Executive Finance Committee Minutes

2nd Meeting

12:30 pm

Los Angeles Harbor College, Global Classroom

(Learning Resource Center, 2nd Floor)

I. CALL TO ORDER PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Vice President of Finance Blanca Sanchez called the meeting to order at 12:40 pm and led us in the pledge of allegiance.

II. ROLL CALL
Present: Brendan Binns, Mercy Yanez, Yvonne Pueblos, and Nestor Tann.
Absent: Mari Ashley Andrews.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
The motion to approve the agenda was made and carried with a 1st from Nestor Tann and a 2nd from Yvonne Pueblos.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
The motion to approve the agenda was made and carried with a 1st from Mercy Yanez and a 2nd from Yvonne Pueblos.

V. PUBLIC FORUM
Steven Delgado—Thanked everyone for attending and welcomed those present.

VI. NEW BUSINESS
A. Hall of Fame
Julio Manson stated that this event was an opportunity to build good relations between the foundation and the senate. We were invited by the foundation. The event occurred before the bill could be approved by the senate. The amount requested is now $455 instead of $700 due to the fact that only seven attended. The payment will be retroactive.
Mercy Yanez stated that we forgot to put it on the agenda last week. That is why it’s coming to this board so late. Our intent was to invite 10 officers and senators. We called our senators and several declined so only 6 of us were able to attend plus Vice President Abbie Patterson. We were happy to be there and support that effort.
Yvonne Pueblos asked will the minutes reflect the change in cost?
Mercy Yanez answered that we will need a motion to amend the amount from $700.00 to $455.00.
The motion to amend the bill to read that seven representatives attended the event for a cost of $455.00 was made and carried with a 1st from Brendan Binns and a 2nd from Yvonne Pueblos.

B. Keeping the Tides
Julio Manson stated that this program is a higher priority for funding yet the Harbor Tides could not print this semester because they did not have the funds. If the paper is not printed then students will not be able to see the paper. The cost is $600 per print for four pages twice a semester.

The motion to remove Steven Delgado from this bill was made and carried with a 1st from Steven Delgado and a 2nd from Brendan Binns.

Yvonne Pueblos asked if the same company that has been doing the printing for the tides in the past will be doing the printing this semester. She also asked if there has been any research done to get other quotes.

Julio Manson stated that the decision is up to Professor McCloud or Carmen Carillo. All he asked is that this passes so the senate can decide.

Mercy Yanez stated that we need more information. Why is the college not supporting an academic program? She suggested we defer this to committee for further review.

Brendan Binns voiced his agreement with the suggestion of Mercy Yanez. The paper should be able to sustain itself. Also, it was brought to his attention that there was a donation that was misspent in the past. The paper should be able to sustain itself through the sale of advertising space.

Yvonne Pueblos stated that as a counselor I can see that this is important. Journalism students need to see that there is a journalism program on campus and that they can put what they are learning into practice.

Julio Manson responded that they do sell advertising, but they need a reliable print date in order to do that. This is why need seed money to get started.

Mercy Yanez responded that in order to make an effective decision we need more information. She stated that we need some data comparing print readership to online readership.

The motion to refer this issue to committee was made and carried with a 1st from Brendan Binns and a 2nd from Yvonne Pueblos.

C. Leadership Conference

Hashim Tyler stated that this bill will pay to send up to twenty senators to the Leadership Conference at Los Angeles Trade Tech College. This will be on October 15th. All nine Associated Student Organization will be attending. It’s an opportunity for both officers and senators to participate in a day-long training on leadership.

Brendan Binns asked if there will be a guest speaker.

Mercy Yanez answered yes there will be a guest speaker, our new chancellor, and all of the ASO advisors will be presenting as well.

Dawn Castillo stated that the money is mainly to pay for the food and not the speaker.

Brendan Binns asked what line item account will this money be coming from? Will this be coming out of the Student Rep Fee account?

Mercy Yanez answered that we are still researching that, but in the past it has come out of that account. They are still developing the program and they have not finalized the cost breakdown.

Yvonne Pueblos asked if this amount could change to cost either more or less?
Mercy Yanez answered that she does not anticipate it costing more than the amount allocated in the bill. The figures are based on projections of no more than sixteen senators attending.

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS
None.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS
A. Hall of Fame
   The bill received 3 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 0 abstentions. The bill passed.
B. Keeping the Tides Flowing
   The motion to table this bill to a future meeting before the end of the semester was made and carried with a 1st from Yvonne Pueblos and a 2nd from Brendan Binns. The motion was voted on and received 3 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 0 abstentions. The motion passed.
C. Leadership Conference
   The bill received 3 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 0 abstentions. The bill passed.

IX. ADJOURNMENT
Vice President of Finance Blanca Sanchez adjourned the meeting at 1:05 pm.