

A.S.O. Senate Minutes

3rd Meeting

September 29, 2009

Los Angeles Harbor College NEAH 213

I. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Steven Delgado called the meeting to order at 1:01pm and led us in the pledge of allegiance.

II. INDUCTIONS

Kevin Sherrod, Azaria Rodriguez, Robert Gaudin, Donald Matthews, Betty Rios, and Jose Romero.

III. ROLL CALL

Present: Sen. Alvarado, Sen. Arreola, Sen. Bernasconi, Sen. Binns, Sen. Estrada, Sen. Garcia, Sen. Gray, Sen. Jackson, Sen. Lavezzarri, Sen. Mathis, Sen. Dalyan, Sen. Pedroza, Sen. Gustchen, Sen. Reyna, Sen. Rohar, Sen. Varghese, Sen. Thomas, Sen. Bakar, Sen. Romero, Sen. Rodriguez, Sen. Gaudin, Sen. Sherrod, and Sen. Rios.

Absent: Sen. Aguallo, Sen. Andrade, Sen. Diaz, Sen. Owens, Sen. Velasquez, Sen. Widby, Sen. Abercrombie, and Sen. Proebsting.

Late: Sen. Collins, and Sen. Lefebrie.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (1 MINUTE)

Sen. Reyna moved to approve the agenda, Sen. Alvarado 2nd.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (1 MINUTE)

Sen. Alvarado moved to amend the location of the meeting to NEA 213.

Sen. Dalyan moved to approve the minutes as amended, Sen. Reyna 2nd.

VI. PUBLIC FORUM

Mysha- "Hi I'm Mysha. Today I'm here to talk about animal rights. I don't know if you saw me talking outside. So the topic today I was discussing McDonald's and how they treat chickens in slaughter farms. What I'm trying to advocate by people signing the petition is free range chicken. Not only is it better for your body, but it's better for the environment. It's also more humane. In slaughter farms they give chickens all kinds of chemicals and pump up full of hormones. That's why you have so many children are becoming adults at seven or eight. With the free range hens they're not in confinement, they're getting all

kinds of nutrients, so they can walk around, spread their wings, go dust bathing so they'll be healthier and happier. Also I have a lot of material if you want more information about it."

Sen. Dalyan moved to continue the conversation, Sen. Pedroza 2nd.

Mysha-"The only way I can get people know about this is by handing out materials, passing around petitions. Once we have signatures we can show the companies that look all these people don't like your food, maybe you should change. Or we will look at getting enough signatures and we can maybe put it on the ballot."

Sen. Jackson-"Is McDonald's the only fast food chain that does this?"

Mysha-"KFC does it too and we've been fighting with it them about it forever. What they do is, actually they were forced to change their name from Kentucky Fried Chicken to KFC because their chicken isn't really chicken at all. They have these nasty, mutated, cloned chickens. They're not even real chicken at all. So if you go to the PETA website you can get all the information. I'm representing PETA. We're a non-profit organization."

VII. NEW BUSINESS LEGISLATION BILL (PRO/CON)

A. College University Transfer Fair- Sen. Marina Mathis (\$300.00).

Sen. Mathis-"I'm Senator Mathis and I am representing the College University Transfer Fair along with Mrs. Doffoney from the transfer center. We are requesting \$300 to cover all of the representative, there are thirty representatives from various colleges, and also ten staff members will be fed. If you all approve the \$300 everybody will be fed and be happy. I think this will be a good event because everybody wants to transfer to a four year college so if you have any questions you'll be able to ask."

Sen. Dalyan moved to open discussion, Sen. Jackson 2nd.

Sen. Dalyan-"Ten dollars for each person? What are you feeding them?"

Sen. Mathis-"Subway, but you also have to count for chips and drinks. That wasn't my idea so you have to talk about Mrs. Doffoney."

Nina Malone-"Somebody at this point could amend the bill to say up to \$300."

Sen. Reyna moved to close discussion, Sen. Bakar 2nd.

Pro: Sen. Garcia-"I think this bill should pass because it's a junior college and the whole point of a junior college is to transfer to a university. This will help us get information on how to transfer to UC's or Cal States which is what most people want."

Con: Sen. Alvarado-"I see this as only benefiting staff members of other colleges. They're getting paid they can always just go buy something."

Pro: Sen. Dalyan-"I think it's a good bill because a lot of us want to transfer out and without them we wouldn't really know where to go or how to go. This is a small thing we can do for them."

Con: Sen. Sherrod-"I think when transfer people come and they try to give information about the different colleges their information isn't as accurate as they portray it to be and for us to spend money on keeping these people on campus and giving them food. I think if they're not actual counselors and can't give us accurate information then it's unnecessary. I think that we have counselors on campus and we should direct the students to our counselor's as opposed to bringing people from other campuses to pretty much give us the run around."

B. Dia De Los Muertos- Sen. Claryn Jackson (\$200.00).

Sen. Jackson-"I'm Senator Jackson. October 29th we're celebrating the Day of the Dead. The students will benefit by knowing and understanding the Day of the Dead. It's a two hour presentation on death in medieval literature and we're asking for \$200 for a guest speaker from Cal State Dominguez for that day."

Sen. Pedroza moved to open discussion, Sen. Sherrod 2nd.

Sen. Pedroza-"I just have a quick question. Does that have anything to do with what Professor Hernandez was talking about?"

Sen. Jackson-"Yes. He came last week."

Sen. Pedroza-"I was supposed to be on that bill. One of the girls dropped or something."

Sen. Dalyan-"What are you proposing?"

Sen. Jackson-"It's an event called Day of the Dead. It's a Mexican holiday and we're having a guest speaker. That's what the \$200 is for."

Sen. Lavezarri moved to close discussion, Sen. Bakar 2nd.

Pro: Sen. Dalyan-"I think it's a good idea because most of us just celebrate Halloween and we don't really know what the tradition is behind it. I really do not know what is Dia De Los Muertos, I just know about it. I think it's good because a lot of people are Hispanic in the school and it's good to learn. So I'm for it."

Con: Sen. Garcia-"Let's face it. Harbor College students aren't really known for getting involved in that kind of stuff on campus and using \$200 when it's not guaranteed that a certain percentage of students are going to go to the presentation it could be a waste of money. I think you should amend the bill and add some kind of incentive for students to actually go."

Pro: Sen. Bakar-"I'm for this because I think it's very important for people to learn about different cultures and different heritages. I think it would be a great experience if a lot of people went to it because half of our population is Hispanic."

Con: Sen. Bernasconi-"I think we should get a list of people who are going so we can see if it's worth it or not."

Sen. Dalyan rose to a point of personal privilege.

Sen. Gustchen rose to a point of personal privilege.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS (NO DISCUSSION, VOTING ONLY)

- A. College University Transfer Fair- Sen. Marina Mathis (\$300.00).

The bill received 18 yes vote, 1 no vote, and 5 abstention.

- B. Dia De Los Muertos- Sen. Claryn Jackson (\$200.00).

The bill received 13 yes votes, 7 no votes, and 4 abstention.

Sen. Rohar moved to suspend the orders of the day to allow Dr. Spink time to speak, Sen. Reyna 2nd.

Dr. Spink-"I try to come regularly to your meetings, maybe once a month or so to see if you have any questions, answer to any issues, any concerns you want to share with me as president of the college. So I usually just open it up and ask what questions you have. With that I'm going to open it up and ask what you would like to talk to me about."

Sen. Jackson-"I want to know about winter session."

Dr. Spink-"We are not going to run winter session. We did a computer run and fifty percent of the students who take classes in the winter and the summer sessions are not our students who regularly come here whereas during the full semester you guys are here as our students. So we feel more of a commitment to all of you as opposed to the students of the Cal States that are trying to pick up classes. It costs us seven million dollars to run winter session. It's a major expense, but we're trying to not hurt fall and spring as much as some of the other colleges."

Anacani Macias-"What about summer session?"

Dr. Spink-"We're undecided on that yet. We will probably not run summer one which is up until July first. I'd say 90 percent we will run for classes in July. If we don't reach the numbers we have to for the state and we'll know that by three or four weeks into the term we'll run some summer one classes or add some late start classes. The state pays us for a certain number of students and they have cut what they are willing to pay for, but we have twelve percent. We're trying to accommodate you."

Esteban Robledo-"What about Pace?"

Dr. Spink-"We have a different chancellor. Pace ran last summer because in the union contract it says to run it year round. The last chancellor said to run it last summer. So I wouldn't anticipate that being an issue, but we are not interested in running it through winter."

Esteban Robledo-"What about EOPS?"

Dr. Spink-"Those are monies that are given to us by the state and they have been cut by forty percent. The first thing we cut was all extra hours for staff and then we had to start cutting book funds."

Sen. Bakar-"I actually have a little concern about the counselors. Today I went to make an appointment and the waiting list is six to nine weeks. I don't understand how do we not have enough counselors?"

Dr. Spink-"We have nine counselors and ten thousand students so the answer to your question is no, we don't have enough counselors. My suggestion would be to drop into the transfer center. I think that would be a little faster. That's the best suggestion I have. The wait used to be three weeks. I'm sorry to hear that it's six now. We're not going to be hiring any new counselors. I have been suggesting group counseling."

Nina Malone-"That would be something that if this was interested in could become a resolution."

Sen. Rohar-"When do you think the parking will be done?"

Dr. Spink-"I drove the parking lots to see how it was after lunch. We haven't had a problem this semester. What the project is, this week's going to be the worst as far as closures, next week some of the closures will be opening up to you, all those car ports are going to be put on with solar panels. We are flipping the switch so to speak in December/January and we are going to be generating about two thirds of our own power. That's part of our being a green campus. I know it's a nightmare, but you will have shaded parking."

Sen. Pedroza-"I know we're all suffering from the economy, but as far as Harbor are you expecting future cuts that you are discussing right now that you have in mind?"

Dr. Spink-"You need to bear in mind that we're funded totally by the state so when you hear it from the state you know it's going to effect us. We don't know about any. At the same time I've told my staff to prepare for it. I'm thinking we're going to get some mid-year cuts. If they do that it's going to translate to the district. We get about nine percent of the district budget. So that's how you know when you hear it on the news without me coming to a meeting. Then the cuts get talked about at the College Planning

Council, it gets talked about at Academic Affairs Cluster, and the Budget Committee should be put together, and I go to the Academic Senate to talk about it and you all have reps on those committees.”

Sen. Rios-“My question is do you have any kind of way of meeting with a student one on one on certain issues?”

Dr. Spink-“It depends on the issue. I will meet with your executive cabinet members. If you call my assistant you will be asked what the issue is. The only time I would really get involved is if it was some kind of harassment issue.”

Sen. Thomas moved to return to the orders of the day, Sen. Gustchen 2nd.

IX. DISCUSSION ITEMS

None.

X. SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS (2 MINUTES PER PERSON)

Esteban Robledo entertained a motion to have time to speak.

Sen. Alvarado moved to give the president 10 minutes, Sen. Varghese 2nd.

Esteban Robledo- President Robledo assigned interested senators to chair and form the following committees: Constitution and Bylaws Committee, Regional Relations Committee, Media and Publicity Committee, and Shared Governance Liaison.

Sen. Gustchen rose to a point of personal privilege.

Sen. Thomas was interested in chairing the Constitution and Bylaws Committee and rose to a point of personal privilege.

Sen. Rodriguez was interested in joining the Regional Committee.

Sen. Reyna rose to a point of personal privilege.

Sen. Pedroza was interested in joining the Regional Committee.

Sen. Sherrod was interested in joining the Regional Committee.

Sen. Alvarado moved to suspend the orders of the day in order to continue the assignment of Special Committees, Sen. Pedroza 2nd.

Esteban Robledo-“

Sen. Bernasconi was interested in joining the Regional Committee.

Sen. Alvarado was interested in becoming the Shared Governance Liaison.

Sen. Lavezzari rose to a point of personal privilege.

Sen. Alvarado moved to return to the orders of the day, Sen. Arreola 2nd.

XI. APPOINTED LIASON REPORTS (2 MINUTES PER PERSON)

- A. Shared Governance Liaison: No Reports.
- B. Media Liaison: No Reports.
- C. Events Planning Liaison: No Reports.
- D. Seahawk Center Activities Coordinator: No Reports.

XII. EXECUTIVE CABINET REPORTS (2 MINUTES PER PERSON)

- A. President: Esteban Robledo- "In regards to the region, there's really nothing going on. Other campuses are forming their senates, getting the year planned out, kind of what we're going. There's a general assembly in Sacramento. I will bring you more information next week."
- B. Vice President: Steven Delgado- "I received a memo from Joe Lucas. There's an opportunity for students at Harbor College to attend a green technology summit. Nina Malone brought it up. Students will volunteer their time. Admission is free. They are looking for two to three students or at least one to represent Harbor College. Student will get points for attending the Pasadena summit. For further information see me after the meeting."
- C. V.P. of Finance: Anacani Macias- No Report.
- D. Secretary: Dawn Castillo- "All I got is that if you are new you can go ahead and follow me up to the office after the meeting so you can get your contracts and I'll take down your name so I can make up your folders for you."

XIII. SHARED GOVERNANCE REPORTS (2 MINUTES PER PERSON)

- A. CPC- Sen. Garcia reported that the CPC meeting on September 28th had been cancelled.
- B. Academic Affairs- No Reports.
- C. Student Services- No Reports.
- D. Work Environment- No Reports.
- E. Budget- No Reports.
- F. Academic Senate- No Reports.

XIV. INFORMATION ITEMS

Sen. Thomas-“I came up with this idea. Unless you are a “jock” you don’t really know how to support the football team and you don’t really know who is in your senate so I came up with a t-shirt contest.”

Steven Delgado-“I’ll go ahead and help her out with this. What she is referring to where’s the student morale. One thing I’ve seen at a conference is that other ASO’s have is t-shirts so what she wants to do is run a contest to design ASO t-shirts.”

Nina Malone-“She can present the bill pending the design contest. She can go forward and present it to the senate next week.”

XV. ADVISOR’S COMMENTS

Nina Malone—“First thing I want to give you a little background on the mascots. We are the Seahawks, but when Reggie the alligator was in Lake Machado we had an actual survey that we put on the website. The community and the students voted. One choice was to remain the Seahawks, second do we change it to the alligators, and third do we do both and the both won. That’s why you see Reggie on the scoreboard and we have our two mascots who are doing a fantastic job. He’s been adopted, if you want to use that term, but it’s an official adoption. It was the best choice. If one of you would like to do a bill, I really think we need a new mascot for Sammy the Seahawk. He’s looking pretty old and tired. There are two mascots in the room that are getting their points and they’re doing great. The other thing I wanted to say is congratulations to our football team. They are 4 and 0! We haven’t been 4 and 0 in forever. School spirit is on the rise. The stands were packed. You can come to the game and support them. We’re doing great. We’re on the road for three weeks. Anyway, we’re doing really well. I just wanted to share with that some of you don’t know who Helena is. Helena, as you know, is the liaison between the senate and me. She can help you guys get your bills through. I want her to help you guys make sure that your bills are successful. Her office is behind the senate room upstairs. Make sure that you visit her. She’s been through the senate. Utilize her for your bills mostly. She’ll help you form them, do the paperwork, and implement them.”

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Sen. Rohar moved to adjourn the meeting, Sen. Reyna 2nd.