A.S.O. Senate Minutes

3rd Meeting

March 24, 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 at 1:10pm and led us in
   the pledge of allegiance.

IV. ADVISOR INDUCTION OF TEMPORARY SENATORS
   Inductions were suspended following the meeting.

V. ROLL CALL
   Present: Mercy Yanez, Steven Delgado, April Abercrombie, Derek Hanna, Sen. Arellano,

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (1 MINUTE)
   Sen. Caracoza moved to approve the minutes, Sen. Meza 2nd.

VII. PUBLIC FORUM (2 MINUTES PER PERSON)
   Betty Rios- Spoke on behalf of the American Federation of Teachers (AFT) interns
   and announced the date of Harbor’s upcoming townhall meeting on April 23rd. Ms. Rios requested
   that any interested senators see her about presenting a bill to provide funds for refreshments
   for this event.

   Esteban Robledo- Mr. Robledo asked that the minutes reflect that he gave his contact
   information which is 951-220-1851 and estrmjr@yahoo.com. He referred to the meeting of the
   previous week. He stated that it is unfortunate that no one contacted him. He requested the
   names and contact information of all the members of the ASHC legislative body.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS LEGISLATION BILL (PRO/CON)

   A. Club Seed Money- Sen. Howard and Sen. Wright (amended to $1,750.)
      Sen. Wright-The bill is for seed money to help get the clubs moving.
      Sen. Purnell- Does this seed money include all of the clubs?
      President Delgado- Clarified that there are five clubs recognized by the ASO and
      those four clubs will receive the seed money. Those clubs are Alpha Gamma Sigma,
      Honors Transfer Club, EOPS, Creando Nuevo Futuro, and Black Student Union.
      Mercy Yanez- We amended that the clubs cannot use the money beyond the spring
      semester. The clubs will provide all receipts. Also, the seed money does not need to
      be paid back.
      President Delgado- The money is only to be used for fund raising purposes.
Charmaine Jenkins asked if clubs can petition for this money every year. President Delgado-The way this bill was written, it is only for this semester. After this semester the senate would have to write it into law, perhaps making it a line item on the budget.
Pro: Charmaine Jenkins- Believes that this bill would be beneficial to clubs because when clubs are starting out they donate money from their own pockets. This would help increase the membership to clubs and do activities.
Con: Sen. Purnell- Doesn’t believe this money to the clubs because he saw little participation from the clubs during the previous semester.
Pro: Sen. Caracoza- Thinks this bill is extremely important in that it is conducive to unifying the school body and raise awareness about our clubs.
Con: Sen. Meza- Wants to see evidence that indicates clubs will be able to increase membership if they get this seed money.
President Delgado- Clarified how much money the clubs that are being considered have in their accounts: Honors Transfer Club ($227.15), Alpha Gamma Sigma ($2,029.57), BSU ($634.80), Creando ($316.34), and EOPS ($317.42).
Sen. Purnell-Wanted to know what the clubs have done in the past for the campus and what they have planned.
President of the BSU- Stated that her club was chartered at the end of last semester and is a new club this semester. They have a fashion show and comedy show planned to raise funds for their club for scholarships for their members.
President of the EOPS Club- Stated that last semester her club had BBQ’s, bake sales, participated in the campus clean-up. Her club has been recruiting more people and wants to fund raise for scholarships.
Mercy Yanez- Pointed out that EOPS supports the clubs because as a program they offer scholarships to club members.
Sen. Caracoza- Clarified that the scholarships are for club members, but the scholarships still have guidelines by which they are distributed. They are not given out arbitrarily.

B. Nomination of Pro Tempore.
   Sen. Binns accepted the nomination.
   Sen. Manson seconded the nomination.
   Sen. Caracoza accepted the nomination.

C. Nomination of Executive Finance Representative.
   Sen. Manson nominated himself.

D. Two Minutes Address for Events/Activities Chairperson Candidates.
   Sen. Miranda-Wants to be the chairperson of this committee. He stated that he is a fast-paced worker who can handle a lot of stuff and usually has a lot of good ideas.
   Sen. Caracoza- Stated he feels that being a Seahawk means more than just being a student here. We are people striving for excellence, striving to achieve our academic goals, and we are a community. There is a lack of events on campus and
this is bound to cause a lack of community, school unity, and school pride. We have the resources necessary to bring everyone together and when you double that with my experience as an event coordinator and my passion you have a recipe for success and results.

Sen. Arellano- I have good ideas for events.

E. Call for Special Election of Senators.
President Delgado- Informed the senate that we were able to form this semester due to the advice of Vice Chancellor, John Clerks, and to honor that the cabinet is asking the senate to call for a special election to allow the rest of the student body a chance to be senators. First you pick up the form from the ASO secretary. You get 25 signatures and you turn the form back in to the secretary. We need a three fourths vote in order to have the special election. According to the constitution all senators have to get the 25 signatures in the spring semester in order to be senators in the fall. The past ASO organizations, for some reason, have not done so. That will change going forward.
Sen. Purnell- We are temporary senators for spring. Do these signatures make us permanent senators for spring as well as fall?
President Delgado- No, just for spring.
Sen. Manson- When do these signatures have to be turned in?
President Delgado- This is actually quite urgent. If you do vote on this special election than we can start making banners, start making the flyers, go to classrooms, and inform students that we are having a special election. The way you do this is by going to the secretary’s office and get the form, you get the signatures, turn them back in to the secretary, and then it is noticed on the agenda.
Sen. Manson- These are nominations from students. If I get 25 signatures then that shows I have the support of 25 students and that qualifies me as an official senator?
President Delgado- Yes.
Sen. Binns- Where exactly in the constitution does it speak to the 25 signatures?
President Delgado- It’s section thirteen of the constitution.
Charmaine Jenkins- For those of us who haven’t been officially inducted, how does that work?
President Delgado- The special election will allow any student to become a senator. For example those of you who haven’t been inducted and you want to become a senator I would suggest doing it through the special election.
Vice President April Abercrombie- Just to clarify what we’re doing here today is voting on the special election so all of you would be actual bonified senators for this semester so what you would need to do is collect your 25 signatures and we would need a three fourths vote today in order for that to happen.
Sen. Caracoza moved to recess for two minutes in order to change the tape on the video recorder, Sen. Manson 2nd.

IX. ACTION ITEMS
A. Club Seed Money- Sen. Howard and Sen. Wright (amended to $1,750.)
The bill received 10 yes votes and 1 no vote. The bill passed.
B. Election of Pro Tempore
Sen. Purnell moved to delay the election for Pro Tempore until the next meeting, Sen. Delacruz 2\textsuperscript{nd}.

C. Election of Executive Finance Representative
   Sen. Manson received 1 yes vote, 4 no votes, and 7 abstention. Sen. Meza received 7 yes votes, 1 no vote, and 4 abstentions. Sen. Meza was elected as the new Executive Finance Representative.

D. Election of Events/Activities Chairperson
   Sen. Caracoza received 8 yes votes, 2 no votes, and 2 abstentions. Sen. Miranda received 2 yes votes, 2 no votes, and 8 abstentions. Sen. Arellano received 1 yes vote, 0 no votes, and 11 abstentions. Sen. Caracoza was elected as the new Events/Activities Committee Chairperson.

E. Vote on Special Election of Senators
   By a show of hands the vote for the special election of senators received 12 yes votes and 0 no votes. The vote for a special election of senators was unanimous.

X. DISCUSSION ITEMS
A. Summer School.
   President Delgado- For summer school there are 32 class sections being offered. Eight of them are PACE classes, two of them are outreach classes, eighteen are general education classes and four are physical education classes. You can register after July from April 12\textsuperscript{th} through 14\textsuperscript{th} for EOPS and April 15\textsuperscript{th} for returning students.

XI. SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS (4 MINUTES PER PERSON)
A. Campus Safety Task Force: None.
B. Events/Activities Committee: None.

XII. EXECUTIVE CABINET REPORTS (5 MINUTES PER PERSON)
A. President: Steven Delgado-Wanted everyone to be safe over the break. He also added that Senator Jenny Oropeza is attending our upcoming Town Hall Meeting and encouraged everyone to attend and give their personal stories and draft a bill to fund this event so it will be a success.
B. Vice President: April Abercrombie-Reported on the March in March. Stated that it was amazing and that the delegates were able to speak with a number of people, some legislators or their assistants. She was given advice in regards to advocacy. She was told to send personal letters from students to the members of the budget subcommittee regarding the struggles they face to budget cuts.
C. V.P. of Finance: Derek Hanna-Stated that we all have different styles and different things we bring to the table, but let’s not be biased when voting. Please don’t consider the friendship, consider what the person can do.
D. Secretary: Dawn Castillo-no report.
   Alaina Howard- I would like for our meetings to move forward so that we can all be able to participate in the Honors Society which is at 3:00pm. I’ve missed every meeting

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

XIV. INFORMATION ITEMS (4 MINUTES PER PERSON)
Sen. Meza-I was at home relaxing and I noticed a tail going by the door. I thought it was my dog. I realized that it was a really big pit bull. I caught it and took it to the shelter. I went to check out how the dog was and they told me that it was the dog’s last day there. So please adopt your pets from a shelter. Don’t go to a pet store. It’s the exact same thing. It costs a lot less.

Sen. Delacruz-Stated that she volunteers at the Harbor Shelter and that if anyone has questions about what’s going on at the shelter ask her.

Sen. Purnell- Wanted to give recognition to the five senators who went to Sacramento and asked how many points they will receive for going.

Sen. Purnell motioned that those senators receive 20 points, Sen. Wright 2nd.

Mercy Yanez- As advisor Mercy Yanez increased those points to 25.

XV. ADVISOR’S COMMENTS (10 MINUTES)
Mercy Yanez- Stated that those representatives at Sacramento did an excellent job and marched twice. They marched to the marching location and then marched with the ten thousand plus individuals that convened there. She opened it up for the representatives to share their thoughts on the march.

Charmaine Jenkins- Stated that she was proud that our senators who attended the march and met with legislators were well rounded, were well educated, and spoke clearly as well as concisely. Everyone made valid points.

Sen. Delacruz- Stated that she was really nervous, but her fellow senators helper her out and they had a lot of fun.

Sen. Purnell- Stated that everybody did a great job and that he had never seen that many people demonstrate peacefully. It gave him a warm feeling. He wishes everybody could have gone.

Mercy Yanez- There are actually hearings coming up. We may have to go back up. There was actually a hearing today. What’s happening now is we’re actually going to be scheduling local legislation visits. So I actually need some of you to follow up with Sen. Wright. He was one of the senators who seemed a little more confrontational. We had a visit with us and El Camino so he seems to be pretty well informed about El Camino. We really need to let him know about Harbor and show up in force and follow up with him. There is an event tomorrow with Assembly Member Warren Furitani. We not only go up to Sacramento. We show up in force and we follow up. This will be at a local high school on Friday at 9:00am. It will be the Renaissance High School for the arts in Long Beach.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT