

A.S.O. Senate Minutes

1st Meeting

September 15th 2009

Los Angeles Harbor College NEAH 213

I. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Steven called the meeting to order at 1:09 pm and led us in the pledge of allegiance.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Sen. Aguallo, Sen. Alvarado, Sen. Andrade, Sen. Arreola, Sen. Bernasconi, Sen. Binns, Sen. Collins, Sen. Diaz, Sen. Estrada, Sen. Garcia, Sen. Gray, Sen. Lavezarri, Sen. Lefebrie, Sen. Mathis, Sen. Dalyan, Sen. Owens, Sen. Pedroza, Sen. Gustchen, Sen. Reyna, Sen. Rohar, Sen. Varghese, Sen. Thomas, and Sen. Abercrombie.

Absent: Sen. Badran, Sen. Bakar, Sen. Calvillo, Sen. Chavarria, Sen. Herrera, Sen. James, Sen. Johannesdotter, Sen. Monterroza, Sen. Pitkanen, and Sen. Velasquez.

Late: Sen. Niqita Widby.

Excused: Sen. Baldenegro and Sen. Jackson.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (1 MINUTE)

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

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (1 MINUTE)

Sen. Owens moved to approve the agenda, Sen. Arreola 2nd.

V. PUBLIC FORUM

Jennifer Ganata- "My name is Jennifer Ganata. I'm a community organizer for Communities for a Better Environment. A little bit about me, I grew up in L.A. right there in Echo Park. I went to school at UC San Diego and then I went to law school in New York. I'm an organizer for Communities for a Better Environment. We're a non-profit organization that does grass roots organizing. Our office is based in Huntington Park, but we're opening an office on Wilmington Boulevard at the end of this month or early October. I'm one of the Wilmington organizers. There are two. The other one is Jesus Perez. He grew up in Wilmington. The point of my organization, as you can see I'm passing out one of our newest reports that was made in April 2009. It's about the oil refineries, particularly in this neighborhood. What Communities for a Better Environment does, we do environmental justice work, which is specifically working with low income communities of color. I know not everybody is from Wilmington, but you are in Wilmington so this is also an issue that affects you. This year we're going to be pushing a city ordinance through the city council. We have to lobby Janice Hahn. That's probably going to be this fall. We're going to lobby all the city council members."

Sen. Arreola moved to give Miss Ganata five more minutes, Sen. Alvarado 2nd.

Jennifer Ganata- "This collaboration is with us and Wilmington. There's another community organization that works to do community organizing issues. We've done mostly refineries and doing rule regulations about how often they flare. You don't really see that much

because it's air quality. Unless you call them you don't really know what's going on. I don't know if you guys are aware, but Wilmington is highly impacted by a lot of toxic facilities that include the oil refineries. There about three in the Wilmington, not including Carson and Long Beach. The Port of L.A. is actually the largest polluter within in the South Bay area. It actually comes from the trucks, the trains, the ships, and the diesel machinery that is not electrified. The only reason why I'm here is because you guys are the student representatives of this school and it would be great to get your support or work with you on our projects. I don't think I explained that there are three areas that we do: community organizing, research, and policy analysis. We lobby things in Sacramento. We write policies. We also have a legal team. We mainly work around power plants and refineries. If any of you are more interested about the work Communities for a Better Environment does or actually doing an internship, I'm actually the internship coordinator. So if you need to do hours or learn how to organize I am more than willing to show you or give you any workshops. This past summer we had weekly meetings. It's a really good organization, especially if you are interested in environmental law."

Nina Malone-"I just want to say that if any of you are interested in an internship then that would be good for points."

VI. NEW BUSINESS LEGISLATION BILL (PRO/CON)

A. Nominations for Pro Tempore.

Sen. Owens nominated himself.

Sen. Alvarado nominated himself.

Sen. Dalyan nominated herself.

Sen. Collins nominated Sen. Arreola.

Sen. Arreola accepted the nomination.

Sen. Owens moved to close nominations, Sen. Alvarado 2nd.

Sen. Owens- "For those of you who don't know me, my name is Arthur Owens. This is my third term in senate. I am a nursing major. I have been involved with this for the last two semesters and I have enjoyed myself. I have worked with many different parts. I did the shared governance meetings. I did the holiday talent show. I did the banquet. I've worked with many of you guys and I will work with many of you. And this will be my second term, I'm hoping for, as pro tempore."

Sen. Alvarado-"I'm Asa Alvarado. Some of you know me, some of you don't. This is my first year running. I just saw Owens over there alone. I thought maybe I should run against him. So vote for me."

Sen. Dalyan- "My name is Montserrat Dalyan and I speak three different languages. I speak French, Spanish, and English. I speak those languages because I lived in Spain and France for eight years. I ran because I thought it was a wonderful opportunity. I guess somebody new, even though they don't have experience, can spice it up a bit."

Sen. Arreola- "I've been in this class three semesters also. Maybe not as active as Arthur because I also work in the Seahawk Center, but I'm open to new experiences. This has been a great learning experience for me being in this class. I can take this into real life

and into the work force. Like I said I'm open to something new. I know I've got a lot to offer people and I'm willing to share."

B. Nominations for EFC Representative.

Sen. Alvarado nominated Sen. Andrade.

Sen. Andrade declined the nomination.

Sen. Owens nominated himself.

Sen. Pedroza nominated Sen. Estrada.

Sen. Estrada accepted the nomination.

Sen. Alvarado moved to close nominations, Sen. Owens 2nd.

Sen. Owens- "Everybody knows who I am already. I'm Senator Owens. EFC Rep is something new for me. I've never did that position. I would like to try that and bring a new face, a good looking face up there. I'm very dependable. I have no class at that time."

Sen. Estrada- "Most of you know that I'm super shy. My name is Stephanie Estrada. This is my second semester in senate. I will be available at 12:30pm and I've been best friends with Connie. We make a good team and we work really good together."

Sen. Alvarado moved to suspend the orders of the day in order to vote on Action Items "A" and "B" at 1:43pm, Sen. Arreola 2nd.

C. Mental Health Annual College Campus Depression Screening- Sen. Briana Arreola and Sen. Lindsey Gray (\$285.00).

Sen. Lindsey Gray- "We're asking \$285.00 for depression screening on campus. \$185.00 is going for the community screening kit and \$100.00 is going for pizza to attract students to come to the area. It's from Dr. Bonnie. She works in the Life Skills Center. It's important because it allows students who are going through rough times get the opportunity to seek help."

Pro: Sen. Owens- "I think this is a great idea. Mental Health is a big thing. As you know the state of California is cutting back services. I work in mental health so I see it everyday. Depression is one of the highest in mental health. Some people don't know realize they are depressed."

Con: Sen. Dalyan- "I think it's a good bill, but it could be better. Depression is only one thing. We could expand it for drugs and alcohol. There's a lot of problems people have, not only depression. We could expand it more with other problems. The screening is great, but it only focuses on one thing."

Pro: Sen. Pedroza- "I believe that this is a good bill because although we know that there's all kind of services offered, I think this will actually bring it out and give students an opportunity to see that there are the services. A lot of these students are on this campus and they are new to this school and aren't really aware."

Con: Sen. Lefebrie- "Hello, I'm Senator Lefebrie and I think this is a wonderful idea, but I also that there's not enough screening kits. There's a lot of people that might need it."

VII. ACTION ITEMS (NO DISCUSSION, VOTING ONLY)

A. Election of Pro Tempore.

Sen. Owens received 4 yes votes, 14 no votes, and 2 abstentions.

Sen. Alvarado received 1 yes vote, 18 no votes, and 2 abstentions.

Sen. Dalyan received 5 yes votes, 14 no votes, and 2 abstentions.

Sen. Arreola received 8 yes votes, 10 no votes, and 2 abstentions.

There was no clear majority and a run off between Sen. Arreola and Sen. Dalyan was held.

Sen. Dalyan received 6 yes votes and 15 no votes.

Sen. Arreola was elected Pro Tempore.

B. Election of EFC Representative.

Sen. Owens received 17 yes votes, 3 no votes, and 1 abstention.

Sen. Owens was elected EFC Representative.

Sen. Lavezarri moved to resume the orders of the day and go to New Business Item "C" at 2:22pm. Sen. Alvarado 2nd.

C. Mental Health Annual College Campus Depression Screening- Sen. Briana Arreola and Sen. Lindsey Gray (\$285.00).

The bill received 15 yes votes and 4 no votes. The bill passed.

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: None.

B. Media Liason: None.

C. Events Planning Liason: None.

D. Seahawk Center Activities Coordinator: None.

XI. EXECUTIVE CABINET REPORTS (2 MINUTES PER PERSON)

A. President: Steven Delgado (acting President)- "Thank you for coming to today's meeting. This is our first official meeting. As you can see it was my first time being chair. I've got a lot to learn. I'm enthused. It's cool seeing all the new faces because I was once in the same position as a lot of you. You'll gradually learn it. Enjoy it now. Cook up new ways to have fun and enjoy your time in the senate."

B. Vice President: Briana Arreola (acting Vice President)- "I don't know of any announcements that I need to make today. I'll be better prepared just in case I need to make announcements in the future. I had no idea I would be sitting here right now. I'll find out what I need to know that way if I'm here again I'll have the information that I need to have."

C. V.P. of Finance: Anacani Macias- "Hey guys, I would like to let everyone know that we're having club rush tomorrow from 11:00am to 1:00pm. I would like to see every one of the senators there supporting our table as well as supporting other clubs. I'll go ahead and have a sign up sheet. We'll do points for whoever works it. See me after if you want to get some points."

- D. Secretary: Dawn Castillo- "We'll be out there for the AFT internship. We'll be participating in club row so that's another opportunity for points if you want to help us get those yellow cards filled out. Also, I post the agenda on Thursdays and you need to have any of your bills in the day before in order to have it on the agenda for the following Tuesday. If you get it in late it'll be backed up for like another week. So just try and get your paperwork in on time."

Sen. Alvarado moved to suspend the orders of the day in order to hold the EFC Meeting at 2:11pm, Sen. Owens 2nd.

XII. SHARED GOVERNANCE REPORTS (2 MINUTES PER PERSON)

- A. CPC- No Report.
- B. Academic Affairs- No Report.
- C. Student Services- No Report.
- D. Academic Senate:

Steven Delgado-"They're actually developing a two year plan for the school. A couple things that were brought up was the impact that the winter session had on our students. I shared with them the question of, "Will that not affect the students if winter session is cut?" They basically, due to budget, they can't really do that. Nothing is set in stone, but that's what they're discussing in there."

Sen. Owens- "They said there won't be a winter session. They also talked about graduation. They were discussing a lot of things that happened in the past that I didn't really get, such as finances."

- E. Work Environment:

Sen. Alvarado-"They were bringing up some issues about the construction. An example was the theater that was built around the speech building. Since it was built it's never been open, but yet we continued with all these other buildings yet we still haven't finished our old project. The truck routes for when they start construction on the new library. They're going to be bringing in materials between the new building we have here and the old library. That's the truck route for construction. We brought up my bill that's coming up. All we have to do is pass it here and they'll go ahead and do it."

Nina Malone-"About seven years ago the student senate passed a bill to buy a peace poll. It's been in my office for seven years. When the students passed it they started the construction. That's what they're working on to get the peace poll put in."

XIII. INFORMATION ITEMS

Sen. Arreola-"I work part time in the Seahawk Center. Students come up to the Seahawk Center for information on the clubs all the time. If any of you are in clubs please bring information to the Seahawk Center. I believe we could have a lot more club enrollment. Any information you could bring up to the Seahawk Center would be great because the clubs would be so much bigger."

Steven Delgado- "We officers have office hours posted in the Seahawk Center. What you can do is go to the Seahawk Center office and ask for me or Connie."

XIV. ADVISOR'S COMMENTS

Nina Malone—"When you come up to the senate area please go through the senate room. Enter through the back, not through the student activities area. We actually have two different things going on. Student activities, the staff that works there are paid through financial aid. They're working on the business of student activities. The senate, you guys have your own office, you have your own meeting room. Please don't try to go through the front. Students do hang out there. You're absolutely welcome to come up there. The more up there, the better. Don't wait until Tuesday if you have questions, if you want help with your bills. If you want to see me usually I'll see you at the counter and I'll wave you in. If I'm not, leave me a note and I'll call you back. I'm the only one you would want to see in the front. Now swine flu, we're not supposed to call it swine flu. I met with the health department yesterday along with Carol Stevens. We're actually going to be a site on October 19th and November 9th. We are going to be giving H1N1 flu injections to not only the students and faculty, but to the entire community. We've arranged it so the community won't be invited until 1:00pm. We need about 40 volunteers to get this thing going. The county is bringing people to give the injections, but we need screeners for those days. I am more than happy to give points to students in this class. Carol is asking if you can devote three hours. Ten points an hour is what I'm happy to give you. All of you will get vaccinated for free. It's not a problem. The next thing I want to talk about is Shared Governance meetings. The part I don't like talking about. We have to assign students to attend these meetings. We have the dates of meetings this month. If you look on the agenda there's the CPC. That's the oversight committee for the entire college. We have six seats on this committee and one vote. We lead by consensus. We look for all the constituent groups to get along and decide what works for everybody. The group that's least likely to show up is the students. The next one is the Academic Affairs. That's tomorrow in SSA 219 at 2:30pm. Academic Affairs is the division of the college that is run by Luis Rosas. It's the engine of the college. Who can sign up for a meeting. It's part of your grade. You don't get points for it, but it counts for your grade. The next meeting is the Student Services meeting. Abbie Patterson is Vice President of Student Affairs. She is my boss and we fall under the department of Student Services. The Academic Senate is analogous to our senate. Really the student body president is supposed to be at these meetings. It should be the officers that go to this meeting. Now Work Environment is the meeting that is lead by Brad Young. He's the chairman of the Social Sciences department. October 13th is the next meeting. Think about it. Look into your schedules and see which ones match your schedules. Sometimes these meetings get changed. If that happens you will still get credit, but you would have to show that it got canceled."

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Sen. Alvarado moved to adjourn the meeting, Sen. Dalyan 2nd