



Minutes

**Oakland University Student Congress
Wolf/Williford Administration
Legislative Body Meeting Agenda
Oakland Room, Oakland Center
Monday, December 3, 2012
4:00 P.M.**

- I. **Call to order:** 4:02pm
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. **Roll Call:** Quorum met.
- IV. **Approval of Meeting Minutes from November 26th, 2012:** Approved.
- V. **Comments from the Gallery**
 - a. None.
- VI. **Old Business**
 - a. None.
- VII. **New Business**
 - a. **First reading of the Winter 2013 budget, presented by Mr. Scottie Shermetaro**
 - i. Mr. Shermetaro read the Winter 2013 budget in its entirety for the first time. Mr. Williford encouraged any legislators with questions to ask Mr. Shermetaro as this Executive Board worked extremely hard to compile a solid and fair budget and the board wants to be as transparent as possible.
 - ii. Discussion and questions: Legislator Willett asked about the money allocated for the Pride Packs and the Scantron machine. Ms. Fattah answered her questions. Fattah stated they have not yet paid for Pride Packs. She also put aside \$1,000 for the Scantron machine because we want to put one in the library and OUSC is trying to find funding outside of OUSC. This is to show the library that OUSC is willing to put in for this investment. Legislator Willett asked about the details of the last Scantron machine. Fattah told her the Oakland Center and the bookstore paid for the one in the Oakland Center. Legislator Gamble asked about the readership program and its success. Ms. Wolf told her there are two parts to the program, including Housing and then the library, which OUSC takes part in. OUSC spent \$2,000 last semester. The goal is to make this a department charge instead of OUSC. Legislator Juronoc asked about summer rollover. She wanted to ask the legislature if they all thought \$16,000 was enough to have in uncategorized. Mr. McCormick stated that usually \$8,000-\$9,000 is plenty to go into summer with from a historical standpoint. Legislator Shermetaro also stated that there's always "fluff" coming from the money that's not spent in the winter; OUSC always has "fluff". The number in uncategorized with only go up throughout the semester in regards to the money set aside for Executive Board expenditures. Legislator Thompson wanted to know how much OUSC spent last winter. Wolf also said she wanted to put aside about \$10,000 for the summer to give to the new administration in order to get through summer. Legislator Willett asked for more information about the event for India. Ms. Arellano wants to co-sponsor and then they'll have a good name for the event. It's a part of the ethnic series of events she's been having. There will be musicians, dancers, a hena artist, etc. She is trying to get free performers. Willett asked about the tuition protest. Ms. Alwardt is pushing to increase activism as she feels students are too apathetic. This would be a peaceful protest for higher education funding. The money is for burlap sacks, signs, etc. Willett asked about anything that isn't in the budget but might come up. Alwardt mentioned OUSC contributing for buses for the inauguration trip and Arellano mentioned an event for France. Legislator Williams motioned to add \$750 into the budget for retreats and bonding activities, seconded by Gamble, and approved. Gamble asked Alwardt who Andrea Gibson is. Alwardt explained she's a poet and activist. Gamble also proposed giving Executive Board a raise because they work extremely hard and do not make a lot compared to other student organizations. Mr. McCormick stated that E-Board does do a lot of specialized work, and in the business world, people make salary doing our jobs. But this job is not for the money and we'd do it for free. Willett stated that E-Board already makes enough and she was uncomfortable with it. Williford also explained that OUSC is the lowest paid job at OU. Legislator Thompson asked if E-Board chooses their hours. Williford stated that we do based on needs and what each member can actually do. Legislators Ploe, Juronoc, and Mitchell were all in favor of raises for E-Board, with \$9.50/hour being discussed. Collins explained to OUSC that all of OUSC is extremely lucky to have the jobs that they have and \$8.50/hour

compensation is more than enough. There were several different opinions expressed. Motion to increase payroll for all of E-Board from \$8.50/hour to \$9/hour, seconded.

1. Roll call vote to approve \$9/hourly pay for all of e-board at the same hours per week:

- a. Gamble: Yay
- b. Gross: Nay
- c. Juronoc: Yay
- d. Kaakarli: Nay
- e. Knapp: Nay
- f. Mitchell: Nay
- g. Nuss: Nay
- h. Peterson: Nay
- i. Ploe: Nay
- j. Rochon: Nay
- k. Shermetaro: Nay
- l. Stafa: Nay
- m. Stencil: Yay
- n. Thompson: Yay
- o. Williams: Nay
- p. Willett: Nay
- q. Zaman: Nay
- r. Bumhoffer: Nay

Motion dies.

b. **Approval of the Marketing committee members**, presented by Ms. Rachel Boye

- i. Ms. Boye stated they're a great committee and she hopes they're approved. Motion to combine to one line item, seconded, approved. Committee was also approved.
- ii. Emily Marchak
- iii. Franklin Kennamer
- iv. Hasan Kaakarli
- v. Itzel Marroquin
- vi. Jacqueline Potash
- vii. Jorge Garcia
- viii. Nusrat Zaman
- ix. Rylin Ploe
- x. Andre Mitchel
- xi. Arban Stafa

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 the blue light/emergency lights have ben addressed. Also a request for more ATMs on campus.

IX. **Reports**

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

- i. There is a SET Forum this Thursday at noon and Ms. Wolf asked who would want to go and took down names. She told everyone to enjoy him or herself over the holiday.

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

- i. Mr. Williford thanked OUSC for all their hard work this semester. Ms. Wolf, himself, Ms. Collins, and Ms. Fattah went to the Board of Trustees meeting and new housing was approved. More work to come in regards to designing and building.

c. Student Activities Funding Board – **Mr. Brandon Hanna**

- i. Not present.

d. Student Program Board – **Mr. Nicholas McCormick**

- i. The Washington D.C. trip is coming and he and Ms. Alwardt are reserving tickets for OUSC members. They are \$80 and on sale to the general public 9am Friday at the CSA window.

e. Legislative Affairs Director – **Ms. Michelle Alwardt**

- i. Everything anyone needs to know is in her report. SAM Conference was great this past weekend.

f. Multicultural Affairs Director – **Ms. Maria Arellano**

- i. Ms. Arellano thanked everyone for his or her questions and comments.

g. Financial Affairs Director – **Mr. Scottie Shermetaro**

- i. Mr. Shermetaro has been working on the budget.

- h. Student Services Director –**Ms. Amera Fattah**
 - i. Ms. Fattah sent out the new routes for the Bear Bus next semester. Ms. Fattah also stated the OU Post is a phenomenal group. The tumblers came in, but they are printed wrong. She apologizes for the delays.
 - i. Visual Communications Director – **Mr. Ethan Scott**
 - i. Mr. Scott has been working on elections.
 - j. Marketing Director—**Ms. Rachel Boye**
 - i. Ms. Boye told everyone to come try on a jacket and she needs help tabling.
 - k. Administrative Assistant – **Ms. Emily Collins**
 - i. Ms. Collins stated that everything OUSC needed to know was in her report.
 - l. Advisor Report – **Ms. Allison Webster**
 - i. Ms. Webster thanked everyone for their hard work this semester. This Wednesday is the Greek speaker at 7pm.
 - m. *Questions related to Executive Reports*
 - i. None.
- X. Updates
- a. Steering Committee – Lauren Tibbits
 - i. Not present.
 - b. Judiciary Committee – Aws Polina
 - i. Not present.
 - c. Scholarship Committee – Maria Willett
 - i. She has a couple scholarships to talk about and bills she’s bringing up next semester.
 - d. Research and Review Committee – Patricia Rockentine
 - i. Not present.
 - e. Congressional Archivist – Darias Thompson
 - i. She has been working on archiving everything she needs to.
 - f. RHA Representative – Katie Bumhoffer
 - i. The last RHA meeting is this Thursday at 7pm and a comedian Friday at 7pm.
 - g. Tailgate Committee-Madeline Knapp
 - i. She’s having a meeting Wednesday at 2pm.
 - h. *Questions related to Updates*
- XI. **Comments from the gallery**
- a. Mr. Zentmeyer announced that the housing proposal passed and several other projects going on and coming up. He also wanted everyone to know that student’s voices cannot be underestimated. He expressed how far OU has come and how proud he is of the developments everyone has made. This community is nothing but extraordinary and he’s never been more proud.
- XII. **Announcements**
- a. OUSC Meetings are on Monday at 4:00 in the Oakland Room
 - b. The next OUSC Meeting will be Monday, January 7th, 2013.
- XIII. **Adjournment:** 6:03pm