Call to Order

Jason Robo, Legislative Vice President, called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m. in the University Center South Lounge.

Roll Call

Members Present: Tiffany Newton, Ryan Guy, Carol Hurley, Carol Balch, Carrie Schaden, Tyler Smith, Jeff Sanders (late), Nikki Kovalcheck

Members Absent: Enisha Clark (unexcused), Christopher Lobo (excused)

Officers Present: Jason Robo, DaVonna Foy, Constance Mitchell, Lladira Baez

Officers Absent: Terra Rentz (excused), Stephanie Haller (excused), Alan Chesbro (excused), Rachel Rodriguez (excused)

Advisor Present: Joan Tyson

Approval of Agenda

MOTION: NEWTON/GUY move to approve Agenda #7. APPROVED

Chair's Report

Robo stated that there was an issue of miscommunication when a student at large tried to add an agenda item. Robo referred the Council to Section 14 of the Associated Students Government Code and noted that proclamations were acceptable forms of legislation. Both a proclamation and a resolution would be voted on by the Council. Robo would like to change the sign in for office hours system to a time card clock in system. He reminded council members to sign in for their office hours.

Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of Minutes #6 dated October 22, 2007—Action Item

MOTION: SMITH/NEWTON move to approve Minutes #6 dated October 22nd, 2007. APPROVED
Public Comments (As per the Gloria Romero Open Meeting Act of 2000 authorized by Section 89306.)

Mosche Krafchow, a graduate student addressed the Council. Krafchow reintroduced his silviculture project by the BSS building to the Associated Students Council. Krafchow explained his process as a graduate student trying to complete his project and went through the history of his project. Krafchow stated that he had experienced a lot of frustration getting his project off the ground and had to get approval from the head of maintenance, Chief of Police, and his Graduate Director. Krafchow is graduating this semester and is in need of someone to take care of the project once he leaves. Krafchow is looking for the opinion and approval of his project from the AS Council. Guy asked Krafchow if he would like a resolution in support of his project. Guy also noted that an opinion of the Associated Students is normally passed through a resolution. Krafchow said that a resolution was more than he wanted and only wanted council member’s opinions on the project that he could share with administrators. Smith introduced himself and said he thought the idea was great and said he was more than happy to help Krafchow draft a resolution. Krafchow and Smith exchanged email addresses. Robo closed the public comment and encouraged Krafchow to work with Smith on a resolution that could be acted upon at our next Council meeting.

Appointments to Committees and Council

A. S. President (Terra Rentz)
Rentz was absent.

A. S. Administrative Vice President (DaVonna Foy)
Foy had no appointments.

A. S. Legislative Vice President (Jason Robo)
Robo had no appointments.

A.S. Student Affairs Vice President (Constance Mitchell)

MOTION: SCHADEN/SMITH move to suspend AS Government Code Section 6.03 to appoint Jasmine Manuel to the Service Learning Experimental Advisory Committee. APPROVED

MOTION: NEWTON/SMITH move to appoint Jasmine Manuel to the Service Learning experimental advisory committee. APPROVED

MOTION: KOVALCHECK/SMITH move to postpone the Green Lining Institute special presentation until 3:00 p.m. 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
No Committee members were present to address the council.

College Representative Reports

Kovalcheck – College of Natural Resources and Sciences
Kovalcheck announced that the sign up sheet for the study lounge is available in the office. Kovalcheck met with the Student Access Gallery program director and reported that SAG has begun to set up their office so that other programs will be able to use the space.

Smith – College of Natural Resources and Sciences
The lab fee committee is finishing up the surveys this week. Smith noted his work with the HEIF committee and helping it set up the committees’ by-laws and constitution. Smith collected surveys from the library this weekend for the 24 hour study lounge goal.

Schaden – College of Natural Resources and Sciences
Schaden issued a flyer to the clubs in the College of Natural Resources and Sciences to help educate the campus community about cuts on campus. Schaden noted the timeline for the program elimination that is going on. She said that the program elimination process is scheduled for completion on February 9th 2009.

Hurley – College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences
Hurley noted issues about the food that is available in the depot that are being brought to her by students. AS Presents recently met and has a tentative list of events being set up for the spring semester.

Newton – College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences
Newton reported that President Richmond has agreed to give the Student Health Center a $100,000.00 augmentation to their budget to help pay for the salary increases for the Doctors and staff. Newton also noted other concerns with the Student Health Center budget and that a fee increase was not possible due to the system-wide moratorium. The HSU Student Health Center has the highest per capita rate-of-use in the CSU system. Newton noted that the Health Center will be updating their website so students can access advice on how to treat themselves for common illnesses and medical needs. Newton would like the diversity goal group to meet soon and noted that the group has been doing little to reach their goal.

Guy – College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences
Guy reported that neither of his committee’s met this week. Guy suggested consolidating some of the goals of AS.

Clark -- College of Professional Studies
Clark was absent
Lobo – College of Professional Studies
Lobo was absent

Balch – All University
Balch reported that the German program elimination process is currently being reviewed by the University Curriculum Committee. The University’s written policy on program elimination has been ignored during the process of eliminating the German Program. Balch noted that Provost Snyder expects that programs will strongly resist being eliminated. Balch tried to seek answers from Provost Snyder about the proposed Criminology program when other programs are getting cut. Balch noted some injustices in the program elimination process. On November 14th there will be a German Program rally on the quad.

Graduate Student Representative (Vacant)

Residence Hall Association (RHA) Representative Report (Vacant)

General Manager (Joan Tyson)
Tyson is preparing for the CSU compliance audit. Tyson noted that the elections commissioner position has been posted on springboard and encouraged council members to have anyone who is interested apply for the position.

Public Relations (Stephanie Haller)
Haller was absent.

AS Presents (Alan Chesbro)
Chesbro was absent.

CSSA (Lladira Baez)
The external affairs committee will be having their first meeting this Wednesday. Baez and Rodriguez will be traveling to CSU Northridge this weekend for the November CSSA meeting. Baez noted that Rodriguez completed the CSSA shared governance survey. Baez will be training the External Affairs Committee to perform as a Lobby Corps.

CSSA (Rachel Rodriguez)
Rodriguez was absent.

Legislative Vice President (Jason Robo)
Robo announced that he would like to call a special meeting this Friday. Robo noted that the CFL bulbs handed out by Green Campus have led and mercury in them and suggested that students look into LED technology instead. Robo talked to Judith Little, the Chair of the Sociology department, about the Criminology program and the German Program process of elimination and insertion. Little stated that the criminology program at Humboldt State will reflect Humboldt accurately. Lladira and Robo have yet to meet regarding the IRA fee goal, although Robo has met with Dr. Butler who reported that the fee is being used as proposed. Robo noted the vote of no-confidence survey that was given out by the Academic Senate has come back and the results had an overwhelming response for a vote of no
confidence in President Richmond. Robo asked that people who are on committees that have not met to contact Robo or Rentz.

*Sanders arrived at 2:50 p.m.*

Sanders – All University
Sanders met with various advisors and department chairs and was able to find out which disciplines fell under All University.

**Student Affairs Vice President (Constance Mitchell)**
Mitchell reported that she is working on the Fall Semester Study Lounge and reminded the Council that the event will be held December 9 – 13. Mitchell will have a sign up sheet in the office for the Study Lounge and asked that if anyone knows anybody who can donate items to contact her. Mitchell is planning for Council to have lunch with the club who raises the most food for the canned food drive. The canned food drive will be November 26th-30th.

**Administrative Affairs Vice President (DaVonna Foy)**
Foy reported that the Board of Finance committee did not meet due to a lack of any proposals. Foy met with the Warren house programs and discussed how to effectively use their space and make room for new programs. There will be a follow up meeting on November 27th at 5 p.m.

**President (Terra Rentz)**
Rentz was absent.

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

Foy asked Mitchell if she had the ability to take the money out of her special projects for the Food Drive award lunch. Mitchell responded that she would prefer to get money from Unallocated Funds. Schaden addressed the All University Representatives on how to get names of students enrolled in All University disciplines. Discussion was held on strategies to save the German Program. Newton asked about the special meeting that Robo wanted to plan for this Friday. Council discussed the idea of having a special meeting. Many concerns and opinions of having a special meeting were brought up. Robo said he would take council members concerns into consideration. Schaden brought up issues of shared governance on campus and wants to work towards creating a policy that give students more power and voice in the system before doing a vote of no confidence. Robo stated that he has a copy of the shared governance survey.

Robo called a recess at 3:41 p.m. for 5 minutes. There was no objection.

Robo called the meeting to order at 3:46 p.m.

**New Business**
There was no new business
MOTION: SMITH/KOVALCHECK move to postpone the Green Lining Institute Presentation until after announcements. APPROVED

General Council Work Session

A. 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.

Robo wanted to address the use of cannabis on campus and that students with 215 cards are not allowed to medicate. Robo stated that this conflicted with the American with Disabilities compliance the school must meet and should be addressed in the upcoming WASC accreditation. Robo noted that cannabis is listed as a *substance one* under the controlled substance act. Students who work on campus are required to sign “The Drug Free Workplace Policy” when they begin employment on the campus which prevents them from medicating with Cannabis on campus. Smith wanted to know what outcome Robo wanted from the Associated Students on this issue. Robo responded that he mainly didn’t want students who use medical marijuana to be harassed on campus. Newton noted that point was moot because medical marijuana is only legal at the state level and the American with Disabilities Act is federal law.

Announcements

Guy announced that Communications Club is sponsoring a debate November 29th at 10 a.m. in the Kate Buchanan Room and will be debating fee increases for Humboldt State. Newton announced that the Humboldt Gender Project in Nelson Hall East Room 116 this Wednesday. On November 15th Betsy Hartman will be speaking at 5:30 p.m. in KBR on environment and population control and that November 19th is national transgender remembrance day. Baez reminded council members to vote in the election tomorrow. Dialogue on Race is this week on November 8th *Endgame* the movie being shown 7-10 p.m. Robo reminded the groups about their College social.

Special Presentations:

A. Green Lining Institute

Jeremy Verafriend from the Green Lining institute introduced himself and gave history about the fee increases for both the CSU system and the UC system which have been consistently going up over the past 5 years. Tuition Relief Now is a ballot campaign to bring the cost of tuition into control for higher education. Beginning in December Tuition Relief Now will start collecting signatures for a referendum for the November 2008 election. Schaden asked if the referendum included anything that would make the Board of Trustees more accountable to the public. Verafriend answered that the referendum would only seek to stop tuition increases. Mitchell asked questions about where Greenlining gets their funding, who the campus organizer for HSU is, and if Greenlining is working with CSSA. Verafriend responded that he would be happy to e-mail a list of sponsors of The Green Lining Institute, and that their funding...
comes from a variety of different groups including Labor Unions and People for the American Way. Greenlining does not have any campus organizers yet and will be hiring them in the spring.

**Adjournment**

Robo adjourned the meeting without objection at 4:28 p.m. without objection.

Recorded by:

Rob Christensen
AS Secretary

Approved by:

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Jason Robo
AS Legislative Vice President