



Meeting Minutes
Oakland University Student Congress
Thomas-Engnell Administration
Oakland Room, Oakland Center
Monday, January 9, 2017
4:00 P.M.



- I. Call to Order
 - The meeting was called to order Monday, January 9th, 2017, at 4:03pm
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
 - Legislator Church, present and voting
 - Legislator Fox, present and voting
 - Legislator Harris, present and voting
 - Legislator Kleinschmidt, present and voting
 - Legislator Kubinski, present and voting
 - Legislator Mabrouk, present and voting
 - Legislator Nasry, present and voting
 - Legislator Poppe, not present
 - Legislator Rourke, present and voting
 - Legislator Sanders, present and voting
 - Legislator Seeger, present and voting
 - Legislator Thompson, present and voting
 - Legislator Walton, present and voting
 - Legislator Hubbard, present and voting
 - Legislator Jagtap, present and voting
 - Legislator Rafidi, present and voting
 - We had quorum
- IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes from December 5, 2016
 - Vice President Engnell opened the floor to amendments, additions, or subtractions to the Meeting Minutes from December 5th, 2016
 - There were no changes to the Meeting Minutes
 - Show of Hands Vote
 - The Meeting Minutes from December 5th, 2016, were unanimously approved
- V. Comments from the Gallery
 - Vice President Engnell opened the floor to Comments from the Gallery
 - Ms. Hock said that SPB is hosting Casino Night on Saturday, January 14th, from 6:00pm-11:00pm in the Oakland Center. There is going to be food and games, in which students will have the opportunity to win raffle tickets and be entered to win various large prizes, such as a television. Additionally, if anyone is interested in volunteering, please email spb@oakland.edu.
 - Vice President Engnell opened the floor to questions
 - Mr. Garcia inquired about when SPB is going to announce their ticket sales dates
 - Ms. Hock replied to Mr. Garcia, saying that ticket sales will be announced sometime within this week.

- Ms. Hock continued onward to say that there will be a series of open forums regarding the presidential search. These will occur on Tuesday, January 10th, at 3:15 and on Wednesday, January 11th, at 10:00am-11:00am, 11:15pm-12:00pm, and 1:15pm-2:15pm. These open forums are all scheduled to occur within Banquet Room B.
- *Dan Poppe entered the meeting at 4:08pm*
- Ms. Jean Ann Miller encouraged us to attend the open forums regarding the presidential search, particularly the open forum occurring on Wednesday from 11:15pm-12:00pm, because it's specifically for student leaders. Furthermore, she continued onward to say that she is here in order to inquire about student input, regarding a trip to Washington D.C., in order to see the presidential inauguration. SAFAC has made a decision to partially fund this trip and any student who would want to attend would pay \$65. The buses would leave campus on Thursday night, January 19th, around 7:00pm, drive through the night, and arrive just outside of the city Friday morning. Students would then need to take a metro into the city, spend their day in the city and watch the inauguration, and then board the bus around 8:00pm, to return to campus. There are currently two buses on reserve for this event and she inquired as to whether we believe that this would be something that the student body would be interested in attending.
 - Legislator Fox said that he believes that a number of students would most likely intend, but it depends on targeting and advertising towards the right group of students.
 - Legislator Kubinski expressed concern about some students wanting to attend simply so that they can protest at the inauguration.
 - Ms. Miller addressed Legislator Kubinski's concern, saying that students have the freedom to protest, if they so desire. She continued onward to emphasize that this is a nonpartisan opportunity for students to view history.
 - Mr. George inquired as to whether one or two buses would be utilized for the event.
 - Ms. Miller replied to Mr. George, saying that the answer to that question is still rather ambiguous and largely depends on student interest in attending the presidential inauguration. If there is great interest, then a second bus will be utilized. However, a second bus wouldn't want to be purchased, if a majority of the bus went unfilled.
- Vice President Engnell opened the floor to further Comments from the Gallery
- There were no further Comments from the Gallery

VI. Guest Speaker

A. *Michael Wadsworth*, Assistant Dean of Students

- Mr. Wadsworth said that one of his favorite aspects of his job is coordinating the Wilson and Human Relations Awards each year, because it's truly incredible essays that they receive. He continued onward to explain each award, highlighting the Alfred G. and Matilda R. Wilson Awards, which recognizes one female senior student and one male senior student who have demonstrated leadership roles, which have allowed them to contribute to the OU community. Additionally, the Human Relations Award recognizes a

senior student who have made an outstanding contribution to intergroup understanding and conflict resolution in the OU community. He continued onward to encourage us to nominate individuals who are deserving of this recognition and award.

- Vice President Engnell opened the floor to questions
- There were no questions

VII. Old Business

VIII. New Business

A. *Legislative Chair Nominations*, Zack Thomas

- Tailgate Chair
 - President Thomas said that we currently have an opening for Tailgate Chair and that both Legislator Kubinski and Legislator Kleinschmidt have expressed interest in fulfilling this position.
 - President Thomas opened the floor to nominations
 - Legislator Harris nominated Legislator Kubinski for Tailgate Chair
 - This nomination was seconded by Legislator Fox
 - Legislator Kubinski accepted the nomination
 - Legislator Hubbard nominated Legislator Kleinschmidt for Tailgate Chair
 - This nomination was seconded by Legislator Nasry
 - Legislator Kleinschmidt accepted the nomination
 - The floor was open to further nominations
 - There were no further nominations
 - Legislator Kubinski said she would like to hold the position as Tailgate Chair because she was highly involved in the winter tailgate last year and is able to provide experience. She continued onward to say that she has been in contact with Legislator Harris, the prior Tailgate Chair, as well as the athletics department, to discuss the plans for this semester's winter tailgate. There was discussion about doubling the size of the tent, but this isn't a possibility due to the tremendous added cost. However, we are able to utilize the entire parking lot, so the ambiance will feel like a true tailgate experience. Additionally, she already has an idea of what restaurants and companies are going to either donate food, or offer a discount. There will also be a hot chocolate bar, as well as the possibility of having a food truck. There will also be giveaways, which will most likely be hats.
 - Legislator Kleinschmidt said she would like to hold the position as Tailgate Chair because she was able to help with the organization and implementation of the fall tailgate and immensely enjoyed the work, as well as the opportunity to connect with the student body. She continued onward to say that she has two years of prior experience with the coordination and implementation of events, from a prior managerial position. Additionally, she emphasized that she was a freshman and would therefore be able to potentially continue onward as the Tailgate Chair for the next few years.

- *Vice President Engnell acknowledged Legislator Poppe's presence. Legislator Poppe is present and voting.*
- Vice President Engnell opened the floor to discussion
- Legislator Fox inquired about when the winter tailgate is taking place.
 - The winter tailgate will be held on Friday, January 27th
- Vice President Engnell opened the floor to further discussion
- There was no further discussion
- Ballot Vote
 - 11 votes for Legislator Kleinschmidt
 - 5 votes for Legislator Kubinski
 - Legislator Kleinschmidt is the Tailgate Chair

IX. Discussion Topics

X. Legislative Updates

- A. Greek Council Representative, *Vicki Harris*
- Legislator Harris said that there are no events that are being held this week.
- B. Resident Hall Association Representative, *Blake Walton*
- Legislator Walton said that they recently had an open mic night, which was a really big success. Additionally, they recently had a slumber party event on January 6th, which included a showing of *The Secret Life of Pets*, the opportunity for students to make stuffed animals, and there was also a comedy show that took place, as well. There is going to be a mental health event, with the theme "Oh, The Places You'll Go!" on January 23rd and January 24th in Oakview Lobby.
- C. Updates related to Legislative Projects and Initiatives
- There were no updates
- D. Questions related to Legislative Reports
- There were no questions

XI. Executive Reports

- A. Student Body President, *Zack Thomas*
- President Thomas said he has been working the Buzz app. Additionally, this upcoming week, he will be meeting with Ms. Walukonis to discuss the OUSC elections season. He will also be meeting with Mr. George and Ms. Walukonis to discuss placing another bulk order of Scantrons, for the winter semester. He continued onward to emphasize the importance of attending the open forums taking place regarding the presidential search.
- B. Student Vice President, *Anders Engnell*
- Vice President Engnell said we'll be launching our Bear Bus Express Route on January 17th. This route will take students, who are parked in P-35 and P-37, directly to the Engineering Center and Math and Science Center. This service is going to be offered Monday through Thursday, from 9:00am-3:00pm. This is our first step towards an entire fleet of Bear Bus lines going from one specific destination to another specific destination. Furthermore, starting tomorrow, we will begin to launch a marketing scheme, in order to make students aware of this Bear Bus Express Route. There will be flyers in the office with information regarding the Bear Bus to take to one's classes

and distribute. He continued onward to say that he has also been working on a parking lot expansion proposal. There will also be an OUSC retreat in February or March, which will focus on spending six hours preparing transition materials for the next administration and a movie night for the remainder of the evening. He will also be conducting legislator one-on-ones within the next few weeks.

C. OUSC Advisor, *Stephanie Jurva*

- Advisor Jurva said that there will be an opportunity for info sessions with the three potential candidates for the next Oakland Center Director. Additionally, there will be a MLK day of service event and anyone who wishes to volunteer can sign up on GrizzOrgs.

D. Updates related to E-board Projects and Initiatives

- There were no updates

E. Questions related to Executive Reports

- Legislator Fox inquired about the Bear Bus wait time, since it will cold outside and uncomfortable for students to wait outside for long periods of time in order to get on the Bear Bus.
 - Vice President Engnell replied to Legislator Fox, saying that the idea is that students would be able to see when the Bear Bus is approaching and wait inside their cars until the bus arrives.
 - President Thomas said that the idea is also to refine the process so that the buses have regular times, so students will be able to know when it's time to leave their cards and head to the bus stop.
- Legislator Kubinski inquired if there's any way in which we're going to gauge the effectiveness of this service to see how many students are utilizing the program.
 - Vice President Engnell said that they'll be having a Bear Bus awards card, in which students will be able to get a check mark every time they use the Bear Bus and once they have five rides, they'll be able to come to the OUSC office for a SWAG item.
- Legislator Kubinski asked if we're working with housing, since we moved the Bear Bus program to housing.
 - Vice President Engnell said that they are working with the director of housing.
- There were no further questions

XII. Comments from the Gallery

- Vice President Engnell opened the floor to Comments from the Gallery
- Ms. Miller said that we should have a "Be Kind to Parked Cars" Campaign due to the damage that some cars undergo simply from students being careless with opening and closing doors.
- Vice President Engnell opened the floor to further Comments from the Gallery
- There were no further Comments from the Gallery

XIII. Announcements

- Vice President Engnell opened the floor to Announcements

- Leg Rourke asked the Scholarship Committee to meet with her after meeting, so that they can discuss and determine meeting days for the semester.

XIV. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 4:48pm