

A.S.O. Senate Minutes

5<sup>th</sup> Meeting

October 13, 2009

Los Angeles Harbor College NEAH 213

I. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Sen. Alvarado, Sen. Andrade, Sen. Arreola, Sen. Bernasconi, Sen. Binns, Sen. Collins, Sen. Garcia, Sen. Gray, Sen. Lefebrie, Sen. Owens, Sen. Gustchen, Sen. Varghese, Sen. Thomas, Sen. Bakar, Sen. Sherrod, Sen. Gaudin, Sen. Matthews, Sen. Rios, Sen. Romero, and Sen. Pack.

Absent: Sen. Estrada, Sen. Jackson, Sen. Rohar, Sen. Velasquez, Sen. Widby, Sen. Abercrombie.

Late: Sen. Lavezzari, Sen. Pedroza, Sen. Proebsting.

Excused: Sen. Dalyan, Sen. Reyna, Sen. Rodriguez, Sen. Mathis.

III. INDUCTIONS

Donald Matthews and Natalie Pack.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (1 MINUTE)

Sen. Lefebrie moved to approve the agenda, Sen. Romero 2<sup>nd</sup>.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (1 MINUTE)

Sen. Sherrod moved to amend the spelling of his last name in the minutes.

Sen. Alvarado moved to approve the minutes as amended, Sen. Owens 2<sup>nd</sup>.

VI. PUBLIC FORUM

None.

VII. NEW BUSINESS LEGISLATION BILL (PRO/CON)

A. Homecoming Halftime Show- Sen. Oswaldo Garcia and Sen. Ronald Gaudin (\$500.00, amended to \$1,300.00).

Sen. Garcia-"This bill is to bring the Inglewood High School band to play at the halftime show for Homecoming."

Sen. Gaudin-"It was originally \$500, but after contacting the school it kinda bumped up to \$1,250 because we need to pay for three buses. There's two for the band and one for the equipment."

Sen. Garcia-"I realize that's thirteen percent of our budget, but we're not just for any high school band it is one of the best bands in the nation. This isn't just to bring in a band to play for us the football team. It's to bring them in to entertain the fans during halftime. If anybody's been to a football game during halftime there's nothing for the fans to do but sit in their seats and wait fifteen, twenty minutes until the game starts again. We do have very dedicated fans. Like Nina told us before we do get over a thousand fans at the game and they do pay to get in. Not only that they travel with us

to our games. At Southwestern which two hours away we actually had more fans in the stands than their team did. Our first away game which was Long Beach we had more fans in the stands than they did. We do have very dedicated fans."

Sen. Gaudin-"This is the Homecoming game which is the last game of the season and there are some players on our team that won't be playing again after this year so it's kind of like to give to their parents."

Sen. Garcia-"Another thing, the fans, even though they only come to the football game they don't just support football. Football is pretty much the only team that brings in fans. Volleyball, basketball don't really bring in fans. Baseball they bring in fans, but they don't always pay to get in. Softball brings in fans, but they don't pay to get in. If one of those teams makes it to playoffs or championships we need to pay for transportation for them to go from money that is collected from fans. Since football is the only sport that brings in fans that pay every time to get in, football is supporting every other sport that makes it to the playoffs. Not only that ASO only sells food during football games so ASO is bringing in money because of the football fans. I do realize it's a lot of money, it's a big percentage of our budget, but I think because of what the fans do they deserve this halftime show."

Sen. Gray moved to open discussion, Sen. Bernasconi 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Sen. Owens-"What about the, well I don't know if we have a band here or not, but what about the Harbor College band."

Sen. Garcia-"I remember last there was an attempt to get a band, but it was only like five people."

Sen. Gray-"What's the \$1,250 for?"

Sen. Garcia-"It's just for transportation. We're not paying them to come play for us because our coach is friends with their director so all we're paying for is their transportation."

Nina Malone-"I just thought of this, if they're asking for three buses each bus holds fifty people so there are going to a hundred people coming plus a bus for their equipment. It's going to be a large amount of people on that field."

Steven Delgado-"Also, how much games have our football team won so far?"

Sen. Garcia-"All of them."

Sen. Owens moved to close discussion, Sen. Collins 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Pro: Sen. Sherrod-"I think this event is just a great idea. I think regardless of the financial strain that it causes on the budget. I think it's good not only to support our school and our football team and every other sport that they generate revenue from, but I think it's good to get connected with a high school and get other schools involved. It helps us to get more involved with the community. They say we're not being charged for the band which is outstanding because I'm from the east coast where bands pretty much rule the world and they get pretty pricey. I think it's a great idea to get the kids out of the school and play on a bigger stage. Who knows maybe because they come here they may want to start a band and we just kill two birds with one stone."

Con: Sen. Lavezzari-"I do think this is a great idea, but I would like to see it remembered though. If we're going to spend this much money we should get media involved. I'd like to see it get amended so we can get media involved."

Con: Sen. Rios-"I think it's a bad idea because isn't halftime the time where the cheerleaders entertain? Wouldn't it be the perfect time for the fans to get up and go to the restroom? I don't think the fans will be enjoying the band while they're in the restroom. If they're not getting entertained by the cheerleaders then I guess the cheerleaders aren't doing their job."

Pro: Sen. Binns-"I think this is a great idea. I don't think going to the bathroom is going to be an issue. I think they have plenty of time to do that. I think the football team has proved that they deserve a little reward for all their hard work they've done this season. I think it will raise school spirit and even cause more people to come to the games so maybe it will even pay for itself."

VIII. ACTION ITEMS (NO DISCUSSION, VOTING ONLY)

- A. Homecoming Halftime Show- Sen. Oswaldo Garcia and Sen. Ronald Gaudin (\$500.00, amended to \$1,300.00).

The bill received 19 yes votes, 3 no votes, and 1 abstention. The bill passed.

IX. DISCUSSION ITEMS

None.

X. SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS (2 MINUTES PER PERSON)

- A. Constitution and Bylaws Committee- No Reports.  
B. Regional Relations Committee- No Reports.  
C. Media and Publicity Committee- No Reports.

XI. 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.

XII. EXECUTIVE CABINET REPORTS (2 MINUTES PER PERSON)

- A. President: Esteban Robledo- "This past weekend I went to Sacramento and met up with the regional senators. We spoke about a few programs that might be of interest. We spoke about the general assembly that's coming up in November. We're just working on the program, setting up the breakdowns, setting up resolution writing which is basically like how we do bills here, but we present them to the SSCCC so we can present them to legislators. One of the things that was presented was a program that's like a facebook application where people sign up and they can share rides."

Sen. Thomas moved to continue the discussion for another 3 minutes, Sen. Lavezzari 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Esteban Robledo- "Basically it's a program that's paid for by the campus and it's basically setting up a network on campus where people can share rides and save gas. Each campus wanted to do individually it would \$9,500 for a year. We're trying to get a deal so we can sign up as a region. We're also having a candle-light vigil which we're going to be having at the general assembly. It's kind of a demonstration for student

advocacy. For those that won't be able to make there's going to be one held at LA Trade Tech for those who would like to advocate locally."

- B. Vice President: Steven Delgado- "Tomorrow the Harbor College Go Green Teach In will be held in the Seahawk Center, oh yeah, Thursday. It will be held from 11:00am to 12:30pm. It's going to be a panel to teach students how to recycle. You get points for attending this. You also get points for helping to set up. Also, Professor Hernandez sent me a flyer. It's for the Dia De Los Muertos. It's going to be taking place on Thursday October 29<sup>th</sup> in NEA 226 at 12:30pm to 2:00pm."

Steven Delgado-"Is there a motion to entertain to give Robledo more time to finish his report?"

Sen. Thomas moved to give the president two more minutes to speak, Sen. Varghese 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Esteban Robledo-"There's a twenty cent fee that's going to be presented to the legislators for student advocacy statewide. "

Nina Malone-"That's what the dollar fee is for. It's for advocacy for local, state, federal, that's it."

Esteban Robledo-"A lot of campuses don't have the student rep fee. What they want to do is open the ability to students. It's an optional thing. If you want to donate directly you can."

Sen. Owens-"What you're talking about, is that coming from our level here locally or are you going beyond? Because I'm trying to focus here. We're having problems here and you're trying to go beyond."

Esteban Robledo-"As the delegate from Harbor College to the region, we haven't really been in good standing when it comes to the region."

Sen. Rios-"My question with the twenty five cent thing, we just raised our ASO fees as it is. We're paying out of our pocket for our fees and our representation."

Sen. Thomas moved to continue the discussion for an additional five minutes, Sen. Romero 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Sen. Rios-"A lot of us can't afford it as it is."

Esteban Robledo-"To clarify, it's not something that would be mandatory. Students can donate for student advocacy if they choose to do so. This would potentially give the SCCC \$150,000 a year and that's through the state."

Nina Malone-"I think we already pay dues to that organization per campus per FTS. It's an interesting concept, but I don't really think it's doable. This group of students would have to take it to the state legislators and have California law changed. Until that it's not going to happen. If you're going to impose a fee the California State Legislature has the first right to say yes or no. That's the way it is."

Esteban Robledo-"To clarify Harbor College hasn't really been in good standing with the region. That's what we're supposed to be doing. That's the reason for creating the Regional Relations Committee. We want people coming in from the region, from the state, presenting student advocacy workshops. That's what we're here for. This type of information is what you're supposed to be getting. The Regional Relations Committee

will be giving you guys reports saying this is what going on in the region, this is what's being presented to the state. What do you guys think about it? If you guys are against it then we won't vote for it. That's what it's about."

Sen. Owens-"That's all fine, but don't forget about the local. It seems like you're focusing more on the regional and not here. Every time you give a report it's something about the regional. In my opinion you need to focus more on this side. You're putting too much focus up there."

Esteban Robledo-"What I feel is I have the senators and that's what the liaisons are for. There's a lot of stuff we could do on campus, but we can't disregard our other obligations. It's true we have to focus here, but we also have to take care of other stuff."

V.P. of Finance: Anacani Macias- No Report.

- C. Secretary: Dawn Castillo- "I'd just like to point out that the meeting for yesterday was changed. They moved the Work Environment meeting to the 19<sup>th</sup> of October and they had a CPC meeting instead. Yeah I just found out about that today. The new date for the WEC meeting is the 19<sup>th</sup> and the date that's on the agenda that's still on the calendar."

### XIII. SHARED GOVERNANCE REPORTS (2 MINUTES PER PERSON)

#### A. CPC:

Sen. Gray-"There was a lot of animosity in the room. They were talking about either expanding out across the street and doing a land swap."

Sen. Arreola-"They were talking about funding and prioritization and what needs to be done first. Just to let you guys know that parking is the lowest rated thing."

Sen. Arreola moved to give Daniel 2 more minutes, Sen. Thomas 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Sen. Gustchen-"They were talking about Prop A and AA. Parking was low on the priority list, but that has been bumped up significantly. Going forward they're to build a parking structure. Five years down we should be looking at a new student union, cafeteria, multipurpose conference room, and student services office. The theater will be brought to code after seven years. The building exteriors will be painted. The GC building will be torn down."

Sen. Thomas moved to continue discussion, Sen. Sherrrod 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Sen. Gustchen-"The athletic field is a priority, new bleachers. We'll be getting a new LRC. Landscaping was relatively low on the priority list. That's all I've got."

Nina Malone-"I'd like to say thank you to the students that did attend the meeting. It was a slug fest. It was four hours long."

Sen. Binns, Sen. Bernasconi, and Sen. Gustchen volunteered to attend the next CPC meeting.

- B. Academic Affairs- No Reports. Sen. Garcia volunteered to attend the next Academic Affairs meeting.
- C. Student Services- No Reports.
- D. Work Environment- No Reports. Sen. Alvarado, Sen. Lefebrie, Sen. Collins, and Sen. Varghese volunteered to attend the Work Environment meeting on the October 19<sup>th</sup>.

Sen. Alvarado, Sen. Arreola, Sen. Gray, and Sen. Rios volunteered to attend the meeting on November 9<sup>th</sup>.

- E. Academic Senate: Sen. Lavezzari-"I got a report from the president. They discussed the budget and doing furloughs for the full-time teachers. Obviously because of the money issue. They sprayed the new buildings with titanium dioxide. They're doing research to find out if it's actually prohibited. It's not illegal in the states, but they don't do it in Canada. They're looking for a new chancellor. They're hoping to have one in place by May. They want to make sure they don't choose any new college presidents before they find a new chancellor."

Sen. Thomas volunteered to attend the next meeting of Academic Senate.

#### XIV. INFORMATION ITEMS

Steven Delgado-"One thing that's going to be big, it's going to be our landmark for this senate. If you look out at that big flag out in the quad area there's a plaque that was donated by the Associated Students of Harbor College and also \$68,000 to build the scoreboard that was that senate's landmark. We're going to have a couple. One of them is going to be a peace pole. You guys are more than welcome to come to Nina Malone's office and check it out."

Esteban Robledo-"We're working on getting the structure down for a book rental program. I've been looking at some other book rental programs that other ASO's have started. That's something that we should consider, talking about leaving a legacy behind."

Sen. Arreola-"I'm curious how it's going to bring in revenue if it's a book rental program."

Sen. Gustchen moved to allow the president to continue, Sen. Bakar 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Esteban Robledo-"One way to get revenue is to say charge twenty five dollars to rent the book plus ten percent."

Sen. Gustchen-"So if they keep the book we lose out on twenty five dollars plus ten percent?"

Sen. Rios-"I have an information item. As everybody knows it's my bill to do the Halloween maze. We seem to be needing some storage boxes, but that's not part of my bill. That's the thing that I was asking senators to help clean the Oak room if they need points. I was thinking if Esteban could sign off for them. It's coming out of different account from ASO because it's not my bill's responsibility to clean up that Oak room and I don't want the same thing to happen that happened last year. We need the storage boxes to get everything in place. The second thing is the AFT is having a Townhall meeting and Warren Furutani will be here to answer any questions due to the budget cuts that are affecting our education."

Sen. Lavezzari-"When I went to the Academic Senate meeting Dr. Spink was talking about the walkout and the teachers were pretty upset that students were even considering walking out on their classes when they're on the same side."

#### XV. ADVISOR'S COMMENTS

Nina Malone—"I just wanted to say for those students that haven't gotten their packets you need to see Dawn and go upstairs in the Seahawk Center. You will be able to get the Constitution and Bylaws. I know you're a little bit behind and everything will become clear to you after you've sat in a few meetings. Then I thought Esteban, if you wanted to, we

could adjourn the meeting and talk about the book rental program. I will yield my time to Helena.”

Helena Botros-“I just wanted to remind you guys to come up to the student senate area and pick up the flyers so you can make announcements in your classes. We’re going to have a hard to put up flyers because of the rain for the Harbor Go Green Teach In so your announcements are our key to success. You can get points so come up to Esteban or Nina to get your points signed off on.”

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Sen. Alvarado moved to adjourn, Sen. Lefebvie 2<sup>nd</sup>.