



Minutes
Oakland University Student Congress
Meinberg/Iwanski Administration
Legislative Body Meeting Agenda
Oakland Room, Oakland Center
Monday, April 7, 2014
4:00 P.M.



- I. **Call to order:** 4:04 pm
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. **Roll Call:** Quorum met
- IV. **Swearing in of New Administration**
 - I. Former Student Body Vice President Jibrán Ahmed swears in the newly elected Vice President Liz Iwanski
 - II. Former Student Body President Brandon Hanna swears in the newly elected Student Body President Annie Meinberg
 - III. President Annie Meinberg swears in the newly elected Student Congress Legislators
- V. **Approval of Meeting Minutes from March 31st, 2014:** Approved
- VI. **Comments from the Gallery**
 - I. Kalik Jones offered his congratulations to the newly inducted Student Congress.
- VII. **New Business**
 - I. Nomination of Legislative Committee Chairs, *presented by Student Body Vice President Elizabeth Iwanski*
 - i. Legislator Searle asked to table the nomination of the Scholarship Committee chair until the completion of the current scholarship. Seconded by Legislator Kubinski. No discussion. Motion passes.
 - ii. Legislator Pokrefky nominated legislator Cassandra Hock as steering committee chair. Seconded by legislator Brandon Hanna. Legislator Hock accepts the nomination. No discussion. Vote: Unanimous
 - iii. Legislator Franso nominated legislator Brandon Hanna as Judiciary Chair. Legislator Hanna declined the nomination. Legislator Townsend nominated Madison Kubinski as Judiciary Chair. Seconded by legislator Franso. Legislator Kubinski accepted the nomination. Legislator Hock nominated legislator Josh Pokrefky as Judiciary Chair. Seconded by legislator Franso. Legislator Pokrefky accepted the nomination. Legislator Hanna spoke on behalf of legislator Pokrefky stating that he served on the judiciary committee and has the necessary experience. Legislator Townsend commented that she would like legislator Pokrefky to continue serving as the Tailgating Chair. Legislator Pokrefky stated that if he were nominated as Tailgate Committee chair he would respectfully decline the nomination. Legislator Hock asked both of the nominees if they have read the Student Congress Constitution and Bylaws. Both nominees stated that they have read them and they keep a copy on them at meetings. Legislator Hanna asks how each nominee plan to change and improve the Judiciary committee. Legislator Pokrefky stated that he wants to make sure legislators are pulling their weight in congress and doing their responsibilities. Legislator Kubinski discussed the importance of Legislators keeping up with their office hours, especially because people have not been doing them. Legislator Schuett stated that there have been issues with the constitution and its approval in the last administration; he asked what the nominees plan to do to make sure it does not get overlooked in the new administration. Legislator Pokrefky discussed that he wants to implement new changes over the summer; Pokrefky stated he wants to focus on the major changes for Student Program Board and Student Activities Funding Board first then the smaller pieces later. Legislator Kubinski agreed with legislator Pokrefky, and added in that she wants to make sure that RHA and Greek council work together. Legislator Sykes stated that he thinks the next Judiciary Chair should be

someone that has been on the Judiciary Committee. Legislator Walter motioned to vote. Seconded by Legislator Townsend. Legislator Hock stated that a call to question is a better option than motion to vote because the motion has to be voted on. Legislator Walter struck his motion and called to question the ballot vote. Vote: 12 Pokrefky, 3 Kubinski, 1 abstaining.

- iv. Legislator Townsend made a statement asking members of the legislature to not abstain from voting.
- v. Legislator Hanna stated that members of the legislature may nominate themselves for any position. Legislator Franso nominated Nate Catey as the Congressional Archivist. Seconded by Legislator Sykes. Nomination accepted by Legislator Catey. Legislator Hock inquired to Catey's experience archiving. Legislator Catey stated that he has no experience archiving but he is willing to learn. Legislator Franso spoke on behalf of Catey stating that even though he hasn't any experience anyone should have the opportunity to learn a position. Legislator Pokrefky nominated legislator Ellen Searle as Congressional Archivist. Seconded by Legislator Townsend. The nomination is accepted by Legislator Searle. Legislator Hanna asked the nominees why they want the position and what ideas they have to improve the position and committee. Legislator Catey states that even though he has no experience he is interested in learning and improving the archives. Legislator Searle states that she wants to continue the work former legislator and Congressional Archivist Nusrat Zaman did in the previous administration. Legislator Searle also stated that she wants to work hard getting all the archives online. No further discussion. Vote: 11 Nathan Catey, 5 Ellen Searle.
- vi. Legislator Kubinski nominated legislator Laina Townsend as Research and Review Chair. Seconded by Legislator Catey. No discussion. Vote: 16 yay 0 nays.
- vii. Legislator Hanna asked the Research and Review chair to make a sign in list for the members of the Gallery that wish to become legislators.
- viii. Legislator Pokrefky nominated Brittany Hall as Tailgate Chair. Seconded by Legislator Kubinski. Legislator Hall respectfully declined the nomination. Legislator Franso nominated herself as Tailgate Chair. Seconded by legislator Pokrefky. Franso stated that she has been working with the committee including Josh Pokrefky and previous committee chair Marlee Hanna. No further discussion. Vote: 16 yay, 0 nays.
- ix. Legislator Pokrefky nominated legislator Brandon Hanna as Senior Legislator. Seconded by Legislator Seale. The nomination is accepted by legislator Hanna. President Meinberg stated that legislator Hanna will be graduating in December and that it may cause inconsistency. Legislator Hanna stated that he wants to help bridge the gap between the Executive Board and Legislature; he even considered graduating in the spring. He says he has great ideas such as training as soon as possible for Congress with a training session at the beginning of the fall and winter semesters as well, bridging the gap between RHA and the possibility of a retreat with both organizations. Legislator Searle asked Hanna what is his biggest strength and biggest weakness and how he combats it. Legislator Hanna stated that he is a people pleaser but he needs to remain true to the constitution and bylaws. Legislator Walters called to question. Vote 14 yay, 2 nay
- x. Legislator Kubinski nominated Brittany Hall as Senior Legislator. Seconded by Legislator Townsend. Legislator Hall accepted the nomination. Legislator Sykes nominated Kyler Johnson as Senior Legislator. Seconded by legislator Franso. Legislator Johnson declined the nomination. Legislator Johnson asked what the requirements are for the Senior Legislator. Legislator Hanna read from the bylaws: "Those who are eligible to be selected are those who have the greatest amount of continuous service to the Oakland University Student Congress (including executive board, legislature, or any OUSC committees, all of which are voted on by the legislature)." Legislator Walter clarified that it is any person that has been voted on by the legislature, including members of the Student Activities Funding Board. Legislator Hanna asked how long legislator Hall has served in

Student Congress. Legislator Hall stated that she has served for one year. Legislator Sykes nominated legislator Walter. Seconded by legislator Hanna. Legislator Walter accepted the nomination. Legislator Hanna asked both the nominees why they want the position and what they can see themselves doing to improve the position. Legislator Hall stated that she wants to improve training, she has a lot of experience from being parliamentarian under the previous administration, and that she is passionate about helping others. Legislator Walter stated that he served on SAFB for two years, he wants to go beyond three trainings, and to equip our legislators with passion for the university. President Meinberg yielded to Rachel Boye. Rachel speaks on Legislator Hall's behalf stating that since she has been a part of the legislature she sees a different side of Congress. Legislator Kubinski asked Legislator Walter what his experience is. Walter says he has served on SAFB, but no other committees. Legislator Searle asked what are the nominee's biggest strengths and weaknesses. Legislator Walter stated that his biggest weakness is time management; he stated that he wants to work on many projects at once. Legislator Hall stated that she is too emotional, but that emotion gives her passion and drive to do what she does every day on this campus and everywhere she goes. Legislator Hanna spoke on legislator Walter's behalf stating that Walter has gone up for approval in front of Student Congress several times and that shows his dedication and drive. Move into a vote. Vote: 12 Brittany Hall, 4 Nick Walter.

- xi. Legislator Pokrefky motioned to strike all reports from the agenda. Seconded by Legislator Franso. Vote 15 yay, 1 nay. Motion passes.

VIII. **Comments from the gallery**

- I. Dan from Chartwells spoke about a cook off Friday April 11, 2014. Chartwells needs student chefs to compete. There will be a \$30 prize to the winner, but any contestants get \$5 in Spirit Cash. They also need two guest judges. Students can contact him at Daniel.Bickerstaff@compass-use.com with questions. The event will be at 4pm and spectators are welcome. Vice President Iwanski thanked Dan for coming to speak to Student Congress.

IX. **Announcements**

- I. Legislator Walter congratulated legislator Hall on the position as Senior Legislator.
- II. Legislator Hanna congratulated everyone on newly elected positions and on being elected to the Legislature.
- III. Legislator Schuett reminded everyone about the current American Heroes Scholarship, the due date is April 14th.
- IV. Legislator Kubinski motioned to end meeting. Seconded by legislator Walter. Vote 12 yay, 3 nays. Motion passes

X. **Adjournment 5:00**