



Minutes

Oakland University Student Congress Meinberg/Iwanski Administration

Legislative Body Meeting

Oakland Room, Oakland Center

Tuesday, June 10th, 2014

5:30 P.M.



- I. **Call to Order** 6:03 P.M.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. **Roll Call** Quorum met
- IV. **Approval of Meeting Minutes from May 5th, 2014** Minutes approved
- V. **New Business**
 - A. **Approval of Student Activities Funding Board Executive Board**, *presented by Mr. Jorge Garcia*
 - i. Associate Chair—**Ms. Becca Reichenbach**
 - a. Becca said that she was a Senior Creative Writing major that had been on the board for two semesters. Legislator Walter spoke on her behalf and stated that she was outgoing and knows the bylaws. Legislator Searle asked Ms. Reichenbach's biggest weakness and how she would combat it. She said that she took on too many tasks at once, however with the role of president of other organizations she had learned to trust the other members of the board with tasks. Ms. Ploe spoke on behalf of Ms. Reichenbach and stated that she is dedicated to the work that she did and was involved in several student organizations.
 - b. Vote: 7 yay, 0 nay.
 - B. **C.B. 14-20**, *presented by Legislator Jeffrey Schuett*
 - i. Legislator Schuett discussed that the purpose of the bill is to distinguish an active role versus a leading role during event planning, and stated that this bill established that Student Congress must be running the event. Mr. Pokrefky disagreed with the bill and reminded everyone that other student organizations are not as lucky as student congress when it comes to money, and that student congress should be able to assist student organizations and be a part of the events they are throwing. Legislator Townsend said that Student Congress should not be a funding board even though it is unfortunate that Student Congress cannot assist the organizations, the bill is to add clarification to the bylaws. Legislator Schuett said that to fund other organizations would be a slippery slope, organizations that did not plan far enough in advance should not be bailed out by Student Congress. Mr. Pokrefky agreed that it could be positive and negative however the bill was a statement that forbade Student Congress from ever assisting other organizations in the future, he also said that legislators still have the power to vote no on bills that give money to these organizations. Ms. Meinberg said that she was not in support of this bill because it forced Student Congress to not be a part of different events if they do not create the idea initially. Legislator Nixon asked for clarification on the leading role versus supporting role. Legislator Schuett said that a leading role would mean that a member of the executive board or legislature created the idea for the event and are carrying it out, a supporting role would be another person or organization came up with the idea and approached student congress to be a part of it. Legislator Nixon expressed her concern that other organizations have great event ideas that would be in need of collaboration even though OUSC was not in the leading role. Legislator Schuett said that he thought students money should be used properly, not funding other organizations events. Legislator Nixon discussed the idea of a middle ground, Student Congress contributing a percentage of the cost of an event for another organization. Mr. Harris stated that there was a request from Jean Ann Miller for SAFAC Organizations to contribute money; therefore it would look bad if OUSC were the only directly funded student organization to contribute. He also cautioned the use of percentages of funding.

Ms. Ploe added that these issues have happened to Student Program Board frequently because if they are not in a leading role they do not believe they should have given money, she also thought the bill should add a line excusing the issue of directly funded organizations in order to keep the connections of directly funded organizations strong. Ms. Peterson agreed with Ms. Ploe. Legislator Schuett thanked everyone for the feedback. Mr. Andrew Laux said that this was in response to the HALO Night Salsa Bill from the winter 2014 semester; he said that this was a bill to clarify what the bylaws already stated. Ms. Ellis added that if this bill were to get struck down the legislature must reevaluate it. Legislator Walter said that Student Congress should have encouraged organizations to fundraise money instead of funding their events. Legislator Townsend thought that members were getting caught up in the idea that Student Congress cannot fund organizations, but this bill was clarifying a direct line in the bylaws. Mr. Pokrefky said that it was up to Student Congress to ask the right questions to make sure that organizations do what they can to fundraise money for themselves. Legislator Schuett motioned to end discussion. Seconded by Legislator Searle. Vote: 7 yay, 0 nay.

C. **C.B. 14-21**, *presented by Legislator Ellen Searle*

- i. Legislator Searle struck her bill.

D. **C.B. 14-22**, *presented by Legislator Brittany Hall*

- i. Legislator Hall said that this bill is to update the plaques in the office. Ms. Hock said that she got quotes from several different places. Legislator Schuett offered his support of this bill and stated that it will update the office.

E. **Approval of Elections Commission for Special Election**, *presented by Ms. Cassandra Hock*

- i. Legislator Hall motioned to combine line item i-ix. Seconded by Legislator Townsend. Vote: 7 yay, 0 nay.
- ii. Ms. Henna Ata, Mr. Omar Bukhsh, Ms. Andrea Coleman, Mr. Seth Fleming, Mr. Aaron Kapanowski, Mr. Andrew Laux, Ms. Holly Lustig, Ms. Jessica Stocker, Ms. Marguerite Wasinski.
 - a. Vote: 7 yay, 0 nay.

F. **Approval of Environmental Health and Wellness**, *presented by Mr. Shawn Czewski*

- i. Legislator Townsend motioned to combine line items i-iii. Vote: 7 yay, 0 nay
- ii. Ms. Madison Kubinski, Ms. Katie Aleck, Ms. Ellen Searle.
 - a. Vote: 7 yay, 0 nay

G. **Nomination of Tailgate Committee Chair**, *presented by Ms. Elizabeth Iwanski*

- i. Ms. Iwanski stated that Mr. Pokrefky will be planning the tailgate if there is not chair approved. Legislator Hall nominated Ellen Searle as Tailgate Committee Chair. Seconded by Legislator Walter. Legislator Searle accepted the nomination. Mr. Johnson asked Searle if she would be comfortable planning a BYOB Tailgate. Legislator Searle said that she does not think it is a good idea for a university to endorse the practice of drinking on campus; however with the assistance of the Oakland University Police Department she was willing to plan the tailgate. Ms. Allison Webster reminded everyone that the tailgate during homecoming will be a BYOB Tailgate.
 - a. Vote: 7 yay, 0 nay

H. Legislator Walter motioned to end meeting. Seconded by Legislator Hall.

- i. Vote: 7 yay, 0 nay

VI. **Adjournment** 7:01pm