

A.S.O. Senate Minutes

6<sup>th</sup> Meeting

October 20, 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 1:04 pm and led us in the pledge of allegiance.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Sen. Alvarado, Sen. Andrade, Sen. Arreola, Sen. Bernasconi, Sen. Binns, Sen. Collins, Sen. Diaz, Sen. Estrada, Sen. Garcia, Sen. Gray, Sen. Lavezzari, Sen. Lefebre, Sen. Dalyan, Sen. Owens, Sen. Pedroza, Sen. Gustchen, Sen. Reyna, Sen. Rohar, Sen. Thomas, Sen. Abercrombie, Sen. Proebsting, Sen. Sherrod, Sen. Rodriguez, Sen. Gaudin, Sen. Romero.  
Absent: Sen. Jackson, Sen. Varghese, Sen. Velasquez, Sen. Widby, Sen. Bakar, Sen. Pack.  
Late: Sen. Matthews.

Excused: Sen. Mathis and Sen. Rios.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (1 MINUTE)

Sen. Lefebre moved to approve the agenda, Sen. Owens 2<sup>nd</sup>.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (1 MINUTE)

Sen. Reyna moved to approve the minutes, Sen. Lefebre moved to amend the spelling of her name, Sen. Owens 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the minutes as amended.

V. PUBLIC FORUM

None.

VI. NEW BUSINESS LEGISLATION BILL (PRO/CON)

None.

VII. ACTION ITEMS (NO DISCUSSION, VOTING ONLY)

None.

VIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

None.

IX. SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS (2 MINUTES PER PERSON)

A. Regional Relations Committee: Sen. Rodriguez and Sen. Bernasconi were appointed to this committee.

B. Media and Publicity Committee: Sen. Sherrod was appointed as committee chair.

X. APPOINTED LIASON REPORTS (2 MINUTES PER PERSON)

A. Shared Governance Liason: Asa Alvarado-no report.

B. Media Liason: none.

C. Events Planning Liason: none.

XI. EXECUTIVE CABINET REPORTS (2 MINUTES PER PERSON)

- A. President: Esteban Robledo- "I just wanted to bring up a few things that I think would be good to speak on. Some of the ideas we had was to appropriate funds to support the Harbor Tides, they are struggling financially, and for clubs. It's not that expensive. It's like \$700. It's like \$3,500 for the year or something like that. So it's not that expensive. Also, some other stuff that we had in mind was club seed money, things of that nature. Seed money is, like the beginning of the semester we give like a hundred dollars to each club to help them out. Apparently we only have like ten clubs on campus. Say if we had twenty clubs which some of the bigger campuses have that would be like \$2,000 a semester. So we could set aside funds for that."
- B. Vice President: Steven Delgado- "I would like to thank those of you who turned out to the Harbor College Go Green Teach In. There was a big turn out for that. The Communications Division invites all of you to participate in a special lecture celebration of Dia De Los Muertos. The event will take place on Thursday, October 29<sup>th</sup> in NEA 226 and will be held at 12:30pm. Dr. Benito Gomez, an associate professor of Spanish at California State Dominguez Hills, will give a lecture on death in medieval art and literature. This is an ASO co-sponsored event. There was legislation passed to support this event so go out and support this event, inform students of it, and hopefully there will be a big turnout for that. Also, I would like to see more senators present more bills. Let's provide the students of Harbor College with more events and activities."
- C. V.P. of Finance: Anacani Macias- "I know you guys have been wondering about the budget so this is what we can spend and this is what spent so far. So take one and pass it down. This is how much we spend for office supplies, not necessarily that we do spend this much, but this is how much we allow to be spent. We can go up to \$10,000. If we wanted to increase an amount or decrease an amount we would have to vote on it. So pool table maintenance, that's how much we spend. Helium and balloons, we sell helium balloons upstairs. So basically everything here is maintain the Seahawk Center. Prepaid legal service is \$6,000. All of us can pay ASO fees to go up there and speak to the lawyer for free. Scholarships, we give scholarships here for ASO. We're gonna amend it to raise it from \$3,000 to \$5,000."
- Sen. Arreola-"How are the scholarships picked?"
- Nina Malone-"What happens is in the spring a form will be sent out to all the students of Harbor College that are eligible and you will apply through the scholarship committee. There is a committee of people that reads the applications and from those that are whittled down they're ranked, the points that are given to you by a certain committee. From those points those people that have given service to ASO are given scholarships based on their status with ASO."
- Sen. Owens-"What are free student giveaways?"
- Nina Malone-"What we do, in the fall, there are packages given to the students. We give them scantrons. Every year we buy bags of goodies and when a student comes up to get their id we give it to them. It depends on whether the students want to do it or not. The money is there if you want to do it."

Sen. Arreola moved to give the vice president of finance five more minutes, Sen. Rohar 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Anacani Macias-"The executive officers fund, that's money for us to use if we have to go somewhere or something. Senate legislative appropriations, that 's where we get our money for bills you guys. That's our limit, it's \$10,000. So far we've spent \$1,405."

Sen. Proebsting-"The student workers that are from financial aid do we still pay them?"

Anacani Macias-"No. We pay them to work at the football games. That stand out there where they sell food, that's ASO."

Nina Malone-"The majority of the student workers up there are financial aid, calworks, and gain students. The few students that are paid like Dawn are paid out of ASO money. The concession stand workers are paid out of ASO money. It used to be a long time ago we used to pay all of the student workers through this money, but that's what all of the money went to. We tried to stretch the dollar by hiring as many financial aid students as possible so we get more money for other things now. The student workers have to meet all the criteria that the financial aid students do. That is a brand new rule. We don't have the flexibility like we used to. This student senate has always traditionally helped the college president with \$500 to spend as she sees fit on community relations. She has a very limited amount of money to entertain the community so the students have always helped her so we can be hospitable."

Sen. Owens-"Does she actually use the money?"

Nina Malone-"Yeah. She buys breakfast and stuff. It doesn't go very far."

Anacani Macias-"So then we have Direct TV, new equipment, student workers, ceremonies and receptions, student rep fee (that's a separate account), and athletics student support measures."

- D. Secretary: Dawn Castillo- no report.
- XII. SHARED GOVERNANCE REPORTS (2 MINUTES PER PERSON)
- A. CPC-no reports.
  - B. Academic Affairs-no reports.
  - C. Student Services: Sen. Gustchen-"They mentioned that UC transfers are comparable to last year's. However, next year they will most likely be more restrictive. I would interpret that to mean more competitive and fewer transfer spots. The University of Arizona is poaching. In spring of 2010 telephone registration will be discontinued. They would like to see a push to increase the text message alerts. Financial aid will be moving from checks to atm style cards. That's all I have."
  - D. Work Environment:
    - Sen. Collins-"They talked about the emergency system in case of an emergency. They want the students to go to the LAHC homepage and sign up for text messaging so in case there's an emergency. They also talked about the high risk of swine flu. So they would send out an alert if the campus was closed due to a swine flu scare. They opened up the veteran's center. Some other issues was parking as usual, students double parking, parking in handicapped spots, and evacuation chairs for handicapped students."

Sen. Owens-“The parking lot that’s in front of this building here, they’re thinking about putting an arm so you cannot park in there at all, it’s for staff only. They’re also going to start building a new parking structure next year in January so if you think parking is bad now it’s going to get even worse. The parking situation that’s going on now, the solar, that’s supposed to over in December. The other thing that they were really pushing was the alerts. It has more to do with not just here at Harbor College, but in the community. 100 people already signed up. They’re trying to get more. It’s something that the school already paid for so they want the students to invest more into it.”

E. Academic Senate-no reports.

XIII. INFORMATION ITEMS

None.

XIV. ADVISOR’S COMMENTS

Nina Malone—“Following up on the request to have banners made for the “alert you.” I think that would be a really great task that this body should take up and figure out how you want to promote it. You can get points. I think you have to develop a marketing campaign. Banners are great, but how you’re going to do this. Because every student should be made aware that they need to sign up for this in case of a disaster. The reason why this is coming up is because of the swine flu, I won’t say scare, because people are already dying from the swine flu. The experts are indicating that college campuses across the nation are the highest risk places anywhere. I’m not sure why they’re saying the 18 to 24 year olds are the highest at risk. We had 200 doses that came to this campus. I’m pretty sure they’re all gone. Our nurse Carol Stevenson doesn’t know when she’s going to get more. The first people that were given it were the nursing students and nursing staff because health workers are highest risk and they have to be immunized. I highly recommend that we keep on top of our swine flu vaccination. Do not come to school if you are feeling sick at all. Go to the doctor and take care of yourself. It’s not right to come to class. We may be closing the college down. Do everything you need to do for yourself and your family members to stay healthy. With that said this alert you system is critically important and please let’s come up with some group that will systematically look at how we’re going to get this information out. Somebody needs to take a lead on that effort. The other thing that I wanted to share with you, I can’t help but tell you that we’re 6 and 0 in football. We were at Victor Valley. It was the game from hell. I just want to share with you that these guys deserve all the credit. They got on the bus at 7:30 in the morning. It was over a hundred degrees. We won defensively. This was the first game that our offense was ok, but I defense really stepped in and beat them for us. So this Saturday night, home game, San Diego Mesa, Six O’Clock. I hope you can make it. It’s going to be exciting I guarantee. And our men’s soccer team is second in the conference. Our women are third, the last I heard.”

Helena Botros-“The Day of the Dead, the flyers are over here. You guys can make in class announcements and get points so pick up some flyers, make in class announcements, and get the word out for the day of the dead event.”

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Sen. Lefebre moved to adjourn the meeting, Sen. Owens 2<sup>nd</sup>.

