



Minutes

Oakland University Student Congress
Wolf/Williford Administration
Legislative Body Meeting Agenda
Oakland Room, Oakland Center
Monday, October 29th, 2012
4:00 P.M.

- I. **Call to order:** 4:00pm
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. **Roll Call:** Quorum met.
- IV. **Approval of Meeting Minutes from October 22nd, 2012:** Approved.
- V. **Comments from the Gallery**
 - a. None.
- VI. **Old Business**
 - a. **C.B. 13-09 Lyrical Rap Battle, presented by Legislator Joey Namou**
 - i. This is the second reading of the bill. Legislator Namou spoke about the bill again. He motioned to amend his bill to ask for \$2,250 instead of \$2,500, Legislator Juronoc seconded the motion. Vote: passed.
 - ii. Discussion: Legislator Willett pointed out a typo in the bill. Legislator Ploe asked about the discrepancy between the amount in the budget and the amount in the bill. Legislator Namou responded saying that he wanted a little bit of room with money. Ploe then asked about the sponsorships. Namou stated that he is not co-sponsoring the event, but he is partnering with them. He hoping to reach the audiences' of the partners but not depending on them for financial support. Ploe then asked if any SPB members are responsible for marketing and Namou said they are not. Legislator Gamble asked about compensation for the SPB members if they are contributing in marketing. Legislator Juronoc clarified saying that if anyone is contributing financially or otherwise, their names to be on the posters. Namou agreed. Legislator Mitchell asked if the bill leaves room in case Namou cannot find fifteen free-style rappers. Namou said it does. Willett asked Namou to go over the breakdown of the event for the budget. Namou stated there is a pass out going around. Several legislators voiced that there doesn't need to be recognition for that kind of support. Willet motioned to vote on the bill. It was seconded by Gamble. Vote: passed.
 - iii. Vote on the bill: Passed with two abstaining (Legislator Ploe and Ms. Bumhoffer).
 - b. **C.B. 13-08 Post-Event Funds, presented by Legislator Wesley Gamble**
 - i. This is the second reading of the bill. There are changes. He changed several sections that are cited and some verbiage changed. The overall spirit of the bill is the same and the details are the same. Financial Affairs Director is more clearly laid out as in charge of the tasks outlined in this bill. Amendments seconded by Legislator Juronoc. Vote: approved (amendments).
 - ii. Discussion: Ms. Wolf has concerns about legislators using too much uncategorized without realizing how much is necessary to get through the next semesters. OUSC needs a cushion to get through the first half of the semester and it is important for future years. Legislator Gamble agreed with Ms. Wolf. He is not opposed to taking the payroll portion of the bill. But the bill does require the FAD to report amounts every week. Legislator Juronoc motioned to amend Gamble's bill to striking out the last portion of the bill. The amendment was seconded by Gamble. Vote: Approved (amendment).
 - iii. Vote: Approved with three abstaining (Legislators Zaman and MacDonald and Ms. Bumhoffer) and two nays (Legislators Ploe and Nuss).
 - c. **C.B. 13-10 Legislator Name Tags, presented by Legislator Blake Williams**
 - i. This is the second reading of the bill.
 - ii. Discussion: Legislator Tibbits proclaimed her support. Legislator Gamble asked how many nametags are being ordered and how much each is. Williams stated that it is \$11.50 per tag, 23 nametags and \$265 is exact. Legislator Pierce asked Williams what the intent of the tags is. Williams stated it is for events, meetings, tabling, etc. It's a form of identification from the student body. Legislator MacDonald voiced that at meeting legislators don't need nametags. Also, if legislators are always working in the office or at events, therefore the tags are a moot point. Gamble stated that there are committee members who are not on OUSC. Miss Collins suggested that due the amount of discussion on this bill that a legislator motion to vote. Williams motioned to vote on the bill, seconded by Gamble. Vote : approved (motion).
 - iii. Vote: Approved with fourteen yays.
- VII. **New Business**

a. **Approval of SAFB committee members:**

- i. Motion to combine line items ii-v.
- ii. Mr. Brandon Hanna spoke on their behalf. He stated that they are all going to be great committees and he would love to see them approved.
- iii. Discussion: Legislator Gross asked about Ms. Gray and Mr. Jones. Mr. Brandon Hanna stated that he has his own list of credentials necessary for involvement on the committee. Each member has proved himself/herself.
- iv. **Shontel Gray**
- v. **Jorge Garcia**
- vi. **Wesley Gamble**
- vii. **Evan Jones**
- viii. Vote: Approved.

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. Ms. Fattah stated that there was a concern about spirit cash deposit boxes and also traffic in the OC during lunchtime, which makes the deposits take too long. Chartwell's administration is working on the issue in the way of creating a portable method of deposit. Legislator MacDonald asked the role of the portable registers and if they'd print receipts. Fattah stated they'd be helping with the long lines and they'd still print receipts.

b. **Guest Speakers Cora Hanson and Steve Roberts presenting Policy #475; Smoke Free**

- i. Mr. Roberts stated he's happy to be at the OUSC meeting and he is willing to answer any questions OUSC has. Ms. Wolf thanked Ms. Hanson and Mr. Roberts for coming and also voiced that she agreed with this policy. It's a culture change and is necessary. Legislator Mitchell asked about branching off a certain remote area for smokers so that they did not have to leave campus. Ms. Hanson stated they had been looking into it. Ms. Alwardt asked about the enforcement for this policy. Ms. Hanson stated there would be no OUPD enforcing by giving out a fine. She also stated it's just a culture change. It won't be an immediate change, enforcement would be hard and it's an ongoing discussion. This is important for health and wellness. Ms. Alwardt asked if students would be allowed to smoke in parking lots. Ms. Hanson stated that those boundaries are hard to draw. Legislator Gamble just stated that he is working about alienating students by making them leave campus or their residence. Mr. Roberts stated that in past places, enrollment rates actually improve with smoke-free policies. Willett asked about student involvement on this committee. Ms. Hanson stated she wanted a student appointed to be on the committee. Legislator Willett also asked about the methods of control. For instance, and RA seeing a resident smoking. Ms. Hanson stated she'd hope that students would take this responsibility on themselves. They need student leaders to step up. Willett also asked about Graham Health Center helping students quit. Ms. Hanson stated part of their budget does go to helping people quit including several kits and events geared towards this goal. Legislator Juronoc asked where the bill is currently. Mr. Roberts stated that the policy is going through the many hoops to be approved. Juronoc asked about the public campus issue. Because OU is public she does not think this can be approved. Mr. Roberts said the line between a right and a law is a difference. He also said OU has a right to make this stance. Juronoc also asked for signage for the quitting programs when this policy passes. Ms. Hanson said there are several plans in place to aid in the change this bill provides. Ms. Alwardt asked about the increase in litter the removal of the stations would cause. Ms. Hanson stated this is a constant concern and the committee will monitor this issue very closely. Legislator Mitchell stated that this ban is not tomorrow. No one will be fined and this is just a blanket statement from OU. Legislator Gamble repeatedly stated his unhappiness with this policy. Ms. Hanson stated this is a health issue. Willett wanted to add this to the agenda next week so we can find a member to sit on the committee.

IX. **Reports**

a. Student Body President – **Ms. Samantha Wolf**

- i. Ms. Wolf did a presentation on the constitution and by-laws. SAFAC meeting went well. Administrative meetings also went well. SVP has a book drive coming up and she encourages us to donate. Etiquette Dinner is also coming up.

b. Student Body Vice President – **Mr. Robbie Williford**

- i. Mr. Williford offers his congratulations to Mr. Brandon Hanna for having a full SAFB board. He thanked everyone for staying at meeting even though it goes long. Read his report for any necessary information. He did have a meeting with Mr. Eveslage about student concerns like

more housing on campus, the tailgate, etc. Dr. Russi was very happy with the tailgate. We are trying to get more information from students about these issues. Feedback is critical.

- c. Student Activities Funding Board – **Mr. Brandon Hanna**
 - i. Not present.
 - d. Student Program Board – **Mr. Nicholas McCormick**
 - i. Not present.
 - e. Legislative Affairs Director – **Ms. Michelle Alwardt**
 - i. Ms. Alwardt has been working on her upcoming events like Voting for Dummies on Thursday and the Wrap Parties on November 7th. Vote on November 6! Voter Rewards is all day on that Tuesday. She also is happy the Poli Sci department is putting on an event for the Voter Round-Up. SAM Conference this weekend was good at WMU. They voted on a couple resolutions such as immigrants being able to have in-state tuition. Also, having speaking and voting rights at Board of Trustees meetings. Next conference is at EMU November 30-December 2nd.
 - f. Multicultural Affairs Director – **Ms. Maria Arellano**
 - i. Ms. Arellano announced that Project Brainwash and the Brazilian events have been moved to next semester for effective marketing.
 - g. Financial Affairs Director – **Mr. Scottie Shermetaro**
 - i. Mr. Shermetaro stated that \$34,000 has been spent this semester.
 - h. Student Services Director – **Ms. Amera Fattah**
 - i. Ms. Fattah announced that the Student of the Month is Jorge Garcia! A sheet is going around for the tumblers for Chartwells. Please initial your favorite. Thanks for passing the Lyrical Rap Battle bill. My birthday is November 10th and everyone is invited!
 - i. Visual Communications Director – **Mr. Ethan Scott**
 - i. Mr. Scott finished the Post-Ballot Bash and Voter Rewards graphics and they should be in tomorrow.
 - j. Marketing Director—**Ms. Rachel Boye**
 - i. Ms. Boye needs people to table Thursday and next week. Please fill out doodle.
 - k. Administrative Assistant – **Ms. Emily Collins**
 - i. Legislator of the Month is Maddie Knapp. She also thanked Legislators Zaman, Jurononc and Rockentine for their outstanding help with Exam Cram.
 - l. Advisor Report – **Ms. Allison Webster**
 - i. On November 7th reservations can be booked for the OC. The 14th the CSA is hosting a Day of Service in the Gold Rooms all day.
 - m. *Questions related to Executive Reports*
 - n. Legislator Juronoc motioned to skip committee updates. Seconded by Legislator Rockentine. Vote: Passed.
- X. **Comments from the gallery**
 - a. Jon from the Post introduced himself.
- XI. **Announcements**
 - a. OUSC Meetings are on Monday at 4:00 in the Oakland Room
 - b. The next OUSC Meeting will be Monday, November 5th
- XII. **Adjournment:** 6:07pm