

**Associated Students Council
Humboldt State University
Monday, November 16th, 2009
University Center, South Lounge
Minutes #9**

Call to Order

Beth Weissbart, Legislative Vice President, called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. in the University Center South Lounge.

Roll Call

Members Present: Stefanie Chen-Welch, Kristy Eden, Kari Armstrong, Ana Parra, Stephanie Partlow, Norman Romero, Iban Rodriguez, Cortland Johnson, Rachel Brownell, Quinn McWatters (late), Krystina Thurin

Members Absent: Nathan Rudberg (excused)

Officers Present: Brandon Chapin, Alex Gradine, Beth Weissbart, Joyce Tam, Aaron Wilyer, NightSnow Vogt, Elise Gerhart, Amanda Hubacek

Officers Absent: Joyce Tam (unexcused)

Advisors Present: Joan Tyson

Approval of Agenda

MOTION: THURIN/PARTLOW move to approve Agenda #9 APPROVED

Chair's Report

Weissbart reminded Council members to sign in for their office hours.

Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of Minutes #8 dated November 2nd, 2009 – Action Item

MOTION: EDEN/PARTLOW move to approve Minutes #8 dated November 2nd, 2009 APPROVED

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

There was no Public Comment.

Program Presentations

A. MultiCultural Center (MCC) – Marylyn Paik Nicely

Marylyn Paik Nicely, Director of the MultiCultural Center (MCC), was present on behalf of the program. Paik Nicely explained that the MCC is funded both through the Associated Students budget and through funding from Student Affairs. The MCC is a student initiated program and acts as an umbrella organization to different cultural and social justice clubs on campus. During the fall the MCC organizes the MultiCultural Convocation, Community Receptions and the Q-Fest. This spring the MCC will be coordinating the Social Justice Summit during the first weekend in March. Students may sign up for the conference and receive one unit of credit in Ethnic Studies/Women’s Studies/Sociology. In April the MCC hosts *The Big Time*, a gathering of Native American Tribes throughout the western United States. Paik Nicely also noted that the MCC awards the AS funded Cultural Education Grants. Currently the MCC is working on new brochures for the program.

B. Campus Recycling Program (CRP) – Austin Rasmusson

Austin Rasmusson, the CRP Education Coordinator, was present on behalf of the program. Rasmusson explained that CRP’s mission is to educate the campus community on diverting trash from the waste stream. CRP has three programs within it; the Reusable Office Supply Exchange (ROSE), the Education program and the Composting program. ROSE is located on the East side of Warren House and provides free used office supplies to the campus community. It was estimated that in the spring semester of 2009 the program gave away \$11,000.00 in office supplies. The Education program puts on different events and programming that help students learn more about recycling and zero-waste including; Recycle Mania, Compost Mountain and Zero-Waste event services and workshops. The Composting program collects compost around campus and maintains a compost site in the Redwood Bowl. This year CRP has diverted over 1,000 pound of compost. The compost is turned into soil that is used in the CCAT gardens.

Appointments to Committees and Council

A. S. President (Brandon Chapin)

- MOTION: EDEN/THURIN move to appoint Aaron Bush to the Academic Policies Committee APPROVED
- MOTION: ARMSTRONG/EDEN move to appoint Rachel Brownell to the HSU Enterprises Foundation APPROVED
- MOTION: THURIN/PARTLOW move to appoint Cortland Johnson to the Student Affairs Committee APPROVED
- MOTION: THURIN/PARTLOW move to appoint Cortland Johnson to the University Space and Facilities Committee APPROVED
- MOTION: THURIN/RODRIGUEZ move to appoint Alex Gradine to the Integrated Curriculum Committee. APPROVED

A. S. Administrative Vice President (Alex Gradine)

No Appointments.

A.S. Legislative Vice President (Beth Weissbart)

No Appointments.

A.S. Student Affairs Vice President (Joyce Tam)

Absent.

Old Business

- A. Resolution No. 2009-10-7: Resolution in Support of Assembly Bill (AB) 656 – Action Item
The Associated Students of Humboldt State University formally supports AB 656 which would raise one billion dollars for California Higher Education by imposing a 9.9% excise tax on oil producers.

MOTION: RODRIGUEZ/PARTLOW move to approve Resolution No. 2009-10-7:
Resolution in Support of Assembly Bill (AB) 656. TABELED
UNTIL NOVEMBER 30, 2009

Partlow noted that *benefit* in the fifth paragraph should be *benefit*. Wilyer explained that AB 656 would create an excise tax on oil removed from California. Gerhart noted that the bill would create a tax rate lower than any other oil producing state. Vogt stated that he would like to work on the resolution further with Rudberg before passing it and recommended tabling it until the November 30th meeting. Vogt also noted that the Assembly will not be acting on the bill until January. Wilyer stated that AB 656 is often discussed at CSSA and that the campuses are being urged to show unification on the issue. Vogt stated that Bakersfield and Sonoma have already passed resolutions in support of Assembly Bill 656 and would like to pass one similar to those. Chen-Welch asked how the resolutions from Bakersfield and Sonoma differed. Wilyer replied that the resolutions contain more information about the bill and are more detailed. Gerhart asked who will be voting on the bill in January. Chapin replied that the bill is being heard by the Assembly's Taxation and Revenue Committee on January 11th. Rodriguez asked if the resolution would be ready before the next CSSA meeting. Vogt replied that it would be.

MOTION: EDEN/ARMSTRONG move to table Resolution No. 2009-10-7: Resolution in Support of Assembly Bill (AB) 656 to the November 30th meeting APPROVED
(1) ABSTENTION

- B. Resolution No. 2009-10-8: Resolution in Support of Student Participation in the Academic Senate Open Forum – Action Item
The Associated Students of Humboldt State University support the rights of students in the Rangeland Resources and Wildland Soils program to address the Academic Senate regarding the discontinuation of their degree program and believe that a decision without student input would result in a biased and misinformed outcome.

MOTION: PARTLOW/THURIN move to approve Resolution No. 2009-10-8: Resolution in Support of Student Participation in the Academic Senate Open Forum FAILS
(1) AYE

Rodriguez explained that at the previous Academic Senate meeting there was no opportunity for students within the Rangeland and Soils Program to speak on behalf of the program. Rodriguez felt that the outcome in the Academic Senate would be poor without hearing from students affected by the potential discontinuation of the program. Rodriguez also considered that lack of time for students to comment a violation of shared governance. Chapin commended Rodriguez for his work on the resolution, but urged the Council to vote it down. Chapin explained that the Academic Senate meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 17th will include 15 – 20 minutes of public comment for students affected by the major. Chapin believes that passing the resolution would marginalize student representative on the Academic Senate and that the AS Council can't demand that student committee members take certain actions. Rodriguez stated that students in the Rangeland and Soils major are in support of the resolution and feels it is important for the senate to hear what they have to say. Weissbart stated that the Council could write a resolution in support of the program instead of the current resolution. Gerhart urged the Council to vote in favor of the resolution and suggested that a paragraph be included that would outline that a public comment period for students in all program elimination discussion be set as a precedent. Wilyer stated that the open forum for students at the Tuesday meeting will resolve the issue and a resolution isn't necessary. Chapin stated that he has worked with Chair Mortazavi to secure the additional time for students to speak. Chapin does not want students to be labeled as angry or marginalize the student senators. Gradine noted that he is concerned that community members were allowed to speak before students, but does not see a constructive use for the resolution. Gerhart stated that the resolution would let affected students know that AS supports them. Thurin stated that the intent of the resolution is excellent but feels that the resolution is emotional and recommends symbolic acts. Thurin stated that not voting would be an improper response. Thurin suggested that the resolution could be rewritten and noted that it is important to value the relationship with the Academic Senate.

MOTION: ROMERO/EDEN move to call the question on Resolution No. 2009-10-8:
Resolution in Support of Student Participation in the Academic Senate Open
Forum APPROVED

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

Committee Reports from Students-at-Large

No report.

Chen-Welch – College of Arts Humanities and Social Sciences

Chen-Welch reported that she attended Board of Finance meeting last week.

Eden – College of Arts Humanities and Social Sciences

No report.

Armstrong – College of Arts Humanities and Social Sciences

Armstrong reported that the AS Presents Committee met two weeks ago and has made offers to bands that would perform in early spring semester.

Romero – College of Professional Studies

No report.

Rodriguez – College of Professional Studies

Rodriguez reported that he attended the Meet the Decision Makers Town Hall on Tuesday, November 10th. The Student Recreation Center Board of Directors is planning a meeting time. Rodriguez will be

attending the Academic Senate meeting on Tuesday, November 17th.

Johnson – College of Professional Studies

Johnson reported that he went to the Green Festival with the Student Affairs Committee and learned a lot of information. Johnson will be putting on an event with Tam in regards to what was learned at the Green Festival.

Parra – College of Natural Resources and Sciences

Parra reported that the CNRS Lab Fee Committee received proposals from the different departments and that the committee will be reviewing proposals on Thursday.

Rudberg – College of Natural Resources and Sciences

Absent.

Partlow –College of Natural Resources and Sciences

Partlow reported that she attended Board of Finance meeting last week.

Brownell – At Large

Brownell reported that she will be meeting with Robin Bailey and Vice President for Advancement Rob Gunsalus for an orientation to the University Advancement Foundation.

McWatters – All University

McWatters reported that she attended the Student Fee Advisory Committee (SFAC) meeting on November 4th. The SFAC Committee passed fees for Psychology and Nursing lab classes that included amendments that students would be consulted on how the fees would be dispersed to classes.

Residence Hall Association (RHA) Representative Report (Krystina Thurin)

Thurin reported that RHA will be revisiting a request to reduce the Creek View's residence halls quiet hours. Thurin also reported that some students will be attending the Pacific Affiliate of College and University Residence Halls (PACURH) Conference. The Residence Hall raised over \$400.00 for the Arcata Endeavor. RHA sponsored two programs for the Dialogue on Race, the Tunnel of Oppression and the World Café.

General Manager (Joan Tyson)

Tyson reported that there will be a flu shot clinic in the South Lounge on Tuesday, November 17th.

Associate Director of Student Life (Gail Wootan)

Absent.

Public Relations (Elise Gerhart)

No report.

AS Presents (Amanda Hubacek)

Hubacek reported that AS Presents has sent offers out for the January and February line up. AS Presents is also looking into Speakers and Bands for the SLAM Festival in April. Hubacek also reported that the Pinback show had 320 in attendance.

California State Student Association (NightSnow Vogt)

Vogt reported that CSSA's Multi Cultural Caucus passed a resolution in support of the Federal Dream Act. The Federal Dream Act would provide a pathway to residency for undocumented students. The Multi Cultural Caucus also discussed issues that International Students are facing at different

universities. The tentative dates for the march for higher education are March 29th or March 31st. A resolution was passed supporting direct lending from the Department of Education. Vogt also reported that the External Affairs committee will be attending the Arcata City Council meeting on Wednesday, November 18th to introduce themselves to the City Council.

California State Student Association (Aaron Wilyer)

Wilyer reported that he will be setting appointments with Assembly Member Wes Chesbro and State Senator Pat Wiggins for the CHESS conference. Wilyer also reported that he attended the Meet the Decision Makers Town Hall on Dissecting Diversity and found that it was very informative. CSSA is continuing work on the *Made in the CSU* campaign and is offering a \$500.00 award to the author of a two page advocacy piece. The search for the next CSU trustee has begun and the application guidelines have been placed on the CSSA website.

Legislative Vice President (Beth Weissbart)

Weissbart reported that she attended the Cabinet for Institutional Change (CIC) meeting today. Currently the CIC is digesting the information that they received from visitors of SDSU and CSULB's shared governance representatives. The information will be combined into a large recommendation that will be released to the campus. The released recommendation will be cohesive of all of the different focus groups.

Student Affairs Vice President (Joyce Tam)

Absent.

Administrative Vice President (Alex Gradine)

Board of Finance Report – November 9th, 2009

- A. Request from the Sustainable Living Arts & Music (SLAM) Festival for amendments to the SLAM 2009-10 FY budget – Action Item

The SLAM Festival is requesting amending their budget to allow the program to narrow its focus and become a one day mid week event on the UC Quad. The program would become more visible and accessible to students. In tandem, AS Presents would provide evening programming in either the Kate Buchanan Room or the Depot the week surrounding the festival. The amended budget would reduce the SLAM Festival A.S. subsidy from \$9,725.00 to \$2,799.00.

MOTION: CHEN-WELCH/RODRIGUEZ move to approve the request from the Sustainable Living Arts & Music (SLAM) Festival for amendments to the SLAM 2009-10 FY budget
APPROVED

Jerri Jones, the Clubs and Activities Coordinator, and Michael Moore, the AS Presents Advisor, were both present on behalf of the request. Jones explained that the SLAM festival has seen a decrease in attendance over recent years and has mainly served community members. The Clubs Office would like to continue the SLAM Festival, but would produce a weekday event on the quad. AS Programs, Clubs and the community would have the opportunity to table at the event. Moore stated that AS Presents is planning programming in conjunction with the SLAM Festival that would be in the evening.

Gradine also reported that the Board of Finance will be having an additional meeting Wednesday, December 2nd at 2:00 p.m.

President (Brandon Chapin)

Chapin reported that he worked with President Richmond and Carol Terry and came to a resolution regarding discrepancies between category III and category IV fees. Class fees for materials that are purchased on a per item basis will be labeled as a category IV fee. The Academic Senate will be meeting on Tuesday, November 17th to vote on the elimination of the Rangeland Resources and Wildland Soils. There was a special Academic Senate meeting on Tuesday, November 10th to hear comments on the elimination of the program. The Public Comment period ended before students had a chance to speak in defense of the major. Chapin worked with Ross Olson, a student senator, to secure additional time for students to speak at the meeting tomorrow. Chapin attended a meeting with representatives from SDSU's governance group. Chapin reported that SDSU has a similar number of students on their Academic Senate but the senate itself is larger. Chapin attended the university Budget Committee (UBC) meeting on November 13th. The UBC will continue to meet weekly throughout the budget process.

General Council Discussion

Gerhart asked Chapin what extraordinary costs, other than lab equipment, make HSU a more expensive institution. Chapin replied that the cost of personnel to student is higher than most other campuses. Wilyer stated that other Associated Students organizations have made You Tube videos about Assembly Bill 656 and thought that it would be good for HSU's AS as well. Rodriguez asked Weissbart if she attended the CSULB and SDSU shared governance forums. Weissbart replied that she was unable to attend the shared governance forums because of class conflicts. Gerhart asked if it was possible to call a special meeting. Tyson responded that procedures to call a special meeting are detailed in the Government Code.

General Council Work Session

There was no General Council Work Session

Announcements

Partlow announced that she was handing off the *You Rock Rock* to Thurin. Parra announced that LEAP is having a fundraiser at the Uniontown Roundtable on Tuesday, November 17th. Weissbart thanked everyone for a job well done at the meeting.

Adjournment

Weissbart adjourned the meeting without objection at 3:45 p.m.

Recorded by:

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Approved by:

Beth Weissbart
Legislative Vice President