family Members. – Action Item
The Associated Students extends support to student veterans and recognizes them as a cultural community on the HSU campus.

Weissbart opened the floor to Public Comment on the proposed resolution:

Travis Holt, President of the Student Veterans Association, and Brenna Toel, Student Veterans Association Member, were present in support of the resolution. Holt stated that the Student Veterans Association is pursuing this resolution before the Veterans Awareness week. Holt also commented that there are over 300 student veterans on campus this year. Holt stated that the Veterans Association would like to pursue this because they are sizeable group on campus. Haigounian asked for clarifications on how Veterans are discriminated against on campus. Jennifer Fusaro commented that oftentimes

student veterans are confronted by other students who are against the war or militarization of society and are called different terms, such as “tool of the machine” or “pawn of the unjust”. Fusaro explained that these terms are very degrading towards veterans.

MOTION: DEBOER/WOODS move to approve the Resolution in Recognition of Veterans as a Cultural Community on Campus and in Support of Efforts to Ensure Humboldt State University is a Safe and Friendly Learning Environment for Student Veterans, Active Duty Service Members and Military Family Members.

APPROVED

Council had no discussion on the resolution.

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 on the CNRS social with Roberts.

Roberts – College of Natural Resources and Sciences

Roberts reported that he has been working to contact staff and faculty throughout the College of Natural Resources and Sciences in regards to the social, but has had little success..

Duran – College of Natural Resources and Sciences

Duran reported that he attended his first CNRS Lab Fee Committee meeting last week.

Fenton – College of Professional Studies

No report.

Villegas – College of Professional Studies

Villegas reported that the COPS Social will be next week. Villegas will be Dee Jay’ing the event.

Tam – College of Professional Studies

Absent.

Woods – College of Arts Humanities and Social Sciences

Woods reported that she is working on the CHASS social and will have music and a DJ. Woods also reported that the Educational Policies Committee is currently working on revising the Upper Division General Education policy.

Haigounian – College of Arts Humanities and Social Sciences

Haigounian reported that she will be attending the Provost’s Council meeting on Wednesday.

Haigounian and Woods will be attending the Chair’s meeting on Thursday.

Vogt –All University

Vogt reported that he has meet with Mona Mazzotti from the MultiCultural Center regarding his liaison-ship

Graduate Student Representative (Jennifer DeBoer)

DeBoer reported that she attended her first President's Council last week and will be attending her first Grievance committee meeting this week. DeBoer has completed 9 interviews for Graduation Pledge Alliance Coordinator position and will be meeting with two more applicants before making a decision.

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

No report.

General Manager (Joan Tyson)

No report.

Public Relations (Dottie Guido)

Guido recommended that the Council present the Resolution passed regarding Veteran Students at the Veterans Center grand opening.

AS Presents (Melissa Gussin)

Gussin reported that the Getting Funky with The Vote election party will be Tuesday night in the Kate Buchanan Room from 6:00 p.m. - Midnight. AS Presents will be getting a count of attendees at the door. Gussin reported that AS Presents is receiving their first wave of offers for Spring semester performances.

CSSA (Steven Dixon)

Dixon reported that CSSA member schools have registered over 18,250 students to vote this semester. Dixon reminded students to get out the vote tomorrow. On November 14th Dixon, Chapin and Pereira will be in Long Beach to discuss the future of CSSA and Shared Governance with Chancellor Reid. Dixon will also be attending the CSSA meeting that weekend as well as the Board of Trustees Meeting in Northridge that next week as well. The California Legislature will reconvene before the next legislature is seated to address the state budget problem. The State may be making cuts to the CSU and it is possible that there may be a mid-year fee increase.

CSSA (Brandon Chapin)

Chapin reminded Council that tomorrow is Election Day and passed out a sign up sheet for volunteers for Getting Funky with the Vote.

Legislative Vice President (Beth Weissbart)

Weissbart commended Haigounian for the great job she did on the Policy Forums. The Educational Policies Committee is still working on a resolution regarding changes to the writing requirement to forward to the Academic Senate. .

Student Affairs Vice President (Gabe Shames)

Shames reported that the administration may be biding their time on the UC Reorganization plan and student should remain involved. Shames is pursuing a second free speech area on campus.

Administrative Affairs Vice President (Nikki Kovalcheck)

Board of Finance Report – October 27, 2008

- A. Request from The Humboldt Film Festival in the amount of \$749.68 from The Humboldt Film Festival Trust Account for the purchase of Final Cut Studio 2 software –Information Item.

The requested software would be used for the production of promotional material

including television commercials, PSA's and radio advertisements.

Kovalcheck referred the Council to the Board of Finance meeting minutes in regards to the Humboldt Film Festival request. Kovalcheck also reported that HEIF met on October 17th to discuss how they could get proposals from a broader base of students and how HEIF could be institutionalized.

President (Sofia Pereira)

Pereira reported that she attended the University Budget Committee (UBC) introductory meeting. David Maddox, a University Budget Consultant, was present and gave suggestion to the committee. The UBC will be creating a budget book that will compile all the different budgets on campus. Pereira will be placing a discussion item on the University Center (UC) agenda so that the board may discuss how students can become proactive in the governance of the UC. Pereira encouraged students to continue to attend the UC Board of Directors meeting. Pereira also reported that she is working with the Arcata mayor to bridge the community with HSU students. President Richmond will be expanding his Executive Committee to include more students based on the Keeling Report recommendations.

General Council Discussion

Chapin explained that Getting Funky with The Vote will include live feeds from cable news and that bands will only play during certain times in the evening. Chapin will be posting information about local races on a white board. Dixon stated that the Academic Senate will negotiate with the Administration on which members would sit on the Executive Committee. Dixon explained that the expanded Executive Committee will have students on it. Gussin added that SLAM Fest has asked AS Presents to coordinate music for the festival.

General Council Work Session

- A. Spring 2009 Meeting Schedule – Discussion Item (Joan Tyson)
Council will discuss the Monday 2PM meeting time approved for the spring 2009 semester. Time conflicts have become apparent for Council Members with the spring 2009 schedule now posted.

The Council discussed time conflicts for the Spring semester. Tyson stated that she will continue this discussion at further meetings and reminded the Council to be as flexible as possible when making their Monday schedules.

- B. University Center Reorganization – Discussion Item (Beth Weissbart)
Council will continue the discussion regarding the proposed reorganization of the University Center. The proposal is to transfer the HSU Bookstore, HSU Dining Services, CenterArts and the University Center Business Services Office to the HSU Enterprise Foundation. Council will continue to identify steps they will take on the proposed reorganization and transfer of assets.

Cooke stated that she had met with Mark Rizzardi regarding the UC Reorganization. Rizzardi stated that students are on the board for only a year at time and feels that students should find a way to compromise on the issue. Dixon stated that the UC Board has a Commercial Services committee that could be given the authority to make quick decisions that were needed and that the University should train students to learn these skills. Shames stated he is willing to make a counter proposal to strengthen

the Commercial Services Committee.

C. Shared Governance – Discussion Item (Sofia Pereira)

Council will discuss issues and ideas around the topic of Shared Governance for future development of an AS resolution on the topic.

Pereira explained that there is no official shared governance policy in the CSU system or at HSU. Pereira would like AS to work proactively with Richmond and the Academic Senate to create a shared governance policy for the campus that could become a model for other CSU's. Dixon stated that the Chancellor has made a committee of all of the Vice Chancellor to make a policy that could be considered by the Trustee's. Dixon also stated that the California Community College system has a policy that requires shared governance on all the campuses. Woods stated that students feel it is incredibly difficult to find the proper channels to voice their opinions or concerns through. Pereira encouraged the Council to view the shared governance documents on the academic senate website.

Announcements

Kovalcheck announced that the Activities Coordinating Board met on October 31st. Roberts thanked the Council for their support of Power Vote. Pereira announced that she has placed a calendar on the office with the deadlines for different goals. Gussin announced that the North Coast Music Mentors will have a benefit concert on Thursday.

Adjournment

Weissbart adjourned the meeting without objection at 7:25 p.m.

Recorded by:

Rob Christensen
AS Secretary

Approved by:

Beth Weissbart
AS Legislative Vice President