



Minutes

Oakland University Student Congress
Wolf/Williford Administration
Legislative Body Meeting Agenda
Oakland Room, Oakland Center
Monday, September 17, 2012
4:00 P.M.

- I. **Call to order: 4:00pm**
- II. **Roll Call:** Quorum Met
- III. **Approval of Meeting Minutes from September 10th, 2012:** Approved.
- IV. **Comments from the Gallery**
 - a. None
- V. **Old Business**
 - a. None
- VI. **New Business**
 - a. **Approval of Mark Martin as the Associate Chairman of the Student Activities Funding Board (SAFB)** –*presented by Mr. Brandon Hanna*
 - i. Mr. Brandon Hanna spoke on Mr. Mark Martin’s behalf. He stated that Mr. Martin was on the SAFB board last year, and has been punctual, helpful and has a positive attitude and would appreciate the legislature adding him in as chairman.
 - ii. Mr. Martin spoke on his own behalf. He stated that he is a junior living on campus. He has been on SAFB for a year and a half. He enjoys the position and is open to questions. No questions were asked.
 - iii. Moved into vote: Approved.
 - b. **Oktoberfest C.B. 13-01** *presented by James Shermetaro*
 - i. Discussion: Legislator Gamble is presenting the bill in Legislator Shermetaro’s absence. The bill was read out loud. Co-Sponsored by German club who will fund the food portion of the event. This is a cultural immersion event that would be beneficial to all. This resolution aims to add \$1,500 for funds in budget for Oktoberfest. This is the first reading of the month. Legislator Gamble yields all questions to Ms. Maria Arellano.
 - ii. Questions:
 1. Legislator Blake Williams asked Mr. Scott Shermetaro about how much is in our discretionary funds. Mr. Shermetaro stated that although he does not have a final number he knows we are about \$10,000 safe.
 2. Legislator Maria Willett asked Ms. Arellano if that was the event on the postcard and she stated that is was.
 3. Ms. Michelle Alwardt asked where the total \$1,500 was going to. Ms. Arellano said it will be for performers, a cartoon artist and German calligrapher.
 4. Legislator Gamble asked Ms. Arellano the total cost of the event, including what the German club is contributing. She replied \$3,200.00
- 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 is looking to send Pride Packs to local businesses to increase school pride.
 - ii. Mr. Robbie Williford –Opened a discussion about the members of OUSC that have class on Mondays. He asked everyone on their opinion about Legislator Jibran Ahmed, who has class until 5pm and will therefore miss meeting every week for the entire semester.
 1. Discussion: Legislator Juronoc asked about Mr. Nicholas McCormick about him missing class and then mentioned how Legislator Madeline Knapp is also late to the meeting due to a class that ends at 4:20pm. She also said the Legislator Ahmed is a great asset to OUSC and it’d be preferable to put him on a committee. Legislator Gamble stated that the core of meeting is from 4 to 5pm and Legislators have just as much responsibility as Executive Board. He also said it seemed pointless to be on the legislature if one is unavailable to vote. Legislator Willett also mentioned that three absences will automatically put him up for removal. She said although she loves Legislator Ahmed, legislators are here to vote. Legislator MacDonald stated that he thought all the legislators knew what they were signing up for and that others will take time out on Mondays for meeting. Legislator Juronoc reiterated that Legislator Ahmed is an absolute asset to OUSC, but Legislator is right about the absences.

After next week, he will be up for approval and will not be present to explain himself. Mr. Brandon Hanna does not think the absences are acceptable but classes are the number one priority. He also stated that he does not think it's acceptable that Mr. Nicholas McCormick is absent but Jibran is not allowed to be. He wants to explore the situation with Legislator Ahmed to see if this class was a choice or forced. Legislator Willett stated that other people will want his spot so we need to open it up. Legislator Knapp spoke on her own behalf. She apologized for being late. She scheduled her classes before knowing she would be on OUSC. But her commitment is very strong to OUSC and she has followed through on those commitments so far. Ms. Samantha Wolf stated that for the Executive Board members who are going to miss meeting, this semester Mr. McCormick and next semester Mr. Scott Shermetaro, they had no choice. They were backed into a corner with classes and they can also still do their job even if they're not there. Legislator Gamble added that fifteen minutes late to meeting is acceptable but missing it entirely is not. Executive Board requirements are different than legislators. If they cannot come to meeting it does not affect their positions. But voting is a legislators job and that is affected. Legislator Aws Polina mentioned that Legislator Ahmed could also apply next semester.

VIII. Reports

- a. Student Body President – **Samantha Wolf**
 - i. Ms. Samantha Wolf stated that she was able to go to every welcome week event, and met lots of students. She said the event Tablao went amazing and wants everyone to fill out evaluations. She is putting a binder together of events from the year to look back and make adjustments for the future. She has a bike share meeting and housing meetings this week. She asked that everyone also be here on time and keep their phones away.
- b. Student Body Vice President – **Robbie Williford**
 - i. Mr. Robbie Williford stated that the past week was busy and he was also sick last week. But he is looking forward into getting into a groove and having a normal schedule without welcome week events. This week he has some big meetings including the housing and bike share meetings. He and Ms. Wolf created a evaluation for themselves and is open for everyone to do.
- c. Student Activities Funding Board – **Brandon Hanna**
 - i. Mr. Brandon Hanna stated that this was the first week that the budget management software has been up and running. He received sixty requests for funding and next Friday is the make up SAFB training at 8am.
- d. Student Program Board – **Nicholas McCormick**
 - i. Not present.
- e. Legislative Affairs Director – **Michelle Alwardt**
 - i. Ms. Michelle Alwardt stated that she has been working on the arrangements for the SAM Conference. Any interested legislators should approach her. The conference is September 28-30th. She also stated that her next event is this Friday the 21st at 12pm in Fireside. It is a Coffee Hour with Vicki Barnett. She's also been working on getting people registered to vote. She also met with Planned Parenthood who is willing to do a program about lobbying so that for OU Day at the Capitol students know how to approach their elected officials.
- f. Multicultural Affairs Director – **Maria Arellano**
 - i. Ms. Maria Arellano thanked anyone who helped or attended her event Tablao. It went very well she hopes everyone saw something interesting about Spanish culture. She's working hard on her next upcoming events. Anyone with questions or interests in joining her committee can approach her after meeting.
- g. Financial Affairs Director – **Scottie Shermetaro**
 - i. Mr. Scottie Shermetaro stated that OUSC has spent around \$9,000 so far this semester on all expenses. The file on google docs is all updated.
- h. Student Services Director – **Amera Fattah**
 - i. Ms. Amera Fattah announced that the new shuttles are finally in operation. She is also still working on getting the bear huts set up. She has a meeting planned for October in regards to the bear huts. She also has a meeting this week about the Bike Loan Program. Connect OU is going out again October 3rd and anyone interested can have their organizations information in it. The Legal Aid program launches next Monday in Fireside Lounge from 12-1pm. They're going to go over topics like traffic stops DUI, MIP, etc. There will be snacks and beverages.

She also contacted Chartwells to research travel mugs idea that would mean that every time you use them you can get discount on your beverages.

- i. Visual Communications Director – **Ethan Scott**
 - i. Mr. Ethan Scott announced that his report is on google docs. He worked on the Student of the Month program and send a lot of proofs to Amera and is also working on the application for student of the month.
- j. Marketing Director—**Rachel Boye**
 - i. Ms. Rachel Boye told the general body that if anyone needed office hours, she could supply them. She's also always wanting committee members.
- k. Administrative Assistant – **Emily Collins**
 - i. Ms. Emily Collins wrote minutes and reports for last meeting. She invited anyone interested to come with her to go around to all her stops for Exam Cram.
- l. Advisor - **Allison Webster** –
 - i. Ms. Allison Webster announced that the GSC is putting n a couple SAFE trainings and anyone can attend. Sorority and fraternity formal recruitment is also this week.
- m. *Questions related to Executive Reports*
 - i. Legislator Wes Gamble asked Mr. Robbie Williford about the new housing. Mr. Williford told him that the housing proposal has to go in front of board of trustees so therefore all this talk is just preliminary. It will be voted on October 4th. The new chair really wants housing so the odds of it being approved are very likely. Legislator Gamble asked when construction would start and Mr. Williford told him it would probably be in over a year.
 - ii. Legislator Maria Willett asked about any plans for the Reflection Room. Legislator Nsurat Zaman told her the OU Movement wanted to use it but it's still not for sure. Legislator Willett also asked about the committees we had all been assigned to. Ms. Samantha Wolf said all communications will come from chair.

IX. Updates:

- a. There was a motion to add RHA Liaison to updates: Approved.
- b. Steering Committee
 - i. Legislator Lauren Tibbits just asked everyone to get materials to her on time so they can be on the agenda. She also changed the due date from Fridays and midnight to Saturdays at noon.
- c. Judiciary Committee
 - i. Legislator Aws Polina stated that he's keeping track of attendance.
- d. Scholarship Committee
 - i. Legislator Maria Willett told anyone that's on her committee to stay after meeting.
- e. Research and Review Committee
 - i. Legislator Patricia Rockentine wants anyone interested in being on her committee to let her know. So far her committee is only her and Legislator Daniel Rochon.
- f. Congressional Archivist-
 - i. Legislator Darias Thompson announced that she has committee members now and she still wants more. She is trying to get access to the site that they want to put the archives. Legislator Gamble and Legislator Thompson are meeting after to talk about what Legislator Gamble did last year and to learn more.
- g. RHA Representative-
 - i. Ms. Katie Bumhoffer announced that this week there is a meeting on Thursday at 7pm. RHA still hasn't completed their final budget but will have it soon.
- h. *Questions related to Updates*
 - i. Mr. Robbie Williford asked Ms. Bumhoffer if they had the dates for Friday Night Live. Ms. Bumhoffer said she hopes to publish them Thursday.

X. **Comments from the gallery**

- a. The Vice Provost had an announcement. Too many students applied for the Retention Committee so he wants to convene a group of students next Monday at 3pm to decide who will be on the Retention Committee. There is also a scholarship available for students that complete 300 hours of community service for a \$1,175 scholarship.

XI. **Announcements**

- a. OUSC Meetings are on Monday at 4:00 in the Oakland Room
- b. The next OUSC Meeting will be Monday, September 24rd.

XII. **Adjournment:** 4:48pm