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

Approval of Agenda
MOTION: VOGT/DURAN move to approve Agenda #13 APPROVED

Chair's Report
Weissbart wished the Council good luck on their finals

Approval of Minutes
A. Approval of Minutes #12 dated December 1st, 2008 -- Action Item
MOTION: TAM/VOGT move to approve Minutes #12 dated December 1st, 2008. APPROVED

Public Comments (As per the Gloria Romero Open Meeting Act of 2000 authorized by Section 89306.)
Luke Ferrari, a student, introduced himself and thanked the Council for his appointment to the President’s Council.

Appointments to Committees and Council
A. S. President (Sofia Pereira)
No Appointments.

A. S. Administrative Vice President (Nikki Kovalcheck)
No Appointments.

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

MOTION: VOGT/FENTON move to suspend AS Government Code Section 6.03 to appoint Andrew Bond to the Elections Commission. APPROVED

Bond was unable to attend due to his finals schedule.

MOTION: WOODS/DURAN move to appoint Andrew Bond to the Associated Students Elections Commission. APPROVED

A.S. Student Affairs Vice President (Gabe Shames)
Absent.

Old Business

A. Resolution in Opposition to the Proposal for Proportional Representation in the California State Student Association (CSSA)–Action Item
The Associated Students of Humboldt State University oppose the proposal to award representation to member campuses of CSSA based on the size of the campus.

Brandon Chapin, CSSA Representative, introduced the resolution to the Council. Both Steven Dixon and Chapin have worked together to create a resolution against proportional representation on the CSSA Board of Directors. Chapin explained that Humboldt State has been a long standing member of CSSA and would lose the amount of representation that they have normally had. Larger schools that have not been involved in CSSA in the past will receive more votes. CSSA will be taking action on the new proportional representation guidelines at the December meeting. If passed, the proportional representation guidelines would be ratified by different Associated Students organizations throughout the CSU.

MOTION: BESHORE/WOODS move to approve the Resolution in Opposition to the Proposal for Proportional Representation in the California State Student Association. APPROVED

Beshore asked when ratification of the guidelines would take place. Chapin replied that action to ratify would take place in the spring semester. Chapin also clarified that non dues paying campuses are using the proportional representation action as a bargaining chip before re-joining the organization. Beshore asked if both dues and non-dues paying campuses would be voting on the proportional representation agreement. Chapin stated that eligibility to vote on the agreement would be discussed at the meeting.

B. Resolution in Support of the California State Student Association –Action Item
The Associated Students of Humboldt State University fully support efforts by the
MOTION: BESHORE/WOODS move to approve the Resolution in Support of the California State Student Association APPROVED

Chapin explained that this resolution restates HSU’s Associated Students commitment to CSSA.

There was no further discussion on the resolution.

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
No report.

Roberts – College of Natural Resources and Sciences
No report.

Duran – College of Natural Resources and Sciences
No report.

Fenton – College of Professional Studies
No report.

Villegas – College of Professional Studies
Villegas reported that the Faculty Awards Committee has selected the outstanding professor for 2008-09, but that the choice has not yet been officially announced.

Tam – College of Professional Studies
No report.

Woods – College of Arts Humanities and Social Sciences
Woods reported that over 60 students and faculty attended the CAHSS mixer. The event was an excellent opportunity for students from across the college to get the opportunity to bond with one another.

Haigounian – College of Arts Humanities and Social Sciences
Absent.

Vogt – All University
No report.
Graduate Student Representative (Jennifer DeBoer)
Absent.

Residence Hall Association (RHA) Representative Report (Zachary Beshore)
Beshore reported that the Residence Hall Association will be revising their constitution in the spring semester.

General Manager (Joan Tyson)
Tyson reminded the Council about the Spring Retreat and wished everyone safe travel over the winter break.

Public Relations (Dottie Guido)
No report.

AS Presents (Melissa Gussin)
Gussin reported that the Board of Finance has approved $15,000.00 in funding for the SLAM festival. All of the ad-hoc groups for the Depot Series concerts have met.

CSSA (Steven Dixon)
Absent.

CSSA (Brandon Chapin)
Chapin thanked the Council for passing both of the resolutions. Pereira, Chapin, Weissbart and Dixon will be attending the CSSA meeting this weekend in San Francisco. Last Friday was the first Lobby Corps meeting. There will be training in January for the lobby corps that will also be open to Council. The Lobby Corps plans to meet with each of the districts legislators at least three times in the spring semester.

Legislative Vice President (Beth Weissbart)
Weissbart had no report.

Student Affairs Vice President (Gabe Shames)
Shames reported that the UC Board discussed steps to strengthen the Commercial Services Committee at last weeks Board of Directors meeting. Shames also reported that he had completed the shopping for study lounge.

Administrative Affairs Vice President (Nikki Kovalcheck)
Kovalcheck reported that the Activities Coordinating Board met last week and awarded ten grants to different clubs for upcoming events.

Board of Finance Report – December 8, 2008

A. Request from Club and Program Support in the amount of $3,000.00 from Unallocated to supplement the Travel and Conference line item. – Action Item
The Clubs Office has received a large amount of requests for travel grants from clubs and has already awarded approximately $7,700.00 this year. The Clubs Office only has $4,300
left in available grant funds and would like to continue to fund travel grants with an additional $3,000.00 subsidy.

MOTION: COOKE/TAM move to approve the request from Club and Program Support in the amount of $3,000.00 from Unallocated to supplement the Travel and Conference line item.

Kovalcheck explained that the Board of Finance reduced the amount of the request to $3,000.00 from the initial request of $5,000.00. The $3,000.00 supplement would restore the amount of the Clubs Coordinating Council’s funding for the Spring semester.

B. Request from The Sustainable Living Arts and Music Festival (SLAM) for a line-item transfer in the amount of $625.00 from line item Stipend to line item Entertainment and delete the Music Co-Director stipend position – Information Item
SLAM would like to delete the Music Co-Director stipend position and use the additional funds for its Entertainment line-item. SLAM will be working with AS Presents to produce entertainment for the festival.

Kovalcheck explained that $625.00 was moved from the Stipend line item to the Entertainment line item.

C. Request from A.S. Presents in the amount of $15,000.00 from Operating Reserves for the cost associated with their assistance in the production of the Sustainable Living Arts and Music Festival (SLAM) and other Spring 2009 programming. – Action Item
A.S. Presents is requesting additional funding to help produce music for the SLAM festival. The cost of outdoor events facilitates the need for additional funding. In addition, AS Presents will also be restarting the free Depot Concerts Series as well as a number of other high profile events.

MOTION: COOKE/FENTON move to approve the request from A.S. Presents in the amount of $15,000.00 from Operating Reserves for the cost associated with their assistance in the production of the Sustainable Living Arts and Music Festival (SLAM) and other Spring 2009 programming.

Kovalcheck explained that the original amount requested by A.S. Present was $35,000.00. The Board of Finance chose to reduce the amount to $15,000.00 with the intention that $8,000.00 for the event would be provided through the AS Presents budget and that the entirety of the SLAM festival budget would go towards the event. Kovalcheck noted that fund raising may happen for additional funding for the event.

D. AS Budget Timeline – Information Item
Review and approval of the 2009-2010 AS Budget timeline.

Tyson stated that this document outlines the AS Budget timeline that the Board of Finance and the AS Council will follow for the 2009-10 budget. Tyson encouraged the Council to get involved early on.

E. AS Budget Application Materials – Information Item
Review and approval of the 2009-2010 AS Budget application materials.
Kovalcheck reported that the application materials is similar to the application used in past budget cycles.

**President (Sofia Pereira)**

Pereira reported that she will be meeting with Provost Snyder tomorrow, along with Kovalcheck, Weissbart and Shames to help select candidates for the Cabinet for Institutional Change. Pereira also reported that she has been working with Wootan and Tyson to implement instant run off voting (ranked choice) elections in the spring.

**General Council Discussion**

Chapin asked if changes to the Election Code would be made by the Elections Commission or the AS Council. Tyson responded that the AS Council would be the body that would make changes to the Elections Code.

**General Council Work Session**

A. Study Lounge Update – Discussion Item (Gabe Shames)

Shames will provide an update of that status of the Finals Week Study Lounge and there is let Council know what assistance is still needed.

Shames stated that all shifts have been covered but encouraged more people to sign up for the closing shifts. Shames also stated that College Students for Cancer will be providing hot tea and coffee for students. Kovalcheck explained the set-up and clean-up instructions to Council.

**Announcements**

There were no announcements.

**Adjournment**

Weissbart adjourned the meeting without objection at 5:50 p.m.

Recorded by:

Rob Christensen
AS Secretary

Approved by:

Beth Weissbart
AS Legislative Vice President