

A.S.O. Senate Minutes

7th Meeting

October 27th 2009

1:00pm

Los Angeles Harbor College NEAH 213

I. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Steven Delgado called the meeting to order at 1:05pm and led us in the pledge of allegiance.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Sen. Alvarado, Sen. Andrade, Sen. Arreola, Sen. Bernasconi, Sen. Collins, Sen. Estrada, Sen. Gray, Sen. Lefebrie, Sen. Mathis, Sen. Owens, Sen. Pedroza, Sen. Gustchen, Sen. Reyna, Sen. Rohar, Sen. Varghese, Sen. Thomas, Sen. Abercrombie, Sen. Bakar, Sen. Proebsting, Sen. Sherrod, Sen. Rodriguez, Sen. Gaudin, Sen. Rios, Sen. Romero.

Absent: Sen. Garcia, Sen. Lavezzari, Sen. Velasquez, Sen. Widby, Sen. Pack.

Late: Sen. Binns, Sen. Jackson, Sen. Matthews.

Excused: Sen. Diaz, Sen. Dalyan.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (1 MINUTE)

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

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (1 MINUTE)

Sen. Reyna moved to approve the minutes, Sen. Rohar 2nd.

V. PUBLIC FORUM

High School Representative- "We're from the high school. I'm the treasurer in charge of organizing the Halloween Dance this year. Usually it's okay, but not a lot of people come because the decorations are kind of weak. We were wondering if we could borrow some of the decorations from the haunted house for our dance this Friday."

Esteban Robledo- "Who would be responsible for making sure that these items aren't lost, damaged, or stolen?"

High School Representative- "Miss Cooper. She's a history teacher at our school. She wasn't able to come because she's in a class."

Sen. Rios- "Actually I'm the one in charge of the Halloween haunted maze so if you guys want to you can come and see me after the meeting and we'll see what we can arrange."

Nina Malone- "I know that we're going to have a clean up crew after our event to clean it up and put it away. Who then from the high school will be responsible to clean up the entire Seahawk Center because the decorations cost a lot of money and they have to put up right. Were you thinking about that?"

High School Representative- "Somebody cleans up the Seahawk Center afterwards."

Nina Malone- "They don't put decorations away. They wipe the floors down and put away the table and chairs. Custodians do not put our decorations away. None of us are going to be here to look at that."

Helena Botros-“The problem is none of us are here on Friday and that stuff goes in our storage oak room.”

Sen. Proebsting-“What time on Friday are you guys having this thing?”

“From 7:00pm to 11:00pm.”

Helena Botros-“What if Senator Proebsting is willing to be here at 11:00pm to help them clean it up?”

Sen. Proebsting-“I’ll look over it.”

Nina Malone-“You can be the overseer of our stuff, but they have their own chaperones. Your only there to make sure it gets put away.”

Sen. Rios-“Basically, whoever is going to be in charge of your Halloween dance, if they can come by after 3:00pm it would be better that way I can have a one on one talk with them.”

Nina Malone-“The problem is the teachers are the responsible parties for the dance and making sure everything is secure so you can’t speak for the faculty that would be responsible because you don’t have any liability if anything gets stolen. A lot of those cost this group a lot of money. I think I’m all for it, but the faculty have to be the ones that we know are going to be responsible. They have to agree to it. We need an actual face to face with the faculty.”

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

VI. NEW BUSINESS LEGISLATION BILL (PRO/CON)

A. New Mascot/Sammy Seahawk- Sen. Maricela Pedroza and Sen. Faith Thomas (\$800.00, amended up to \$900.00).

Sen. Pedroza-“Hi I’m Senator Pedroza and I’m requesting funds for a new mascot costume because the one we have now is currently not in good shape. It’s old and it’s missing parts.”

Sen. Thomas-“I did extensive research on the situation and the executive cabinet has every bit of that information.”

Sen. Pedroza-“And I’m requesting a total on \$900.”

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

Sen. Abercrombie-“Are there any comparatives as far as this being the only price we can get on the mascot?”

Sen. Pedroza-“We did a little research and the other one cost way more than this. It was \$1,000.”

Sen. Proebsting-“Can the old costume be repaired?”

Nina Malone-“The costume is ten years old. It was bought when I first came. It’s missing the tights. It’s been cleaned and cleaned and it’s about \$200 for us to clean it every season. And it’s disgusting and she has to be in it. And she’s being a brave soul for doing it. The other costume, Reggie, is only about two years old. It’s time from a health stand point and he looks so old and ragged.”

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

Pro: Sen. Lefebre-“I’m Senator Lefebre and I’m also the other mascot. I think it’s a really really good idea to get another costume because the old seahawk costume gets your skin irritated and it’s really bad in there.”

Pro: Sen. Abercrombie-“Seeing as we’ve won so many games and we’re doing so well, I think it’s drawing more public interest. We’re representing the school. The mascots stand out. If they look all funky it’s going to look bad for our school.”

Con: Sen. Romero-“According to this we only have one mascot here. Has there been more research on it? What I’m trying to say is we need to look at some more options out there.”

Con: Sen. Rohar-“I’m Senator Rohar. So Sammy might be a little old. He might smell. He might be missing pieces, but I think it gives him a little more character. I think we should keep Sammy the way he is.”

Sen. Rohar moved to suspend the orders of the day and return to Public Forum, Sen. Abercrombie 2nd.

VII. ACTION ITEMS (NO DISCUSSION, VOTING ONLY)

- A. New Mascot/Sammy Seahawk-Sen. Maricela Pedroza and Sen. Faith Thomas (\$800.00, amended up to \$900.00).

The bill received 26 yes votes and 0 no votes. The bill passed.

VIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

None.

IX. SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS (2 MINUTES PER PERSON)

- A. Regional Relations Committee: Sen. Kevin Sherrod (chairperson), Sen. Azaria Rodriguez, and Sen. Brianna Bernasconi.

Sen. Rodriguez-“On Friday I went to the district task force for the talent show, but nobody showed up. Nobody from any other school, it was only me. The guy, his name is Rodney, he decided that since nobody wanted to participate in it he wanted to see about instead of making it a district wide talent show making it Harbor’s talent show. He wanted to see about making it a tradition so every year Harbor would have it and also he wanted to see about making it a fundraiser. And the money would go to promote literacy in education and also offset the price of books.”

Esteban Robledo-“I spoke with some of the representatives who were not at the meeting. A few of them thought it was this Friday coming up not last Friday. They had already met up with Rodney.”

Steven Delgado-“I would like to something myself. We already do something like this. We have talent shows. I believe we did one last semester so what I would advise you to do is hook up with our local whoever does it.”

Sen. Owens-“Last year I did the Holiday Talent Show, but usually we don’t charge for it. It’s free of charge. We do it every year.”

Esteban Robledo-“Hopefully one of the things that would distinguish this, would be that we would be kind of doing it alongside with other campuses.”

- B. Media and Publicity Committee: Sen. Kevin Sherrod.

Sen. Sherrod-“I haven’t gotten the opportunity to meet with them, but I definitely want to establish some kind of partnership with them. Maybe we can even get this emergency text thing out if we get that in the paper, something like that. Really get the senate’s stamp of approval on it as far as like different things that we’re doing here so

the school has an idea of what we're doing and also we have an idea of what the paper is doing as well. I think it's a bold act of ignorance not to know what goes on in publication. I will be a part of the committee. I will not be the chairperson. I was supposed to be the chairperson of the Regional Relations Committee, but I will be a part of that effort."

X. APPOINTED LIAISON REPORTS (2 MINUTES PER PERSON)

A. Events Planning Liaison: None.

B. Activities Coordinator: None.

XI. EXECUTIVE CABINET REPORTS (2 MINUTES PER PERSON)

A. President: Esteban Robledo- "This Friday we're going to have a Student Affairs Committee meeting (SAC). Right there is basically where we would speak to the Board of Trustees. If anyone is interested it's this Friday from 9:00am-12:00pm and our region meeting was postponed to November 7th I believe due to it being really close to the general assembly. Our general assembly is going to be next week."

B. Vice President: Steven Delgado- "I'm an intern for the American Federation of Teachers (AFT) currently the AFT is asking us interns as well as students to pass around the yellow petition cards saying no more budget cuts. These petitions are to be filled out completely. If you would like pick some up see me after the meeting. You will get points for getting them signed.

Anacani Macias- "There's some kind of cap? We're over that cap so basically we're in debt. How much are we debt so far Owens?"

Sen. Owens- "It's like, we just went to the budget meeting, it's over 2.3."

Sen. Rios- "Basically we have hundreds and hundreds of these cards for those of you who don't have your points and would like to actually complete your points come up to the office and pick up a stack of fifty. Have some of your friends fill them out. They don't have to fill out just one."

Steven Delgado- "The last thing I would like to add for my report is the Halloween maze. That will be tomorrow and Thursday as well. Clubs will be out there scaring people and giving them chills and providing them with food also. So go out there and do some in class announcements about this event. Tomorrow is the President's Cluster meeting. We need to assign someone to attend this meeting" (Sen. Gustchen and Sen. Bakar volunteered to attend the meeting).

C. V.P. of Finance: Anacani Macias- "Maze. I would like some people, we're trying to fix the maze up today, if someone would like to help us out and decorate and carry stuff up from the car we'll give you points. Town hall. We're gonna have a Town hall for the AFT on November 10th. We're hoping to have all the senators there. We'll probably have coffee and donuts. We're still trying to figure out a time. We're thinking 11:00am. We're going to find out the time. I went to the budget meeting for our school to see where we're at and it's not very pretty. They gave us \$200,000 and it all going to our main account which is in debt. Things are going to continue to be cut if there are more cuts coming from the state."

D. Secretary: Dawn Castillo- "I know we were talking about Halloween. Don't forget about the Day of the Dead."

Nina Malone-"It's been cancelled. Well, postponed I should say. Professor Hernandez's father passed away. I just got that email this morning. It's been postponed for a few weeks."

Dawn Castillo-"Scratch that then. That's it."

XII. SHARED GOVERNANCE REPORTS (2 MINUTES PER PERSON)

A. Sen. Asa Alvarado-No Report.

B. CPC:

Sen. Abercrombie-"There was quite a bit of talk about closing the school in the event of an emergency. They were trying to approve a document that was a specific guideline for school closure in the event of a swine flu epidemic. They made a quite a few amendments to the document. I guess they're going to make the amendments and pass it. One of the things that the president was saying in a really big way was the text alert. They launched it last Friday. They sent an email out to every student. So if you don't have your email updated you need to update it."

C. Academic Affairs-No Reports.

D. Student Services- No Reports.

E. Work Environment- No Reports.

F. Budget- No Reports.

G. Academic Senate:

Sen. Owens-"June Smith, she wants one scheduled person to go to the Academic Senate meeting because different people keep going and it's hard to keep track of them. They would rather one person go. We keep changing senators and they don't know who to go to."

Nina Malone-"It's called out in the senate bylaws for the president to attend the meeting."

Esteban Robledo-"I usually go and when I can't go I make sure someone else goes, it's usually Steve."

XIII. INFORMATION ITEMS

Sen. Abercrombie-"The theater department is doing some really amazing things the next two weeks. They have an ongoing one called Are You Positive that is really incredible. They actually did so well they are going to different campuses."

Sen. Jackson-"What is Are You Positive about?"

Sen. Abercrombie-"Are You Positive is about people who have AIDS or HIV. It's from all different cultures and backgrounds and the different feelings and ideas that go with it."

XIV. ADVISOR'S COMMENTS

Nina Malone—"Right now in the academic quad below they have started a memorial. I just want to tell you why they're doing it. I got to the college sixteen years ago, there was a dean, his name was Chris McCarthy. He was the chair of the English department and he became the dean of Academic Affairs. He left Harbor College. He was the president of Glendale college. He was the president of Napa Valley college. He died. He was really a

great loved man. He was just a very sweet, mellow, awesome guy. They had a big memorial up in northern California. Harbor college is doing one now. When you go downstairs you will see it. You can stop by if you like. And of course I just have to make my little announcement for football. I think if I say it we're going to keep winning. We're 7 and 0 folks. They're having a great year. Well, everybody is having a great year. This is very exciting. This college hasn't been in this position since I don't know. I think the first football team in 1949 was undefeated. We're not there yet, but you feel good that we can get there guys? So congratulations to our football team. Also, soccer is doing really well."

XV. ADJOURNMENT

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