Attendees: ASO Advisor Mercy Yanez, President Brendan Binns, Vice President of Finance Blanca Sanchez, Secretary Dawn Castillo Senator April Abercrombie, Senator Mari Ashley Andrews, Senator Martin Caracoza, Senator Genesis Dela Cruz, Senator Steven Delgado, Senator Alexis Melgoza, Senator Derek Hanna, Senator Ruben Villanueva, Senator Julio Manson, Tanisha Garcia, Sergio Cota, Chelsey Markham, Natalie Avalos, Ned Ebbs Jr., Michael Ursich, Caitriona McOsker, and Natalie Parra.

A.S.O. Senate Agenda
1st Meeting
September 15, 2010
1:00 pm
Los Angeles Harbor College, Tech 107
(please check the ASO website for location changes.)

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I. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. INTRODUCTION OF NEW PRESIDENT AND ADVISOR

III. INDUCTIONS OF APPOINTED SENATORS
   *refer to Section 7, Article 7.5 of the ASHC Bylaws.

IV. ROLL CALL
   *refer to Section 6, Article 6.1 of the ASHC Constitution.

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (1 Minute)

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (1 Minute)

VII. PUBLIC FORUM (2 Minutes per Person)

VIII. SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER (5 Minutes per Person)
   A. President Marvin Martinez

IX. NEW BUSINESS LEGISLATION BILL (PRO/CON)
   A. Nomination of Pro Tempore
X. ACTION ITEMS
   A. Election of Pro Tempore
   B. Election of Executive Finance Representative

XI. DISCUSSION ITEMS

XII. SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS (4 Minutes per Person)

XIII. EXECUTIVE CABINET REPORTS (5 Minutes per Person)
   A. President- Brendan Binns
   B. Vice President- Vacant
   C. V.P. of Finance- Blanca Sanchez
   D. Secretary- Dawn Castillo

XIV. SHARED GOVERNANCE REPORTS (3 Minutes per Person)
   A. CPC- The next meeting is on September 27th at 1:30 pm in SSA 219.
   B. Academic Affairs- The next meeting is on September 15th at 2:30 pm in SSA 219.
   C. Student Services- TBA
   D. Academic Senate- The next meeting is on September 16th at 1:00 pm in SSA 219.
   E. Work Environment- The next meeting is on October 12th at 2:00 pm in NEA 187.
   F. Administrative Service Cluster- TBA

*Shared Governance meeting dates and times are available on the Harbor College homepage and the ASO Calendar.

XV. INFORMATION ITEMS (4 Minutes per Person)

XVI. ADVISOR’S REPORT (10 Minutes)

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

For additional information please refer to the Associated Student Organization website. [www.lahc.edu/studentservices/aso/aso.html](http://www.lahc.edu/studentservices/aso/aso.html)

Special notes: The minutes reflect the order of report items, which may not necessarily match the meeting agenda.
### Call to Order

**Brendan Binns**

Report/Discussion: **President Binns** called the meeting to order at 1:11 p.m. He led the group in the pledge of allegiance.

### Inductions of Appointed Senators

**Mercy Yanez**

Report/Discussion: **President Binns** led three appointed senators in the induction pledge.

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### Roll Call (quorum= 10)

**Dawn Castillo**

Report/Discussion: **President Binns** called for the Secretary to conduct roll call. Quorum of the executive body was met.

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### Approval of the Agenda

**Brendan Binns**

Report/Discussion: **President Binns** called for a review and motion to approve the agenda.

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<td>The motion carried to approve the existing agenda with a 1st from <strong>Senator Julio Manson</strong> and a 2nd from <strong>Senator Martin Caracoza</strong>. Motion carried.</td>
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Approval of Minutes

Report/Discussion: *President Binns* called for a review and motion to approve the executive board meeting minutes of May 26, 2010.

Conclusions: The following changes were noted and changed in the document: The motion to amend the minutes to include *Derek Hanna’s* name as a member of the Election Committee carried with a 1<sup>st</sup> from *Senator Martin Caracoza* and a 2<sup>nd</sup> from *Senator April Abercrombie*.

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<td>The motion to approve the minutes with the identified change carried with a 1&lt;sup&gt;st&lt;/sup&gt; from <em>Senator Martin Caracoza</em> and a 2&lt;sup&gt;nd&lt;/sup&gt; from <em>Senator April Abercrombie</em> as amended. The motion carried.</td>
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Report/Discussion: None.

Special Guest Speaker

President Marvin Martinez reported that the Dream Act was defeated yesterday. It was unfortunate, but expected. The good news is it was only defeated by four votes. Another attempt may be made after November 2nd. On October 5th President Obama is holding a community college summit at the White House. This is very exciting. One hundred people will be invited. Two billion dollars in grants for community colleges will be introduced. Last week we met for the National Science Foundation. There will be many jobs in the STEM area. President Obama announced a STEM initiative. This industry has an aging workforce. Employees will be retiring. There will be a lot of jobs opening up. Northrop will be needing 15,000 engineers. There is another big initiative. President Marvin Martinez will be meeting with the president of CSUDH to form a partnership and offer a bachelor of arts program here through Dominguez Hills. If you want a bachelor of arts from Dominguez Hills you can do it here.

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Question: Senator April Abercrombie asked if our school will be represented at the summit if students will get an opportunity to attend. What about the Science Initiative? What can we do to reach out to students with tutoring in this area? How soon will the liaison program with CSUDH be in effect?

Answer: President Marvin Martinez stated that we have a lobbying firm who represents Harbor College. The school has called to see if they can get us a ticket. We have an engineering program on campus, it is good to start here in regards to tutoring, but we can consider reaching out to the surrounding high schools as well. We are a bureaucracy as well as on CSUDH. It will take time for the liaison program to take effect.

Question: Senator Julio Manson asked if we can have a similar outreach/liaison program with Long Beach State.

Answer: President Martinez is looking in to working with Long Beach State as well.

Question: Senator Julio Manson asked about training for employment.

Answer: The health care reform had trailer bills attached to it. One was for community colleges for 2 billion dollars. President Martinez referred to Title V, a data driven program,
to help Spanish students be better prepared and have better retention.

Question: **Ned Ebbs Jr.** asked why the music department does not give out AA degrees.

Answer: We’re beginning to develop more degrees. The Liberal Arts degree is too broad a category. We need to fix that. It’s going to take a long time to create that understanding. We are just not structured like a university.

Question: **Senator April Abercrombie** asked a question regarding grant writing and if we are going to have to apply for those grants coming out. Can we delegate people to help write that grant.

Answer: We will have four chances to get that grant. We are going to apply this year and if we don’t get it we are going to try again. However, it is a different kind of grant that we are used to writing.

Question: **Senator Steven Delgado** asked if the agreement with CSUDH is limited to certain degrees.

Answer: We are looking into more majors. We just got three approved.

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<td><strong>President Brendan Binns</strong> stated that the Club Rush legislation bill will not be presented. This bill did not go through the Executive Finance Committee.</td>
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**Discussion Items**

Report/Discussion:  **President Brendan Binns** opened discussion to convene the Inter-Club Council.

Conclusions:  **Senator April Abercrombie** suggested that we research and consult the clubs as to what time and day is best for the Inter-Club Council to meet.  **Senator Mari Ashley Andrews** gave the meeting day and time for the Honors Transfer Program Club.  **Senator Martin Caracoza** and **Senator Mari Ashley Andrews** said Thursdays would be a good day for their respective clubs to attend.  **Senator Steven Delgado** clarified that club presidents can name a delegate to attend in their stead if the meeting time does not suit their schedules.  **ASO Advisor Mercy Yanez** said she would conduct a poll of the clubs to obtain data regarding this issue.  **Senator Martin Caracoza** reported that Pie Delta Epsilon has a person appointed to a club member represent them at the Inter-Club Council meetings.  **President Brendan Binns** reported on Accreditation.  He has not received further information.  **President Brendan Binns** entertained a motion to table the Inter-Club Council discussion until next meeting.

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<td>The motion to table the Inter-Club Council discussion until next week carried with a 1&lt;sup&gt;st&lt;/sup&gt; from <strong>Senator April Abercrombie</strong> and a 2&lt;sup&gt;nd&lt;/sup&gt; from <strong>Senator Julio Manson</strong>. <strong>President Brendan Binns</strong> asked for a volunteer to serve as co-chair for this committee.  <strong>Senator Steven Delgado</strong> volunteered for this position. A motion to table the assignment of Senators to the Accreditation Committee until next meeting carried with a 1&lt;sup&gt;st&lt;/sup&gt; from <strong>Senator Martin Caracoza</strong> and a 2&lt;sup&gt;nd&lt;/sup&gt; from <strong>Senator April Abercrombie</strong>.</td>
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**Special Committee Reports**

Report/Discussion:

**President Brendan Binns** asked for suggestions for committees.
President’s Report

Brendan Binns

Report/Discussion: President Brendan Binns reported on the parliamentary procedures workshop at Los Angeles Trade Tech. Also, four students attended a day of service training. They will be at Gardena High School this Friday to recruit students who have dropped out of school. Next spring they will be doing the same for San Pedro High and Banning High School. Entertained a motion to go back to the guest speaker.

Conclusions: Senator April Abercrombie and Senator Martin Caracoza showed interest in hosting a workshop on campus for those who were not able to attend.

Action items: The motion to suspend the orders of the day and return the agenda item for Special Guest Speaker carried with a 1st from Senator Steven Delgado and a 2nd from Senator Martin Caracoza.

Melgoza moved to return to the orders of the day, Genesis 2nd.

Vice President’s Report

Vacant


Vice President of Finance

Blanca Sanchez

Report/Discussion: No report

Secretary’s Report

Dawn Castillo

Report/Discussion: Secretary Dawn Castillo reported that side conversations make it difficult to record the minutes and asked that those in attendance refrain from conversation while other are speaking. Also, when having the floor please speak more clearly and louder. Finally, those who walked in after the meeting was called to order make sure to use the sign-in sheet so that your attendance can be noted.

CPC Shared Governance Report


Academic Affairs Shared Governance Report


Student Services Shared Governance Report

### Academic Senate Shared Governance Report


### Work Environment Shared Governance Report


### Administrative Service Cluster Shared Governance Report


### Information Items

**Topic/Discussion:**

**Senator Steven Delgado** reported on the parliamentary procedure. **Senator April Abercrombie** also commented on the parliamentary procedure workshop and the day of service training. She invited anyone who still wants to be on board with that to please contact her. Also, she spoke with Mr. Bishop about doing a workshop for us. She will be doing a bill for that in the next couple of weeks. **Senator Martin Caracoza** expounded on her comments and stated that he is in contact with Mayor Villaraigosa, Senator Feinstein, Congresswoman Jane Harmon, and Councilwoman Janice Hahn. **Senator Steven Delgado** reported that he spoke to Dr. Burstein and the Life Skills Center regarding an event on campus for depression screening. **Senator Mari Ashley Andrews** rose to a point of information and inquired if this workshop will be open to everyone. **Senator Martin Caracoza** expressed his feeling that it should be open to anyone who can benefit from it. **Senator April Abercrombie** stated that the clubs are not bound strictly to parliamentary procedures in the same manner that the ASO is. Mr. Bishop gets paid based on how many people show up. It might be better to test it out with just the ASO and maybe members of the ICC first. **Senator Martin Caracoza** further commented regarding club practices.
### Advisor’s Report

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<td>ASO Advisor Mercy Yanez congratulated and commended the students who attended the workshop on Friday. She also thanked everyone for attending the day of service. We were commended for the short turn around. She invited the rest of the senate to participate. She made an announcement for the HACU conference. We are a Hispanic serving college. This means that we have additional access to funds. The National Science Foundation conferences are looking in to stem grants. We are putting on a leadership conference on October 15th at Los Angeles City College from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. This is tentative. It’s a kick off to the (something) conference. The chancellor of the district will be doing a workshop at this conference. Also, the special election for Student Trustee is going on today and tomorrow in the Seahawk Quad.</td>
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Question: Senator Steven Delgado asked about the follow through regarding his office space.

Answer: President Brendan Binns answered that it would be better to address the issue after the meeting.

Question: Senator Julio Manson asked a question regarding proctoring for the special election.

Answer: ASO Advisor Mercy Yanez asked for the election committee representatives to help monitor outside.

### Adjournment

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