A.S.O. Senate Minutes

5th Meeting

April 14, 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 Abercrombie called the meeting to order at 1:05pm and led us in the pledge of allegiance.

II. ROLL CALL


Absent: Sen. Miranda.


III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (1 MINUTE)

Sen. Manson moved to approve the agenda, Sen. Meza 2nd.

VII. PUBLIC FORUM (2 MINUTES PER PERSON)

Sam Shabot-Mr. Shabot made a suggestion that the ASO move public forum to the end of the meeting. His concern was that certain individuals have been given large amounts of time to speak during public forum and Mr. Shabot is concerned that this is taking focus away from business and important issues at hand.

Esteban Robledo-Mr. Robledo asked that the chair of the election committee answer if there was an election committee meeting last Monday. He voiced his concern regarding his removal from the election committee meeting. He stated that he was unlawfully removed. He also pointed out that his dialogue in public forum was not included in the previous meeting’s minutes.

April Abercrombie-Our Vice President answered the questions posed in public forum. In answer to Mr. Shabot’s concerns she stated that public forum must be at the beginning of the meeting so that members of the public may have an opportunity to speak on any agenda items for that day. In answer to Mr. Robledo’s concerns she stated that the election committee meeting was held as a closed session meeting.

Steven Delgado- President Delgado stated that an agenda should have been posted stating that it was a closed meeting. He also stated that all interested students should be given the opportunity to obtain an election packet.

Sen. Binns moved to give Mr. Robledo an additional 30 seconds, Sen. Manson 2nd.
Esteban Robledo- Asked that if the election committee meeting was convened to address ASO business and issues concerning the election then it shouldn’t it have been open to the public.

Mercy Yanez- She stated that there was no agenda posted. It was not a Brown Act meeting. Also, in light of Mr. Robledo’s continuous disruption she made the decision to have him removed.

Steven Delgado- Asked if, as a subcommittee meeting, shouldn’t an agenda have been posted.

Sen. Caracoza- Sen. Caracoza rose to a point of clarification. He stated that, according to the Brown Act, in the event that an individual has to be removed a situation arises where the council may hold a closed session meeting adhering only to the agenda.

Sen. Meza moved to give Mr. Robledo an additional 30 seconds, Sen. Caracoza 2nd.

Esteban Robledo- Mr. Robledo inquired if his removal was an attempt to prevent further disruption on his behalf.

Mercy Yanez- You have been continuously disruptive and you were removed so the committee could continue with business.

Vice President Abercrombie- Our Vice President rose to a point of clarification and stated that according to the Brown Act we have up to ten days to post an agenda for that closed session meeting.

Esteban Robledo- Wanted clarification that his removal was a preemptive measure. He also stated that there are individuals present that can attest to the fact that he was not being disruptive or hostile. Finally, he stated that there was no reason for his removal.

Sen. Caracoza- Wished to point out that although Mr. Robledo was not disruptive in the last meeting, when a person has a history of causing disturbances that hinder the business at hand that person’s very presence is deemable as disruptive as the body tends to not move along with business at hand. He also declared his belief that this is in fact the basis for the decision of our advisor to have Mr. Robledo removed.

Mercy Yanez- Wanted to make one final comment and stated that Mr. Robledo refused to leave when she asked him to and she was forced to call the sheriffs. Also, the Brown Act does state that we have the right to clear the room when someone is being disruptive.

Sen. Caracoza- Also stated that two other senators, himself and Sen. Sanchez, who were not members of the election committee were also asked to leave as well in view of that meeting being held in closed session. In addition they left without any objection.

Sen. Jenkins moved to continue with the agenda, Sen. Meza 2nd.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS LEGISLATION BILL (PRO/CON)
A. Town Hall Meeting (refreshments)- Sen. Jenkins (up to & not to exceed $500.00).

Sen. Jenkins- Stated that on April 23rd we will be having a Town Hall meeting with Senator Jenny Oropeza. She said she wrote this bill believing that providing food will help us to have a successful event. The money will not exceed $500.00. There will be Subway sandwiches and pizza. The Seahawk Center holds a maximum of 250 people and that is the number of people we are expecting in attendance. The sandwiches will $400.00 plus tax. The pizzas will cost $50.00 plus tax.
President Delgado- On the back of the bill it shows how many sandwiches will purchased. He also stated that drinks will be donated by the culinary arts program.  
Sen. Meza- Clarified that the 8 party trays will amount to 274 sandwiches. He also estimated that 10 pizzas should be sufficient. He also suggested that for pros and cons the senate should consider how to handle food control and sanitation. 
Sen. Howard- Stated that she approved of the collaboration with the culinary arts program.

Sen. Caracoza - Asked if any portion of this money is allocated for advertising to increase attendance for this event. 
President Delgado- This event is being organized the internship program for the American Federation of Teachers. They are providing us with flyers and advertisement. 

Sen. Caracoza- Are any of these funds are going towards supplies for sanitation? 
Sen. Jenkins- Stated that we have table cloths and we will ask the culinary arts department if they can provide us with gloves that there will be no extra cost. All of the money is going toward food. 

Sen. Meza- Volunteered to do the food and sanitation. He asked what steps are needed to be taken in order to do this. 
Sen. Caracoza- Perhaps you should ask the culinary arts department what measures need to be taken. 
Sen. Jenkins- Stated that she believes when the party trays come they will be covered. 

President Delgado- Asked if the vegetarians on campus were taken into consideration when planning the food. 

Sen. Jenkins- Answered that we can order a portion of sandwiches that are veggie and we can order some pizzas that are cheese only. 

Pro: Sen. Caracoza- Believes that this event is very constructive for the students as a whole. This is a venue in which students can address their issues concerning the state cut-backs. 

Con: Sen. Manson- Stated that perhaps the students may leave a mess and that if this bill passes we will have $500.00 less to spend on bills this semester. He also expressed concerns about safety for Senator Oropeza.

IX. ACTION ITEMS
A. Town Hall Meeting (refreshments)- Sen. Jenkins (up to & not to exceed $500.00). The bill received 10 votes, 0 votes, and 1 abstention. The bill passed.

X. DISCUSSION ITEMS
None.

XI. SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS (4 MINUTES PER PERSON)
B. Events/Activities Committee: Sen. Caracoza- Reported sustainable living workshop and Earth Day. He informed the senate that we are having our 2nd Town Hall meeting here at LA Harbor on April 23rd at 12:00pm. He also stated that the
cheerleaders extended their tryouts. LAHC students are hosting a poetry night at Sacred Grounds on April 20th and 21st.

President Delgado- Stated the Earth Day is on April 22nd and he encouraged senators to host a bill in recognition of this day. He also stressed that if someone is going to do this it has to be done today so it can be on the agenda for next week.

XII. EXECUTIVE CABINET REPORTS (5 MINUTES PER PERSON)
A. President: Steven Delgado- Reported that the chair of the Academic Senate advised that the ASO draft something on paper for the club advisors regarding the club seed money bill. President Delgado asked that the billholders sign it along with himself.
B. Vice President: April Abercrombie- Brought up the AB 656 bill, Fair Share for Fair Tuition. She stated that there is still time for a senator to host a bill to have Alberto Torrico come to campus to talk about AB 656. She also stated that Harbor Tides is interested in the letters ASO is collecting to send to the budget subcommittee. She asked the senators to help in soliciting more letters from students stating their concerns about the budget cuts.
C. V.P. of Finance: Derek Hanna- Wished to congratulate everyone that is present for their good work.
D. Secretary: Dawn Castillo- The Work Environment meeting was postponed until April 20th at 2:00pm in the NEA 187. She also let the students know that Student Activities is planning a Spring Fling on May 12th from 10:00am to 12:00pm and that Mona Abdula is asking for interested senators to volunteer their time to help with this event.

Sen. Manson volunteered his time for this event.

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

XIV. INFORMATION ITEMS (4 MINUTES PER PERSON)
Sen. Meza moved to put the following items on the agenda for discussion: the students aren’t happy with the cafeteria food, students want more public phones, the students want an ATM on campus, Sen. Manson 2nd.

Sen. Jenkins- Reported that on April 27th the Black Student Union will be hosting Taco Tuesday. They will be serving $1 tacos, $5 combos, and quesadillas from 11:00am to 2:00pm. She also stated that they are planning a Comedy Show fundraiser.

Sen. Howard-Senator Howard asked about the possibility of students having credit at the cafeteria.
Mercy Yanez- Our advisor referred to Sen. Howard to Dr. Tomlinson with her question.

Sen. Howard moved that we establish a calendar for the rest of the semester, Sen. Caracoza 2nd.

President Delgado- Stated that there are other food options for students. There is the Reggie Café, Denny’s, and Alberto’s. Clash of the Titans 3D is awesome. Nightmare on Elm Street is coming out on April 30th.

Sen. Caracoza- Stated that the drop date with a “W” was changed to May 13th.

Vice President April Abercrombie- Our Vice President reminded us that short term classes are the exception.

Sen. Caracoza- Stated that there is a chorale event coming up on campus.
Mercy Yanez - Reported that there will an event at Banning High School at 6:00pm in which the Mayor and Janice Hahn will be addressing the budget. She offered senators points for attending.
Vice President April Abercrombie - Our Vice President reported that UCLA is hosting Bruin Buddy Day. The Terraces theater on Western Avenue is offering several ticket discounts. She also stated that Loyola Marymount is having a transfer day.
Sen. Melgoza - The theater department is having auditions for two coming attractions. One is called Lively Art. Auditions are on May 3\textsuperscript{rd}, rehearsal is on May 12\textsuperscript{th}, and the performances are on May 3\textsuperscript{rd}, 17\textsuperscript{th}, 18\textsuperscript{th}, 25\textsuperscript{th}, and 26\textsuperscript{th}.
President Delgado - Reported that we two blood drive events on campus. One of them is on May 6\textsuperscript{th}. Participants have to be at least 17 years old with photo id. The event will be 9:00 am to 3:30pm.

XV. ADVISOR’S COMMENTS (10 MINUTES)
Mercy Yanez - Passed out a flyer for the Future Teachers Scholarship for fall semester. It is for students in early childhood education. The amounts for this scholarship are $1,500 and there are two scholarships available for $2,500. There are two scholarships, one in northern California and one in southern California for a $1,000 each, that are available from the California Community Colleges Chief Student Services Administrative Association. She stated that she sent the criteria out on a list serv that she attempted to create. Harbor got hit with a virus so she doesn’t know if the senators are getting those. She also stated that she is available to write letters of recommendation and encouraged everyone to apply. She will be in Sacramento until Saturday. She will be back on Wednesday and will be present for our next meeting.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT
Sen. Jenkins moved to adjourn the meeting, Sen. Meza 2\textsuperscript{nd}. The meeting was adjourned at 2:26pm.