



Minutes

**Oakland University Student Congress
Wolf/Williford Administration
Legislative Body Meeting Agenda
Oakland Room, Oakland Center
Monday, January 7th, 2013 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 December 3rd, 2012:** Approved.
- V. **Comments from the Gallery**
 - a. Ms. Jean Ann Miller came to OUSC came to announce that there is a basketball game called “Awareness Without Fear” game. It is awareness about sexual abuse to help students be able to talk about sexual abuse without fear or intimidation. It’s at 2pm at the O’Rena and it is free and open to all. All proceeds will be going to Haven and Care House. Erin Marin will be present for this special game and also several government officials. It is a great cause and students should support it. NCAA is having a film crew here as well. There will be blue ribbons and lollipops for sale as well as different activities to raise money that offer great prizes as well. Legislator Juronoc asked how big the audience usually is for basketball games. Jean Ann mentioned that there has been a growing amount and invitations have been sent to Care House and Haven employees.
- VI. **Old Business**
 - a. Approval of the Winter 2013 Budget, *presented by Ms. Samantha Wolf*
 - i. This is the second reading of the budget. Ms. Wolf also stated that Legislators Kaakarli and Tibbits helped her look up summer budgets from previous years. She told the body that usually about \$8,000-\$10,000 is usually given to OUSC. Summer is usually when initiatives get done that are more expensive. Ms. Wolf stated that OUSC has about \$10,000 more than they thought due to a miscommunication. \$33,000 was also rollover from the Fall 2012 semester. Ms. Wolf read the budget in its entirety. Legislator Knapp motioned to add a friendly amendment to change the tailgate budget from \$3,000 to \$4,000 for texting gloves, the tent, hot chocolate, etc. There were no objections. Legislator Williams motioned to friendly amend the budget to have presidential discretionary include \$1,5000. Ms. Collins asked the legislature to make a friendly amendment to add \$1,000 to the elections budget for marketing. Legislator Mitchell wanted to make a friendly amendment to change the elections budget to \$3,000. Legislator Williams objected, offering the amendment to change the elections budget to \$3,600. There were no objections. Legislator Thompson made a friendly amendment to add \$1,000 for a event about France. Miss Arellano explained also explained she’s trying to do co-sponsorship with the GSC. There were no objections. Legislator Tibbits made a friendly amendment to make the Presidential Inauguration trip to \$1,300. There were no objections. Legislator Juronoc asked about the process of making the budget. Ms. Wolf explained that before OUSC knew about the \$10,000, so E-Board cut a lot more than they should have. There is now \$28,000 in uncategorized. Legislator Kaakarli asked someone to read the budget through again. Legislator Thompson made a friendly amendment to add \$750 for legislator development. There wre no
 - ii. Role call vote:
 1. Juronoc: Yay
 2. Kaakarli: Yay
 3. Knapp: Yay
 4. MacDonald: Yay
 5. Mitchell: Yay
 6. Nuss: Yay
 7. Polina: Yay
 8. Rochon: Yay
 9. Rockentine: Yay
 10. Stafa: Yay
 11. Stencil: Yay
 12. Thompson: Yay
 13. Tibbits: Yay
 14. Williams: Yay
 15. Willett: Yay
 16. Zaman: Yay

17. Bumhoffer: Yay

VII. **New Business**

- a. **Approval of members to the Elections Commission**, *presented by Ms. Emily Collins*
 - i. Legislator Willett motioned to combine line items ii-iv, seconded by Legislator Thompson. Vote: Approved.
 - ii. Josh Nagy, Danielle Staycoff, Rebecca Smith
 1. Legislator Mitchell asked if Ms. Collins had started working with the members yet. Ms. Collins stated that the first meeting is tomorrow.
- b. **CB 13-14 OUSC Service Award**, *presented by Legislator Maria Willett*
 - i. This is the first reading of this bill. This bill is to recognize students that do a great deal of community service. She is passing around the application for legislators to see. The winner will be announced at MLK Day of Service. This is about community service, so it differs from Student of the Month, which is more geared towards involvement. Anyone applying must be in good standing and also needs references. It is a bill asking for \$500. Ms. Boye asked if anyone in OUSC could win the award. Ms. Willett stated that she preferred that it was someone outside of the group. Ms. Boye told Legislator Willett that \$20 isn't enough for posters. Boye recommended changing it to \$60. There was also a discussion about how a scholarship would affect someone's financial aid.
- c. **CB 13-15 Legislator Orientation**, *presented by Legislator Maria Willett*
 - i. This is the first reading of the bill. This bill is to ensure that any legislator coming into OUSC through elections or any other way receives an orientation to make sure they understand the duties of a legislator. There currently are no guidelines in the by-laws. This would ensure that every year, any prospective legislators would have an adequate training. Comments were made to ensure that legislators regularly receive training, and Legislator Willett stated that the Research and Review chair presides over that.

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 had a couple online questions over break.

IX. **Reports**

- a. Student Body President – **Samantha Wolf**
 - i. Ms. Wolf welcomed OUSC members back. There are a lot of things going on this semester so she asked legislators to always be ready to help when they can. This week there is an event on Thursday at 11:30am. It is an OUSC Showcase to show what OUSC does. Next meeting Dean Mac will be stopping by to talk about the medical amnesty bill that went through. She also sat in on a housing design meeting. Ms. Wolf will be out a bit this week for Provost business. She also reminded legislators to speak up during meeting.
- b. Student Body Vice President – **Robbie Williford**
 - i. Mr. Williford worked on the Roberts Rules presentation over break a bit, but he was ill over break so he did not finish yet. He sat in on the housing design meeting and there was a lot of student input, so it was very successful. He is also working on evaluations for e-board. Anyone is welcome to fill one out. He reminded everyone to pick up his or her nametags from the OUSC office. He is also available for one-on-ones for anyone who wants them.
- c. Student Activities Funding Board – **Brandon Hanna**
 - i. Mr. Hanna has been working on keeping up with allocation requests and is looking for board members. Student org training is coming up as well.
- d. Student Program Board – **Nicholas McCormick**
 - i. Mr. McCormick had retreat over break and planned 26 events for students this semester. Their goal is 35 events so he is looking for suggestions. The printer in the office is supposed to be replaced soon. They may be doing separate posters based on a recommendation from former Student Services Director Brett McIsaac. There have been lots of meetings about the concert coming up, but no one can know who it is yet! He has one-on-ones this week and the monthly SPB meeting tomorrow that talks about each of their events.
- e. Legislative Affairs Director – **Michelle Alwardt**
 - i. Ms. Alwardt announced an event with the House democratic leader. There will be free pizza. It's Friday, January 18th.
- f. Multicultural Affairs Director – **Maria Arellano**
 - i. Ms. Arellano has been working on her event about India. It is the harvest festival that has a lot of music and dancing. It is January 24th.
- g. Financial Affairs Director – **Scottie Shermetaro**

- h. Student Services Director –**Amera Fattah**
 - i. Ms. Fattah worked on the tumblers, pride packs and connectOU over break. Tumblers are in, and they will be launched Thursday. They are \$12.99, 16oz. and they include 99 cent refills. Bear Bus signs are in and she picked new locations. Pete’s in the library now opens at 7:30am.
 - i. Visual Communications Director – **Ethan Scott**
 - i. Mr. Scott worked on elections. He has a lot of events in January to do graphics for. He did India graphics and Michelle’s Txting Kills event. Fast Track, Tailgate, etc. are all events he’s working on.
 - j. Marketing Director—**Rachel Boye**
 - i. Ms. Boye got quotes for promotional items.
 - k. Administrative Assistant – **Emily Collins**
 - i. Ms. Collins announced the dates for elections. Declarations are due February 1st at 5pm, and then signatures, platforms, and the form stating that candidates understand the rules and regulations are all due February 15th at 5pm. Orientations will be from February 4th to the 15th at multiple times. She also asked that elections, apart from clarifications from her, are kept out of the office.
 - l. Advisor Report – **Allison Webster**
 - i. Not present.
 - m. *Questions related to Executive Reports*
 - i. Legislator Juronoc asked about the location for the Launch Event. Ms. Boye said she would make sure it is on the Facebook. Legislator Mitchell asked about the process for becoming an e-board member. Mr. Williford explained that after elections, the new President and Vice President will put out information about applying. There is an application. Then they do interviews and picked their new e-board. Legislator Willett asked Ms. Boye asked about the jackets, and Ms. Boye stated they are in. Legislator Willett also asked Ms. Fattah how many people on average how many students open the email. Ms. Fattah stated that about 250 students out of the 500 on the mailing list open the mail.
- X. Updates
- a. Steering Committee – Lauren Tibbits
 - i. Legislator Tibbits is looking for committee members.
 - b. Judiciary Committee – Aws Polina
 - i. Not present.
 - c. Scholarship Committee – Maria Willett
 - i. Legislator Willett is going to make a survey about the bill she presented today about the scholarship.
 - d. Research and Review Committee – Patricia Rockentine
 - i. Legislator Rockentine has been working with her committee about making the manuals for new legislators. There are two spots open now for legislator.
 - e. Congressional Archivist – Darias Thompson
 - i. Not present.
 - f. RHA Representative – Katie Bumhoffer
 - i. Ms. Bumhoffer has an RHA meeting Thursday at 7pm in Vandenberg Lounge. Siblings weekend is April 5-7th and Grizzpose is coming up.
 - g. Tailgate Committee-Madeline Knapp
 - i. Legislator Knapp thanked Ms. Boye and Mr. Scott for their hard work.
 - h. *Questions related to Updates*
 - i. Ms. Fattah asked Ms. Bumhoffer to email her about the Grizzpose event to put in connectOU. Legislator Juronoc requested a meeting for tailgating and Knapp stated she is scheduling one.
- XI. **Comments from the gallery**
- a. None
- XII. **Announcements**
- a. OUSC Meetings are on Monday at 4:00 in the Oakland Room
 - b. The next OUSC Meeting will be Monday, January 14th, 2013.
- XIII. **Adjournment:** 5:37pm