A.S.O. Senate Minutes

8th Meeting

May 5, 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 1:20pm and led us in the pledge of allegiance.

II. ROLL CALL
Sen. Caracoza moved to recess for 5 minutes in order to have copies of the addendums distributed, Sen. Purnell 2nd.
Sen. Caracoza moved to extend the recess for an additional 5 minutes, Sen. Delacruz 2nd.
Sen. Meza moved to resume the orders of the day, Sen. Wright 2nd.
Sen. Jenkins moved to amend the agenda to include the CARE Conference bill, Sen. Sanchez 2nd.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (1 MINUTE)

IV. PUBLIC FORUM (2 MINUTES PER PERSON)
Omar Solano- Introduced himself as the president of the Creando Un Nuevo Futuro club. He inquired about what kind of assistance is available from the ASO. He stated that they are a small group. They are currently having one to two fundraisers a month.
Sen. Manson- Asked how much money they will need and when do they need it by.
Omar Solano- Answered that what they really need is help with tuition.
President Delgado- Asked if they received their club seed money.
Omar Solano- Answered that they did receive their seed money.
Sen. Meza- Asked if they were aware of the upcoming Spring Fling and suggested participating as a possible fundraiser. The Spring Fling is on Wednesday, May 12th.
Omar Solano- Answered that he was not aware of the Spring Fling event and that they meet on Wednesdays. Perhaps that is an option.
Sen. Caracoza- Asked if they were requesting some type of additional seed money or if it was some kind of more immediate assistance they required.
Omar Solano- Answered that their need was more immediate and that it was mostly assistance with tuition that they required as most of their members owe a balance on tuition.
Sen. Binns- Asked if the money allocated for scholarships has been spent yet.
Mercy Yanez- Answered that the money has not been awarded yet. The scholarship committee is getting ready to disburse that money soon. Also they are not eligible to receive that scholarship money because it is allocated for ASO senators.
President Delgado- Expressed his view that it would be better that they did not receive tuition money from the ASO directly. It would be better that they receive assistance for fundraising and raise the funds for their tuition.
Sen. Meza and President Delgado- Volunteered to formulate a bill to assist Creando Un Nuevo Futuro.
Omar Solano- Asked what the club seed money was for and how they use it.
Sen. Jenkins-
Sen. Manson-
Sen. Caracoza- Volunteered to assist with this bill as well.
Magaly Sanchez- Informed the senate that the transfer rate of Harbor College students to four year universities is only six percent. She asked the senate to formulate a bill that will help raise student awareness about how to transfer to a four year institution.
Sen. Caracoza- Pointed out that there are the Honors Transfer Program, Honors Transfer Club, and Transfer Center on campus. All of these are available to students for just that purpose.
Magaly Sanchez-
President Delgado-
Sen. Meza- Suggested that Magaly set up a booth to raise awareness at the Spring Fling.
Sen. Purnell- Asked if we can work with the Transfer Center to have someone from a different school come every week.
Sen. Jenkins- Answered that they already do that.
Sen. Caracoza- Rose a point of clarification. He spoke to a rep on campus and he has seen tables set up in high visibility.
Mercy Yanez- Asked what Magaly’s source for the six percent was.
Magaly Sanchez- Answered that someone working in the Transfer Center told her.
Mercy Yanez- Suggested that we invite Leige Doffany, the director of the Transfer Center, to come and give a presentation.
Magaly Sanchez- Stressed the importance to focus on the students who are lacking the motivation or confidence to transfer.
President Delgado-
Sen. Howard- Suggested that we have an end of semester celebration.
Sen. Howard- Rose to a point of personal privilege.
Esteban Robledo-
Sen. Manson moved to postpone the fifteen minute tutorial until next week, Sen. Purnell 2nd.

V. NEW BUSINESS LEGISLATION BILL (PRO/CON)
VI. ACTION ITEMS
A. Purchase of TV
   Sen. Meza- Informed the senate that he found out the ASO is still paying the cable bill. Therefore the longer we are left without a television the longer we spend money on cable that we are not using. The television will be wall mounted. We will be getting a cover. The students seem to be happy with one big television rather than two smaller televisions. The cost of the television will not exceed $2,000.00. Sen. Wright- Asked a question regarding the print out of the proposed budget. President Delgado-
   Sen. Caracoza- Rose to a point of clarification. He clarified that Senator Wright is asking whether the amounts he has on the printout are an approximate amounts or accurate amounts.
   Mercy Yanez- Suggested that the senate form a committee to address the budget issues. Mona Abdula is new in the office and there are concerns that she will be overwhelmed with individual requests for budget details. She informed the senate that this department does not cut checks. She suggested that the senators ask Nina Malone for information since she understands how the budget works. She also suggested asking the Business Office for assistance in understanding how the budget works.
   President Delgado- Also pointed out that the Seahawk Center is run out of the money from these accounts.
   Mercy Yanez-
   Sen. Manson-
   Sen. Caracoza- Stated that there should be a motion to remand the topic to a committee. Sen. Caracoza moved to remand the topic to a committee, Sen. Manson 2nd.
   Sen. Jenkins- Stated that there should be four to five senators on this committee. She said that she would be interested in serving on this committee. She also stated that this is something that should be started now and should continue.
   Pro: Sen. Binns- Stated that a lot of people come to the Seahawk Center to socialize. The purchase of a new television would likely attract more people and raise student morale.
   Con: Sen. Manson- Stated that having a television in the Seahawk Center might distract students from their studies.

B. Election Drive
   Sen. Manson- Stated that he is holding an election drive for the June 8th primaries. Sen. Meza- Stated that the money Senator Manson is requesting is for treats and supplies such as clipboards. The treats would go to people who register to vote with us.
   Pro: Sen. Purnell- Stated that this is a good idea to raise awareness about voting.
   Con: Sen. Caracoza- Stated that incentives are almost like buying someone’s vote.

C. Plaque
   Sen. Jenkins- Stated that the President’s Luncheon will be on June 2nd. There is an addendum attached to her bill. The addendum shows a picture of the plaque along
with the inscription that will go on it. It will cost $200.10 with shipping. There is no tax.
Sen. Delacruz- Rose to a point of personal privilege.
Pro: Sen. Caracruz- Stated that we may no agree on policies. However, when it comes to a position of authority, the position at minimum should be respected. Regardless of opinions Dr. Spink's office should be respected. The plaque is in good taste. Awarding the plaque to Dr. Spink leaves a door of amicability open.
Con: Sen. Sanchez- Doesn't feel like we should buy President Spink a plaque. She doesn’t know what President Spink has ever done for us.

D. President’s Luncheon
Sen. Jenkins- Stated that this bill had been presented last week and didn’t pass. She reduced the cost which will be $270.00. She also reduced the number of senators who will be attending to four. She felt that, based on discussions from previous meetings, the majority of the senators did not want to go. She stated that it would be disrespectful not to have representation there. President Spink made sure we had a summer session before she left us and she didn’t have to. For that, at the very least, we should attend. Senator Jenkins stated that she doesn’t care who goes, but someone should be there.
Sen. Meza- Stated that he just wanted to reinforce what Senator Jenkins and Senator Caracoza expressed. He stated that $270.00 is a great price.
President Delgado-
Vice President Abercrombie- Stated that if we don’t go it will not bode well for the senate.
Sen. Purnell- Asked who is interested in going?
Sen. Binns- Stated that this opportunity should be opened up to all students and not just senators.
Vice President Abercrombie- Stated that we should broach that possibility with great care.
Sen. Wright-
Sen. Jenkins- Answered that last week no one had presented a bill for the plaque. She felt the money was the issue that prevented the bill for the luncheon passing. Therefore she reduced the number of people attending in order to reduce the cost. She felt that since few senators seemed interested in attending it would not be an issue. She drafted the bill for the plaque separately.
Pro: Sen. Caracoza- Stated it is our duty as members of the senate to be there by virtue of our office. It would be best to have our officers there and then any interested senators. The amount proposed for both bills falls far below the amounts we have discussed in prior meetings. It is mandatory for us to be present. The amount is low and we should pass this bill.
Con: Sen. Binns- States that his objection to this bill is that it should be opened up to students and not just senators.

E. CARE Conference
Sen. Delacruz- Stated she is requesting $350.00 for the CARE Conference. The money is for gift cards that will be given to mothers in the CARE program for Mother’s Day.
Sen. Jenkins- Rose to a point of clarification. The date of the event is May 7th not March 7th. The bill says March 7th.
President Delgado-
Sen. Delacruz-
Mercy Yanez- Stated that EOPS had money allocated for this conference, but she gave the money to a student in her program that was about to become homeless. That is why they are requesting funds.
Sen. Caracoza-
Sen. Vedder- Asked if each mother would be getting a gift card.
Mercy Yanez- Stated that there is not enough money to give every mother a gift card. They will be raffled off.
Sen. Purnell moved to go to action items, Sen. Delacruz 2nd.
President Delgado moved to vote by a show of hands, Sen. Delacruz 2nd.

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS
None.

VIII. SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS (4 MINUTES PER PERSON)
B. Events/Activities: Sen. Caracoza- Stated that Creando Un Nuevo Futuro had a fundraiser today. He also reported that Sustainable Works are very appreciative for our assistance.
Sen. Manson- Stated that there is a meeting in the ASO Senate Room of the County Registrar.
President Delgado- Stated that Spring Fling will be next Wednesday from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.
Sen. Manson- Rose to a point of privilege.
Sen. Binns- Stated that Senator Howard wanted him to say there’s a fee for renting the BBQ from ASO. This means that they are giving us our seed money back by having to pay it.
Sen. Jenkins- Stated that the fee is for the propane. They have to pay for the materials.

IX. EXECUTIVE CABINET REPORTS (5 MINUTES PER PERSON)
A. President: Steven Delgado- Told everyone to study hard for finals. He stated that he will be a senator next semester and hopes to work with everyone next semester.
B. Vice President: April Abercrombie- Wished everyone a happy Cinco De Mayo. She told everyone to keep up the great work.
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. Purnell moved to adjourn the meeting, Sen. Delacruz 2nd.
   The meeting was adjourned at 3:01 pm.