



Minutes
Oakland University Student Congress
Hanna/Ahmed Administration
Legislative Body Meeting Agenda
Oakland Room, Oakland Center
Monday, March 10th, 2014
4:00 P.M.



- I. **Call to order:** 4:04pm
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. **Roll Call:** Quorum met
- IV. **Approval of Meeting Minutes from March 3rd, 2014:** Approved
- V. **Comments from the Gallery**
 - i. Legislator Boye moved to strike line item ii under Discussion Topics, seconded by legislator Laux.
 - a. Vote: 1 nay, 16 yay
 - b. Approved
 - ii. Legislator Boye moved to move discussion of the constitution up before old business, seconded by legislator Johnson.
 - a. Vote: Unanimous
 - b. Approved
- VI. **OUSC Constitution Update, presented by Legislator Kyler Johnson**
 - i. Legislator Johnson ensured the legislature that the committee had made the changes and he will yield to those with the proper clarification. Legislator Boye stated that the executive board appointed agents should be written on the constitution under Article II, subsection A.1.b. The agents appointed are the Multicultural Affairs Director, Visual Communications Director, and the Marketing Director. Ms. Alwardt suggested making a friendly amendment to add the agents. Legislator Kubinski moved to add a friendly amendment to the constitution, in which three appointed agents be added to Article II, subsection A.1.b. under Executive Board. Legislator Iwasnki opposes. Legislator Boye moved to add fifteen minutes to the discussion, seconded by legislator Hock. Vote: Unanimous. Approved. Legislator Boye moved to end discussion on the line item, seconded by legislator Searle. Vote: Unanimous. Discussion ended. Legislator Kubinski struck her motion.
 - ii. Legislator Hock noted that in Article III, subsection A.1.c, the president of RHA will now be an ex-officio member with a non-voting status. Hock stated that the RHA president should have voting rights as an ex-officio member. Legislator Boye stated that in the past there has been a commuter council in which they did not have voting rights. Mr. Kennamer stated that as a representative for housing, an ex-officio should still have voting rights, according to the Robert's Rules of Order. Legislator Hall stated that in Robert's Rules of Order, an ex-officio member does have voting rights, unless stated otherwise, in which this case she pointed out that non-voting member is written in. Legislator Sykes moved to end the discussion, seconded by legislator Searle. Vote: Unanimous. Discussion ended.
 - iii. Legislator Williams asked why Article V section f is crossed out. Ms. Wolf stated that the legislature has not used the court, if not minimally, in a long time.
 - iv. Legislator Boye noted that Article IV, section b does not state that the appointed agents have to be approved by the legislature. Legislator Johnson moved to kill the time limit, seconded by legislator Searle. Legislator Sykes commented on the importance of a time limit. Vote: 4 nay, 13 yay. Time limit was killed. Legislator Boye moved to make a friendly amendment to add the approval by legislature for the appointed agents, seconded by legislator Williams. Legislator Searle opposes. Legislator Searle struck her opposition. Legislator Boye stated that the amendment will add line item c under Article IV, stating that individuals appointed to an agents position will be approved by the legislature. Amendment made.
 - v. Legislator Boye asked if the chief justice has voting power in Article V subsection A.1.a. Legislator Hock stated that the chief justice does have voting power within the legislature.

Legislator Johnson moved to make a friendly amendment to strike the term ex-officio and add non-voting member in its place. Legislator Williams moved to make a friendly amendment to add to the amendment already in place, stating that the chief justice will be a non-voting member of the court, though has the tie-breaking vote. Amendment made.

- vi. Legislator Boye moved to make a friendly amendment to unstrike Article V subsection A.1.d. Amendment made.
- vii. Legislator Williams moved to make a friendly amendment to end line item c. at vacant, and add another line item that states “serve as chairperson of all University Student Congress meetings”. Amendment made.
- viii. Legislator Williams moved to make a friendly amendment to strike line item a. Amendment made.
- ix. Legislator Zaman suggested that tailgate committee be added under Article VII. Ms. Alwardt suggested making a bylaw change instead.
- x. Legislator Zaman noted that SAFB and SPB are listed under Article VII subsection b. Legislator Johnson moved to make a friendly amendment to strike Article VII, subsection B.1. Amendment made.
- xi. Legislator Zaman suggested that Article VII subsection B.2. include non OUSC members as well as the five legislators. Legislator Boye moved to make a friendly amendment to state that the committees may be composed of legislators and non OUSC members. Legislator Hock asked if any of the executive board members are allowed to serve on the committees. Legislator Boye moved to make a friendly amendment to state that the committee may be composed of OUSC legislators and OU students. Legislator Zaman moved to make an additional friendly amendment to the current standing amendment, stating that the committee need not be exclusively composed of members of the legislature. Amendment made.
- xii. Legislator Williams stated that SAFB and SPB should not be stricken; the organization needs checks and balances. Mr. Jones ensured the legislature that SPB currently runs as its own organization currently. He also mentioned that he/she would serve as an ex-officio member, though their members would have to be approved through the legislature. Legislator Williams asked if the SPB chair would be paid separately. Mr. Jones ensured the legislature that it will come out of the SPB budget. Legislator Johnson stated that the SPB and SAFB bylaws will be presented depending on the ratification of the constitution from the Board of Trustees. Legislator Hock asked how OUSC and SPB will collaborate when OUSC cannot co-sponsor. Mr. Jones stated that SPB will not need to ask for any money. Legislator Pokrefky moved to make a friendly amendment to unstrike SAFB chair. Legislator Boye opposes.
- xiii. Legislator Hall moved to end the discussion of the constitution, seconded by legislator Franso. Legislator Hock asked the legislature to bring up important questions to the constitution now. Vote: 3 nay, 13 yea. Discussion ended. This is the first reading.
- xiv. Legislator Boye moved to strike all reports and updates from the agenda, seconded by legislator Hall. Vote: 2 nay, 15 yea. Approved.

VII. **Old Business**

- i. C.B. 14-16 Executive Report Bill, *presented by Legislator Lauren Tibbits*
 - a. Legislator Boye moved to strike the line item until Lauren is present at meeting, seconded by legislator Hock. Vote: 6 nay, 11 yea. Line item tabled.
- ii. C.B. 14-19 American Hero Scholarship Bill, *presented by Legislator Madison Kubinski*
 - a. Legislator Kubinski read through the bill for the second reading. She mentioned that the requirements have been added. Vote: Unanimous. Bill passes.

VIII. **New Business**

- i. C.R. 14-4 BYOB Tailgate Resolution, *presented by Legislator Josh Pokrefky*
 - a. Legislator Pokrefky read through the resolution. Mr. Hanna stated that the idea of a BYOB has been mentioned, though it has not been approved. Ms. Webster stated that a resolution does not need two readings. She stated that as an organization we are asking for too much. She stated that she does not want it to become a tradition to pair with athletics and alcohol. Legislator Williams moved to make a friendly amendment to change the name of the resolution to C.R. 14-04. Legislator Searle moved to table the resolution to next week. Vote: 4 nay, 11 yea. Resolution is tabled.
- ii. Legislator Zaman moved to add line item iii under new business, nomination of tailgate committee chair, seconded by legislator Searle. Vote: Unanimous. Motion passes.

- iii. Nomination of Tailgate Committee Chair, *presented by Legislator Nusrat Zaman*
 - a. Legislator Zaman nominated legislator Pokrefky, seconded by legislator Kubinski.
Legislator Pokrefky accepts. Vote: Unanimous. Approved.

IX. **Adjournment:** 6:38pm