A.S.O. Election Committee Minutes  
April 21, 2010  
3:00 pm  
Los Angeles Harbor College, ASO Senate Room  
(Seahawk Center 2nd Floor)  

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I. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. ROLL CALL

Julio Manson, Brandon Purnell, Genesis Delacruz, Stephanee Vedder, Antonio Meza, Charmaine Jenkins.
*refer to Section 6, Article 6.1 of the ASHC Constitution.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (1 MINUTE)

IV. PUBLIC FORUM (2 MINUTES PER PERSON)

Esteban Robledo- Asked a question regarding campaign workers and questioned whether or not Steven Delgado should be able to act as a campaign worker or not.

Brendan Binns- Felt that Steven Delgado should be neutral as ASO president.

Mercy Yanez- Answered that in the bylaws it states that past alumni can’t endorse candidates.

Antonio Meza- Stated that he saw Steven Delgado working on April Abercrombie and Martin Caracoza’s campaign and he feels that is a violation because he believes that Steven Delgado is technically a member of this committee by virtue of the fact that he is president.

Mercy Yanez- Stated that Steven Delgado does not sit on this committee.

Brandon Purnell- Stated that he feels Steven Delgado as ASO president has influence over people and therefore a decision must be made whether he can be a campaign worker or not.

Esteban Robledo- Stated that the issue is not influence, but Steven Delgado’s position as president itself. He is not supposed to assist candidates. Mr. Robledo also accused Steven Delgado of using ASO materials for campaigning.

Sen. Jenkins- Asked for proof of these allegations.

April Abercrombie- Stated that in view of the fact that Steven Delgado was Esteban Robledo’s vice president and these allegations may be stemming from bad blood between the two and that possibility should not be ignored.

Blanca Sanchez- Asked that both candidates show receipts for materials they have been using.

Brandon Purnell- Asked that this be done at the next committee meeting.

Genesis Delacruz- Feels that anyone should be free to campaign for whomever they want.

Esteban Robledo- Argued that morally Steven Delgado should not be allowed to work as campaign staff.

Julio Manson- Stated that it is not the scope of this committee to vote on morals.

Brandon Purnell- Stated that until proof of any violation Steven Delgado is able to work as campaign staff.

V. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Election Debate

Brandon Purnell- Stated that the debate is on Monday at noon in the quad.

Brandon Purnell and Genesis Delacruz- Stated that they have class at that time.
Mercy Yanez- Stated that it is the responsibility of the members of this committee to be there to monitor.
Esteban Robledo- Stated that the committee has the ability to change the dates and times of the election or the debate.
Mercy Yanez- Stated that the dates or times for the debate cannot be changed because it has already been publicized, it is tied to the district election for the trustees, and the trustees are coming. She stated that as long as at least one committee member can be there throughout the hour it’s fine.
Antonio Meza- Volunteered to arbitrate the election debate.
Brandon Purnell- Stated that two questions should be allocated for each candidate and each candidate will be given three minutes to answer.
Charmaine Jenkins- Disagreed with that proposal and proposed that each candidate should get one and a half minutes to answer each question with thirty seconds for a rebuttal. Each candidate will be asked four questions.
Brandon Purnell- Suggested formulating the questions for the debate on the day of the event.
Esteban Robledo- Suggested setting up CC Confer to have a meeting via conference call to formulate the debate questions.
Mercy Yanez- Stated that using CC Confer would make the meeting subject to the Brown Act and would require those people on the phone to open up their locations to the public which is why that is not an option. She also stated that she does not see a reason to keep the questions secret.
Brandon Purnell- Stated that he did not want candidates to formulate statements ahead of time.
Brendan Binns- Stated that he did not see the reason for a thirty second rebuttal. He felt that two minutes was adequate time to respond if they are given the questions ahead of time.
Brandon Purnell- Stated that in the heat of the moment someone might say something that a candidate may wish to respond to and that is the reason for the rebuttal.
April Abercrombie- Stated that perhaps a professor should be enlisted to assist in the formulation of the debate questions.
Antonio Meza- Stated that the problem he sees with this is the possibility that a candidate may have class with that particular professor.
Mercy Yanez- Stated that there is something in our governing documents regarding endorsement of candidates by faculty.
Brandon Purnell- Stated that Antonio Meza will be the arbiter as decided by the group and will work on formulating the questions with one of the political science professors and Genesis Delacruz.
Mercy Yanez- Asked that the committee schedule one more meeting before the debate.
Brandon Purnell- Stated that the committee meeting will be on Friday after the Town Hall meeting at 2:30pm. It will be a special meeting. ASO has 24 hours to post an agenda. It will count as one of the mandatory election committee meetings and only one candidate from each side is required to be there.

B. Publicity Removal
No discussion.

C. Election
Esteban Robledo- Asked who the supervisor will be overlooking the ballot boxes and certifying that the ballot boxes are empty prior to voting.
Mercy Yanez- Stated that according to Dawn Castillo last Angeles Zesati was in charge so this year it will most likely be Mona Abdula.
Esteban Robledo- Cited the bylaws and stated that this committee must appoint official observers during the election. He also claimed that when the workers from the Beacon House changed shifts they left the ballot box unattended.
Mercy Yanez- Stated that she would like to add the utilization of computers to check eligibility for this election due to concerns about protecting personal information.
Esteban Robledo- Stated that last year the students from the Harbor Teacher Prep Academy wanted to vote, but were not able to. He also stated that some students wanted to use their driver’s license, but were not allowed to.
Mercy Yanez- We need to make sure they are current. If they are current and have an “88” number then they should be on the list.
Julio Manson- Stated that he only wants Harbor College students to be able to vote. That means they should have LAHC student id cards.
Antonio Meza moved that any student with a valid picture id with an “88” number shall be allowed to vote, Charmaine Jenkins 2nd.
Brandon Purnell- Stated that he and Julio Manson will be the official observers.
Esteban Robledo- Suggested that the ballot counting take place after the polls close on Thursday and stated that the people who counted the ballots last year were the members of election committee.
Brandon Purnell- Stated that was sufficient.
Antonio Meza moved that all the candidates have the right to be present at the counting of the ballots, Charmaine Jenkins 2nd.

VI. CHAIR AND CO-CHAIR REPORTS (5 MINUTES PER PERSON)
A. Chair- Julio Manson- no report.
B. Co-Chair- Brandon Purnell- no report.

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS (4 MINUTES PER PERSON)
VIII. Charmaine Jenkins- Stated that BSU will be having Taco Tuesday for fundraising next week.
IX. Mercy Yanez- Announced that she won her election and is now madame Vice President and no longer secretary.
X. ADJOURNMENT