

Associated Students Council  
Humboldt State University  
Monday, August 29, 2016  
UC Banquet Room  
Minutes #3

**Call to Order**

Cota, Legislative Vice President, called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. in the University Center Banquet Room.

**Roll Call**

Representatives Present: Jessie Avitia, Carlrey Delcastillo, Tessa Lance, Nathaniel McGuigan, Joseph Mularky, Elizabeth Morgan, Sonya Navarro, Raul Romero, Patricia Rosas

Officers Present: Vanessa Cota, Jonah Platt, Gregory Rodriguez

Officers Absent: Candace Young (Excused)

Advisors Present: Dr. Peg Blake

**Approval of Agenda**

MOTION: COTA/PLATT move to approve Agenda #3 dated August 29, 2016 APPROVED

**Approval of Minutes**

MOTION: COTA/NAVARRO move to approve Minutes #23 dated May 2, 2016 APPROVED

MOTION: COTA/AVITIA move to approve Minutes #1 dated May 2, 2016 APPROVED

**Chair's Report**

Cota reminded the Council to not interrupt and be patient with each other.

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

*There was no Public Comment.*

**Appointments to Committees and Council**

**A.S. President (Jonah Platt)**

*No appoints were made.*

**A.S. Administrative Vice President (Greg Rodriguez)**

*No appoints were made.*

**A.S. Legislative Vice President (Vanessa Cota)**

MOTION: COTA/NAVARRO move to appoint Joseph Mularky to the AS Board of Finance  
APPROVED

MOTION: COTA/LANCE move to appoint Patricia Rosas to the AS Board of Finance  
APPROVED

**A.S. Student Affairs Vice President (Candace Young)**

Absent.

**Old Business**

- A. HSU University Senate Resolution 31-15/16-CBC: Resolution to Amend Section 6.0 of the Constitution of the University Senate to Alter Agenda Notification and Clarify Quorum Requirement for Meetings

MOTION: PLATT/LANCE move to waive the first reading of the HSU University Senate Resolution 31-15/16-CBC: Resolution to Amend Section 6.0 of the Constitution of the University Senate to Alter Agenda Notification and Clarify Quorum Requirement for Meetings.  
APPROVED

MOTION: PLATT/MULARKY move to approve the HSU University Senate Resolution 31-15/16-CBC: Resolution to Amend Section 6.0 of the Constitution of the University Senate to Alter Agenda Notification and Clarify Quorum Requirement for Meetings  
APPROVED

Rodriguez requested the purpose of the resolution. Platt explained the resolution is to change a requirement that the University Senate agenda be distributed to the Senate two days before the University Senate meeting to three days before.

Blake recognized Noah Zerbe, the 2015-16 University Senate Chair. Zerbe noted there was conflict in the governing documents in the University Senate constitution and the Senate wanted to rectify the issue. Zerbe stated the resolution is also being presented to the Staff Council as well. Avitia asked the process of voting in the Senate. Zerbe explained each of the senator's vote is recorded. The senate does not use a voice vote, unlike the Associated Students Council.

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

**President (Jonah Platt)**

Platt reported he has not been able to attend any committee meetings for medical reasons. Platt stated an interim Executive Director has been tentatively hired and will start on Tuesday, September 6.

**Administrative Vice President (Gregory Rodriguez)**

Rodriguez reported he attended the University Planning Committee. Rodriguez is also working on



developing the design and purchasing AS t-shirts for the Council and will be talking about that later in the meeting. Rodriguez is also working on the language for the plaque on the McKinley statue. Rodriguez discussed the reason for the plaque is to notify people of who President McKinley was and what he did during his term as President of the United States. Rodriguez has been working with HSU students and local community members on funding and getting support for the plaque.

#### **Student Affairs Vice President (Candace Young)**

Absent.

#### **Legislative Vice President (Vanessa Cota)**

Cota reported about the ongoing concern regarding HSU students being homeless. Cota has been talking to students about homelessness and will be conducting research on the issue. Cota also reported there used to be a tenant's union for students on campus. Cota will be contacting persons and organizations on campus to begin working on creating a new tenant's union.

#### **Delcastillo – College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences**

Delcastillo reported she is waiting to be appointed to a committee she applied for. Delcastillo contacted the Women's Resource Center as their liaison and has not received a response yet. Delcastillo and Platt met with Provost Alex Enyedi about the Diversity Inclusion Advisory Committee. Delcastillo noted the committee did not meet last year, but learned the committee is revamping their charge and their meeting schedule. Delcastillo was requested by Corliss Bennet, Director of the Cultural Centers for Academic Excellence, to be on the Latino Coordinator Search Committee. Delcastillo has also been contacted by the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences Budget Committee to be a member of their committee. Delcastillo will decide if she will be a member once she reviews the committee meeting dates. Delcastillo also tabled with other Council members last week. Delcastillo met with many students, including freshman and transfer students, who didn't know what Associated Students does.

#### **Romero– College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences**

Romero reported he is waiting to be appointed to a committee he applied for. Romero will be meeting with the Director of Housing and Residence Life on September 2 and will be discussing the relationship between Associated Students and Residence Life. Romero has been going to his office hours and talking to clubs leaderships on club attendance and the Children's Center. Romero is working on the housing issue and working on gathering data on student homelessness, but he is realizing it's a large project that will take some time to accomplish.

#### **Rosas – College of Professional Studies**

Rosas had nothing to report.

#### **Mularky– College of Professional Studies**

Mularky reported on being excited to be on the Board of Finance. Mularky has been contacted by students from CSUnity regarding environmental sustainability and is happy more CSU are starting to work on building sustainability programs on their campuses.

#### **Navarro – College of Professional Studies**

Navarro reported she will be contacting the Children's Center this week. Navarro also tabled last week, met with many students and gave out a lot of planners. Navarro will also set up a meeting with the Professional Students Dean to plan the social mixer. Navarro will also be-working on the social media for Associated Students.



**McGuigan – College of Natural Resources and Sciences**

McGuigan reported he met with Molly Kresl, Clubs and Activities Coordinator, to discuss meeting times and issues regarding the AS Event Funding Committee. McGuigan also talked to multiple clubs on campus about getting support from AS.

**Avitia – College of Natural Resources and Sciences**

Avitia reported she is the liaison for OH Snap! and reached out to Mira Friedman. Avitia would like to attend Oh Snap! meetings and to talk about issues they may have. Avitia announced that the University Senate doesn't start until September 6, but has reached out to the University Senate Chair, Julie Alderson. Avitia also noted there are a lot of faculty vacancies on committees and encouraged students to reach out to faculty members to be more involved in committees.

**Morgan – At Large**

Morgan reported reaching out to the committees she has been appointed to, including the Student Grievance Committee. Morgan is the liaison for the Humboldt Film Festival and the Youth Educational Services and will be reaching out to them and their directors during the week.

**Vice President of Enrollment Management and Student Affairs (Peg Blake)**

Blake introduced Tay Triggs, Associate Dean of Student Engagement & Leadership, and Craig Wruck, Vice President of University Advancement, and discussed their roles and responsibilities on campus.

**General Council Discussion**

Blake discussed a survey conducted by HSU faculty during the Fall 2015 semester on student homelessness and food insecurities. She will distribute the finding of the survey to the Council. Cota asked when the Volunteer Fair will be and if the Council is going to have a table at the fair. Esh responded the Volunteer Fair will be Wednesday, August 31, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Esh also noted Young is taking the lead, has a table for the fair, and will be asking Council members to sign-up to table.

Avitia asked how students can be notified of AS events. Esh said the new AS website will have an events calendar and AS staff can also include it on social media and other marketing tools. Blake also mentioned the HSU events and activities calendar can be a good resource to use.

Cota asked if parking permits can be refunded. Lance answered permits can be refunded depending how long the permit has been issued for.

**General Council Work Session****A. Re-Branding of Associated Students – Information Item (Jonah Platt)**

Platt will lead a discussion on the re-branding of AS, including marketing and social media.

Platt presented on the re-branding of Associated Students. Platt would like the Council to change the way the campus and the local community views and perceives Associated Students. Platt said each HSU student is already a member of Associated Students and the AS Council is the governing board. Navarro reported she will be leading a social media workshop during the retreat so council members can learn to market their goals and issues they want the public to be aware of. Navarro will include



in the workshop methods to create fliers, talk to the media, and being professional on social media. Platt noted the social media workshop will be great for Council members, but Platt also wanted input from the Council.

Platt provided his vision of re-branding AS as well as getting ideas from Council members. Platt wants students to know AS cares about them as humans. Platt wants students to know they will be listened to by AS. Platt also wants AS to be a bridge and advocate for students. Platt understands there is a lot of responsibility as AS Council members, especially as they hold themselves and other people accountable on campus. Romero noted Mr. Bookman discussed three duties during his presentation on the legality of AS during the AS orientation. The three duties were duties of due care, duty of loyalty, and duty of obedience. Romero explained the duties were important because AS Council has the opportunity to maintain existing alliances while not dispersing the Council member's energy and time too much. Romero believes AS should care because they are working for students and improving the campus culture. Romero also noted Council members should be on the Council because they want to, not because of the stipend or other privileges they could receive. Avitia discussed the important of loyalty to the students by being a voice for them. Avitia also noted the important of reaching out to AS programs. Avitia would like the Council to reach out to AS programs and use the duties of the liaison to bridge that relationship.

Cota would also like Council members to participate during the hour of free speech on the Quad. Avitia also discussed the importance of AS Council members to be available to the public, even if they are doing another activity or walking through campus.

B. AS T-Shirt Design – Information Item (Gregory Rodriguez)

Rodriguez will lead a discussion on the design of the AS T-Shirts the Council will wear this year.

Rodriguez lead a discussion on the design of the AS t-shirts. Rodriguez received comments and suggestions from the AS Council, including that the materials be from sustainably focused businesses and the t-shirts are durable. Rodriguez will use the comments and suggestions from the Council and will continue to design and purchase AS t-shirts.

C. AS Priority Planning Retreat, September 9-11, 2016 – Information Item (Patric Esh)

Esh will review logistics and details of the retreat.

Esh provided information on the retreat at the Blue Slide Camp and stated that the Council should sign up to bring an item for the Friday night potluck. Esh asked for drivers who can transport people to the retreat. Esh also stated that the Council members will still abide by the HSU student conduct policies during the event. Esh will also be providing additional information to the Council by email to prepare for the retreat.

D. Moving Forward. Vision crafting and goal setting. – Informational Item (Jonah Platt)

Platt will continue the discussion from the last meeting on crafting a vision and goals for the next year.

Platt led a discussion on goals and a vision of AS with the council members. Platt requested the Council begin to organize the goals they would like to achieve over the next academic year. Platt also discussed the importance of networking and building relationships with members of the campus community, especially students. Platt wants AS Council to partner with HSU administration, staff, and groups on campus. Platt discussed the importance of listening to others, especially during

meetings, but to also use critical thinking skills. Platt pressed the importance of listening and speaking up so students can be part of the solution and make changes on campus. Platt wants AS to be a resource for students and be a means for students to find solutions to issues on campus.

*Navarro left the meeting at 4:50 p.m.*

Rodriguez discussed issue of homelessness in the local community. Rodriguez said one method of support is for the AS Council to develop and pass resolutions in support of groups and organizations working on the homelessness issue as well as other important issues. Rodriguez also concluded the resolutions can help those groups achieve their goals while simultaneously creating relationships with those organizations as well. Platt supported Rodriguez's idea, but also noted the limitations AS Council has especially in regards to politicized issues. Platt will also be setting up the self-care buddy system for AS Council members. Platt would like AS Council members to appreciate each other and to work together.

### Announcements

There were no announcements.

### Adjournment

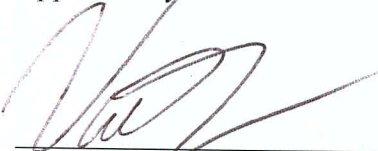
Cota adjourned the meeting without objection at 4:57 p.m.

Recorded by:

Patric Esh

AS Council Assistant

Approved by:



Vanessa Cota

Legislative Vice President