A.S.O. Senate Minutes
1st Meeting
February 10, 2010
1:00 pm
Los Angeles Harbor College, ASO Senate Room
(Seahawk Center 2nd Floor)

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I. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Steven called the meeting to order at 1:15pm and led us in the pledge of allegiance.

II. INTRODUCTION OF NEW PRESIDENT AND ADVISOR

President Delgado-Expressed that he is the new ASO president and that last year he was the Executive Vice President. He stated that our previous president was no longer eligible due to E-Reg 22. He acknowledged that he resigned at the end of the previous semester, but he reconsidered his resignation. He stated that he thought long and hard about it and spoke with students as well as family and then decided to reconsider his resignation. He spoke to the advisor at the time and reconsidered his resignation and the administration accepted that. He stated that he appointed four new senators and sought the advice of John Clerks to ensure that we are doing everything according to regulation.

Mercy Yanez- Stated that she is the Associate Dean of the EOPS and CARE programs here at Harbor College. She has been here since 2004 and she has been in the community college system for ten years. She volunteered for the role of ASO advisor. She has also been President Spink’s representative on the EFC board since 2006. She is also the secretary for the EOPS association at the state level.

III. INDUCTIONS OF APPOINTED SENATORS

*refer to Section 7, Article 7.5 of the ASHC Bylaws.

Mercy Yanez inducted April Abercrombie and Priscilla Lefebre.

IV. ROLL CALL

Present: Mercy Yanez, Steven Delgado, Dawn Castillo, April Abercrombie, Priscilla Lefebre.

Absent: John Lim and Kevin Sherrod.

*refer to Section 6, Article 6.1 of the ASHC Constitution.

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (1 MINUTE)

April Abercrombie moved to approve the agenda, Priscilla Lefebre 2nd.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (1 MINUTE)

Priscilla Lefebre moved to approve the minutes, April Abercrombie 2nd.

VII. PUBLIC FORUM (2 MINUTES PER PERSON)

Esteban Robledo- Stated that we cannot have a meeting because we do not have quorum. Even if we are to appoint senators at this meeting they have to be appointed first. He stated that we are violating the Brown Act. He also asked if there was any attempt to contact him regarding his removal.

Steven Delgado- Stated that he was advised by John Clerks to establish a legislative cabinet and that would constitute quorum.

Mercy Yanez- Answered that the President of the college sent out a certified letter to Mr. Robledo early in January regarding his removal.

Esteban Robledo- Stated that he is eligible and that his grades were actually clerical errors.
Steven Delgado- Advised Mr. Robledo to contact the correct officials to see if that is in fact correct.
Esteban Robledo- That he is here as a courtesy to the students participating in this meeting and to let them know that this meeting is illegal.
Steven Delgado- Thanked Mr. Robledo for his opinions and advice.
Esteban Robledo- Stated that his presence here is not to support. He also stated that President Delgado’s resignation is in fact valid and that he has resigned.
Helena Botros- Stated that she is here to inform the senate of two classes being offered. They are Political Science 41 and Political Science 285. She stated that Political Science 41 is called Principles of Student Leadership and it will help senators learn how government works. The second class is a constitution and bylaws class. She stated that if anyone needs an add slip she will be here throughout the entire meeting.
Betty Rios- Introduced herself as an intern for the American Federation of Teachers. She stated that there is one position open for the internship. It pays $1,000 per semester and they are looking for good candidates. They are hoping to do interviews next week. The internship deals with lobbying to legislators. If anyone is interested please see her after the meeting.
Joseph Aguilar- Yielded his time to speak to Esteban Robledo.
Esteban Robledo- Addressed the senate and gave his phone number: 951-220-1851. He stated that if anyone would like more information they can call him and he cautioned them to be informed in order to avoid any liability for participating in any misuse of funds by the ASO.
Mercy Yaney- Point of clarification, stated that in California Ed code it states that the Board of Trustees affords the student government of each college to operate. I just want to make sure that everyone knows that we are a body because the Board of Trustees allows us to be a body.
Daniel Calfy- Stated that in the event of an officer’s resignation there should be an emergency election and that person should be re-elected if he/she wishes to hold that office again.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS LEGISLATION BILL (PRO/CON)
A. Nomination of Pro Tempore.
   April Abercrombie nominated herself for Pro Tempore.
B. Nomination of Executive Finance Representative.
   No nominees.
C. Campaign Speeches.
   April Abercrombie- Feels that she brings unbiased wisdom to our students. Her goal is to provide a positive environment for everyone here.

IX. ACTION ITEMS
A. Election of Pro Tempore.
   April Abercrombie won by unanimous vote.
B. Election of Executive Finance Representative.
   No voting took place at this time.

X. DISCUSSION ITEMS
A. Lobbying /Advocacy.
   President Delgado- Stated that he is a member of the American Federation of Teacher’s internship program. He stated that they will be visiting state legislators and speak on behalf of programs that are going to be cut. We are also going to share personal stories about how the loss of summer and winter sessions are affecting us.
B. Financial Aid Awareness.
President Delgado- Today was Financial Aid Awareness day. There was a presentation at NEA 225. The deadline for filling out the FAFSA. President Obama is increasing the Federal Pell Grants.

C. I-Tap Program.
President Delgado- That is the Metro corporation’s new program which allows full-time community college students to ride Metro for $15.00 for the semester. There are individuals who will be here on campus tomorrow to pass out flyers and give information about that program.

D. Required 25 Signatures for Election of Legislative Cabinet.
President Delgado- Today we have appointed two senators and to allow all students on campus to be part of the senate we should call a special election. Students can go out and collect 25 signatures and be elected to the senate.
April Abercrombie- Can the signatures be from any student or do they have to members of the ASO.
President Delgado- They do not have to be ASHC members.
Dawn Castillo- Stated that in the past prospective senators have turned in hand written papers with their signatures.
President Delgado- Stated that he wants a form generated for this purpose.

XI. SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS (4 MINUTES PER PERSON)
A. Media and Publicity Committee:
B. Campus Safety Task Force:
April Abercrombie volunteered to chair this committee.
C. Events/Activities Committee:
Priscilla Lefebre volunteered to chair this committee.

XII. EXECUTIVE CABINET REPORTS (5 MINUTES PER PERSON)
A. President: Steven Delgado- Wants to hit the ground running. His goal is to make sure that we abide by the proper procedures and keep positive. He wants to ensure that LAHC has a student body government in place so they can get things done. He also wants us to advocate for the students.
B. Vice President- Vacant
C. V.P. of Finance- Vacant
D. Secretary: Dawn Castillo- I have your packets ready for you. If you need me you know where I am, right next door.

XIII. SHARED GOVERNANCE REPORTS (3 MINUTES PER PERSON)
A. CPC- No Reports.
Academic Affairs: President Delgado- Reported that the business of this meeting pertained to accreditation.
B. Student Services Cluster Meeting- No Reports.
C. Academic Senate- No Reports.
D. Work Environment- No Reports.

XIV. INFORMATION ITEMS (4 MINUTES PER PERSON)
April Abercrombie- Wants to get the word out about the CARE and GAIN program and the help that is available for single mothers and families on state aid.
Mercy Yanez- There are two programs on campus to help people on state assistance. One is Cal Works and the CARE program is under EOPS.

XV. ADVISOR’S COMMENTS (10 MINUTES)
Mercy Yanez-
See attached report.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT
Priscilla Lefebre moved to adjourn the meeting, April Abercrombie 2nd.
For additional information please refer to the Associated Students Organization website.

www.lahc.edu/studentservices/aso/aso.html