



Minutes

Oakland University Student Congress
Wolf/Williford Administration
Legislative Body Meeting Agenda
Oakland Room, Oakland Center
Monday, November 5th, 2012
4:00 P.M.

- I. **Call to order:** 4:03pm
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. **Roll Call:** Quorum met.
- IV. **Special Announcement from President Wolf:** Ms. Wolf announced that she is vetoing two bills that were recently passed by OUSC. Ms. Wolf read the first letter to the Steering Committee about bill C.B.-08 Post Event Funds. Ms. Wolf explained again why she is vetoing this bill. OUSC needs cushion money after each semester. Ms. Wolf then read the next veto letter regarding C.B.-09 Rap Battle Bill. She does not believe that the event that is supposed to take place at the end of November will have enough time to market this event. Ms. Wolf wishes to move the event to next semester. She is not cancelling the event; she just wants to move it. Legislator Namou has denied her suggestion to move the event, which is why she is vetoing.
 - a. **Discussion:** Legislator Willett asked about the process of vetoing a bill as she has not ever experienced this. Ms. Wolf stated that next meeting, the body will vote on it and it requires a 2/3 vote. Legislator Willett also asked which executive board events had been cancelled and Wolf told her Ms. Arellano moved Carnivale and Project Brainwash to next semester. Legislator Natalie Juronoc expressed her disappointment that OUSC went through the great stress of debating and voting on these bills just to have Ms. Wolf veto them. Legislator Namou thanked the legislators for approving the bill and also did not know about the Multicultural Affairs Director moved two of her events. He also stated that he thinks this event will be fine. He doesn't think moving it is necessary because there were only two nays when the bill went up for approval. Namou then asked what he should do for the next week in regards to public relations. Mr. Williford said he should continue planning until Namou knows that he cannot due to the veto being approved. Mr. Scott also stated he needed to approved way in advance. He stated his event should have been marketed farther in advance than most because he needs performers and volunteers. He asked Namou why he is so hesitant to push back the event when it won't even be marketed properly. Namou stated that as an event planner he does not want to change the date. Legislator Gamble stated that Ms. Wolf can veto, and although it has been a long time, this is a part of checks and balances. Mr. Gamble also pushed Namou to move the event back, speaking legislator to legislator. It could be an amazing event, but it needs to be marketed well. It's expensive, and for that reason it needs to have a good marketing plan. Namou stated he thinks e-board has a job to do and it's their fault and he does not think he should have to suffer. Gamble then reminded Namou that e-board does do their job, and we are students as well. Ms. Fattah also told Namou that he needs the support of executive board, but she does have concerns. The jot form was submitted on time, and things were planned in advance. Ms. Fattah also stated that if marketing had been done when the requests were made, the event would be fine. But at this point, marketing will not be effective because we only have three weeks to market. Ms. Alwardt also agreed about pushing the event as an event planner. Legislator Juronoc reminded Namou that she has publicly supported him with this bill, but she agrees that this bill needs to be moved to next semester. Legislator Mitchell just stressed that everyone needs to put personal views aside. Ms. Arellano stated to Namou that she understands his frustration. But she pushed an event, Project Brainwash, to next semester even though she's been planning it since August. She also said that Namou could still table for it; it'll be good marketing that is very far in advance. Ms. Boye also broke down what marketing would be like if the event continued for this month, and it only left 2 days for publicity. Legislator Nuss motioned to end discussion, seconded by Namou, and approved.
- V. **Approval of Meeting Minutes from October 29th, 2012:** Approved.
- VI. **Comments from the Gallery**
 - a. None.
- VII. **Old Business**
 - a. None.
- VIII. **New Business**
 - a. **Approval of Research and Review Committee Member Mr. Arban Stafa, presented by Legislator Patricia Rockentine**
 - i. Legislator Willett spoke on Legislator Rockentine's behalf. Legislator Stafa stated that he has been very excited to be on this committee and is anxious to start doing more for the committee.

- ii. Discussion: Legislator Nuss asked Legislator Stafa if organizing a second legislator retreat is one of his interests. Stafa stated he would talk to Rockentine about the event. Ms. Wolf asked Stafa about any ideas he has. Stafa wants to make the manual easier to read and more direct.
- iii. Vote: Approved unanimously.

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. Legislator Thompson asked about repainting bathrooms. Legislator Kaakarli asked about the lightpost behind Hill House that is tilting over. Legislator Willett asked about the blue light issue. Ms. Fattah stated Lt. Ross thought there were enough on campus.
- b. **SAFB Training**, presented by *SAFB Chairman Mr. Brandon Hanna*
 - i. Mr. Hanna went over the different rules regarding SAFB which can be found online at the SAFB website. When someone comes in asking about SAFB, Mr. Hanna would like it if students would have the students fill out the green sheet on the desk and also give them Hanna's business card.
- c. **Legislator Duties**, presented by *Legislator Aws Polina*
 - i. Legislator Polina wanted to address a few issues. First, the week legislators can do hours for runs Monday-Friday, not Monday-Monday. Also, attending events does not count unless you are helping with the event actively. Also, Legislator Kaakarli has not been writing down his hour. He isn't specific when he writes it in, it is usually something like "Tried really hard to do something". Kaakarli is being disrespectful. If legislators need a task, e-board or committee heads will give them out. There is a task list in the conference room so there is no excuse to not do the one-hour OUSC requires. This week, only one legislator did not do their hour and for that he is happy. Legislator Juronoc stated that events should count because it is not in the by-laws. Also, the sheet is not always in there when it should be so as long as legislators fill it out by general body she thinks its fine. Legislator Juronoc also thinks that a legislator leaving meeting early is ridiculous and it is just as bad as being absent. Mr. Williford said he always takes the sheet on Sundays, but if Polina wants him to, Williford will leave it out. Polina is also going to talk to his committee about the event issue. Ms. Wolf also stated that legislators need to be reading minutes if they are taking personal privilege. She also said hours can count has many things as long as they are productive, like researching different initiatives or universities.
- d. **Smoking Ban Committee Members**, presented by *Mr. Robbie Williford*
 - i. Mr. Williford thanked legislators for being respectful to Ms. Hanson about this issue last meeting. He also wants whoever wishes to be on their committee to see him or email him.
- e. **SAM Presentation**, presented by *Ms. Michelle Alwardt*
 - i. Ms. Alwardt gave her presentation to update legislators on what happened at the last SAM conference. They passed a couple resolutions such as the Coalition for Tuition Equality and Joint Governance. The first is to support universities giving undocumented immigrants in-state tuition when they've lived there for a while. The second is that every university should have a voice and/or vote with the Board of Trustees. The next slide was about Voter Registration. Alwardt wants to see Western's model for this implemented at OU. SAM was restructured as well. The next conference is at EMU and she needs to have legislators attend. Legislator Gamble asked if it this slideshow could be shown again next week. Alwardt wanted to encourage everyone to read minutes as well.

X. **Reports**

- a. Student Body President – **Ms. Samantha Wolf**
 - i. She thanked the legislators that did reply to her email in the reports. There is a SET Forum next Tuesday at noon to talk about what students would like to see in the classroom. She also stated the vetoes were not meant to be personal. Approach her with questions.
- b. Student Body Vice President – **Mr. Robbie Williford**
 - i. Mr. Williford thanked everyone for staying at meeting. He wanted to thank those who met with him this week about OUSC. He really appreciates the effort that some members have been showing and he wants everyone to utilize e-board and him for help or questions.
- c. Student Activities Funding Board – **Mr. Brandon Hanna**
 - i. Mr. Hanna thanked everyone for their attentiveness. He also wanted OUSC members to state that Hanna does not deny anyone, the board does. There is a board that votes, and he does not unless there is a tie.
- d. Student Program Board – **Mr. Nicholas McCormick**
 - i. Not present.

- e. Legislative Affairs Director – **Ms. Michelle Alwardt**
 - i. Ms. Alwardt has Voter Rewards and the Post-Ballot Bash and she needs volunteers! Voter Rewards goes all day, from 10am-8pm and the Bash starts at 5pm for set up, 7pm for the event, and 9pm tear down. Campaign Round-Up is at 12:30pm on the 8th in the Gold Rooms.
- f. Multicultural Affairs Director – **Ms. Maria Arellano**
 - i. Not present.
- g. Financial Affairs Director – **Mr. Scottie Shermetaro**
 - i. Mr. Shermetaro announced that OUSC has spent \$28,000 so far. There is \$8,000 in uncategorized.
- h. Student Services Director – **Ms. Amera Fattah**
 - i. Ms. Fattah is passing around the sheet for tumblers.
- i. Visual Communications Director – **Mr. Ethan Scott**
 - i. Mr. Scott updated OU Day of Service more from last week.
- j. Marketing Director—**Ms. Rachel Boye**
 - i. Ms. Boye edited letters for Ms. Collins for Exam Cram and Invisible Children, and there is tabling tomorrow and only Legislator Tibbits has signed up. She also wants her committee to meet with her.
- k. Administrative Assistant – **Ms. Emily Collins**
 - i. Ms. Collins stated that she received her first food donations for exam cram. She had Ms. Boye officially order the giveaways. She also has two confirmed co-sponsors and she is pleased with her progress. Chartwells has agreed to donate coffee again as well. She also asks that legislators read the minutes when they are absent from meeting because clearly, they are missing important news. Collins is also making her elections commission and asks students to think about their student organizations and who might be good. She wants people who are creative, dependable and enjoy event planning. She has the rooms booked for elections, and she is also helping with the SAM Conference planning and is booking rooms for that first thing Wednesday morning. She also has two confirmed members for validations, including Sandra Alef and Lori Marsh. Ms. Collins also congratulated Legislator Knapp again on Legislator of the Month.
- l. Advisor Report – **Ms. Allison Webster**
 - i. Not present.
- m. *Questions related to Executive Reports*
 - i. Legislator Gamble motioned to adjourn meeting early, seconded by Legislator Polina. Approved.

XI. **Adjournment:** 5:45pm