

Associated Students Council
Humboldt State University
Monday, September 19, 2016
UC Banquet Room
Minutes #5

Call to Order

Cota, Legislative Vice President, called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. in the University Center Banquet Room.

Roll Call

Representatives Present: Jessie Avitia, Tessa Lance, Elizabeth Morgan, Joey Mularky, Sonya Navarro, Raul Romero

Representatives Absent: Carlrey Delcastillo (Excused), Nathaniel McGuigan (Excused)

Officers Present: Vanessa Cota, Jonah Platt, Candace Young

Officers Absent: Gregory Rodriguez (Unexcused)

Advisors Present: Jane Hill, Dr. Peg Blake

Approval of Agenda

MOTION: COTA/MULARKY move to approve Agenda #5 dated September 19, 2016

APPROVED

Chair's Report

Cota requests the Council members to speak up and use their placard to notify they want to speak.

Special Presentation

A. Waste Reduction and Resource Awareness (Madison Whaley)

Madison Whaley presented on Waste Reduction and Resource Awareness's objectives, goals, and current projects.

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

Mike Cameen, President of HSU chapter of the California Faculty Association (CFA), thanked the AS Council for their support last year during the CFA strike. Cameen invited AS Council to their meeting.

Appointments to Committees and Council

A.S. President (Jonah Platt)

MOTION: PLATT/RODRIGUEZ move to appoint Jason Jones as the Graduate Student Representative to the AS Council. APPROVED

MOTION: PLATT/NAVARRO move to appoint Hannah Zivolich as the At-Large Representative to the AS Council. APPROVED

A.S. Administrative Vice President (Greg Rodriguez)

Absent.

A.S. Legislative Vice President (Vanessa Cota)

MOTION: COTA/AVITIA move to appoint Sonya Navarro to the Student Disabilities Advisory Committee. APPROVED

MOTION: COTA/AVITIA move to remove from the table the Abigail Petersen's appointment to the University Senate Appointments and Elections Committee. APPROVED

Cota explained the nomination was tabled by the 2015-16 Council so the 2016-17 Council could approve of all committee appoints for the 2016-17 academic year.

MOTION: COTA/AVITIA move to suspend AS Government Code 7.03 to appoint Abigail Petersen to the University Senate Appointments and Elections Committee. APPROVED

Cota explained Petersen had personal reasons not to attend.

MOTION: COTA/AVITIA move to appoint Abigail Petersen's to the University Senate Appointments and Elections Committee APPROVED

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

MOTION: YOUNG/PLATT move to appoint Reza Sadeghzadeh to the University Senate. APPROVED

MOTION: YOUNG/NAVARRO move to appoint Raul Romero to the Parking and Transportation Committee. APPROVED

MOTION: YOUNG/AVITIA move to suspend AS Government Code 7.03 to appoint Nathaniel McGuigan to the AS Student Advisory committee APPROVED

Young said McGuigan will be late for the meeting.

MOTION: YOUNG/NAVARRO move to appoint Nathaniel McGuigan to the Student Affairs Advisory Committee. APPROVED

MOTION: YOUNG/AVITIA move to suspend AS Government Code 7.03 to appoint Raul Romero to the Student Affairs Advisory Committee. APPROVED

MOTION: YOUNG/LANCE move to appoint Raul Romero to the Parking and Transportation Committee. APPROVED

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

President (Jonah Platt)

Platt attended the CSSA meeting. Platt is hopeful for the organization this year because at the latest CSSA meeting, members discussed shared governance, food and housing insecurities, SIRF, mental health, and other important items.

Executive Committee Report – September 14, 2016

1. Outreach and Appointment – Information Item (Jonah Platt and Candace Young)
Jonah Platt and Candace Young will meet about conducting more outreach and appointing students to fill vacancies on committees.

Platt reported the committee members have and will continue to appoint more people to committees. Platt said Young has talked about the importance of outreach and having a personal touch with students.

2. AS Projects: Who's working on what and how can we support each other - Information Item (Jonah Platt)
The Executive Committee will discuss creating point persons and working collaboratively on AS projects.

Platt will address this item more during the discussion item, AS Working Groups.

3. Building a Relationship with Associated Students and the University Senate – Discussion Item (Jonah Platt)
Jonah Platt will discuss with the Committee reviewing their committed duties and building a relationship with the University Senate.

Platt reported that he would like the AS Council to have a larger role in the University Senate.

Administrative Vice President (Gregory Rodriguez)

Absent.

Student Affairs Vice President (Candace Young)

Young reported talking to clubs and programs. Young would like to have outreach be more of a priority on the AS Council.

Legislative Vice President (Vanessa Cota)

Cota reported working on the housing issues. Cota talked to Betty Chin, who is a homelessness advocate in the local community. Cota is also working on a pamphlet for student tenant rights.

Delcastillo – College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

Absent.

Romero – College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

Absent.

Mulkary – College of Professional Studies

Mulkary attended the Strategic Edge meeting and noted he was the only Council member to attend.

Rosas – College of Professional Studies

Rosas had nothing to report.

Navarro – College of Professional Studies

Navarro reported she has contacted the Children's Center Director and will meet with the director soon. Navarro created an introduction video of herself for AS Council. Navarro would like other council members to create introduction videos too.

Lance – College of Natural Resources and Sciences

Lance attended the University Space and Facilities Committee. Lance contacted Traci Furtolage, Associate Vice President of Facilities Management, about the University Space and Facilities Committee.

Avitia – College of Natural Resources and Sciences

Avitia reported she will be meeting with Oh Snap! Avitia would like to create a new sustainability representative position on the AS Council. Avitia summarized that at the prior University Senate meeting members discussed a resolution changing Constitutional by-laws and that the California Faculty Association will hold a bargaining meeting. Blake announced HSU enrollment rates are low and the resident capacity is at 99%. Alex Enyedi, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs, updated the Senate on WASC and the HSU's strategic plan. A resolution on intellectual rights was proposed, deliberated and passed two resolutions: Resolution Demanding President Rossbacher Approve the University Senate Recommended Intellectual Property Policy and Resolution to Amend the Bylaws of the University Senate to Clarify Quorum Requirements for Standing and Ad Hoc Committees.

Morgan – At Large

Morgan reported she met with Arcata City Council members regarding outreach and building relationships. Morgan would like to have a world café with the Arcata City Council. Morgan also suggested having an AS Council member attend the Arcata City Council meeting. Morgan asked the Council who could attend the city council meetings. No one has been identified to date.

Hannah Zivolich – At Large

Zivolich reported she would like to work on HSU divestment. Zivolich will attending a meeting with Mira Friedman, Health Educator, and would like to work on student tenant rights with Cota and Delcastillo.

Jason Jones – Graduate Representative

Nothing to report.

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

Blake is impressed by the work the AS Council has completed.

McGuigan arrived at the meeting at 4:05 p.m.

McGuigan – College of Natural Resources and Sciences

Nothing to report.

General Council Discussion

Cota asked Zivolich the meeting time for the Food and Housing Alliance which will be Tuesday, September 20 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the Recreation and Wellness Center, Room 124.

Blake noted the AS Council is working on projects that other campus working groups are already addressing. Blake told Zivolich to talk to Craig Wruck, Vice President of Advancement, about HSU divestments. Blake said the Strategic Edge was disappointed by the lack of attendance by students and the AS Council. Blake announced HSU representatives will be talking to housing management companies in the local area and AS Council members can attend.

Cota asked Blake about the Strategic Edge and what sports are represented in that. Blake said Division II sports are represented.

General Council Work Session**A. AS Working Groups – Discussion Item (Jonah Platt)**

Platt will facilitate a discussion on each working groups goals, updates, and how the Council can support the groups.

Jonah asked each group to state their goals and update the Council on their progress.

Outreach Group – Lance reported for the group and stated the group has been working on short and long term goals. The task for the week is to create posters with the each of the representative's picture, biography, and contact information to be distributed across the campus. The group is also developing themed AS Council "meet and greet" events.

The group has been discussing providing incentives for committee members and would like the Council to attend the "Forever Humboldt Presents HSU Downtown DJ Night" at the Arcata Theater Lounge September 29, at 9 p.m.

Community Empowerment Group – Morgan said the group has been meeting to align personal goals with group goals. McGuigan reported he wanted to work on structural change within AS and HSU. Young would like to work on student mental health issues on campus.

Housing – Cota talked about wanting to destigmatize homelessness and is developing a pamphlet on tenant rights for students. The group would like to work with Betty Chinn, a Eureka community member. Delcastillo is interested in the legal resource center on campus.

Platt noted Rodriguez was interested in having a legal resource center. Platt would also like to have more speakers focusing on legal rights of students. Platt is working with faculty members on creating a legal rights class and workshop.

Cota announced the "Campus Dialogue on Race" is a good event for students to attend and present.

- B. AS Welcome Back BBQ and Open House – Discussion Item (Candace Young)
Young will provide an update on the A.S. Welcome Back BBQ, discuss having an AS Open House, and will let Council know what assistance is needed.

Young will be developing an “AS Open House” event. The purpose of the event is to inform students what AS does. Young will be contacting AS Council members regarding their availability for the event.

- C. Building Group Organization – Information Item (Jonah Platt)
Platt will provide information on building an effective group and include online group organizational websites such as Trello and Groupme.

Platt showed a video of Trello, an online group organizational tool, to the Council and explained the importance of group communication.

Blake left the meeting at 4:41 p.m.

There was discussion of the pro’s and con’s of Trello, Google documents and other tools.

Cota left the meeting at 4:51 p.m.

Navarro suggested asking each group to choose what group organization tool they want to use. Platt stressed that he wanted each group to be in communication with him.

Rosas left the meeting at 4:59 p.m.

Platt will be working with the AS staff to create Trello groups.

Announcements

Platt announced he will be appointing an AS External Affairs Representative at the next meeting.

Adjournment

Cota adjourned the meeting without objection at 5:05 p.m.

Recorded by:
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Approved by:



Vanessa Cota
Legislative Vice President