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: Rachel Cooke, Matt Duran, Desiree Woods (late), Dina Haigounian, Joyce Tam, Josephine Villegas, NightSnow Vogt, Jennifer DeBoer, Zachary Beshore
Members Absent: Kale Roberts (unexcused), Corey Fenton (unexcused), Dina Haigounian (excused)
Officers Present: Sofia Pereira, Gabe Shames, Nikki Kovalcheck (late), Beth Weissbart, Brandon Chapin, Steven Dixon, Dorothyann Guido
Officers Absent: Melissa Gussin (unexcused)
Advisors Present: Gail Wootan, Joan Tyson

Approval of Agenda
MOTION: BESHORE/VOGT move to approve Agenda #12 APPROVED

Chair's Report
Weissbart had no report.

Approval of Minutes
A. Approval of Minutes #11 dated November 17th, 2008 -- Action Item
MOTION: VOGT/TAM move to approve Minutes #11 dated November 17th, 2008. APPROVED AS AMENDED
MOTION: DEBOER/VOGT move to amend Minutes #11 by striking January and replacing with December in Chapin’s report. APPROVED

Chapin commented that the task force would be making recommendations in December rather than in January.
Public Comments (As per the Gloria Romero Open Meeting Act of 2000 authorized by Section 89306.)

There was no public comment.

Program Presentations

A. Campus Center for Appropriate Technology (CCAT) – Andrea Lanctot

Andrea Lanctot, a CCAT Co-director, was present on behalf of the program. CCAT began in 1978 and with support from both the campus and community saved the Buck house from being demolished. In the Summer of 1979 renovations began on the house; CCAT became an AS Program in 1981. CCAT has three student co-directors that live in the house for a one year term. The Co-Director’s are responsible for the maintenance of the house and designing and implementing different appropriate technologies. CCAT has seventeen different employees and works with fifteen different HSU classes. CCAT answers informational requests and provides free tours of the house and workshops on different technologies. The house was moved in 2006 to its current location and was placed on a new foundation due to the construction of the BSS building. Some of CCAT’s current projects include a tool shed workshop and a new greenhouse.

B. Women’s Resource Center (WRC) – Porscha Cobbs

Porscha Cobbs, Women’s Resource Center Fiscal Director, was present on behalf of the program. Cobbs explained that the WRC was started in the 1970’s and has always been located in House 55. The center is open from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday. The WRC has many different types of coordinators that work to produce different events and do outreach. Every semester the program puts out the Matrix newsletter which provides students an outlet for news, stories and poetry. Cobbs stated that currently the WRC is preparing for World Aids day. In the spring the WRC will be putting on Women’s Herstory Month and Take Back the Night. The WRC works closely with Humboldt Domestic Violence Services, North Coast Rape Crisis Center and the Emma Center. The WRC staff has recently become certified as Peer Counselors and has also been provided training opportunities for Women’s Self Defense. Staff Members are available to do outreach for classes, housing and other AS Programs. Cobbs also mentioned that the WRC website is newly updated.

Appointments to Committees and Council

A. S. President (Sofia Pereira)

MOTION: WOODS/BESHORE move to appoint Brandon Chapin to the Student Fee Advisory Committee for a two year term. APPROVED

A. S. Administrative Vice President (Nikki Kovalcheck)

No appointments.

A.S. Legislative Vice President (Beth Weissbart)

No appointments.
A.S. Student Affairs Vice President (Gabe Shames)

MOTION: DURAN/DEBOER move to suspend AS Government Code Section 6.03 to appoint Luke Ferrari to the President’s Council. APPROVED

MOTION: WOODS/DURAN move to appoint Luke Ferrari to the President’s Council. APPROVED

(5) AYE
(2) NAY
(2) ABSTENSIONS

Weissbart voted yes as Chair.

MOTION: WOODS/BESHORE move to table Luke Ferrari’s appoint to the President’s Council until the next meeting. FAILS

(3) AYE
(5) NAY

Old Business

A. Monday, December 15, 2008 Associated Students Council Meeting – Action Item

This meeting is listed on the AS Council meeting schedule “To be determined based on need.” Council needs to decide if they are going to meet or cancel this meeting.

MOTION: VOGT/COOKE move to call a meeting of the AS Council for Monday, December 15, 2008 as listed on the 2008-09 schedule of meetings. APPROVED

Dixon stated that he will have a resolution to present on CSSA membership dues and the CSSA reorganization at the next meeting. Tyson stated that there will be Board of Finance items that will need approval at the next meeting. Shames noted that the study lounge event is that night.

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 presented the AS Presents report on Gussin’s behalf. AS Presents will be working with the Sustainable Living Arts and Music (SLAM) Festival to have an outdoor entertainment event similar to Hum Week this past September. AS Presents has made an offer to Flow Bots to be the headliner for the Slam Festival. AS Presents will also be bringing back the free Depot series next semester with three separate performances. AS Presents will begin to table on the quad to receive feedback from students; AS Presents is also seeking suggestions for entertainment through their website.

Roberts – College of Natural Resources and Sciences

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Duran – College of Natural Resources and Sciences
Duran reported that the CNRS Lab Fee Committee met on Sunday evening to finalize their recommendation.

Fenton – College of Professional Studies
Absent.

Villegas – College of Professional Studies
No report.

Tam – College of Professional Studies
No report.

Woods – College of Arts Humanities and Social Sciences
Woods reported that the CAHSS college social will be tomorrow from 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Haigounian – College of Arts Humanities and Social Sciences
Absent.

Vogt – All University
No report.

Graduate Student Representative (Jennifer DeBoer)
No report.

Residence Hall Association (RHA) Representative Report (Zachary Beshore)
Beshore reported that John Capaccio, Director of Housing, attended the RHA meeting to discuss the new housing that is being constructed on the lower events field. Beshore also reported that he was nominated to chair the Student Fee Advisory Committee.

General Manager (Joan Tyson)
Tyson reported that Associated Students is currently accepting applications for the Elections Commissioner position as well as for students to sit on the Elections Commission Committee.

Public Relations (Dottie Guido)
No report.

AS Presents (Melissa Gussin)
Absent.

CSSA (Steven Dixon)
Dixon reported that cuts to the CSU will be made permanent by the California Legislature; as a result the Board of Trustees has authorized the Chancellor to call for a System-Wide Impaction. The state has lost a great deal of revenue from a lack of capital gains taxes due to market conditions. The CSU will
face close to $97,000,000 in cuts mid-year and will most likely face more since a sales-tax increase was not passed during the last legislative session. Impaction will effect all campuses to a different degree. Students returning for a second bachelor’s degree will not be admitted. Transfers between CSU campuses will not be permitted. Students from a university’s service area will receive top priority regarding admissions. The CSU must cut their overall enrollment by 10,000 students through enrollment attrition. It is also likely that the CSU Board of Trustees will increase enrollment fees by 10%. The Board of Trustee’s has tabled the new MBA fee until the next Board of Trustees meeting and will probably wait until around March or April of 2009 before approving it. Dixon also updated the Council on the CSSA reorganization proposal. It is probable that dues will be rolled back to 60 cents per student from the 70 cents per students. There is also a proposal to allow for proportional voting from schools with larger student enrollment.

CSSA (Brandon Chapin)
Chapin reported that AS is still looking for students-at-large for the Lobby Corps. Chapin reminded the Council that if they are interested in going to the CHESS conference in April than they should apply early.

Legislative Vice President (Beth Weissbart)
Weissbart reported that Jason Robo, a student, is looking for help with people who are interested in the time-line to un-dam the Klamath. The Educational Policies Committee is still working on a number of issues and will be bringing a policy on retaking courses to the Academic Senate soon.

Student Affairs Vice President (Gabe Shames)
Shames reported that he would like to place information tables on the different campaigns that AS is working on at Study Lounge. Shames also suggested that AS could have a recession theme for study lounge. Shames also reported that there will be a discussion item on the next UC Board of Directors agenda about strengthening the UC Commercial Services Committee through a change in the by-laws.

Administrative Affairs Vice President (Nikki Kovalcheck)
Kovalcheck reported that the Activities Coordinating Board will be meeting this upcoming Thursday at 3:30 p.m. The Geology Club’s Rock Auction will be this Friday at 6:00 p.m. in Founders Hall 118.

President (Sofia Pereira)
Pereira reported that the workshop by UPD on what a student should expect when arrested will be postponed until January. The Expanded Executive Committee met and is negotiating with Keeling & Associates to return to HSU to help the University implement Keeling’s recommendations.

General Council Discussion
Beshore asked Dixon why transfers between CSU’s would now be limited. Dixon replied that the system as a whole must reduce their enrollment by 10,000 students due to impaction. This will assist in that objective. Kovalcheck asked Dixon if he was expecting Council to draft resolutions about CSSA for the next meeting or if he would be authoring them. Dixon stated that he will be writing the resolutions.

General Council Work Session
A. Study Lounge Update – Discussion Item (Gabe Shames)
Shames will provide an update of the status of the Finals Week Study Lounge and let Council know what assistance is needed.

Shames stated that Study Lounge will be Monday, December 15th – Wednesday, December 18th and would run from 6:00 p.m. – 2:00 a.m. On Monday, the Study Lounge will have shorter hours due to the AS Meeting and the pancake feed in the “J”. Meals will be served each evening. Shames is still considering whether to open Study Lounge on Sunday Night. Volunteer shifts will need to be filled. Each shift will be for approximately four hours. A sign up sheet was passed around.

B. Spring 2009 Retreat Reminder – Discussion Item (Sofia Pereira)
The Spring Retreat will be held January 31st, 2009 and will include AS budget process information, AS elections information, AS goals update, etc.

Pereira stated that Council needs to keep this date open for the retreat. The retreat will be held at the Humboldt Area Foundation.

Announcements

There were no announcements.

Adjournment

Weissbart adjourned the meeting without objection at 6:40 p.m.

Recorded by:

Rob Christensen
AS Secretary

Approved by:

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Beth Weissbart
AS Legislative Vice President