A.S.O. Senate Minutes

7th Meeting

April 28, 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 1:03pm and led us in the pledge of allegiance.

II. ROLL CALL


Late: Steven Delgado.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (1 MINUTE)

Sen. Caracoza moved to adjust the agenda to include an action item for the Sustainable Works campus clean-up, Sen. Sanchez 2nd.

Sen. Purnell moved to adjust the agenda to include discussion on a new tv for the Seahawk Center, Sen. Meza 2nd.

IV. PUBLIC FORUM (2 MINUTES PER PERSON)

Kara Flinkin-Stated that the Sustainable Workshop is planning to go ahead with their campus clean-up. It will be next Monday. She thanked the senate for working with them and they hope for any assistance they may receive. Sustainable Works requested $150.00 for food and prizes.

Sheila Millman- Informed the senate that financial aid students will be receiving debit cards in the mail as of next semester. The checks will be gone. Students may choose to activate their debit cards or have their financial aid awards sent to whatever bank they choose. She stressed the importance of having an accurate address on file with the financial aid office. They have passed out flyers regarding the changes. Students can choose receive notifications from the financial aid office by text message or email. For more information please go to www.learnaboutone.com and scroll down to choose your school.

V.P. of Finance- Asked how long the process will take.

Sheila Millman- Stated that the change will take place two weeks before the first disbursement. When you activate your card the money will be in your account immediately. She also stressed that this will be of no cost to the students.
Sen. Purnell- Asked how we will get our pin numbers.
Sheila Millman- Stated that students will be able to choose their own pin numbers when they activate their cards.
Sen. Wright- Asked about the ATMs on campus.
Sheila Millman- Stated that there will be no charge to students. One ATM will go in the same place that the old ATM was which was in front of the cashier’s office. The other ATM that’s coming will be in the sheriff’s office.
Sen. Manson- Rose to a point of personal privilege.
Vice President Abercrombie-
Sheila Millman- Stated that he will want to get in contact with the senate. His name is Aaron Poach. He will be needing the senators phone numbers.
Vice President Abercrombie- Stated that the whole senate will need to be concentrated on getting the word out.
Sheila Millman- Stated that financial aid will be forming a marketing team that will be meeting once a week for six or seven weeks.
President Delgado- Asked if there will be financial aid for summer school.
Sheila Millman- Financial aid for summer school is considered part of the next school year. Therefore the money will be coming out of your financial aid money for the following year. Also the money will not be disbursed for summer until early August.
Sen. Sanchez- Stated that she was told she could have her financial aid money deposited in her Chase bank account and wanted to know if that was true.
Sheila Millmans- Stated that was in fact true however when they make the change she will have to go online and provide her account information so the money will go to her bank account. Even if you already have direct deposit you will have to do this again when they make the change.
Sen. Jenkins moved to recess for 5 minutes, Sen. Manson 2nd.
Sen. Meza moved to return to the orders of the day, Sen. Manson 2nd.

V. NEW BUSINESS LEGISLATION BILL (PRO/CON)

VI. ACTION ITEMS

A. LAHC President’s Retirement Luncheon- Sen. Manson ($500.00).
Pro: Sen. Caracoza- Believes that the advantage of this bill is to have a student presence at the president’s retirement luncheon. It is our duty to represent the students.
Con: Sen. Meza- Feels like he has no business at this event. He doesn’t even know who Dr. Sprink is and feels like the money could be used for something else.
The bill received 3 yes votes, 1 no vote, and 6 abstentions. The bill does not pass.
B. Sustainable Works ($150.00).
Sen. Caracoza- Stated that the senate has been lobbied for quite some time regarding this issue. Sustainable works has gotten approval for their event by the facilities and the Work Environment Committee. They are asking for $150.00 for food and prizes.
Sen. Purnell- Stated that he thinks the amount should be $200.00.
Sen. Purnell moved to amend the amount for $200.00, Sen. Manson 2nd that motion and wished to amend the amount again for $300.00.
Sen. Meza-
Sen. Vedder-
Sen. Binns- Stated that this is a good program and it should be ongoing. However, doing it on a regular basis while providing funds can get expensive.

Sen. Caracoza- Answered Senator Purnell’s suggestion by stating that they didn’t want more funds and felt that $150.00 was alright. However, they would appreciate more money. In answer to Senator Binns, Senator Caracoza stated that spending this same amount on a regular basis would indeed be expensive.

Sen. Purnell- Stated that he was under the impression this was on one-time event.

Sen. Binns- Stated that the different department heads agreed to pick up this activity as a monthly event.

Sen. Caracoza- Stated that whatever little help they can get they would appreciate. Funding for additional events can be discussed at a later time.

Sen. Jenkins- Stated that $150.00 seems like a small amount. This is their first event so it’s like a grand opening. Therefore it would not be necessary to spend such a large amount on later events.

Sen. Meza- Asked what they would be purchasing for food and how much would go for prizes.

Sen. Caracoza- Stated that as it stands it looks like they have 100 people who will be attending. Off the top of this amount $100.00 will be used for pizza.

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

Sen. Binns- Asked if it was really our concern what they spend the money on.

Sen. Caracoza- Stated that their plans are fairly solid. They plan to spend $100.00 on food and $50.00 on prizes. He said that Miss Flinkin has made arrangements to maximize whatever amount of money they are given. He also stated that he will make sure they stick to whatever expenditures they originally planned.

Mercy Yanez- Stated that Miss Flinkin may have to pay for the food and prizes up front and get reimbursed.

Sen. Caracoza- Stated that he informed her of that possibility.

Sen. Manson- Stated that he feels we shouldn’t micromanage and that we should just approve it.

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

President Delgado- Stated that perhaps it could be amended to $200.00 for food and $50.00 for prizes.

Sen. Caracoza- Suggested taking a conservative approach and allocating $100.00 for food and $100.00 for prizes.

Sen. Purnell moved to amend the motion from $150.00 to $250.00 ($200.00 for food and $50.00 for prizes), Sen. Manson 2nd.

9 voted in favor of the amendment by a show of hands. The amendment passed.

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. New TV for Seahawk Center

Sen. Purnell- Stated that it was brought to his attention that there is no television in the Seahawk Center. He wants to present a bill to purchase a new television.

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

Sen. Meza- Stated that they got three quotes for televisions. Those quotes are as follows: $900.00, $1,649.00, and $1,800 for a large screen television. Those prices
include the wall mount and cable hook ups. The cable bill is currently being for by the ASO, but there is no working television for students to view. He believes that it is wise to invest in a quality product since it will be used all the time. Senator Purnell and Senator Meza are asking for $2,000.

V.P. of Finance- Rose to a point of personal privilege.

Sen. Binns- Proposed that we purchase two 32 inch TV's instead of a large screen television.

Sen. Binns moved to go to information items, Sen. Manson 2nd.

Sen. Binns- Raised a question regarding finances. He requested to see actual bank statements rather than a printout of our balances.

President Delgado- Stated that it is a matter of public request. The DR forms that are generated to authorize the release of funds from our accounts are on record. He also stated that he has never requested to see actual bank statements.

Mercy-

Sen. Jenkins moved to return to the orders of the day, Sen. Manson 2nd.

VIII. SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS (4 MINUTES PER PERSON)

A. Campus Safety Task Force: Sen. Binns- Reported that there has been discussion in the Work Environment Committee about the possibility of putting in surveillance cameras. They may be in hallways, classrooms, and outside of doors.

Sen. Caracoza- Clarified that the cameras will be on corners and exterior buildings.

Sen. Purnell-

Sen. Caracoza- Encouraged that senators attend the Work Environment Committee to voice their opinions.

Sen. Purnell- Stated that cameras should be in the parking lots.

Sen. Jenkins- Voiced concerns about the parking lot that is being leased from the golf course across the street. She also wanted to know what could be done to make that parking lot more safe since it is city property.

Senator Caracoza moved to return to action items in order to vote on the Sustainable Works bill as amended, Sen. Jenkins 2nd.

Sustainable Works- Sen. Caracoza ($150.00, amended to $250.00)

8 voted in favor by a show of hands. The bill passed.

Sen. Jenkins moved to return to the orders of the day, Sen. Caracoza 2nd.

B. Events/Activities: Sen. Caracoza- Reported that concerns have risen regarding the ASO’s lack of presence at Denim Day.

Mercy Yanez- Stated that she didn’t like the approach they took in soliciting our cooperation.

Sen. Meza- Stated that he didn’t get a shirt and didn’t even know that there was an event.

Sen. Caracoza- Stated that we were not aware it was required for us to attend.

Mercy Yanez- Stated that she believes there was a miscommunication between Dr. Bonnie’s office and Steven.

Sen. Caracoza- Concluded his report by thanking everyone for their questions and concerns.

IX. EXECUTIVE CABINET REPORTS (5 MINUTES PER PERSON)
A. President: Steven Delgado - Thanked everyone for going to the Town Hall meeting. There was a good turnout. Students had good questions for Senator Oropeza. Everyone enjoyed the food. In regards to Denim Day he informed the senate that we have been supporting this event for years. In the past we’ve proposed a bill for this event. However, we’ve been crammed this semester. He commended the senate for doing a tremendous job. He said he did email with Dr. Bonnie, however, plans for the senate to cooperate with them for Denim Day were last minute. He also reminded everyone that the Blood Drive is coming up next week and it will be 9am to 3pm.

B. Vice President: April Abercrombie - Voiced her concern about the lack of communication on campus. She let everyone know that the voting times are from 8am to 7:30pm. She asked the senators to get out there and inform the students. She stated that it is important, as a senator, to put yourself out there and communicate with students.

C. V.P. of Finance: Derek Hanna - No Report.

D. Secretary: Dawn Castillo - No Report.

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

XI. INFORMATION ITEMS (4 MINUTES PER PERSON)
None.

XII. ADVISOR’S COMMENTS (10 MINUTES)
No Report.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT
Sen. Caracoza moved to adjourn the meeting, Sen. Purnell 2nd. The meeting was adjourned at 2:30pm.