A.S.O. Senate Minutes

4th Meeting

April 7th 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 1:07pm and led us in the pledge of allegiance.

II. ADVISOR INDUCTION OF TEMPORARY SENATORS
   Mercy Yanez inducted elected senator Blanca Sanchez.

III. ROLL CALL

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

V. PUBLIC FORUM (2 MINUTES PER PERSON)
   Esteban Robledo-
   Mercy Yanez-
   Vice President April Abercrombie entertained a motion to amend the agenda and strike New Business Items C and D.
   Sen. Vedder so moved to amend the agenda, Sen. Caracoza 2nd.

VI. NEW BUSINESS LEGISLATION BILL (PRO/CON)
   A. Formation of the ASHC Election Committee (Min. 4 & Max 10 Senators) (1 Chair and up to 2 Co-Chairs).
      President Delgado nominated Sen. Manson as chair.
      Sen. Manson accepted the nomination.
      President Delgado nominated Sen. Purnell as co-chair.
      Sen. Purnell accepted the nomination.
      President Delgado nominated Sen. Delacruz as co-chair.
      Sen. Delacruz declined the nomination.
      Sen. Caracoza nominated Sen. Vedder as a committee member.
      Sen. Vedder accepted the nomination.
Vice President Abercrombie entertained a motion to suspend the orders of the day and return to inductions.
Sen. Sanchez so moved, Sen. Manson 2nd.
Mercy Yanez inducted appointee Charmaine Jenkins.
Vice President Abercrombie entertained a motion to return to the orders of the day.
Sen. Delacruz and Sen. Jenkins accepted the nominations.
President Delgado- This committee has separate meetings. The first meeting will be held on Monday, April 12th at 3:00pm in the senate room.

B. Election of Senate Pro Tempore.
   New Business Item B was voted on in Action Items.
C. Election of Executive Finance Committee (EFC) Representative.
   New Business Item C was stricken from the agenda.
D. Two Minute address for Events/Activities Committee Chair.
   New Business item D was stricken from the agenda.

VII. ACTION ITEMS
A. Formation of ASHC Election Committee (Min. 4 & Max 10 Senators) (1Chair and up to 2 Co-Chairs).
   The ASHC Election Committee as formed by the senate includes Sen. Manson as Chair, Sen. Purnell as Co-chair, and Senators Jenkins, Delacruz, Meza, and Vedder as committee members.
   The formation of this committee was voted on by a show of hands. The vote was unanimous. The committee was formed.
B. Election of Senate Pro Tempore.
   Sen. Caracoza received 10 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 1 abstention.
   Sen. Binns received 1 yes vote, 6 no votes, and 4 abstentions.
   Sen. Caracoza was elected as Senate Pro Tempore.

VIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS
A. ASHC General Election and Special Election.
   President Delgado-Stated that the election meeting is on Monday, April 12th at 3:00pm in the ASO senate room. He reminded everyone that they need to get the proper form and collect 25 signatures to be elected as a senator in the special election. He reminded the senate that students running for president and vice president need to run on a ticket in the general election. He also drew everyone’s attention to the banners that announce the coming elections.
   Mercy Yanez- Announced that Alaina Howard is running for student trustee and that the election for student trustee will take place at the same time as the general election. She also noted that the timeline for election deadlines was changed due to the fact that we were not able to have the election meeting on the originally scheduled date because she was in Sacramento. She also encourage everyone to run and campaign in the election.
B. Gift for President Spink (Retirement Party).
President Delgado-Announced that President Spink will be retiring after serving Harbor College for ten years. Her retirement party will be on June 2\textsuperscript{nd}. He recommended that we purchase a gift in recognition of her service.

Sen. Howard-Recommended that we purchase a plaque for Dr. Spink.

Vice President Abercrombie-Recommended that in addition we give Dr. Spink a spa day.

Sen. Jenkins-Suggested purchasing Dr. Spink a watch.

Sen. Manson-Stated that he didn’t feel student money should be used to buy Dr. Spink a gift.

President Delgado-Stated that we should set a limit for spending on this item.

Sen. Caracoza- Requested to see our budget so that the senate may determine whether it is feasible to purchase a gift for Dr. Spink.

President Delgado-Stepped out to obtain the budget and referred our newly elected V.P. of Finance to Mona Abdula in order to obtain information on the budget in the future.

Sen. Caracoza moved that the senate recess for 2 minutes, Sen. Manson 2\textsuperscript{nd}.

Sen. Howard moved to reconvene, Sen. Wright 2\textsuperscript{nd}.

President Delgado-Returned with copies of the proposed budget for the year and cited a line item account for the College President’s Community Relations.

Sen. Howard moved that the money be taken from a line time account for Ceremonies and Awards.

Mercy Yanez-Clarified that before any decisions are made we need the current balances for these accounts.

Sen. Howard moved that we limit spending on a plaque for Dr. Spink to $250.00, Sen. Manson 2\textsuperscript{nd}.

Sen. Caracoza-Proposed that a senator create a bill to the general population to donate money so that we may be able to spend monies in addition to the $250.00.

President Delgado- Clarified that the point of this discussion is not to make any decisions now, but to formulate an agenda item to address this issue in the future.


Sen. Jenkins-Reconsidered her objection.

President Delgado- Informed the senate that we were asked to sponsor a table of ten students for Dr. Spink’s retirement party and that a table for ten costs $400.00.

Mercy-Asked President Delgado to double check with Executive Vice President Abbie Patterson.

Sen. Howard moved to recess for two minutes, Sen. Manson 2\textsuperscript{nd}.

Sen. Howard moved to return to the orders of the day, Sen. Caracoza 2\textsuperscript{nd}.

Sen. Caracoza moved to amend Sen. Howard’s motion in favor of a reception or some other gift not to $250.00, Sen. Meza 2\textsuperscript{nd}.

\textit{By a show of hands, 8 voted in favor of the amendment and 3 voted no. The amendment carried.}

President Delgado-Asked that we move on. We can agree on $250.00 for a plaque. We can add other gifts ideas at a later time. For the record the money can come out
IX. SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS (4 MINUTES PER PERSON)
B. Events/Activities Committee: Sen. Caracoza - Was not abreast of any upcoming events at this time aside from the elections and upcoming awards ceremonies. He also asked that if there are any club members present who are planning activities to please contact him.

X. EXECUTIVE CABINET REPORTS (5 MINUTES PER PERSON)
A. President: Steven Delgado - No Report.
B. Vice President: April Abercrombie - Stated that she was able to go to the AB656 rally. She explained that other states have an oil severance tax and that Assemblyman Torrico is proposing a bill for such a tax in California. The revenue from this tax is earmarked specifically for higher education. She was able to speak with Assemblyman Torrico in person and invited him to come and speak on our campus. He is running for Attorney General. She also stated that she received the first letters written by students to present to legislators.
C. V.P. of Finance: Derek Hanna - Stated that he noticed an issue with the janitorial staff. He stated that he witnessed the janitor removing garbage from a trash can in the men’s room of the GC building by hand instead of removing the entire trash bag and replacing it. He asked that this be referred to the Campus Safety Task Force.
D. Secretary: Dawn Castillo - Handed out flyers for the Edelbrock Charity car show, Revved Up For Kids. They are asking for volunteers. She also passed out a brochure and email from an organization called Corazon that is also looking for volunteers.

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

XII. INFORMATION ITEMS (4 MINUTES PER PERSON)
Sen. Howard - Stated that the cafeteria is opening up a new restaurant that will be serving plates at $25.00 per person. They have an $8.00, $5.00, and a $3.00 menu and now they have a $25.00 menu.
Sen. Jenkins - Announced that the BSU will be hosting Taco Tuesday on the 27th of April and they are putting together a Comedy Show for May 28th. She also asked how the clubs access the funds that were allocated for seed money at the last meeting.
Sen. Delacruz - Stated that there will be an orientation day for interested volunteers at the Harbor Animal Shelter on April 17th and 24th from 9:00am to 2:00pm. She also informed the senate of a campus competition to stop the spread of STD’s by getting students to get tested.

XIII. ADVISOR’S COMMENTS (10 MINUTES)
Mercy Yanez - Passed out the points scale to all the senators. She went over the breakdown of what points are awarded for what activities. She also stated that she needs one or two student representatives for the Website Oversight Committee that she chairs. It meets once a month typically on Tuesdays. The next meeting is on the 27th. She also mentioned the Spring General Assembly and attendance is worth 20 points.
She informed the senate that there are over 200 submissions for scholarships this spring.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT
Sen. Delacruz moved to adjourn the meeting, Sen. Wright 2nd. The meeting was adjourned at 2:54pm.