Call to Order

Nathan Rudberg, Associated Students Council Vice Chair, 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, Iban Rodriguez, Cortland Johnson, Rachel Brownell, Quinn McWatters, Krystina Thurin

Members Absent: Norman Romero (excused)

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

Officers Absent: Beth Weissbart (excused)

Advisors Present: Joan Tyson, Gail Wootan

Approval of Agenda

MOTION: PARRA/BROWNELL move to approve Agenda #11 APPROVED

Chair's Report

Rudberg will be chairing the meeting in Weissbart’s absence.

Special Guest

Jerri Jones, the Clubs and Activities Coordinator, was present to discuss revisions to the Clubs Handbook. Jones explained that the major changes to policy in the clubs handbook will effect club donations, travel, events and food policies. Club Donations will now be received and recorded through the HSU Advancement Foundation. Clubs will no longer deposit donations directly into their club account. The travel policy has also been updated for clubs who plan to travel outside of Humboldt County. Clubs will be required to fill out an authorization to travel form, turn in a release of liability form for each person traveling and a defensive driving card for each person driving. Clubs will also see a change the events policy. Events that are open to the public must now receive approval from the clubs office at least five days prior to the event taking place. The clubs food policy is still being evaluated and will be put into place in Fall, 2010. Tom Manoli, HSU’s Environmental Health and Safety Coordinator, will be implementing the new food policy and holding meetings with student clubs to explain it. It is
likely that clubs will no longer be able to sell food unless it has been made in a commercial kitchen.

**Approval of Minutes**

A. Approval of Minutes #10 dated November 30th, 2009 – Action Item

MOTION: THURIN/BROWNELL move to approve Minutes #10 dated November 30th, 2009

APPROVED

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

John Waters was present. Waters updated the Council about the Human Integration Peace Project. Waters has been working with Dr. Ben Schaffer, a professor in the Philosophy Department. Waters has gathered support from students in the philosophy club and would like to offer his class on Human Integration in the Spring 2010 semester. Waters provided the Council with a handout about the project.

**Appointments to Committees and Council**

A. S. President (Brandon Chapin)
No Appointments.

A. S. Administrative Vice President (Alex Gradine)
No Appointments.

A. S. Legislative Vice President (Beth Weissbart)
Absent.

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.

Chapin took over as Chair.

MOTION: THURIN/BROWNELL move to remove Resolution No. 2009-10-7: Resolution in Support of Assembly Bill (AB) 656 as amended on November 30th from the table

APPROVED AS AMENDED

MOTION: RUDBERG/RODRIGUEZ move to adopt the following amendment to replace the current resolution as amended:
1) WHEREAS, The Associated Students of Humboldt State University (HSU) are the official voice of the students. It is therefore, the mission of Associated Student to fight for the best interests of Students; and,

2) WHEREAS, To address the state’s economic needs, the state of California has slashed funding to the CSU by $584 million dollars, resulting in a $12 million dollar cut to HSU budget; and,

3) WHEREAS, The CSU generates a direct economic impact of $7.64 billion annually through its educational efforts; and,

4) WHEREAS, The budget cuts have resulted in thousands of eligible students being denied access to higher education, which will reduce California’s professional class of citizens and the economic benefits such citizens generate; and,

5) WHEREAS, AB 656 proposes to raise $1 billion for Higher Education in California, by imposing a 9.9% excise tax on oil producers. Currently no such tax in California exists; and,

6) WHEREAS, Other states impose up to a 35% tax on oil before it leaves for national markets, resulting in indirect taxation of Californians without contributing any benefit to Californians; and,

7) WHEREAS, Such a tax would allow the State of California to both balance its budget and allow eligible students to attend the CSU through renewed funding. Thus maintaining California’s professional class of citizens and the economic benefit the CSU system currently generates; therefore be it,

8) RESOLVED, The Associated Students of Humboldt State University fully support AB 656; and be it finally,

9) RESOLVED, The resolution shall be sent to, but not limited to: CSU Chancellor Reed, all members of the Board of Trustees; Assembly Majority Leader. Alberto Torrico; State Senator, Patricia Wiggins; Assembly Member, Wesley Chesbro; Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger; CSU Academic Senate; All CSU Associated Students; All CSU Campus Presidents; Humboldt State University Vice President of Student Affairs, Steven Butler; Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs, Robert Snyder; HSU Academic Senate.

Vogt suggested that the seventh paragraph may be misleading and that the tax would restore funding to the CSU but would not balance the budget.

MOTION: RUDBERG/PARTLOW move to amend the amendment by striking the word both and replace with better in the seventh paragraph FAILS

MOTION: RUDBERG/RODRIGUEZ move to amend the amendment by striking both balance its budget and in the seventh paragraph APPROVED (1) OPPOSED
MOTION: RUDBERG/THURIN move to amend the amendment by striking the word allow and replacing with the word enable in the seventh paragraph APPROVED (3) OPPOSED

Rudberg called the question on the amended amendment; there was no objection to calling the question

MOTION: RUDBERG/CHEN-WELCH move to amend the resolution by transposing the words enable and allow in the seventh paragraph APPROVED

Wilyer noted that at the CSSA meeting Assembly member Alberto Torrico, the author of Assembly Bill 656, reported that he will be changing the amount of the tax rate to 12.5% from 9.9%.

MOTION: THURIN/BROWNELL move to amend the resolution by striking 9.9% and replace with 12.5% in the fifth paragraph APPROVED AS AMENDED (2) OPPOSED (2) ABSTENTIONS

MOTION: THURIN/PARRA move to amend the amendment by inserting the word over before the word $1 billion in the fifth paragraph APPROVED

Thurin clarified that if the tax rate were to increase it would be necessary to indicate that the amount of revenue would also increase.

Rudberg resumed being Chair.

B. A. S. Elections – Action Item

Approval of the dates for the AS General Elections as per Associated Students Elections Code, Section 13.04. Recommended dates are April 20, 21 & 22, 2010

MOTION: CHEN-WELCH/PARTLOW move to approve the AS General Elections Dates of April 20, 21 and 22, 2010. APPROVED

Wootan explained that the code requires the Council to approve these dates. Vogt asked if the dates could be moved forward a week. Tyson stated that the dates are strategically chosen according to the finals schedule, the CHESS Conference and the AS Budget process.

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 the Board of Finance meeting on December 7th.

Eden – College of Arts Humanities and Social Sciences

Eden reported that there will be a reception for the WASC visiting team at 4:30 p.m. on February 6th, 2010 in the Karshner Lounge. Students are invited to meet the visiting team at the reception.
Armstrong – College of Arts Humanities and Social Sciences
Armstrong reported that the Humboldt Film Festival requested funds from their trust account for six printer cartridges and two external hard drives. Armstrong also reported that the AS Presents committee is finalizing the spring semester line up.

Romero – College of Professional Studies
Absent.

Rodriguez – College of Professional Studies
Rodriguez reported that he attended the Student Recreation Center Board of Directors meeting and the Activities Coordinating Board/MultiCultural Center Allocation Board meeting.

Johnson – College of Professional Studies
Johnson reported that he attended the *Food Inc.* film screening that was put on by the Student Affairs Advisory Committee.

Parra – College of Natural Resources and Sciences
Parra reported that the CNRS Lab Fee Committee has wrapped up their work for the fall semester.

Rudberg – College of Natural Resources and Sciences
No report.

Partlow – College of Natural Resources and Sciences
Partlow reported that she attended the Board of Finance meeting on December 7th.

Brownell – At Large
Brownell reported that the University has received $3.1 million in gifts and endowments in 2009. The University is looking at ways to raise the four year graduation rate by 6%. Brownell attended the public safety and transportation meeting recently. The west side of the residence hall parking lot will be changed to allow general parking. Brownell also reported that CCAT will be having a presentation of the projects that the Engineering 215 class has completed on December 15th. The projects include a bike powered smoothie maker and a composting toilet.

McWatters – All University
McWatters reported that the Instructionally Related Activities (IRA) Committee met last week and funded the cycling team for their competition in Tahoe.

**Residence Hall Association (RHA) Representative Report (Krystina Thurin)**
Thurin reported that she attended the IRA Committee meeting last week and thanked Tyson for the orientation that she provided to students on the committee. The National Residence Hall Honorarium chapter has inducted three new members.

**Associate Director of Student Life (Gail Wootan)**
Wootan reminded the Council to complete the survey for the spring retreat. Wootan also reported that the deadlines that newly admitted students for the Fall 2010 semester must meet have been published. Students must meet these deadlines or risk losing their admission status.
General Manager (Joan Tyson)
Tyson reiterated the importance of the deadlines that Wootan noted in her report. A Student Fee Advisory Committee (SFAC) meeting is being planned for early spring semester. SFAC will be reviewing a proposal to add a Counseling Center Fee onto the Health Center Fee. The Athletics Department has invited the AS Government to come to the Thursday, February 4th Basketball game and be introduced during halftime.

Public Relations (Elise Gerhart)
Gerhart reported that she will be resigning from Council at the end of the fall semester. She acknowledged the work that Council has done this semester.

AS Presents (Amanda Hubacek)
Hubacek reported that the AS Presents Committee has met and has confirmed their spring line up.

California State Student Association (NightSnow Vogt)
Vogt reported that CSSA is beginning their search for a new CSU student trustee. The student trustee will serve a two year term. Application materials are available online at www.csustudents.org.

California State Student Association (Aaron Wilyer)
Wilyer reported that the HSU Associated Students Lobby Corps had a meeting on December 7th. Currently Wilyer is working on a pledge for students to tell voters that higher education should be the state’s highest priority. March 22nd, 2010 has been selected as a date for a march on the capital by students in the CSU and the California Community College System. The CSSA Legislative Affairs Committee has passed a resolution in support of the Federal Dream Act.

Legislative Vice President (Beth Weissbart)
Absent.

Student Affairs Vice President (Joyce Tam)
Tam thanked Eden, Rodriguez and Johnson for their help with the display case. Tam reported that the screening of Food Inc. was successful and that there were 90 students in attendance. Tam attended a meeting of the UC Programs and Facilities Advisory Committee (PFAC). PFAC approved a request for the Humboldt Bay Aquatic Center to construct a sound barrier between the first and second floors. Tam also reported that the Student Affairs Directors Meeting has discussed the possibility of furloughs continuing into the 2010-11 school year. Tam has also volunteered to be the HSU mascot for the spring 2010 semester.

Administrative Vice President (Alex Gradine)

A. AS Budget Timeline and Application Materials – Discussion Item
Initial Review of the 2010-2011 AS Budget timeline and application materials. This item will appear again on the December 7th, 2009 Board of Finance Agenda for final review and approval.

The timeline and application materials were introduced to the Board at this meeting.

Board of Finance Report – December 7th, 2009
A. Request from Youth Educational Services (YES) for a line-item transfer in an amount not to exceed $593.00 from line-item Hourly Wages to line-item Work Study – Information Item

A Program Consultant at YES has been awarded work study. Transferring the amount into the Work Study line item will allow the student to collect their financial aid award. It is requested that $518.00 be transferred for the Fall semester. If the student chooses to continue receiving work study wages in the Spring semester an additional $75.00 would be transferred.

This request would allow the students pay to be subsidized by the student’s work study award.

B. Request from the Humboldt Film Festival in an amount not to exceed $580.00 from the Film Festival Trust Account for the purchase of two 500 GB Hard Drives and six large printer cartridges – Information Item

The purchase of these computer related items would allow the Festival’s staff to create and produce their promotional materials in-house and would reduce overall costs.

C. AS Budget Timeline – Information Item

Review and approval of the 2010-2011 AS Budget timeline.

The Council received a copy of the timeline attached to the Board of Finance Minutes #6.

D. AS Budget Application Materials – Information Item

Review and approval of the 2010-2011 AS Budget application materials.

The materials have been distributed to the AS Programs. Application materials will be due in the AS Business office on Wednesday, February 10th, 2010.

President (Brandon Chapin)

Chapin reported that the Academic Senate met on December 9th and Provost Snyder presented a proposal to expedite the process of program elimination. Chapin has been contacted by the Campus CIO, Anna Kircher, regarding the dissolution of the paper fee. Kircher is suggesting that students use a pay-per-page system instead. President Richmond has also been seeking input regarding making laptop use mandatory. The cost of a laptop would be included in financial aid. Chapin attend the UC PFAC meeting. The PFAC committee approved a construction project for the Humboldt Bay Aquatic Center. The IRA Committee met and discussed expanding the IRA guidelines to include guest speakers in music classes. Chapin met with President Richmond and discussed efforts to improve HSU’s graduation rate. Some of the proposal’s to increase the rate include: block scheduling, a mandatory freshman introduction class and a requirement to declare a major by the completion of 45 units.

General Council Discussion

Wilyer reported that he will be sending out a survey to Council regarding CSSA and requested their participation in it. Wootan asked Chapin if there was a possibility that the CSU may increase enrollment fees. Chapin responded that it is likely that there will be a fee increase for 2010-11 but that there should not be a mid year fee increase. Armstrong asked Chapin if a candidate had been chosen for the Elections Commissioner position. Chapin responded that the application date has been extended. Chapin plans to appoint an Elections Commissioner at the January 25th meeting.
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 reminded Council members that had yet to sign up for a shift to see her. Tam will be providing written instructions for the Study Lounge.

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.

Tyson reminded the Council to make sure that they keep the date of the retreat open. Wootan reminded the Council to fill out the retreat survey.

Announcements

Brownell announced that she was awarding the You Rock Rock to Johnson for his consistently positive attitude, his work on the library display case and his assistance at the screening of Food Inc.

Adjournment

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

Recorded by:

Rob Christensen
AS Council Assistant

Approved by:

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Nathan Rudberg
Associated Students Council Vice Chair