



Minutes

Oakland University Student Congress
Meinberg/Iwanski
Gold Room C, Oakland Center
Monday, September 15th, 2014
4:00



- I. Call to Order 4:02 P.M.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
 - A. Nate Catey
 1. Present and voting
 - B. Brittany Hall
 1. Present and voting
 - C. Madison Kubinski
 1. Present and voting
 - D. Andrew Laux
 1. Present and voting
 - E. Kristie Nixon
 1. Present and voting
 - F. Jeffrey Schuett
 1. Present and voting
 - G. Andre Sykes
 1. Present and voting
 - H. Laina Townsend
 1. Present and voting
 - I. Nick Walter
 1. Present and voting
- IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes from September 8, 2014
 - A. Ms. Iwanski stated that there were several changes submitted to Ms. Hock, she made the changes and they are displayed on the screen. Ms. Hock stated that she accidentally reflected Legislator Sykes as not present and Legislator Hall as present. She then corrected the mistake.
 - B. Vote: Unanimous
- V. Comments from the Gallery
 - A. Ms. Jean Ann Miller from the Center for Student Activities gave updates to Student Congress: the City of Rochester Hills is looking for student actors interested in acting on October 2nd as the grandma from the Addams Family, this would be posing in a window at the South Street Skate Shop, Shannon from Chartwells is in need of assistance for students to hand out free samples during lunch on Tuesday September 16th anyone that volunteers will receive compensation in food coupons, the next weekend (September 19-21) will be homecoming there are many events and there will be a VIP Reunion Saturday night in the Banquet rooms and there will be a cash bar, and over 130 members have signed up to attend from 7pm-10pm.
- VI. Old Business
- VII. New Business

A. Approval of Environmental Health and Wellness Committee Members, *presented by Mr. Shawn Czewski*

1. Ms. Laina Townsend
 - a) Vote: Unanimous
2. Mr. Aaron Helander
 - a) Vote: Unanimous

VIII. Discussion Topics

A. University Communication and Marketing presentation, *presented by Mr. Josh Pokrefky*

1. John Young from University Communication and Marketing came and spoke to the body about the rebranding that took place this summer.

B. *Submitted Statements of Student Concern*

1. Mr. Johnson said that there were no submitted statements of student concerns.

C. Student Bill of Rights

1. Legislator Andrew Laux brought up the idea of creating a Student Bill of Rights. Legislator Kubinski agreed with the idea and thought it should exist on a state and national level. Legislator Sykes asked if this would be something that we got from another institution or created as a framework for other institutions. Laux answered that it would be a framework. It would be something for Students to vote on that would then be approved by the Board of Trustees.

IX. Reports

A. Student Body President- *Ms. Annie Meinberg*

1. Ms. Meinberg attended the SAM Conference the previous weekend; she mentioned that the next SAM Conference will be at Oakland University on October 4th. She said she helped out at the Open Forums for the Special Election. And mentioned that if anyone would like to be involved in the SAM conference they should contact Bria.

B. Student Body Vice President- *Ms. Elizabeth Iwanski*

1. Ms. Iwanski had been meeting with the Food Service committee, she asked for anyone's feedback on Chartwells of food service at Oakland. She also had helped out with Elections.

C. Student Activities Funding Board Chair- *Mr. Jorge Garcia*

1. Mr. Garcia had responded to emails about budget requests from Student Organizations, and tried getting more students to use Grizz Orgs. He was working on GrizzOrgs Olympics with Madison and Becca.

D. Student Program Board Chair- *Ms. Rylin Ploe*

1. Ms. Ploe said that the previous week was the busiest week of the semester, had been getting everything done with Hump Day, the Carnival, and the concert. She reminded the body that tickets for Cedar Point would go on sale the next morning they would cost \$30 for bus ride and park ticket. She reminded everyone that that Friday was Island Fest and they were still in need of volunteers.

E. Legislative Affairs Director- *Ms. Bria Ellis*

1. Not present. Executive Board report was circulated.

F. Multi-Cultural Affairs Director- *Ms. Erin Ward*

1. Ms. Ward had been working on Island Fest with Tifrah from Student Program Board. This event is going to be the kickoff for Spanish Celebration Month.
- G. Financial Affairs Director- *Mr. Sam Harris*
1. Not present. Executive Board report was circulated.
- H. Student Services Director- *Mr. Kyler Johnson*
1. Mr. Johnson said that he had been working with Housing on the Bear Bus, looking into charging stations at the Recreation Center, and a microwave for the library.
- I. Marketing Director- *Mr. Josh Pokrefky*
1. Mr. Pokrefky said that Rock for Rights was very successful; he is now working on figuring what went wrong with events by meeting with the people waiting in line. He added that three pictures taken by Student Congress are now face book profile pictures which is why he began watermarking the images. He had been working on new jackets for Congress and is in need of people for the constitution video.
- J. Visual Communications Director- *Ms. Kathleen Peterson*
1. Ms. Peterson had been working with Melinda from Communication and Marketing on the Student Congress website which should be completed in mid November. She said that she is going to try and do something new with a frames directing people into the event. She added that Andrew, Nate, James and Brittany need to meet with her to take their legislator pictures.
- K. Environmental Health and Wellness- *Mr. Shawn Czewski*
1. Mr. Czewski said he had met with the Recreation Center about Zomba and the event is almost all set, he said that at the event there will be two times to zumba. He said he also is working with the OC and SOPE on recycling initiatives.
- L. Administrative Assistant- *Ms. Cassandra Hock*
1. Ms. Hock told everyone that she had been working hard on Elections, she reminded everyone to vote and spread the word about voting.
- M. OUSC Advisor- *Ms. Allison Webster*
1. Ms. Webster said that there had been a ton of events in the past few weeks, over 500 students came to Student Organization training, and there are a lot of new student organizations. Grizzfest was the largest it had ever been, Monday at noon there will be Organization Advisor training, and this weekend will be Sorority recruitment orientation Sunday at 4pm.
- N. *Questions related to Executive Reports*
- X. Updates
- A. Senior Legislator- *Ms. Brittany Hall*
1. Legislator Hall said that she would like to start having one-on-one meetings with legislators about initiatives.
- B. Judiciary Committee- *Mr. Jeffery Schuett*
1. Legislator Schuett said that he was happy all the legislators did their office hours in the previous week. He also said he was working on finding members for the Judiciary committee.
- C. Steering Committee- *Ms. Madison Kubinski*

1. Legislator Kubinski asked everyone to check on the things they had been sending her for spelling and using Mr/Ms prefixes. She added that Ms. Hock did not send her the minutes from the previous meeting.
- D. Research and Review Committee- *Ms. Laina Townsend*
 1. Legislator Townsend said that her email is on the legislator application and she is always available to answer questions. There are 15 legislator spots open.
- E. Scholarship Committee- *Ms. Kristie Nixon*
 1. Legislator Nixon said that she had been making progress with her committee and on the scholarships, she also met with Josh about budgeting and marketing.
- F. Congressional Archivist- *Mr. Nate Catey*
 1. Legislator Catey said he had been working on searching for committee members.
- G. Tailgate Committee- *Ms. Brittany Hall*
 1. Legislator Hall said that the tailgate is September 20th, it is going to be a BYOB Tailgate, and she reminded everyone that if they are volunteering they cannot consume alcohol.
- H. RHA President- *Mr. James Buzzo*
 1. Mr. Buzzo said that RHA had their first Business meeting and it went really well, he added that RHA is getting ready to go to a conference in the next semester.
- I. *Questions related to updates*
- XI. Comments from the Gallery
 - A. Jean Ann Miller said that there may be a Bill of Students Rights on the Dean of Students website.
- XII. Announcements
 - A. Ms. Hock reminded everyone to vote in the election.
 - B. Ms. Meinberg said that the location for the next Student Congress meeting is to be determined but it may not be in the Oakland Center.
 - C. Mr. Pokrefky asked students to stay after the meeting for the Constitution video.
- XIII. Adjournment 5:14 P.M.