A.S.O. Senate Minutes

11th Meeting

May 26th 2010

Los Angeles Harbor College ASO Senate Room

(Seahawk Center, 2nd Floor)

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I. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Vice President April Abercrombie called the meeting to order and led us in the pledge of allegiance at 1:28pm.

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (1 MINUTE)
Sen. Manson moved to approve the agenda, Sen. Sanchez 2nd.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (1 MINUTE)
Sen. Manson moved to approve the minutes of May 19th, Sen. Meza 2nd.

V. PUBLIC FORUM (2 MINUTES PER PERSON)
Nabeel Barakat- He came to address the proposed cut to line item for athletics from ASO’s operating budget next year. The proposal was to cut the allocated monies from $20,000 to $17,000. He stated that with the senate’s support he was able to get the women’s softball uniforms this season. Football helmets alone cost $6,000. Women’s soccer had to borrow uniforms. He stated that he would appreciate it if the ASO did not cut the budget for athletics. Athletics is the only department that can send students to universities with a full ride. Athletics now has beautiful facilities but no money in their budget for supplies.
Sen. Sanchez- Asked if athletics could do fundraising to get the money.
Nabeel Barakat- Answered that every coach must come in with a plan for fundraising.
Sen. Manson- Voiced his support for athletics.
Derek Hanna- Asked about measures being taken to prevent damage to the current uniforms.
Nabeel Barakat- Answered that uniforms are only changed when necessary. If athletes mess up their uniforms they have to pay for them. If athletes don’t bring back their uniforms they don’t graduate.
Mercy Yanez- Asked how much the annual fundraising dinner makes for athletics.
Nabeel Barakat- Answered that the money from that event goes to the foundation and not much goes to athletics.

Mercy Yanez- Asked what the operating budget for athletics is and what expenses are.

Nabeel Barakat- The operating budget for athletics is down from $700,000 to $500,000. There is nothing in that budget for supplies. Expenses are close to $700,000.

Mercy Yanez- Asked how much concession sales make from the games.

Nabeel Barakat- Answered that the money made from concessions goes to ASO.

Sen. Caracoza- Pointed out that the football team brings in the most money as far as ticket sales.

Sen. Jenkins- Asked if we support athletics will you require athletes to support the clubs.

Nabeel Barakat- Answered that this is the first time such an issue has been brought up, but that he feels it is important.

Steven Delgado- Asked how much Measure S helps athletics.

Nabeel Barakat- Answered that the money from Measure S is not spent until every other resource is used. Then he moves that money around to whatever team really needs it. Athletics spends their own money first.

Sen. Caracoza- Urged other senators to think about how this affects others and not just themselves.

April Abercrombie- Asked how much Harbor athletics are mentioned in the paper.

Nabeel Barakat- Answered that we are mentioned very much. Other colleges are paying attention to us. We don’t break rules and we are looking good.

VI. 15 MINUTE TUTORIAL ON PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

Sen. Caracoza moved to forego the tutorial, Sen. Sanchez 2nd.

Sen. Manson moved to return to Agenda Item IV, Sen. Caracoza 2nd.

Sen. Manson moved to approve the minutes that were tabled on May 12th, Sen. Caracoza 2nd.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS LEGISLATION BILL (PRO/CON)


Sen. Caracoza- Stated that this bill is to help make the graduation luncheon possible for the EOPS/CARE students and there will be 60 people in attendance. Many of the students in this program come from disadvantaged backgrounds and deserve recognition for graduating.

B. 2010-2011 Senate Proposed Operating Budget.

Steven Delgado- Stated that a line item added for supplies for the Grab N’ Go café was added to the budget.

Sen. Manson- Rose to a point of personal privilege.

Steven Delgado- Stated that a line item was added for Club Seed Money.

Sen. Binns moved to allocate $20,000 for athletics, Sen. Sanchez 2nd.

Sen. Jenkins- Asked about the $15,000 allocated for student workers.

Steven Delgado- Stated that money is used to pay the ASO secretary and unclassified workers. ASO will seek CalWorks, GAIN, and Financial Aid workers first.

Mercy Yanez- Added that sometimes the student worker’s financial aid runs out before the end of the semester and we have to pick up the expense.

C. End of the Year Luncheon- Sen. Caracoza.
Sen. Caracoza - The luncheon is tomorrow on the 27th at 11:00am. He is asking for $355.00 for food and a cake. This is a get-together to thank everyone for their service this semester.

Mercy Yanez - Stated that she invited President Spink, Abbie Patterson, Luis Rosas and June Smith. The event will be in SSA 219.

Sen. Binns moved to forego the pro and con debates, Sen. Sanchez 2nd.

Sen. Caracoza moved to vote by a show of diversity, Sen. Manson 2nd.

IX. ACTION ITEMS
A. EOPS/CARE Graduation Luncheon - Sen. Caracoza, in place of Sen. Delacruz ($350.00). The bill received 7 yes votes and 0 no votes by a show of hands. The bill passed.
B. 2010-2011 Senate Proposed Operating Budget.
  Sen. Binns moved to amend the budget line item for athletics back to $20,000, Sen. Manson 2nd.
  7 voted in favor by a show of hands. The amendment passed.
  Sen. Caracoza moved to amend the amendment to increase the budget line item for athletics to $25,000 and to amend the budget total to reflect $98,350, Sen. Manson 2nd.
  7 voted in favor by a show of hands. The amendment passed.
  The budget received 6 yes votes and 0 no votes by a show of hand. The budget passed as amended.
C. End of the Year Luncheon - Sen. Caracoza ($355.00).
  The bill received 7 yes votes and 0 no votes by a show of hands. The bill passed.

X. DISCUSSION ITEMS
None.

XI. SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS (4 MINUTES PER PERSON)
Events/Activities Committee: Sen. Caracoza - Stated that he would be open to participating in senate next semester.

XII. EXECUTIVE CABINET REPORTS (5 MINUTES PER PERSON)
A. President: Steven Delgado - Thanked everyone for joining in this semester. Please show up to the luncheon and show up to support our colleagues who are receiving scholarships at the scholarship ceremony tomorrow.
B. Vice President: April Abercrombie - Asked that everyone give Steven a round of applause.
C. V.P. of Finance: Derek Hanna - Expressed that this semester has been a real experience.
D. Secretary: Dawn Castillo - No Report.

XIII. SHARED GOVERNANCE REPORTS (3 MINUTES PER PERSON)
No Reports.

XIV. INFORMATION ITEMS (4 MINUTES PER PERSON)
Sen. Jenkins - Asked about meeting further after today’s meeting to work on the budget and a handbook.
Mercy Yanez - Stated that the whole senate does not have to meet. We can form an Ad Hoc committee to address those issues.
Sen. Binns moved to go back to voting, Sen. Caracoza 2nd.
Sen. Jenkins moved to form and Ad Hoc Committee to work on the budget and the handbook, Sen. Manson 2nd.


Sen. Vedder- rose to a point of personal privilege.

Sen. Meza moved to resume the orders of the day, Sen. Manson 2nd.

**XV. ADVISOR’S COMMENTS (10 MINUTES)**

Mercy Yanez- Stated that she is proud of everyone. She feels proud like a president. She stated that we are in transition. We have a new college president coming in. She has worked with him in the past and stated it is a pleasure to work with him. She reminded everyone who is attending Dr. Spink’s retirement luncheon that there will be a cruise afterward.

**XVI. ADJOURNMENT**

Sen. Jenkins moved to adjourn, Sen. Sanchez 2nd.