



Minutes

Oakland University Student Congress
Eveslage/Malile Administration
Legislative Body Meeting Agenda
Oakland Room, Oakland Center
Monday, October 3, 2011
4:00 P.M.



- I. **Call to order:** 4:00pm
- II. **Roll Call:** Quorum met
- III. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- IV. **Approval of Meeting Minutes from September 26, 2011:** Approved
- V. **Comments from the Gallery:** none
- VI. **Old Business**
 - a. SAFB Regulation 76 Revision C.B. 12-09, *presented by Mr. Jason Dunn*
 - i. Mr. Dunn explained C.B. 12-09. Mr. Gamble made a motion for a friendly amendment to change wording to “adult merchandise” instead of “adult sex toys”. This was seconded by Mr. Kaminski. Mr. Gustafsson asked what the difference was between saying adult sex toys or adult merchandise. Mr. Gamble answered that it gives a wider definition and less specific than just toys. This motion to change the language was approved.
 - ii. Mr. Dunn added that C.B. 12-09 allows for all student organizations to use SAFB funds. Mr. Kaminski addressed the part of the bill that states a supervisor with at least a Master’s degree must be present, and said that it should not be so high. Ms. Allen agreed with him. Ms. Alwardt made a motion to change it from a Master’s degree to an Associate’s degree. This was seconded. Mr. Sklar made a motion to change it to professional in the field, this was seconded and passed.
 - iii. C.B. 12-09 was passed by majority of the legislature.
- VII. **New Business**
 - a. SCVNGR Budget Amendment C.B. 12-11, *presented by Ms. Michelle Alwardt*
 - i. Ms. Alwardt yielded to Mr. Shermetaro and he explained that C.B. 12-11 would move money in the Book Swap promotion to be used for a SCVNGR Application. This app would be used for determining the Student of the Month. Mr. Mclsaac added that it is a good way to get students more involved and award them for it; it would also help market OUSC events.
 - ii. Ms. Juronoc asked if the app will increase student awareness of Student of the Month. Mr. Shermetaro answered that it will give Student of the Month a new image and allow for social check-ins. Mr. Gustafsson asked about the OU phone app that was supposed to be coming out. Mr. Mclsaac explained that the OU app has been delayed and that the SCVNGR app would be different and allows students to be more interactive, where the OU app was more of an informational use. Mr. Shermetaro added that it also puts OUSC in control of it, where the OU app was not.
 - iii. Mr. Gamble asked how will challenges be created on the app. Mr. Shermetaro answered that anyone looking to create a challenge can bring it to himself, Mr. Mclsaac or Mr. Herrera and they will be approving the challenges. Mr. Gustafsson commented that he is very excited for this app and hopes that this bill is passed.
 - b. SAM Conference Regulation C.B. 12-12, *presented by Ms. Michelle Alwardt*
 - i. Ms. Alwardt yielded to Ms. Wolf and she explained that C.B. 12-12 would make the SAM conference participation optional for the Legislative Affairs Director and the Vice President. Mr. McCormick added that SAM was made mandatory only a year ago. Mr. Kaminski asked for Mr. Eveslage’s thoughts on this issue. Mr. Eveslage explained that SAM is a conference where Michigan Student Governments attend and there are informational sessions that were not too useful at the last SAM conference attended; he thinks that maybe OUSC would be interested in attending different and more beneficial conferences instead. Mr. Gustafsson asked whether any other schools feel the same way. Ms. Wolf explained that MSU hardly attends.
 - c. OUSC Promotional Attire C.B. 12-10, *presented by Ms. Rachel Boye*
 - i. Ms. Allen asked for a motion to be made to have Ms. VanFleteren present C.B. 12-10. Mr.

McCormick made the motion, it was seconded.

ii. Ms. VanFleteren explained that C.B. 12-10 would allow some money to be spent on OUSC sweater jackets as the weather is getting colder; we could still be representing OUSC. Ms. Allen asked for a motion to be made to change the amount of money for the jackets from \$900 to \$1,000. Ms. Juronoc made the motion, it was seconded and passed.

iii. Mr. Eveslage advised the legislature that the section about The Madnezz in C.B. 12-10 can be changed. Mr. McCormick said how that section should be changed; the jacket should not be given out as a reward for the legislators helping out with the Madnezz events, as they should be volunteering at all OUSC events.

iv. Mr. Gamble asked whether there were any designs for the jacket as of now. Ms. VanFleteren explained that there are none picked out yet but will be ready for the next meeting.

d. Approval of Marketing Committee members: Mr. McCormick made a motion to combine line items i-viii, this was seconded and passed.

i. Michelle Alwardt, Maria Arellano, Rachel Boye, Rachel Kern, Scottie Shermetaro, James Sklar, Ted Tansley, Darias Thompson

1. Mr. Shermetaro spoke on behalf of all the committee members and explained that they are very responsible and fast, he has seen no problems with them so far and they are a great group for the Marketing Committee.

2. Michelle Alwardt, Maria Arellano, Rachel Boye, Rachel Kern, Scottie Shermetaro, James Sklar, Ted Tansley, and Darias Thompson were approved as members of the Marketing Committee.

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:*
 - i. Mr. McIsaac explained that there was a concern brought to him about a student in class who, when the professor explained that they needed scantrons for their test and that OUSC was not providing them anymore, the student made a comment that scantrons were all OUSC did. He explained how we need to make OUSC's other opportunities known and maintain a good image of OUSC. Ms. Vecchio agreed and said that the comment made was actually, "that's all that they were good for". Mr. Kaminski suggested putting something outside of the office on the window that lists all the events we have for the month.
- b. *Conferences, Events, and Workshops, Presented by Ms. Emilia Allen:* Ms. Allen explained that since the SAM conference at Ferris State was so disappointing, she was thinking of attending some other more useful conferences.
 - i. Ms. Juronoc asked if there were others to attend. Ms. Allen explained that there are so many to choose from. Ms. Wolf clarified that C.B. 12-12, presented earlier, would not completely drop SAM, but give the option not to go. Ms. Juronoc agreed that this is a good idea and maybe we can attend more conferences that are day events rather than a few that are overnight ones.
- c. *OUSC Activities - Yates Cider Mill, Presented by Mr. Benjamin Eveslage:* Mr. Eveslage explained that this Sunday is a social event that the International Allies were organizing at Yate's Cider Mill and OUSC is invited to attend. He will send out an email with the details about attendance and carpooling.
 - i. Ms. Thompson explained that she is very excited for this and hopes everyone will try to make it.

IX. Reports

- a. Student Body President – Mr. Benjamin Eveslage: Report written and circulated. He has been planning Madnezz events and BYOB Tailgate.
- b. ~~Student Body Vice President – Ms. Elisa Matite~~
- c. ~~Student Activities Funding Board – Mr. Brandon Hanna~~
- d. Student Program Board – Mr. Jermaine Conaway: Report written and circulated. Auditions are finished for the talent show and Boston is coming along well.
- e. Legislative Affairs Director – Ms. Samantha Wolf: Report written and circulated. October environmental events will be October 25-28.
- f. Multicultural Affairs Director – Ms. Emilia Allen: Report written and circulated. This Friday will be the last day to submit secrets to get into the OUPostSecret book.
- g. Financial Affairs Director – Mr. Michael Allison: Report written and circulated. So far, \$5,554 has been spent on the Madnezz for tents, tables, chairs and promotions. More costs are pending.
- h. Student Services Director – Mr. Brett McIsaac: Report written and circulated. Working on getting the legal services and working with Financial Aid to improve their processes.
- i. Visual Communications Director – Mr. Alejandro Herrera: Report written and circulated. Working on Madnezz visuals and t-shirts.
- j. Marketing Director – Mr. James Shermetaro: Report written and circulated. Working on the SCVNGR Proposal and promoting Invisible Children event, which is tomorrow.
- k. Administrative Assistant – Ms. Lisa Vecchio: Report written and circulated. Working on promoting Invisible Children, sent emails to professors and departments.
- l. *Questions related to Executive Reports:* none

X. Updates

- a. Steering Committee- Ms. Alexis Halsell: none
- b. Judiciary Committee- Ms. Natalie Juronoc: Reminded legislators that the Invisible Children event can count as your office hour for the week, make sure you log it in the OUSC office. Also, let her know if interested in joining the Judiciary Committee.
- c. Scholarship Committee- Mr. Jason Dunn: In his mailbox in the office there is an academic standing sheet he would like the legislators to fill out. Working on a Library Rave with Mr. Gustafsson. Meeting with Ben and Elisa to see what regulations there are on the Scholarship Committee. Let him know if interested in joining committee.
- d. Research and Review Committee- Ms. Maria Willett: absent
- e. Residence Hall Association President- Mr. Robbie Williford: Introduced the RHA-OUSC Liaison and explained that she will be coming to OUSC meetings and reporting back to RHA.

- f. Congressional Archivist- Mr. Wesley Gamble: There were no archives found for 2007-08. Let him know if you know of any documents.
- g. Greek Council Liaison - Ms. Natalie Juronoc: Saturday, October 15th is Mudbowl and the Pig roast is Friday, October 14th.
- h. *Questions related to Updates:* none

- XI. **Comments from the gallery:** There was a comment made from Alex in RHA about how OUSC should spread the information about no longer providing scantrons.
- a. Mr. Eveslage explained that OUSC did let the Bookstore know and that the Post also did an article about it. OUSC is working on getting a scantron vending machine in the library, since it is open 24 hours. Mr. Kaminski also explained there is a sign in the OUSC office. Mr. Mclsaac also explained that we have ways for students to find out things about OUSC, through our website and the get involved email alerts that are sent out regularly. Ms. Allen thanked Alex for coming and expressing her concern.
- XII. **Announcements**
- a. The next OUSC event is *Invisible Children* which will be tomorrow, Tuesday, October 4th from 7:0 - 9:00pm in the Gold Rooms.
 - b. OUSC Meetings are on Monday at 4:00 in the Oakland Room
 - c. The next OUSC Meeting will be Monday, October 10th.
 - d. Mr. McCormick announced that the printer/copier in the office is in service this week and the maintenance person will be coming in periodically for it.
 - e. Mr. Gustafsson announced there is an event to see T. Boone Pickens and to let him know if anyone is interested.
- XIII. **Adjournment:** 5:03pm