



## Minutes

**Oakland University Student Congress**  
**Wolf/Williford Administration**  
**Legislative Body Meeting Agenda**  
Oakland Room, Oakland Center  
Monday, September 24, 2012  
4:00 P.M.

- I. **Call to order:** 4:02pm
- II. **Roll Call:** Quorum met.
- III. **Approval of Meeting Minutes from September 17th, 2012:** Approved.
- IV. **Comments from the Gallery**
  - a. A student came before Student Congress to ask that we try to get more desks put into classrooms so that every student has a chair to sit in. Classrooms have been very full and because of that, and more chairs need to be in classrooms.
    - i. Discussion: Legislator Joshua Nuss first thanked the student for stating their opinion and ask which class and the location of his class. He stated that it was in Pawley Hall for a political science class. Legislator Darias Thompson also thanked the student for coming forward with his issues and stated that she has had similar experiences. She also said that Ms. Amara Fattah is going to address the issue. This student is very angry about this issue and hopes that Student Congress can address it. Legislator Natalie Juronoc said that the registrar's office also keeps a tight link between classrooms and number of students so maybe it is just an error. Legislator Wesley Gamble also stated that he had similar experiences. Ms. Amara Fattah told the student that she would address the issue and will give him her email address to get the information from him.
- V. **Old Business**
  - a. **Oktoberfest C.B. 13-01** *presented by James Shermetaro*
    - i. This is the second reading of this bill. No one thought that a second reading was necessary.
    - ii. Vote: Approved. 21/21.
- VI. **New Business**
  - a. None.
- VII. **Discussion Topics**
  - a. *Discussion Topics related to Comments from the Gallery Related to Business of the Day, Guest Speakers, & submitted Statements of Student Concern*
    - i. Ms. Amara Fattah stated that she has had several issues brought before her including issues with the internet in Hamlin Hall, the speed bump in front of the Human Health Building. They are being addressed.
    - ii. Legislator Wesley Gamble wanted to see more signage for the Bike Loan Program. Ms. Amara Fattah reiterated that it would be pointless because it is temporary.
    - iii. Mr. Robbie Williford reopened the discussion on attendance with OUSC legislators. He is trying to draw a line as far as tardiness and attendance goes.
      1. Discussion: Legislator Maria Willett stated that there are four people waiting to be legislators. Legislator William Gross asked about the difference between Executive Board. Legislator Natalie Juronoc stated that she wants legislators to be reading the by-laws to avoid unnecessary questions and to also avoid redundant comments. Legislator Wesley Gamble explained that legislators should be here to vote. E-Boards jobs extend past meeting. Legislator Aws Polina stated that in the by-laws it clearly states that anyone that misses three general body meetings would be up for removal. Mr. Williford wants to make sure that he does not make this decision alone. He does not want Legislator Jibran Ahmed to have to leave. But after these discussions, he's decided to talk to Legislator Ahmed about resigning. Legislator Katrina Stencel inquired about the class Legislator Ahmed is taking. Mr. Williford stated that it was a hard class to schedule. Legislator Juronoc wants to make sure that Legislator Ahmed stays involved with committees.
    - iv. Ms. Rachel Boye stated that everyone is interested in the jackets that OUSC ordered last year. She asked legislators if they wanted to order new ones or if they wanted her to search for a new clothing item for Congress.
      1. Legislator Joshua Nuss stated he thought they were quite snappy and would love to have new jackets. Legislator Maria Willett also stated that the jackets are great. Legislator Hasan Kaakarli inquired as to the price. Ms. Boye said she did not think it would be nearly as much. Legislator James Shermetaro thinks all of Congress is in

agreement. Mr. Robert Williford encouraged legislators to help Ms. Boye research new jackets.

## VIII. Reports

- a. Student Body President – **Samantha Wolf**
  - i. Ms. Samantha Wolf explained that she had a crazy week with sorority recruitment and she is happy it is over. She also convinced Dean Mac to buy all the vinyl banners for the tailgate and saved OUSC money. Also, the printer will be replaced and offset by SAFAC aid. There will be a luncheon with administration to explain what we use money for to stop the comments about OUSC wasting money. She also asked legislators to fill out an evaluation for Amera's event. She is on a new committee with the Provost.
- b. Student Body Vice President – **Robbie Williford**
  - i. Mr. Robbie Williford told the general body about the several teleconferences he has had with housing contractors. He also spent some time going over evaluations.
- c. Student Activities Funding Board – **Brandon Hanna**
  - i. Ms. Wolf read Mr. Hanna's report and said it was just business as usual.
- d. Student Program Board – **Nicholas McCormick**
  - i. Mr. McCormick had a meeting at 8:30am with SAFAC and proposed the printer money from SAFAC special funds with the stipulation that other SAFAC members can use the printer. Mr. McCormick also said he did the lighting for Tablao, had one-on-one's with his E-Board, cleaned his office with Mr. Kalik Jones and Ms. Rylin Ploe. He also has been working on the SPB website with Mr. Jones.
- e. Legislative Affairs Director – **Michelle Alwardt**
  - i. Ms. Michelle Alwardt said that her event Friday with Representative Vicki Barnett went very well and she thanks everyone for their help and attendance. She also asked for a couple more people to come to the SAM Conference next weekend because she has two spots left. She is also going to be emailing everyone about tabling time. She has registered 102 absentee ballots.
- f. Multicultural Affairs Director – **Maria Arellano**
  - i. Ms. Maria Arellano thanked the legislators for approving the bill for Oktoberfest. Anyone that wants to join her committee can approach her after meeting. She also announced that RHA is going to help fund To Write Love on Her Arms. It will hopefully be a 600-person event. She is working with Jean Ann on a cultural trip to Detroit. It is a field trip that will include hands on activities.
- g. Financial Affairs Director – **Scottie Shermetaro**
  - i. Mr. Scottie Shermetaro said that we have spent about \$13,000 which is under our projected spending.
- h. Student Services Director – **Amera Fattah**
  - i. Ms. Amera Fattah explained that she had a meeting with some members of the Engineering department with Ms. Wolf and the program we are creating for the Bike Share Program will be OU-exclusive. ConnectOU is now going out October 10<sup>th</sup> instead of October 3<sup>rd</sup> for many reasons. The souvenir cups are going to OU-exclusive travel mugs. It will be a \$12 mug and your beverages will be 99 cents every time you refill. She also thanked everyone for their attendance and help for her event today. She also congratulated Sierra on winning the Student of the Month this month.
- i. Visual Communications Director – **Ethan Scott**
  - i. Mr. Ethan Scott stated that last week he worked a lot on the graphics for Oktoberfest. It took a lot of time an effort but he thinks it turned out great. He has a full plate this week.
- j. Marketing Director—**Rachel Boye**
  - i. Ms. Rachel Boye explained that she has been working on distributing planners and the legal aid postcards, and also on the jacket research.
- k. Administrative Assistant – **Emily Collins**
  - i. Ms. Emily Collins stated that this last week she compiled reports and wrote the minutes for this week. E-Board has been extremely helpful in compiling reports, which makes it much easier for her to put them together. Other than that, Ms. Collins has just been trying to get into a routine with her other jobs and school. She apologized for not emailing the bill out, in the future she will be sure to obtain a copy from Lauren for bills and send them out to legislators.
- l. Advisor Report – **Allison Webster**
  - i. Ms. Allison Webster congratulated everyone who went Greek this past week. This Friday at 8am is the make up SAFB training.
- m. *Questions related to Executive Reports*

- i. Legislator Rylin Ploe asked Ms. Amara Fattah about the Bike Loan Program. Each bike is signed out to a student and they also possess a lock. The pink ones are still simply Bike Share bikes that are “up for grabs”. Legislator Ploe also asked if the 99 cent mug also went to every beverage. Ms. Fattah said that all drinks except specialty drinks and smoothies.
- ii. Legislator Natalie Juronoc asked Mr. Nicholas McCormick about a spring break trip done by SPB. Mr. McCormick stated that administration was more involved in that decision. Dean Mac stated that the “Spring Break” stereotype tends to make it unrealistic to do a trip. It is a safety decision. To offset that, we may do more trips with more spots.
- iii. Legislator Darias Thompson asked Ms. Amara Fattah if she had seen any of the previous OU souvenir mugs but this year they are doing stainless steel or a more stylish style without handles. Legislator Thompson told Ms. Fattah that there was a recent one that was exactly like that. Legislator Thompson also asked about GPS tracking in the new bikes and Ms. Fattah stated that there will be GPS tracking in the new program.
- iv. Legislator Maria Willett asked how the new SAFAC printer would be set up. Mr. McCormick stated that we may just have give the president or vice president of the other organizations to the other SAFAC organizations and as they manage budgets like ours, it should be safe. This printer also requires more security so we will know exactly who is printing what. Ms. Wolf also stated that the printer would remain in the OUSC office. She will also be sure that organizations are not abusing the privilege.

IX. **Updates**

- a. Steering Committee – Lauren Tibbets
  - i. No update.
- b. Judiciary Committee – Aws Polina
  - i. Legislator Polina said that eight legislators did not do their one hour and he is very disappointed.
- c. Scholarship Committee – Maria Willett
  - i. Legislator Willett announced her committee is meeting tomorrow at noon.
- d. Research and Review Committee – Patricia Rockentine
  - i. No update.
- e. Congressional Archivist – Darias Thompson
  - i. Legislator Thompson stated that he met with Legislator Gamble about doing the scanning of documents. She has also talked to other organizations about their history.
- f. RHA Representative – Katie Bumhoffer
  - i. Ms. Bumhoffer stated that their E-Board has been meeting with their committees this week and their next meeting for RHA is this Thursday at 7pm.
- g. Tailgate Committee
  - i. Legislator Madeline Knapp passed out an informational sheet about the tailgate. Contact her with questions.
- h. *Questions related to Updates*
  - i. None.

X. **Comments from the gallery**

- a. None.

XI. **Announcements**

- a. OUSC Meetings are on Monday at 4:00 in the Oakland Room
- b. The next OUSC Meeting will be Monday, October 1<sup>st</sup>.
- c. Evaluations are due for the 2 events held this week.

XII. **Adjournment: 5:08pm**