



Minutes

Oakland University Student Congress
Eveslage/Malile Administration
Legislative Body Meeting Agenda
Oakland Room, Oakland Center
Monday, September 19, 2011
4:00 P.M.

- I. **Call to order:** 4:02pm
- II. **Roll Call:** Quorum met
- III. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- IV. **Approval of Meeting Minutes from September 12, 2011:** Approved
- V. **Comments from the Gallery:** none
- VI. **Old Business**
 - a. Post Secret Parts I & II, *presented by Ms. Emilia Allen:* Ms. Allen just let everyone know if they have any other questions to let her know.
- VII. **New Business**
 - a. Office Supplies C.B.12-05, *presented by Mr. Nick McCormick:* Mr. McCormick explained that C.B. 12-05 would add \$500 to Office Supplies category from the uncategorized funds.
 - b. The Madnezz C.B. 12-06, *presented by Mr. Nick McCormick:* Mr. McCormick explained that C.B. 12-06 would update the category name to "The Madnezz" and transfer money under the new name of "Event Costs" so that we can use the money in more ways than previously designated.
 - c. OU Cell Phone App and Political Workshop(s) C.B. 12-07, *presented by Mr. Nick McCormick:* Mr. McCormick explained that C.B. 12-07 would transfer money from the Cell Phone App to "Political Involvement Workshops".
 - i. Ms. Halsell questioned what happened to the cell phone app. Mr. Mclsaac answered that the iPhone version is in beta testing and that there is no Android version yet. The timing and schedule of work being done on the app has slowed down and it is taking longer finish.
 - d. Arabian Nights C.B. 12-08, *presented by Mr. Nick McCormick:* Mr. McCormick explained that C.B. 12-08 would transfer money that was left over from Hispanic Celebration Opening Ceremony to the "Arabian Nights" event. The costs are higher than projected and the costs for the other event we lower than projected.
- VIII. **Discussion Topics**
 - a. *Discussion Topics related to Comments from the Gallery Related to Business of the Day, Guest Speakers, & submitted Statements of Student Concern:* Mr. Mclsaac explained that there were two statements of student concern: (1) The entrance next to the Oakland Room of the Oakland Center did not have a handicap button. This was diverted to the OC. (2) There were multiple concerns about the Financial Aid office and how it needs a more effective and efficient process for helping out students.
 - i. Ms. Halsell asked for more detail on the comments that were made about the Financial Aid office. Mr. Mclsaac explained that concerned students would like to see the office become more personable, have an appointment based system instead of how it is now where students just sit and wait for assistance. Also to maybe include an online video chat system with advisors. Mr. McCormick added that there should also a phone system implemented that would allow student to leave their numbers to get a call back from the office rather than just holding for assistance.
 - b. Nomination and Selection of Committee Chair: Scholarship Committee, *presented by Ms. Elisa Millie:* Ms. Malile announced that we will be selecting a new Scholarship Committee Chair next week, as the previous one will no longer be a member of Congress. She suggested that the legislature begin nominating others to run for the position.
- IX. **Reports**
 - a. Student Body President – Mr. Benjamin Eveslage: Written & circulated. Mr. Eveslage has been working on The Madnezz event.
 - b. Student Body Vice President – Ms. Elisa Malile: Written & circulated. Ms. Malile reminded everyone that we should all take out time with students looking for help in the office – listen to their issues and answer any questions they may have and if you cannot, direct them to someone who can.
 - c. Student Activities Funding Board – Mr. Brandon Hanna: Written & circulated.

- d. Student Program Board – Mr. Jermaine Conaway: Written & circulated. Mr. Conaway explained that the SPB Boston trip sold out within the first couple hours of sales. Cedar Point tickets are now on sale and auditions will be starting for OUs Got Talent.
- e. Legislative Affairs Director – Ms. Samantha Wolf: Written & circulated. Ms. Wolf has been busy planning her October events.
- f. Multicultural Affairs Director – Ms. Emilia Allen: Written & circulated. Ms. Allen has been taking care of the final arrangements for the Post Secret: Frank Warren speaking event this Wednesday.
- g. Financial Affairs Director – Mr. Michael Allison: Written & circulated. Mr. Allison explained that \$1,209 is available for the SAM conference and that an iPad was purchased for the Marketing Committee.
- h. Student Services Director – Mr. Brett McIsaac: Written & circulated. Mr. McIsaac is in the process of revamping Student of the Month and the Bear Bus tracking.
- i. Visual Communications Director – Mr. Alejandro Herrera: Written & circulated. Mr. Herrera told everyone of a photo shoot opportunity for the new Chartwells Student Organization menu, and to let him know if you are interested in participating.
- j. Marketing Director—Mr. James Shermetaro: Written & circulated. Mr. Shermetaro reported that he has been busy working on SAVNGER.
- k. Administrative Assistant – Ms. Lisa Vecchio: Written & circulated. Ms. Vecchio let the legislature know that if they need things to do for their required office hours to let her know.
- l. *Questions related to Executive Reports: none*

X. **Updates**

- a. Steering Committee- Ms. Alexis Halsell: nothing new to report.
- b. Judiciary Committee- Ms. Natalie Juronoc: Mr. Juronoc reminded everyone to get his or her office hours done – there is one hour required per week.
- c. Scholarship Committee-
- d. Research and Review Committee- Ms. Maria Willett: Ms. Willett explained that Darrell Boyd, Steve Cox, and Matt Parks have resigned from the legislature and that their spots are now open. She announced that everyone in the gallery who is there to become a legislator to let her know.
- e. Residence Hall Association President- Mr. Robbie Williford: Mr. Williford announced that between three RHS meeting there has been 90 guests. He let everyone know that they can email him if they would like to be on the agenda for any RHA meetings. He also announced that RHA is looking for an OUSC liaison.
- f. Congressional Archivist- Mr. Wesley Gamble: Mr. Gamble announced that he is in the process of reorganizing the archiving process.
- g. *Questions related to Updates:* none

XI. **Comments from the gallery:** Ms. Malile recognized Jim Zentmeyer and all of the students in the gallery.

XII. **Announcements**

- a. Volunteers for OU Cares are needed.
- b. GOP Debate Reception Meeting following the OUSC General Body Meeting
- c. OUSC Meetings are on Monday at 4:00 in the Oakland Room
- d. The next OUSC Meeting will be Monday, September 26.
- e. 24Hr Library Update: Mr. McIsaac announced the number of students that came through the library between the times of 12am – 7am. First week of classes: 120 students. Second week: 343 students. Third week: 657 students.
 - i. OUSC applauded this information.

XIII. **Adjournment:** 4:29pm