



Minutes
Oakland University Student Congress
Hanna/Ahmed Administration
Legislative Body Meeting Agenda
Oakland Room, Oakland Center
Monday, January 27th, 2013
4:00 P.M.



- I. **Call to order:** 4:01pm
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. **Roll Call:** Quorum met
- IV. **Approval of Meeting Minutes from January 13th, 2013:** Approved
- V. **Comments from the Gallery**
- VI. **Old Business**
- VII. **New Business:** Legislator Boye motioned to move line item iv, approval of potential legislators, to line item i, seconded by legislator Kubinski. Vote: Unanimous. Motion passes
 - I. Approval of Potential Legislators, *presented by Legislator Rachel Boye*
 - i. Jeffery Schuett
 1. Jeff told the legislature about his experience at Oakland thus far, as well as his current involvement with the Student Veterans Association. Legislator Iwanski asked Schuett what his favorite thing about Oakland was. Jeff mentioned that Oakland is a close knit community, and that whenever he goes to events he sees new faces as well as familiar ones, making him comfortable. Legislator Ellis asked Jeff if he had any initiatives to put in place while serving as a legislator. Schuett stated that he would like to see the students take back control of Homecoming instead of faculty and staff. Jeff also stated that he would like to get retailers within a fifteen mile radius to start selling Oakland gear. The last initiative Jeff commented on was to get scholarships for student veterans. Legislator Laux asked Jeff how he plans to get more students to participate in events. Schuett stated that he sees fellow student veterans in his classes, and currently takes the initiative to meet them and see what they would like to see changed on campus. He plans to also do this with the student body as legislator. Legislator Boye asked Schuett how he can represent the diversity of student throughout campus. Jeff stated that he can represent the student body in an unique way, being that he is a non-traditional student himself, and a veteran. Mr. Ahmed asked Schuett what his biggest weakness was and how he can combat that weakness. Jeff mentioned that he gives too much of his personal time for others. He plans to combat that by giving less of that time up.
 2. Vote: 3 nay, 14 yay
 3. Approved
 - ii. Cassandra Hock
 1. Cassandra gave the legislature a background of her experience with Oakland University. She mentioned that she is very passionate about the Housing program on campus. Mr. Jones spoke on her behalf, stating that she has gone to every event that Student Program Board has put on, and she is only a sophomore, showing that she is passionate and willing to make a change. Legislator Boye asked Hock how she plans to represent the students through their diversity. Cassie stated that she is a very open and accepting person, as well as willing to ask students what they would like to see different on this campus. Mr. Brown spoke on her behalf, stating that she is very involved in campus and is passionate about Oakland. Legislator Williams asked Cassie how she plans to expand her horizons on this side of the bridge, being that she is very involved on campus. Cassie stated that she would like to get students to be able to have double sided printing, as it will

be more eco-friendly. Legislator Laux asked Hock if she would be able to balance current involvement and classes with being a legislator. Hock stated that she recently quit her job to specifically have more time to be a legislator. Legislator Townsend asked Cassie if she had any changes that she would like to see. Cassie stated that she would like to merge the Bear Bus with Nightwatch, so that students who do not have an Oakland I.D. can ride the bus as well.

2. Vote: 5 nay, 12 yay
3. Approved.

II. C.B. 14-12, Election Bill, *presented by Legislator Nusrat Zaman*

- i. Legislator Zaman explained the bill to the legislature, stating that it will change the wording in the bylaws. She highlighted the major changes, including that campaigning can start after the official Elections Kick Off event. The bill will insert a subsection stating that campaign materials will not be handed out until after the kickoff event. Another change includes that student organizations can invite candidates to the rooms downstairs, located across from the bookstore. No other rooms can be used downstairs. Mr. Hanna mentioned that there was an error in wording on the bill that states that the CSA's supplies or equipment may not be used. Legislator Williams asked if the candidates can fill out forms on Grizz Orgs by themselves or if they need to fill them out under a student organization. Legislator Zaman mentioned that students can fill them out by themselves. This is the first reading of the bill.

III. C.R. 14-03, Senate Bill 408 Resolution, *presented by Legislator Andrew Laux*

- i. Legislator Laux explained the resolution to the legislature, stating that this bill will show Oakland University's support for this bill. Ms. Alwardt urged the legislature to vote yes on the bill, as it will show more support when meeting with elected officials.
- ii. Vote: Unanimous
- iii. Approved

IV. Approval of Election Commission Committee Members, *presented by Ms. Alexandria Jones*

- i. Gary Essenmacher
 1. Vote: Unanimous
 2. Approved
- ii. Legislator Boye motioned to combine line items ii through v, seconded by legislator Williams.
- iii. Vote: Unanimous
- iv. Rachel Redmond, Sahar Alhassani, Sarah Boland, Casey Wiebell
- v. Vote: Unanimous
- vi. Approved

VIII. **Discussion Topics**

I. *Discussion Topics related to Comments from the Gallery Related to Business of the Day, Guest Speakers, & submitted Statements of Student Concern*

- i. Ms. Monticciolo stated that she has emailed Terry regarding the shape of the sidewalks and the blue police light poles.
- ii. Legislator Laux stated that he decided to retract the parliamentary resolution to turn it into a bill for the next meeting. Legislator Boye stated that it is a good idea, though the vice president position already has parliamentary powers. She stated that Article 7.B.2 reads that the student body vice president is in charge of the parliamentary position procedure. Legislator Ellis is in favor of the potential bill, mentioning the difficulty the vice president has to keep track of everything. She suggested that the bill should not be viewed as taking away the power of the vice president. Ms. Alwardt stated her support of the bill, noting that the key aspect is to have an authority to yield to during meeting regarding disagreement on Robert's rules. Alwardt noted that this position will help keep congress more structured. Legislator Tibbits motioned to end discussion, seconded by legislator

Laux. Vote: 1 nay, 16 yay. Discussion ended.

- II. All Greek Floor, *presented by Allison Webster and Jim Zentmeyer*
 - i. Ms. Webster stated that fraternity and sorority life has grown 97% since 2008. She mentioned that the Panhellenic Council voted to bring on another sorority in Fall 2015. Webster was excited to announce that Housing had approved a Greek floor of 42 residents in East Vandenberg. The list only needs eight more people. They want to show the administration that more Greek housing is needed. Mr. Zentmeyer stated that he wants to expand on the concept of inclusion by expanding housing for the Greek community. He mentioned that the Housing department wants to support the expansion, and it is one step of many to come. Legislator Laux asked what the time frame would be for the expansion. Jim stated that the floor will be available in Fall 2014. Legislator Hanna asked who people can contact to live on the Greek floor. Allison stated that they can either contact her at Webster@oakland.edu or Erin Devereaux at emdevere@oakland.edu. Legislator Iwanski motioned to end the discussion, seconded by legislator Tibbits.
 - ii. Vote: Unanimous
 - iii. Discussion ended.

IX. **Reports**

- I. Student Body President – **Mr. Brandon Hanna**
 - i. Mr. Hanna asked the legislature to push Grizz Orgs more through the scantron program. He also stated that they will be pushing for an area within the library to have supplies for food. He asked the legislature to make copies of the OC Expansion survey to give to professors to hand out to classes.
- II. Student Body Vice President – **Mr. Jibran Ahmed**
 - i. Mr. Ahmed asked the legislature to fill out the survey and distribute it to their peers.
- III. Student Activities Funding Board Chair – **Mr. Phillip Johnson**
 - i. Mr. Johnson stated that he will have new members up for approval at the next meeting.
- IV. Student Program Board Chair – **Mr. Kalik Jones**
 - i. Mr. Jones commented on Student Program Board's upcoming events, including Live Group Sex Therapy, the Concert Reveal Party, and the Concert ticket sale.
- V. Legislative Affairs Director – **Ms. Michelle Alwardt**
 - i. Ms. Alwardt asked the legislature to help her with her phone bank which will take place February 3rd in the OUSC office. She reminded everyone that the phone bank is for Senate Bill 408.
- VI. Multicultural Affairs Director – **Ms. Kathleen Peterson**
 - i. Ms. Peterson mentioned her trip to Detroit, noting that those who have spots reserved need to go to the CSA to fill out a waiver. The trip is February 15th from 12pm-6pm.
- VII. Financial Affairs Director – **Ms. Katrina Stencel**
 - i. No report.
- VIII. Student Services Director – **Ms. Ashley Monticciolo**
 - i. No report.
- IX. Visual Communications Director – **Ms. Maria Arellano**
 - i. No report.
- X. Marketing Director – **Mr. Tim Brown**
 - i. Mr. Brown stated that he will be going through the Grizz Orgs marketing forms this week.
- XI. Administrative Assistant – **Ms. Alexandria Jones**
 - i. Ms. Jones went through her elections events and asked the legislature to start opening up their schedules to assist her.
- XII. OUSC Advisor – **Ms. Allison Webster**
 - i. No report.

XIII. *Questions related to Executive Reports*

X. **Updates**

- I. Steering Committee – **Ms. Lauren Tibbits**
 - i. Ms. Tibbits urged the legislature to send her the items to be added to the agenda.
- II. Judiciary Committee – **Mr. Kyle Johnson**
 - i. Mr. Johnson asked the legislature to come to him if they have any complaints.
- III. Scholarship Committee – **Ms. Madison Kubinski**
 - i. Ms. Kubinski announced that Grace Lee is the winner of the Spirit of the Grizz scholarship.
- IV. Research and Review Committee – **Ms. Rachel Boye**
 - i. No report.
- V. Congressional Archivist – **Ms. Nusrat Zaman**
 - i. Ms. Zaman stated that she is currently organizing archive files, so please do not scan any more materials until you speak with her.
- VI. RHA President – **Mr. Franklin Kennamer**
 - i. Mr. Kennamer stated that Grizz Pose raised over \$1000 for the OU Cares program.
- VII. Tailgate Committee – **Ms. Marlee Hanna**
 - i. Ms. Hanna announced that Homecoming will be September 19th and 20th. Her next project is working on the opening games for softball and baseball.
- VIII. Senior Legislator - **Mr. Blake Williams**
 - i. Mr. Williams offered his help with legislator projects.
- IX. *Questions related to Updates*
- XI. **Comments from the gallery**
- XII. **Announcements**
- XIII. **Adjournment: 6:00pm**