



Minutes

Oakland University Student Congress
Eveslage/Malile Administration
Legislative Body Meeting Agenda
Oakland Room, Oakland Center
Monday, October 24, 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 October 17th, 2011:** Approved
- V. **Comments from the Gallery**
 - a. Ms. Malile led a moment of silence for the students whose lives were lost this past weekend in a terrible car accident.
 - b. Acknowledgement of RHA's OUSC Liaison Jhanay Williams-Wolf.
 - c. Guest Speaker: Nancy Schmitz presenting the Academic Advising website
 - i. Ms. Schmitz went through and explained the website and made herself open to feedback from OUSC on ways to improve it.
- VI. **Old Business:** none
- VII. **New Business**
 - a. C.B. 12-13 Imam Rauf Speaking Engagement Budget Amendment, *presented by Ms. Maria Willett*
 - i. Ms. Willett explained that C.B. 12-13 would increase the amount of money for the Imam Speaking Engagement by \$3,000.
 - ii. Ms. Allen explained that because the scale of this event is much larger than anticipated, more funds are needed.
 - b. C.B. 12-14 Bus Trip to Dearborn Budget Amendment, *presented by Mr. Jibrán Ahmed*
 - i. Mr. Eveslage explained that C.B. 12-14 would add Trip to Dearborn as a line item with \$1,500 from the uncategorized funds.
 - c. C.B. 12-15 Presidential Discretionary Budget Amendment, *presented by Mr. Jibrán Ahmed*
 - i. Mr. Eveslage explained that C.B. 12-15 would add \$1,000 to the Presidential Discretionary from uncategorized funds.
 - d. Approval of Legislator:
 - i. Maria Arellano
 1. Ms. Arellano read her essay explaining why she is interested in becoming a legislator and why she would be a great choice. Mr. McIsaac, Mr. Eveslage, Ms. Allen and Mr. Shermetaro spoke on behalf of Ms. Arellano explaining that she has already been a great help to OUSC through her Marketing Committee membership and is always helping out in the office.
 2. Ms. Arellano was approved as an OUSC legislator.
 - e. Approval of Multicultural Affairs Committee Members:
 - i. Evan Jones
 1. Ms. Allen explained that Mr. Jones could not be here today but that he has shown great interest in her committee and would love to have him on it.
 2. Mr. Jones was approved as a Multicultural Affairs Committee member.
- 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*
 - b. *OU Students in our Thoughts and Prayers, presented by Mr. Benjamin Eveslage:* Moment of silence already done at start of meeting.
 - c. *Promote a New Legislator Culture, presented by Maria Willett:* Ms. Willett explained that, after the heavy discussion of what should be done when approving new legislators, she has asked the ones going up for approval to read the essay that they have written for their application.
 - d. *OUSC Social Events, presented by Lisa Vecchio:* Ms. Vecchio explained that OUSC has cancelled their table at the Basketball Tip-Off Breakfast, but there are still 4 spots open for the Etiquette Dinner on November 1st, and to let her know if you would like to attend.

IX. Reports

- a. Student Body President – Mr. Benjamin Eveslage: Report written & circulated. Wrapping up the Madnezz.
- b. Student Body Vice President – Ms. Elisa Malile: Report written & circulated.
- c. Student Activities Funding Board – Mr. Brandon Hanna: Report written & circulated. New student organization Chartwells menus have been created.
- d. Student Program Board – Mr. Jermaine Conaway: Report written & circulated. Getting ready for Boston trip.
- e. Legislative Affairs Director – Ms. Samantha wolf: Report written & circulated. Environment week events are this week starting on Wednesday at noon for the Greener OU Panel, and at 6:00pm for the WALL-E movie showing.
- f. Multicultural Affairs Director – Ms. Emilia Allen: Report written & circulated. Preparing for Middle Eastern Moasic and would like to see all legislators at all OUSC events, we notice when you are not there.
- g. Financial Affairs Director – Mr. Michael Allison: Report written & circulated. There was around \$3,000 left from the Madnezz that we will be getting back into our budget.
- h. Student Services Director – Mr. Brett McIsaac: Report not written & circulated. He would like to see more legislators in the office, even if it just to hang out, the office is for their use also.
- i. Visual Communications Director – Mr. Alejandro Herrera: Report not written & circulated. Working on graphics for Middle Eastern Moasic.
- j. Marketing Director—Mr. James Shermetaro: Report written & circulated. OUSC now has over 1,000 likes on Facebook.
- k. Administrative Assistant – Ms. Lisa Vecchio: Report written & circulated. Seconded what Mr. McIsaac said about having more legislators in the office, would love to see more of everyone.
- l. *Questions related to Executive Reports: none*

X. Updates

- a. Steering Committee- Ms. Alexis Halsell: none
- b. Judiciary Committee- Ms. Natalie Juronoc: none
- c. Scholarship Committee- Mr. Jason Dunn: none
- d. Research and Review Committee- Ms. Maria Willett: there now are three open spots in the legislature.
- e. Residence Hall Association President- Mr. Robbie Williford: none
- f. Congressional Archivist- Mr. Wesley Gamble: none
- g. Greek Council Liaison - Ms. Natalie Juronoc: Sigma Pi Halloween Party at Fuse on Friday October 28.
- h. *Questions related to Updates: none*

XI. Comments from the gallery: none

XII. Announcements

- a. Next OUSC Event: 'A Greener OU' Speakers Panel. Come on this Wednesday at noon to Banquet Room A and learn about green initiatives at OU and receive lunch and a free t-shirt.
- b. IAO Halloween Party; This Friday at 4:00pm in the Banquet Rooms
- c. OUSC Meetings are on Monday at 4:00 in the Oakland Room
- d. The next OUSC Meeting will be Monday, October 31st.

XIII. Adjournment: 4:50pm