

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF MENDOCINO COLLEGE

Minutes: Regular Meeting

A regular meeting of the Associate Students of Mendocino College was convened on Tuesday, October 6, 2009, Mendocino College, Ukiah Campus, Room 501, Ukiah, CA.

General Matters

Call To Order President Baumgardner called the meeting to order at 12:35 p.m.

<i>Members Present:</i>	<i>President</i>	<i>Ben Baumgardner</i>	<i>Present</i>
	<i>Vice President</i>	<i>Rose Summers</i>	<i>Present</i>
	<i>Student Trustee</i>	<i>Michelle Chang</i>	<i>Present</i>
	<i>Student Ambassador</i>	<i>Ning Yang (Jenny)</i>	<i>Present</i>
	<i>Activities Director</i>	<i>Philip Valley</i>	<i>Present</i>
	<i>Publicity Director</i>	<i>Amanda Baguley</i>	<i>Absent</i>
	<i>Ecology Director</i>	<i>Eric Hoaglin</i>	<i>Present</i>
	<i>Student Rights Advocate</i>	<i>Christopher Berry</i>	<i>Absent</i>
	<i>Ukiah Representative</i>	<i>Brent Lorenz</i>	<i>Present</i>
	<i>Lake Representative</i>	<i>Cristianne McElhenie</i>	<i>Present</i>
	<i>Willits Representative</i>	<i>Matt Walker</i>	<i>Present (arrived late)</i>
	<i>Secretary</i>	<i>Leanne Klier</i>	<i>Present</i>
	<i>Parliamentarian</i>	<i>Susan Madison</i>	<i>Present</i>
	<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>Madeline Cohn</i>	<i>Present</i>

Support Staff Present: Phil Warf, *Faculty Advisor*

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, facing the American Flag, in room 501.

Agenda Approval: M/S/C (Cristi/Jenny) RESOLVED, that the ASMC does hereby table Discussion Item 5.5 from the agenda.

M/S/C (Brent/Eric) RESOLVED, that the ASMC does hereby approve the agenda.

Minutes Approval: Jenny motioned to amend the destination for the Lobbying trip in item 6.7 of the previous minutes from Washington D.C. to the correct destination of San Francisco.

M/S/C (Brent/Cristi) RESOLVED, that the ASMC does hereby approve the previous meetings minutes.

Public Comments: President Baumgardner announced that Cristi Mac's absence at the previous meeting was excused.

Phil Warf requested a status on the ASMC brochures. Because the Publicity Director was absent at this meeting, Phil Warf advised President Baumgardner to push the brochures forward. He also discussed the need to generate a list of Mendocino College clubs to create a database, including those existing clubs that do not have an on-file packet. The only club that would exempt from having a current club packet would be Phi Theta Kappa. Also, confirmation information regarding the General Assembly agenda will be made available shortly.

Old Business: None reported.

Discussion Items: **5.1** Treasurer Madeline Cohn gave a report on the status of the budget and account balances, as follows:

- General Fund: \$700.00 (approximate)
- Student Rep. Fund: \$47,440.65
- Student Center Fund: \$235,100.00
- Scholarship Fund: \$411.00

5.2 Jodi Steliga suggested an open purchase order in the amount of \$400 to purchase washable couch covers for the student recreation room. Discussed was the need for them to be of top quality to stand up to multiple washings, and that they should be adjustable so they will be able to fit any other couches utilized in the Rec. room in the future.

5.3 Jenny discussed the Region 2 Survey. During an exclusive board teleconference, she learned more about what this survey will include. With a few amendments, this should be available to delegates later in the week. Items will be presented for survey-takers to rank them in order of importance, with space available for comments. These surveys will be dispersed among the campus to all students via ASMC senators.

5.4 Rose brought up the idea of putting together an informational brochure on the breakdown and expenditure of tax money, possibly to generate lobbying interest among the students. President Baumgardner expressed concern that this is not the responsibility of the ASMC to provide this, and that students should be provided with tax information by their employers. It was largely agreed upon that the Lobbying committee would discuss this further.

5.5 Item tabled.

Action Items:

6.1 Rose has approximately 7 club packets for approval at the next meeting.

6.2 M/S/C (Cristi/Brent) RESOLVED to hereby allow discussion of Action Item 6.2. Jodi believes that \$400 should be sufficient to pay for good quality couch covers, plus shipping and handling should they be purchased online. Cristi remarked that these covers are necessary especially this season with the threat of H1/N1 virus and other contagious sicknesses going around. A vote was held to create an open purchase order for a maximum of \$400, allowing Jodi Steliga to purchase couch covers at her discretion. Motion passed.

Committee Reports:

7.1 The Lobby Committee met last Thursday. Members present were Jenny, Madeline, Chris, and Michelle. The consensus was to budget for largely state-level lobbying trips. There is a good deal of legislation to lobby over, including a substantial raise in cost per unit at community colleges. Cristi clarified that all ASMC senators and any Mendocino College students are encouraged to attend rallies. The Lobby Committee will meet again, 12:30 on Thursday.

7.2 The Constitution and Bylaws Committee did not meet last week due to a conflict regarding the Brown Act necessitating a written agenda for each meeting. There will be no meeting this week.

7.3 Region 2 Committee has no need to meet until they receive the Region 2 Survey. Meetings will resume at that time, next Tuesday at 2:00 p.m.

7.4 Activities and Budget Committee had nothing to report, arousing concern among the senate that there are no activities planned. Activities Director Philip Valley mentioned a few ideas, including a Fall Ball. Phil Warf stressed the necessity to commit to an activity and follow it through, with a good and ambitious goal being one activity per month. President Baumgardner reminded the Activity Committee that the purchase order for the fall play needs to be submitted at least 3 weeks prior to the event. Philip Valley advised the senate that it is ready to go.

7.5 The Rec Room Committee chair Eric Hoaglin advised that there would be a small meeting of the committee following this meeting.

7.6 The Giving Place Committee Co-Chair Cristi Mac presented an agenda for the next meeting, which is to be held Thursday at 11:00 in the Learning Center. While there are no action items, there will be many items up for discussion including which items to be accepted by the project, a school supplies drive, storage of items prior to dispersal, and dates for setting each goal that the committee has set. Also discussed are the long-term goals for the project, including a possible permanent area once the ASMC takes permanent residence inside the old library. Jenny inquired about the availability of a possible pick-up of large quantities of donated items; Cristi agreed that pick-up could be easily arranged.

OfficerCommunication: **8.1** Academic Advisor Phil Warf had nothing to report.

8.2

a. President Ben Baumgardner again informed the senate that the PPAC is currently discussing designated smoking areas, which will be in place until August of 2011. After this, smoking will be permanently banned from the campus effective July 1st of 2011. While these meetings are not open to the public, Ben and Michelle are both actively seeking feedback from the senate and the student body on this issue. The next meeting is slated for October 13th. Due to the lack of posted information on this, President Baumgardner stressed the importance to spread the word and get feedback as much as possible, and report back to either him or Michelle Chung regarding opinions held by senators as well as other students.

b. Vice President Rose Summers had nothing to report.

c. Student Trustee Michelle Chung had nothing to report.

d. Treasurer Madeline Cohn had nothing to report.

e. Secretary Leanne Klier reported that the Ukiah Campus Science Building has been without heat, making it difficult to stay comfortable and focused in class. Ecology Director Eric Hoaglin is monitoring the situation, and reported that it is due to be remedied by tomorrow at the latest.

f. Student Ambassador Jenny Yang reported on the importance of lobbying due to several pieces of important legislature coming up in the near future. She also wished to remind the senate that officer reports are a time for the officer to be reporting, which is not open for discussion to the general senate.

g. Activities Director Philip Valley had nothing to report.

h. Publicity Director Amanda Baguley was absent from this meeting.

i. Ecology Director Eric Hoaglin reported that he will be working on getting the American Flag permanently installed in room 501 of the Ukiah Campus.

j. Students Rights Advocate Chris Berry was absent from this meeting.

k. Parliamentarian Susan Madison had nothing to report.

l. Ukiah Representative Brent Lorenz had nothing to report.

m. Lake Representative Cristi Mac had nothing to report.

n. Willits Representative Matt Walker had nothing to report.

Adjournment: M/S/C (Eric/Brent) RESOLVED that this meeting of the Associated Students of Mendocino College does hereby adjourn at 1:12 p.m.