



Minutes

Oakland University Student Congress
Wolf/Williford Administration
Legislative Body Meeting Agenda
Oakland Room, Oakland Center
Monday, March 25th, 2013
4:00 P.M.

- I. **Call to order:** 4:03pm
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. **Roll Call:** Quorum met.
- IV. **Approval of Meeting Minutes from March 18th, 2013:** Approved.
- V. **Special Guest**
 - a. **Validations Committee Representative**
 - i. Mr. William Purri came before OUSC to report the Validations hearing results from Thursday, March 21, 2013. The committee reviewed grievances submitted during the 2013 elections season. 32 grievances were filed. The Fattah/Arellano campaign was found guilty of 10 violations, accumulating a total of 10 points. The Hanna/Ahmed campaign was found guilty of 2 violations, accumulating a total of 2 points. After validations the Hanna/Ahmed ticket had a total of 1,083 votes and Fattah/Arellano had a total of 475 votes.
- VI. **Comments from the Gallery**
 - a. None.
- VII. **Old Business**
 - a. **C. B. 13-21 Food Pantry Benefit Concert**, *presented by Legislator Maria Willett*
 - i. This is the second reading of the bill. It asks for \$400 for a benefit concert that will hopefully attract volunteers for the Food Pantry initiative. Willett spoke to Gerald Gatto from Chartwells, who agreed to do some advertising for the event. Students will be able to donate \$1 to get a sign that says that they donated. The sign will go on a wall 2 days before and after the event. She has several performers already booked for the event.
 - ii. Discussion: Legislator Juronoc is concerned that some of the performers will drop out at the last minute. She is also concerned about taking \$1 from students to donate other students. She feels that it will be a better event in the Fall semester. Legislator Willett stated that she would be able to have more performers in time for the event. During the program, attendees will be educated about the initiative. She also wants to do it this semester because they need volunteers to work at the Pantry and the initiative launches in September 2013. Ms. Fattah reiterated that it is for awareness, not just fundraising and volunteers. Legislator Pierce wanted to ask that a event page go up very soon so that students that cannot attend the event are able to get the information. Mr. McCormick reiterated that there is plenty of time in order for it to be successful. This event could really help the Food Pantry program. Legislator Juronoc reiterated again that she did agree with taking from some students to give to others. Willett responded that those giving are able to give to those who have a difficult time buying food. She also wants to see this program take off and the concert with help. Legislator Ahmed was also concerned with the time frame. Willett told him that Mr. Scott and Ms. Boye have already made graphics that will go to print upon approval and be up as soon as possible. Ms. Alwardt also stated that if this is going to be an annual event, next year it can be combined with Rock 4 Rights. Ms. Alwardt also stated that students give to other students frequently, and they could donate or bring food to the concert. Legislator Thompson also supports the bill saying that it is not close to finals and can be successful.
 - iii. Vote:
 1. Ahmed: Nay

2. Alkasmikha: Yay
3. Juronoc: Yay
4. Kaakarli: Yay
5. Knapp: Yay
6. MacDonald: Yay
7. Monticciolo: Nay
8. Nuss: Yay
9. Peterson: Nay
10. Pierce: Yay
11. Stencil: Yay
12. Thompson: Yay
13. Tibbits: Nay
14. Williams: Yay
15. Willett: Yay
16. Zaman: Yay
17. Bumhoffer: Yay

iv. The bill passed.

VIII. New Business

a. **C.R. 13-22 Expanding the OC**, *presented by Legislator Blake Williams*

- i. This is a resolution and only requires one week for voting. This resolution is regarding the OC expansion. The OC is already overflowing during meal times and OUSC strongly supports an expansion. Williams thought a resolution was a great idea.
- ii. Discussion: Legislator Willett asked Ms. Wolf if students are involved in a committee to go over student's wishes. Ms. Wolf said this requires several steps and students will be involved in the process. When it goes up for a vote with the Board of Trustees, which may not be for several years, students can have a bigger voice in the process. Ms. Alwardt stated that she is happy a resolution was written and she urged legislators to vote "yes" on it. Legislator Alkasmikha asked Williams if he really thought the OC could be expanded. Williams stated that there are several steps involved with this process, but it is possible. Wolf also reinforced that this process has many options.

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IX. 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. Fattah was asked about Bear Bus operations in the summer, more evening times for shuttle runs, and more shuttles. All are being addressed. Legislator

Nuss asked if the Bear Bus can be used by students in the summer even if they are not taking classes. Ms. Fattah told him that any student with a Grizzly ID can ride the bus. For proposals it is important to remember the cost to make changes. That is why the process takes a time.

- b. *Future Construction*, presented by Legislator Nusrat Zaman
 - i. Legislator Zaman attended a Senate meeting last week. It was about the upcoming construction. May 1st-2nd there will be out technologically. The Hannah hall elevator will be fixed April 30th. Parking in the fall will be very difficult so she wants all legislators to know their information. Legislator Alkasmikha asked about road closures and Zaman told him that he will receive e-mails with specifics. Ms. Wolf also asked that everyone remember to publicize Bear Bus utilization.

X. **Reports**

- a. Student Body President – **Samantha Wolf**
 - i. Ms. Wolf announced that the Jane Goodall event is Wednesday at 7pm and she needs volunteers. There is a meeting after general body concludes. SET forum is next week on Tuesday at 12pm. She also showed a number of pictures from her Student Union store. Pictures included a large sign with athletics schedules, a “C-Store” similar to the Grizzly Express, a theatre style room, and a meeting room with natural light instead of lights. Ms. Wolf also had to restart the Provost search as the two final candidates took jobs elsewhere. Ms. Wolf thanked Ms. Collins for her hard work on elections. She also pushed everyone to apply for Executive Board.
- b. Student Body Vice President – **Robbie Williford**
 - i. Mr. Williford encouraged everyone to stay involved with OUSC and also to be supportive of the next administration. Even if one does not agree with the administration or executive board, it is important to continue to work together. Mr. Williford believes he has learned the most from working with people he did not agree with. It takes a lot to be involved and it results in growth and positive change.
- c. Student Activities Funding Board – **Brandon Hanna**
 - i. Mr. Hanna went over roughly 40 requests this week and a meeting is tomorrow at 3pm. Today was the last student organization training. April 1st is the last day for student organizations to apply for their SAFB funds. April 3rd is also the first day to reserve rooms and he encourages anyone that needs a room to reserve one ASAP.
- d. Student Program Board – **Nicholas McCormick**
 - i. Mr. McCormick went to the SAM Conference at MSU and was happy to have been there. He is working on his transition binder. He encourages everyone to go buy their concert tickets if they have not already. The Diversity Comedy Night is tomorrow night in banquet room A at 7pm. The first 100 people get an SPB giveaway. SPB applications will also go out soon.
- e. Legislative Affairs Director – **Michelle Alwardt**
 - i. The SAM Conference was last weekend. Her group lobbied all day one of the days for three different bills. One of them for free in-state tuition for veterans, another for a new voter registration form that would be online, and the third was for a 50% credit for students in Michigan that paid for tuition with student loans at Michigan universities. It was extremely successful and they received a lot of positive feedback from representatives. Friday was a student debt awareness event. The next SAM Conference is up north and e-board elections are that weekend.
- f. Multicultural Affairs Director – **Maria Arellano**
 - i. Not present. Report was circulated.
- g. Financial Affairs Director – **Scottie Shermetaro**
 - i. Not present. Report was circulated.
- h. Student Services Director – **Amera Fattah**

- i. Ms. Fattah has been working with Pride Packs and on her transition binder. She is tying up loose ends for the next Student Services Director.
 - i. Visual Communications Director – **Ethan Scott**
 - i. He worked on the e-board applications and set up the website. He met with Willett to do the Food Pantry graphics that will be up soon.
 - j. Marketing Director—**Rachel Boye**
 - i. She is making collages on the event from each semester. Ms. Boye also worked on e-board applications. She also has Mock Election forms for everyone.
 - k. Administrative Assistant – **Emily Collins**
 - i. Ms. Collins thanked everyone for their constant support during elections. She also announced that the End of the Year Banquet is next Monday and needs to know if anyone has food restrictions.
 - l. Advisor Report – **Allison Webster**
 - i. Friday at 5pm is the deadline to apply for student organization awards. Thursday is the Take Back the Night event that goes roughly all day that offers multiple sessions. It is in the Banquet Rooms. She also reiterated that room reservations for the Fall start April 3rd.
 - m. *Questions related to Executive Reports*
 - i. Ms. Boye wanted to make sure that anyone that is not going to be at the End of the Year Banquet tells her. Ms. Alwardt also sent out the shared governance flow chart and information to everyone and she hopes everyone looks at it.
- XI. **Updates**
- a. Steering Committee – Lauren Tibbits
 - i. No updates.
 - b. Judiciary Committee – Aws Polina
 - i. Not present.
 - c. Scholarship Committee – Maria Willett
 - i. Christina Shabbo was the winner of the OUSC Service Award. She’s also working on a transition binder. She encourages anyone that has a chair position to make a binder.
 - d. Research and Review Committee – Patricia Rockentine
 - i. Not present.
 - e. Congressional Archivist – Darias Thompson
 - i. She is still working on getting information on the website.
 - f. RHA President – Katie Bumhoffer
 - i. The RHA E-Board is hiring as well. RHA is also selling Jane Goodall books to sell outside the cafeteria this week. RHA meeting is Thursday at 7pm.
 - g. *Questions related to Updates*
 - i. None.
- XII. **Comments from the gallery**
- a. Mr. Zentmeyer came to thank OUSC for getting the word out about moving cars in P5 because of construction. No cars were towed! Groundbreaking is April 1st.
- XIII. **Announcements**
- a. OUSC Meetings are on Mondays at 4:00pm in the Oakland Room
 - b. The next OUSC Meeting will be Monday, April 1st, 2013
 - c. End of the Year Banquet is Monday, April 1st after meeting in the Oakland Room
 - d. E-Board applications are due Friday at 5pm.
 - e. Congratulations to Alpha Delta Pi and Gamma Phi Beta for their successful fundraising.
- XIV. **Adjournment:** 5:08pm