



Minutes
Oakland University Student Congress
Meinberg/Iwanski
CSA, Oakland Center
Monday, September 22, 2014
4:00



- I. Call to Order 4:03P.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
 - J. RHA Representative
 1. Michael Faulkner- present and voting
- IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes from September 15, 2014
 - A. Vote: 10 yay, 0 nay. Minutes passed.
- V. Comments from the Gallery
 - A. Kelsey Z, the president of the cycling club on campus wanted to propose bike lanes on campus and get the opinion of the legislators and executive board. Ms. Meinberg said that she was approached about this idea and she wanted to see what the members of student congress thought. Legislator Sykes thought it was a great idea however he thought that the roads on campus were too small as it was and did not think that the university would support this idea therefore he did not think it was something that should be pursued. Legislator Schuett asked if there had been any accidents on campus involving students on bicycles. Kelsey said that she was not aware of any on record; however she said that when she had been riding on campus it was not safe. Legislator Townsend asked if this was something that could be brought up to the Strategic Planning Committee. Ms. Iwanski said that she was a member of that committee and it was something she could bring up. Townsend furthered her opinion that it should be brought before the Strategic Planning Committee. Legislator Laux thought that this was a

fantastic idea and he offered advice to Kelsey, he thought that this idea needed financial incentive. Mr. Johnson said that this could be something for a subcommittee; he thought it was a large and expensive project however he would be able to look into the topic.

VI. Old Business

VII. New Business

A. C.B. 14-06, *presented by Legislator Laina Townsend*

1. Legislator Townsend said that this was a bill to purchase business cards for her position as Research and Review Chair. These would be something she could hang out at events and have them in the office. She said that it would be a lot easier to spread the word about positions and it would only cost \$75. She was happy to hear and thoughts that other members had. Ms. Ploe asked if Townsend's personal information would be on the card. Townsend said it would have her personal email and phone number. Ms. Ploe then recommended that there be a generic legislator business card with printed labels on the back. Townsend's concern was that the quantity that she got the quote for was the lowest quantity the print shop supplied. Mr. Harris said that he supported this bill because the cost was very small compared to the amount of uncategorized money that was on the budget, he added that Student Congress worked to be a professional organization and allowing the Research and Review Chair to have these cards would make it even more professional. Mr. Pokrefky said that he had used vista print previously and it was successful. Legislator Nixon said that regardless of if this billed passed or not it was a great idea, she added that she was in support of Ms. Ploe's idea. Legislator Hall liked the idea however she said that the Research and Review chair was on the legislator application and the website. She added that if one committee chair had business cards they all should. Legislator Townsend said that this would increase the ease of getting her contact information to legislators. Ms. Hock said that Townsend could get a generic Student Congress business card and all committee chairs would be able to create labels and then have their own cards. Legislator Sykes said that even though it was a small amount of money and the possibility of a multifunctional card he thought that they would end up thrown away or on the ground and that could be a waste of resources. Mr. Johnson noted that this discussion was about the bill about allocating the money and not the creative aspect of the business card. Legislator Walter said that he agreed with the idea Ms. Ploe brought forth. Ms. Iwanski said that this was the first reading of the bill.

B. Approval of Multicultural Cultural Affairs Committee, *presented by Ms. Erin Ward*

1. Mr. Anders Engnell, Mr. Andre Sykes, Ms. Allison Chen, Ms. Marina Ibrahim, Ms. Samantha Chhan

a) Ms. Ward said that she interviewed all of these members to be on her committee. She added that they had a meeting the week before and everyone had come up with great plans and idea.

(1) Vote: 10 yay, 0 nay.

C. Approval of Student Activities Funding Executive Board

1. Mr. Tay Anderson

2. Mr. Garcia said that Anderson was a very helpful member of the SAFB Executive Board that he had been coming to all the meetings and trainings and had been very helpful. Ms. Ploe asked what Mr. Anderson's position would be on the Executive Board. Mr. Garcia said that he would be the liaison meaning that he would get feedback from students on different matters. Legislator Walter spoke on behalf of Mr. Anderson and said that he had been very beneficial to the executive board.

a) Vote: 10 yay, 0 nay

VIII. Discussion Topics

A. Discussion related to comments from the gallery and submitted statements of student concern

B. Student Congress Special Election Report, *presented by Mr. Cullen Callaghan*

1. Mr. Callaghan presented the results of the election. The Validations committee found that both the Student Activities Fund percentage changes and the Student Congress Constitution were placed on the ballot in accordance with the Student Congress bylaws. The voting results were 216 yes and 30 no votes for the Student Activities Fund percentage changes and 199 yes and 21 no votes on the Student Congress Constitution.

C. Student Bill of Rights

1. Legislator Laux brought up the idea of creating an ad hoc committee for the creation of a Student Bill of Rights that could be presented at the Oakland University Student Association of Michigan meeting. Legislator Kubinski thought that this should wait a week to be added to the agenda. Ms. Ellis asked if the Ad Hoc committee could be made at this meeting, if it would follow proper procedure. Legislator Hall said that the President was in charge of creating any ad hoc committee. Ms. Ellis said that this should be done as soon as possible so that the committee can begin and prepare for the SAM conference. Ms. Ploe asked if there was an example student bill of rights that the committee would be able to work off of. Ms. Meinberg said that on the Dean of Students website there was a Student Bill of Rights. Ms. Ploe thought that this matter was not something that should be rushed for the sake of time. Ms. Ellis said that the writing should not be rushed but if work began soon it would be enough time. Mr. Harris said that as the Board of Directors for Oakland at SAM conferences he would not feel comfortable voting on something that had such little time to be worked on. Legislator Laux said that the current Bill of Rights was written by Administration for students and he would like to write a Bill of Rights for students by students. Legislator Townsend said that the students that were going to be putting this together would be willing to put a lot of time in right away. Allison

Webster said that students that were interested could stay after the meeting.

D. Signing Legislator Time Sheets

1. Legislator Schuett said that in the previous few weeks there had been a lot of discussion about who was able to sign and approve the work of current legislators in the office as well as prospective legislators. Ms. Meinberg said that the executive board should be the only people to sign off on all office hours to maintain consistency. Legislator Laux said that he was under the impression that any official Student Congress members would be able to sign off on prospective legislator hours. Ms. Ploe said that she was under the impression that committee chairs were allowed to sign off on hours. Legislator Townsend said that there were hours that had been completed by prospective legislators that she wanted to sign off. Allison Webster said that she thought if the work was done for a specific committee then that committee chair would be able to sign off on it. Mr. Johnson said that in the previous year it was up to the discretion of the Research and Review Chair along with the Judiciary Chair to come to a decision. Legislator Nixon asked for clarification that for current legislators the only ones that can sign off were Executive Board members and for prospective it could be Executive Board or committee chairs. Legislator Sykes thought that prospective legislators should be able to get their hours signed by committee chairs. Ms. Meinberg said that she would come up with a final decision and send out an email.

IX. Reports

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

1. Ms. Meinberg reminded everyone that they need to be a member of a Senate committee, and asked if any members of Congress knew anyone that wanted to be on the committee they should let her know.

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

1. Ms. Iwanski said that she had been very busy with homecoming and the welcome for President Dr. Hynd. She also reminded everyone to set up meetings with her about legislator projects.

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

1. Mr. Garcia said that he had been working on the SAFB website, GrizzOrg Olympics, Bear bus funding and emails.

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

1. Ms. Ploe said that the previous week was very busy for SPB, she added that the SPB Bylaws would be going up for approval soon.

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

1. Ms. Ellis said that she attended the SAM conference and she added that the members of SAM were thinking about removing themselves from the US Students Association.

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

1. Ms. Ward said that she is excited to be working with her committee and that she has been working with Multicultural Council and working on a Graphic Design contest with Kathleen.

- G. Financial Affairs Director- *Mr. Sam Harris*
 - 1. Mr. Harris said that he had been updating the budget and making sure all invoices were accounted for.
- H. Student Services Director- *Mr. Kyler Johnson*
 - 1. Mr. Johnson said there were come complaints about handicapped parking in P2, and that the metered spots were being abused. Also adding Auburn Hills police officers to pinch points at different exit locations. Lastly he met with Housing about Bear Bus day and said that it would be October 9.
- I. Marketing Director- *Mr. Josh Pokrefky*
 - 1. Mr. Pokrefky said that he was working on ordering different types of water bottles and using them to table for Zomba. He added that he will need help tabling. Lastly he added that he would be having a contest on social media in the upcoming days.
- J. Visual Communications Director- *Ms. Kathleen Peterson*
 - 1. Ms. Peterson said that she had been working on Bear Bus day graphics, the human rights campaign and she was working on updating the website. She added that she will be sending graphics out to the members of congress to post before events.
- K. Environmental Health and Wellness- *Mr. Shawn Czewski*
 - 1. Ms. Czewski said that he was waiting on the logo for his free recycling bin. He added that his committee met for the first time. Zomba would take place on October 10th.
- L. Administrative Assistant- *Ms. Cassandra Hock*
 - 1. Ms. Hock reminded everyone that they need to hand out scantrons when they are in the office, and that she was really happy elections went so well.
- M. OUSC Advisor- *Ms. Allison Webster*
 - 1. Ms. Webster said that homecoming was very successful; she added that the president sent out a thank you to everyone that helped make it so great. She had advisor training; approved new organizations on GrizzOrgs and sorority recruitment would take place the next weekend.
- N. Questions related to Executive Reports
- X. Updates
 - A. Senior Legislator- *Ms. Brittany Hall*
 - 1. She asked everyone to meet with her about initiatives.
 - B. Judiciary Committee- *Mr. Jeffery Schuett*
 - 1. Schuett reminded everyone to make sure they did their office hours
 - C. Steering Committee- *Ms. Madison Kubinski*
 - 1. Kubinski apologized that the agenda was missing some items, she added a reminder that if legislators were using a template to create a bill they need to keep an eye out to change all aspects of the bill.
 - D. Research and Review Committee- *Ms. Laina Townsend*
 - 1. Townsend said that there were 15 spots open.
 - E. Scholarship Committee- *Ms. Kristie Nixon*

1. Nixon said that her next meeting would be Tuesday September 30th at 5:30pm.
- F. Congressional Archivist- *Mr. Nate Catey*
 1. Catey said that he was still looking for committee members.
- G. Tailgate Committee- *Ms. Brittany Hall*
 1. Hall thanked everyone for coming out to the tailgate she said that she had some concerns but overall the event went great.
- H. RHA President- *Mr. Michael Faulkner*
 1. Not present
- I. Questions related to updates
- XI. Comments from the Gallery
- XII. Announcements
 - A. Legislator Laux said that he was running for a position in his school district and he asked anyone that was interested to come out and support his campaign. He added that a friend of his was a producer for a small movie and was looking for any actors or actresses.
 - B. Jean Ann Miller said that weather pending all traffic on University Dr would be open next Monday September 29th.
- XIII. Adjournment 5:37 pm