

A.S.O. Senate Minutes

4th Meeting

October 6th 2009

1:00 pm

Los Angeles Harbor College NEAH 213

I. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Steven Delgado called the meeting to order at 1:02 pm and led us in the pledge of allegiance.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Sen. Alvarado , Sen. Andrade, Sen. Bernasconi, Sen. Binns, Sen. Garcia, Sen. Lavezzari, Sen. Lefebrie, Sen. Mathis, Sen. Owens, Sen. Gustchen, Sen. Reyna, Sen. Rohar, Sen. Varghese, Sen. Thomas, Sen. Abercrombie, Sen. Sharrod, Sen. Rodriguez, Sen. Gaudin, Sen. Rios, Sen. Romero.

Absent: Sen. Aguallo, Sen. Diaz, Sen. Dalyan, Sen. Velasquez, Sen. Matthews.

Late: Sen. Collins, Sen. Widby, Sen. Bakar.

Excused: Sen. Arreola, Sen. Estrada, Sen. Gray, Sen. Jackson, Sen. Pedroza, Sen. Proebsting.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (1 MINUTE)

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

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (1 MINUTE)

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

V. PUBLIC FORUM

Carmelo Cuellar-"Hi my name is Carmelo Cuellar. I'm the secretary for the EOPS club. Our reason for being here is that we would like to know why we were put on hold for our BBQ. We put in our application last week to use the BBQ for tomorrow the 7th. Unfortunately we were told yesterday that we were cancelled and that we had to postpone. That's why we're here today. We want to know what we can do and who we need to talk to, if there's anything the ASO can do because we already had plans."

Steven Delgado-"What happened is you turned in the form for the BBQ grill. Recently due to a policy change, that can only happen on Tuesdays."

Sen. Owens moved to suspend the orders of the day, Delbert Lavezarri 2nd.

Nina Malone-“Let me speak to this. We bought a grill a year ago. The clubs could use it last year. We didn’t question it at all. We just let them check it out. At the end of the school year it was filthy, dirty, and wheels were broken. They weren’t respecting the fact that ASO had the grill. At least that’s the way I see it. First of all we can only do BBQ’s once a week and that’s because of the Culinary Arts program. We’re under that umbrella and if we’re out there everyday they can just pull our whole opportunity to do anything. So we want to stay once a week. So I checked with Angeles who works in the office for her ability to have a staff person that’s paid that will be responsible for our grill so that we don’t just give it to the club. If they want their own grill, if they want to buy their own grill and store it somewhere they can do that. But if they’re using the ASO then we have to be responsible for that grill so she doesn’t have staff any other day than Tuesdays. We don’t have fifteen people like we did last year. So Tuesdays from 10:00am to 1:00pm was the time that she had the stuff to be able to go down there. And we have a two option thing. If the club wants to pay thirty dollars and rent it and be responsible for the food, the propane, all of the supplies involved they can do it, but we still have to man it. We still have to have somebody down there. That was one deal. The second deal for the clubs was that we could go shopping for them, buy all the stuff, man it for them, clean it for them, buy the propane, and all that good stuff, and all they have to do is promote it and they get fifty percent of the money. But it’s still one day a week.”

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

VI. NEW BUSINESS LEGISLATION BILL (PRO/CON)

- A. Halloween Haunted Maze and Costume Contest- Sen. Betty Rios and Sen. Stephanie Estrada (\$200).

Sen. Rios- “Hi I’m Senator Rios. I’m presenting with Stephanie Estrada, but Stephanie couldn’t be there due to the fact that I think she is coming down with the flu and I think that we all don’t want to catch it. Basically what I want to do is the Halloween haunted maze and the costume contest which me and some other senator had presented last year. Last year we had requested \$1,800 which supplied the walls, the curtains, and other supplies that were needed for it because the walls needed painting. Basically we still have those walls, we still have the curtains. I don’t want them to go to waste. We spent that money for a reason and I think we should keep using them for the same reason. All of you guys read the newspaper, you saw that it was actually posted in the school paper. We also want to do a costume contest to promote the Halloween spirit. We do have a lot of people that would like to dress up and it would give the clubs an opportunity to participate in this by having their own section. Every club will provide their own decorations for this and it would also be a good way to fund raise. I think it would be a little bit after midterms or possibly during midterms, but I think it would be a

good way to release all that stress that we carry during that time. I know that Halloween is the weekend and a lot of us aren't here on Friday so we would like to host it on Wednesday and Thursday. I am requesting \$200, but during the EFC meeting it was bumped into \$500. So that would be a correction. Any left over money would be put back into our account. Basically that money would be used for anything that we might need, any extra nails to put up the curtains, any little detail. The other is gift certificates for first, second, and third prize for my costume contest. I'm planning on getting Best Buy gift certificates. I have a lot of volunteers who are not club members who volunteer throughout the whole event and I basically want to get some five dollar pizzas and two liter sodas and it would be a reward for after they clean up and put everything back in order."

Sen. Owens moved to open discussion, Sen. Reyna 2nd.

Sen. Binns-"I have a question. It says this would be a great time to fund raise, how are you fundraising?"

Sen. Rios-"Every club has to fund raise on their own. Even ASO would have to fund raise on their own. I have already organized to have a table as they exit the maze, where every club would be able to fund raise, but the club has to organize their thing what they want to fund raise. As long as they stay within the school rules we're fine."

Sen. Sharrod-"I just have a general question. What is our budget? We never defined how much we're allotted for the semester."

Nina Malone-"We have ten thousand dollars for the year to do these events. That's what the students voted on last year."

Anacani Macias-"I'll be presenting the budget next week so you guys will have an idea of how much we're spending."

Sen. Abercrombie-"How much is it going to cost to get into the haunted maze?"

Sen. Rios-"The haunted maze has no cover charge. There's no cost to get in."

Sen. Abercrombie-"Do you need help from the theater group perhaps? Because I can help with that."

Sen. Rios-"Yeah. We're going to be having a little meeting with all the club members and if you want you can give me your email and we will email the specific hour. We'll need a few good strong ASO members to volunteer. Remember for every event you participate in you guys will get points for it. I need a lot of help."

Sen. Lefebrie moved to close discussion, Sen. Widby 2nd.

Pro: Sen. Owens-"A lot of stress is going on with classes. I think it would be a good idea for all of us to get together for Halloween and have a good time and support each other."

Pro: Sen. Bakar-"I think this is a great idea because I actually attended this thing last year and this is how I recognize ASO. It does get a lot of people to go."

Con: Sen. Andrade-"I think it's just going to be a big mess. What if people don't show up to clean? You're just going to have a big mess on campus and what are you going to do about that?"

Con: Sen. Lavezzari-"I think this is not a good idea because I don't think people are going to do what they say they're going to do."

B. ASO T-Shirts- Sen. Faith Thomas and Sen. Asa Alvarado (\$550).

Sen. Thomas-"I came up with the idea to do ASO t-shirts because unless you're a jock I don't see a lot of school spirit around here. So I came up with the idea to do ASO t-shirts to get everybody who is not on the ASO senate to recognize the people who are on ASO senate. I did a little research on what our school mascot is. This was just a little brain child of mine."

Sen. Alvarado-"So I guess the plan that we have is to open the design to the campus and also we're going to sell the shirts to everybody for fifty percent so everybody that wants one can buy one."

Anacani Macias-"And it was amended. Instead of gift certificates to the bookstore there will be gift certificates to Best Buy."

Steven Delgado-"If the bill passes the contest will be open to the entire student body, not just the senators. The winner of the contest, that will be the design of the t-shirt. The contest will run for two weeks. Senators can participate in the contest, but they cannot win the money."

Anacani Macias-"This applies to every contest. You can win, but you won't get a prize."

Sen. Reyna moved to open discussion, Sen. Owens 2nd.

Sen. Garcia-"Where are the shirts going to be sold?"

Steven Delgado-"The shirts will be sold through the ASO office and the executive cabinet."

Sen. Abercrombie-"What you're saying is there's going to be the logo and the senator's picture on the shirt? You said they're going to identify us."

Sen. Thomas-"The logo will be on it. As far as pictures of the executive cabinet or any other senators, that will not be on it."

Sen. Lefebrie-"What's the logo look like."

Steven Delgado-"That's what the contest is for, it's to get a design for the t-shirt."

Sen. Rohar moved to close discussion, Sen. Rios 2nd.

Pro: Sen. Bernasconi-"I think it's a good idea because it's going to raise awareness of ASO."

Pro: Sen. Sharrod-"I think it's necessary for the student body to see us actively support our own school. If it costs us a couple extra dollars money to do that then I think we should. I also think we should do this because I had no idea what ASO was before I spoke to Delgado. I think we would be a living testament. We could have students actually come to us."

Con: Sen. Garcia-"Basically we're spending \$550 for t-shirts for us so people can see us when we can do the exact same thing with a poster that maybe costs \$50. I mean it will do the exact same thing. We're spending too much money."

Con: Sen. Abercrombie-"It's our responsibility to let everybody know who we are. I think waiting for someone to come to us once they see our t-shirt doesn't help us at all. I have spoken to several people in all my classes to let them know who I am, what's going on, and when our meetings are. I think this is not very cost effective with our money."

VII. ACTION ITEMS (NO DISCUSSION, VOTING ONLY)

- A. Halloween Haunted Maze and Costume Contest- Sen. Betty Rios and Sen. Stephanie Estrada (\$200).

The bill received 21 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 1 abstention. The bill passed.

- B. ASO T-Shirts- Sen. Faith Thomas and Sen. Asa Alvarado (\$550).

The bill received 8 yes votes, 11 no votes, and 3 abstention. The bill failed.

VIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

None.

IX. SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS (2 MINUTES PER PERSON)

None.

X. APPOINTED LIASON REPORTS (2 MINUTES PER PERSON)

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

XI. EXECUTIVE CABINET REPORTS (2 MINUTES PER PERSON)

- A. President: Esteban Robledo- No Reports.
- B. Vice President: Steven Delgado- No Reports.
- C. V.P. of Finance: Anacani Macias- No Reports.
- D. Secretary: Dawn Castillo- No Reports.

XII. SHARED GOVERNANCE REPORTS (2 MINUTES PER PERSON)

- A. CPC- No Reports.
- B. Academic Affairs- No Reports.
- C. Student Services- No Reports.
- D. Work Environment- No Reports.
- E. Academic Senate- No Reports.

XIII. INFORMATION ITEMS

None.

XIV. ADVISOR'S COMMENTS

Nina Malone—No Reports.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

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