

**Associated Students Council
Humboldt State University
Monday, November 30th, 2009
University Center, South Lounge
Minutes #10**

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, Nathan Rudberg, Norman Romero, Iban Rodriguez, Cortland Johnson (late, unexcused), Rachel Brownell (late, excused), Quinn McWatters, Krystina Thurin

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

Officers Absent: Alex Gradine (unexcused)

Advisors Present: Joan Tyson, Gail Wootan

Approval of Agenda

MOTION: EDEN/ARMSTRONG move to approve Agenda #10 APPROVED

Chair's Report

Weissbart asked Council to avoid being tardy to meetings.

Special Guest

HSU President Dr. Rollin Richmond presented information to the Council regarding the 2010-11 Budget. Information regarding 2010-11 budget planning estimates was handed out. Richmond explained that the CSU system will be forced to reduce enrollment by 9.5%. The information provided is an early assumption of what the system would be receiving. Richmond encouraged the Council to contact their state representatives. Richmond stated that California will continue to have disappointing budgets without major reform to the way state government operates. Richmond encouraged the council to support efforts to revamp the state government including a California Constitutional Convention. Richmond also noted that he supports the proposals of California Forward, a bipartisan group that has made a number of recommendations to improve the political situation in California. Richmond encouraged the Council to contact Assembly Member Chesbro and State Senator Wiggins and let them know that funding the CSU is important. Richmond also mentioned that HSU is looking at ways to improve graduation rates. Currently, only 44% of HSU students graduate within six years. Partlow asked Richmond why some funding was vetoed by the Governor in the 2009-10 budget. Richmond

explained that the Legislature and Governor have little flexibility to adjust the budget because of Constitutional amendments passed by the electorate such as Proposition 98 and Proposition 13. The Governor may have vetoed the funding because there was stimulus funds available for higher education and the money could be used for other programs that receive money from the general fund. Chapin asked if there would be further cuts to the CSU with the new budget deficit that has appeared. Richmond stated that some economic indicators are reporting improvement, but it may take California a long time to recover from its current situation. Richmond asked the Council for a perspective on how furloughs are affecting them. Wilyer stated that having classes on random furloughs is difficult. Richmond noted that the administration is trying to look at ways to make furloughs more manageable for Spring 2010.

Approval of Minutes

- A. Approval of Minutes #9 dated November 16th, 2009 – Action Item

MOTION: THURIN/PARTLOW move to approve Minutes #9 dated November 16th,
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. Women’s Resource Center (WRC) – Vynessa Ortiz

Vynessa Ortiz, the WRC’s Fiscal Coordinator, was present on behalf of the program. The Women’s Resource Center is located in House 55 and provides programming to the campus and a place for people to discuss issues that effect equity both on campus and in the community. Some of the programming that the WRC is producing this year includes: Take Back The Night, World Aids Day, Kink on Campus, and self defense workshops. The WRC is also a referral service to local organizations that are more specialized and can help people with more specific needs. The WRC also provides internship opportunities for different majors and provides financial support for smaller programs and clubs. The program’s publication is *The Matrix* and is published each semester.

- B. Eric Rofes Queer Resource Center (ERQRC) – Jennifer Duran and Diana Diyarza

Jennifer Duran, the ERQRC Events Coordinator and Diana Diyarza, the ERQRC Resource Coordinator, were present on behalf of the program. The mission of the ERQRC is to provide a resource center on campus for the multicultural queer community. The ERQRC produces events in conjunction with other groups including the Queer Student Union, the WRC and Gender Neutral Housing. Yearly events include National Day of Silence, Night of Noise, Homocoming, Sexual Diversity Teach-in and Transgender Day of Remembrance. Chen-Welch introduced herself to Druan and Diyarza as the liaison for the program and asked if students have a difficult time finding the ERQRC. Duran replied that students do have a difficult time finding the center but they are looking into having the sign in front of the Warren House changed.

Appointments to Committees and Council

A. S. President (Brandon Chapin)

No Appointments.

A. S. Administrative Vice President (Alex Gradine)

Absent.

A.S. Legislative Vice President (Beth Weissbart)

No Appointments.

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

No Appointments.

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: THURIN/BROWNELL move to remove Resolution No. 2009-10-7: Resolution in Support of Assembly Bill (AB) 656 from the table. Tabled as Amended until December 14, 2009

Rudberg, the author of the resolution, stated that he has worked with Vogt on some amendments to the Resolution and would like to adopt the amendments all at once.

MOTION: RODRIGUEZ/ THURIN move to amend the Resolution adding the following paragraphs:

- 3.) *WHEREAS, The CSU graduates 90,000 students into the workforce each year; and,*
- 4.) *WHEREAS, The CSU’s direct economic impact is \$7.64 billion annually; and,*
- 5.) *WHEREAS, To address the state’s economic needs, the state must find additional resources to fund higher education; and,*
- 7.) *WHEREAS, The budget cuts have resulted in thousands of eligible students being denied access to higher education; and,*

And that the 11th paragraph is amended to include: *Academic Senate CSU, CSU Associated Students, CSU Campus Presidents; Humboldt State*

APPROVED

Recreation Center Board of Director's meeting. The ACB/MCC Allocation Board will be meeting on Friday, December 4th at 4:00 p.m.

Johnson – College of Professional Studies

Johnson reported that the Student Affairs Committee will be hosting the film "Food Inc." on Wednesday, December 2nd from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Parra – College of Natural Resources and Sciences

Parra reported that the CNRS Lab Fee Committee is going over proposals this week.

Rudberg – College of Natural Resources and Sciences

Rudberg reported that he attended the Clubs Coordinating Council (CCC) meeting. The CCC approved new clubs and awarded several travel grants. Rudberg attended the Academic Senate meeting on November 17th.

Partlow – College of Natural Resources and Sciences

Partlow reported that she will be attending the Board of Finance meeting on Wednesday.

Brownell – At Large

Brownell reported that she will be attending her first Advancement Foundation meeting on Thursday and will be joining the Advancement Foundation Development Committee. Brownell will be meeting with CCAT on Friday.

McWatters – All University

McWatters reported that she will be attending the Instructionally Related Activities Committee meeting on Friday.

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

Thurin reported that the RHA Dining Committee has been discussing a food drive for the holiday season. The Creekview quiet hours on the weekends will now begin at 1:00 a.m. rather than Midnight. RHA has developed a new recognition award called Life Savers. Anyone in the housing community may be nominated to receive recognition. The National Residence Hall Honorary (NRHH) has established a club account and will begin philanthropy projects. Voting to be inducted into NRHH will be this week.

General Manager (Joan Tyson)

Tyson reported that there will be an IRA meeting on Friday and that she will be meeting with students on the committee in advance for an orientation.

Associate Director of Student Life (Gail Wootan)

Wootan reported that the University is developing a plan to decrease enrollment due to budget cuts. Students who are accepted for Fall 2010 will be required to meet a series of deadlines to retain their admission status. It is expected that the attrition rate of incoming students not meeting deadlines would help reduce enrollment as required by the CSU.

Public Relations (Elise Gerhart)

No report.

AS Presents (Amanda Hubacek)

No report.

California State Student Association (NightSnow Vogt)

Vogt reported that the next CSSA meeting will be December 11th – 13th.

California State Student Association (Aaron Wilyer)

Wilyer reported that Chapin will be attending the next CSSA meeting.

Legislative Vice President (Beth Weissbart)

Weissbart reported that she attended the Cabinet for Institutional Change (CIC) meeting today. The CIC is working on how to present solutions to problems HSU is facing to the campus. Weissbart also reported that she will be doing a class rap tonight.

Student Affairs Vice President (Joyce Tam)

Tam reported that the Diversity Program Funding Committee is currently reviewing applications for the Diversity Funding Grants. The University Center (UC) Program Facilities Advisory Committee (PFAC) will be having a meeting on Wednesday, December 2nd at the Humboldt Bay Aquatic Center. The Student Affairs Advisory Committee will be showing the film Food Inc. at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 2nd in the Kate Buchanan Room.

Administrative Vice President (Alex Gradine)

Absent.

President (Brandon Chapin)

Chapin reported that he met with the Academic Senate Executive Committee on Thursday, November 20th. The Academic Senate will allow a 15 minute open forum for anyone who would like to speak about the elimination of a program. Students of the program will be given a time to address the Academic Senate during the two hours given to the program. Chapin also announced that resumes are currently being accepted for the position of Elections Commissioner. To apply for the position a candidate must bring a resume, cover letter and three references to the AS Office by December 11th. Chapin will be attending an IRA meeting on Friday and the PFAC meeting on Wednesday. The Board of Finance will also be meeting on Wednesday to review the 2010-2011 budget materials. Chapin let the Council know that he is continuing to meet with Richmond and if they have anything they would like to have shared with him to let Chapin know.

General Council Discussion

Brownell asked Wootan which type of new admits are likely to be cut in enrollment. Wootan replied that the University would like to have a larger number of transfer students than last year. Wootan also reported that she works directly with the Elections Commissioner and listed some traits of a good candidate. An ideal candidate should be able to work on a team, meet specific deadlines, be task orientated, have the ability to follow through and also be comfortable chairing the Elections Commission. Chapin reported that an evaluation will be sent out for Council to complete for the retreat

in January. Eden reported that she will be placing a WASC binder in the Council office. Tam reported that the ACB/MCC Allocation Board meeting will be on Friday. Tam encouraged people to apply for funds for next semester.

General Council Work Session

- A. Study Lounge Update – Discussion Item (Joyce Tam)
Tam will provide an update of that status of the Finals Week Study Lounge and let Council know what assistance is needed.

Tam gave a brief overview of study lounge. A signup sheet will be in the office at the beginning of next week. It is recommended that Council members sign up for one shift and Executive members sign up for two shifts. Each shift will be three hours long. The Study Lounge will run from December 14th – December 16th from 6:00 p.m. – 2:00 a.m.

- B. Spring 2010 Retreat Reminder – Discussion Item (Brandon Chapin, Joan Tyson & Gail Wootan)
The Spring Retreat will be held Saturday, January 30th, 2010 at the Humboldt Bay Aquatics Center in Eureka. Save the Date!

Tyson reminded the Council of the date for the retreat. Topics included will be a discussion about the AS budget, Spring elections, and goals. There will also be time to review the results of the survey mentioned by Chapin. Wootan stressed the importance of attending and everyone said they were available.

Announcements

Thurin announced that she was giving the *You Rock Rock* to Brownell for the support that she has provided to others and for the amount of committees she has joined. Parra thanked Council members who attended the YES fundraiser. Chapin noted that the end of the year party will be on December 14th, after the Council meeting, in Nelson Hall East Room 106.

Adjournment

Weissbart adjourned the meeting without objection at 3:30 p.m.

Recorded by:

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Approved by:

Beth Weissbart
Legislative Vice President