



Meeting Minutes
Oakland University Student Congress
Thomas-Engnell Administration
Oakland Room, Oakland Center
Monday, February 6th, 2017
4:00 P.M.



- I. Call to Order
- II. The meeting was called to order Monday, February 6th, 2017, at 4:02 pm
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Roll Call
 - A. Aug present
 - B. Legislator Church, present and voting
 - C. Legislator R Fox, present and voting
 - D. Legislator Harris, present and voting
 - E. Legislator Hubbard, present and voting
 - F. Legislator Jagtap, present and voting
 - G. Legislator Kleinschmidt, present and voting
 - H. Legislator Mabrouk, present and voting
 - I. Legislator Nasry, present and voting
 - J. Legislator Poppe, present and voting
 - K. Legislator Rafidi present and voting
 - L. Legislator Rourke, not present and voting
 - M. Legislator Sanders, present and voting
 - N. Legislator Seeger, present and voting
 - O. Legislator Thompson, present and voting
 - P. Legislator Walton, present and voting
 - Q. Legislator T Fox present and voting
 - R. We had quorum
- V. Approval of Meeting Minutes from January 30th, 2016
 - A. Vice President Engnell opened the floor to additions or subtractions to the Meeting Minutes from January 30th, 2016
 - i) There were none
 - B. The Meeting Minutes from January 9th, 2016, were unanimously approved
- VI. Comments from the Gallery
 - A. . Jean Ann Miller reported that the BOT Liaisons applications are available, there are for 1 year or 2 years. They're good leadership positions please think about applying, they're not due until March 31st. The DIA partnership with OU is hosting students on Friday, February 17th from 6pm to 11pm. There will be several colleges attending, a bus for 50 people is provided for free. There will be a cash bar, music, dancing, prizes from OU, and a scavenger hunt. If the bus is full, you can still go, just bring your OU ID.
- VII. Old Business
 - A. CB 17-10, Laith Rafidi
 - i. There was a recap of the bill, read out loud.
 - a) Legislator R Fox thinks it's great, affordable
 - b) Legislator T Fox, will vote yes, but next year look at the public sector, there are a lot of students who want to work there.

B. Roll Call Vote

- i. Legislator Augustiniak yay
- ii. Legislator Church, yay
- iii. Legislator R Fox, yay
- iv. Legislator Harris, yay
- v. Legislator Hubbard, yay
- vi. Legislator Jagtap, yay
- vii. Legislator Kleinschmidt, yay
- viii. Legislator Mabrouk, yay
- ix. Legislator Nasry, yay
- x. Legislator Poppe, yay
- xi. Legislator Rafidi, yay
- xii. Legislator Sanders, yay
- xiii. Legislator Seeger, yay
- xiv. Legislator Thompson, yay
- xv. Legislator Walton, yay
- xvi. Legislator T Fox, yay

VIII. New Business

A. Approval of Student services committee, presented by Anders Engnell

- i. Sarah Augustiniak,
 - a) Vice President Engnell said that Legislator Augustiniak has been very active so far, she was approved last week, friendly, and is fantastic.
- ii. No discussion
- iii. Unanimous approval

B. CB 17-03, Ryan Fox

- i. Legislator R Fox mentioned this last week, to put this resolution forward with because of by the federal government. We want our own position and stand out against this executive order. International, religious, and ethic people need to be represented and make sure they feel safe.
 - a) Vice President Engnell described what a resolution does, that this is a formal opinion given on behalf of the Congress and is approved, or disapproved, by the BOT
 - b) President Thomas is in major support of this resolution, mentioning that this is not a partisan issue. This is an action that is against our constitution. This is a ban against certain groups for religious reasons.
 - c) Mr. George asked if we can we post this on social media.
 - (1) President Thomas said that we already have, neutrally, saying he also did on his personal account.
 - d) Legislator T Fox asked if is did say Muslim, or does it imply.
 - (1) Vice President Engnell explained that the executive order mentions special treatment for Christians, so the implication is there.
 - e) Advisor Jurva asked if we can add gender expression as well.
 - (1) It was added as a friendly amendment

- f) Mr. Naseem said that after President Hynd sent out his email last week, Ms. Goldwater and he offered support and resources through social media.
- g) Legislator R Fox stated that the ban lists specific nations that are majority Muslim. Symbols are important no matter what.
- h) President Thomas said it didn't say specifically state Muslim, but in a separate statement stated that preferential treatment was given to Christians.
- i) Legislator Sanders yielded
- j) Ms. Mishack yielded
- k) Ms. Kubinski spoke in favor of the resolution stating that OU was a diverse community and each student deserved to feel safe and supported, and this executive order was against the Constitution.
- l) Legislator Poppe said that it is important to make our message and maintain our credibility, and choose our words carefully, and to ensure that they are factual.
- m) Vice President Engnell said that the real facts are that there is a section s under part be under Section 5 Homeland Security prioritizing people who have been affected by religious persecution, if it is a minority religion only. Gives a lot of waylay in that section to let Christian faiths be prioritized since the majority religion in these countries are Muslim.
- n) No further comments, this is the first reading.

C. Approval of elections commission, Ms. Kubinski

- i. Hanna, Randal, Daryl
 - a) Ms. Kubinski stated that these individuals were well known student leaders who have done a lot of work for OU.
 - b) Legislator T Fox: are any connected to political orgs
 - (1) Ms. Kubinski responded no
 - c) Vice President Engnell said that Hannah is a great student leader, the current chair of Student Life Lecture Board. Randal is great, he works for Housing. Daryl was a Keeper of the Dream award. No political affiliations.
 - d) Show of hands.
 - e) Unanimous approval

IX. Legislative Updates

A. Greek Council Representative, *Vicki Harris*

- i. Legislator Harris said that there will be a fundraiser held at Chipotle by Alpha Sigma Phi. On March 7th Alpha Sigma Tau will have a fundraiser at Panera at 4pm.

B. Resident Hall Association Representative, *Blake Walton*

- i. There will be a comedy show in the Vandy Glass rooms on Friday, February 10th at 8pm.2 There will be a volunteer program, Humble Hearts, in Van Wagner on Wednesday, February 8th. People can help Humble Design and Please and Thank You. The event starts at 6-8.

C. Updates

- i. Legislator R Fox his survey is out, please take the survey, tell your friends about it, he is trying to get 300 and is now at 116. Please help for the senate committee.
- ii. Legislator Kleinschmidt Help out Heaven has officially started. There is a list of things people can donate on Ms. Kubinski's desk. We are looking for toiletries, they must be full sized and new! Today until next Friday is when people can bring things in for donation. For CETL committee, there are student forums with free food on Wednesday, February 8th at noon, it will be on mental health and behavior. RSVP before the event

D. Questions

- i. Legislator R Fox asked what is the guide for full sized?
 - a) Legislator Kleinschmidt said just not travel sized,

X. Executive Updates

- A. President Thomas said last week he sent out a bunch of doodles, planning meetings. Currently he is planning the State of the Student Body address, it's like state of union. It will be held March 6th, from 1pm-3pm in the gold rooms. The event will have food, and go over the events and initiatives we did. There have been administrative access meetings, going over the challenges and successes. There will be gender neutral meetings that the committee will have past just this administration. President Thomas said that the Senate planning meeting approved a few programs. COO Kunselman was spoken with about a few issues, parking will go before BOT. They will ask for 7 million for over 600 new spots. This measure will go up for approval, and will help a lot with current problem. There have been a few environmental concerns by some students about the wet lands by the new housing building, to clarify they will not be paved over. Also, any trees cut down there will have many more to replace them. Also, he mentioned that he has been helping out with elections.
- B. Vice President Engnell said Bear Bus route is going well! Roster of people using it is at 26 so far, and will be growing. Elections are under way, thanks to Ms. Kubinski. Presidential Forum with President Hynd will be Wednesday, February 15th at noon. The OUSC lock in will be on March 4th from 3pm to 10pm, we will finish strong, to make sure things are finished and transitioning well. Thanks to Margret for helping out,
- C. Advisor Jurva said that Kindness week will start next week. It begins with the Henry Winkler lecture, which is sold out, but there will be over flow in Pioneer Café. SAFAC open house will follow on Tuesday, with free stuff, hot cocoa, book marks and more. Please be kind to all.
 - i. Ms. Shippy said that the Student 2 Professionals event needs volunteers. The same goes for the Ted Ex even on March 27th ted ex, if you want to be a photographer please contact Emily DeLano
- D. Ms. Kubinski reminded the Congress about elections Kick Off at noon on Thursday, February 9, 2017. Also, to please not talk about elections in the office.
- E. Mr. Naseem said that last year OUSC sponsored the Drag Show last year, and we want to do it again. The cost is much higher last year, he'll look at his budget, but might need to go into uncategorized. The event will be on Thursday, April 6th 6pm to 11pm.

F. Legislator T Fox asked Vice President Engnell if the Congress will fit in our office.

i. Vice Presidential Engnell said we would be getting a different room

G. Legislator T Fox asked Ms. Kubinski about the elections email.

i. Ms. Kubinski responded that it is getting renewed

H. Mr. George asked Legislator Rafidi to talk to him about funds after meeting.

XI. Comments from the Gallery

A. None

XII. Announcements

A. Legislator Jagtap said that her organization will be doing a Painting with a Twist fundraiser.

B. President Thomas said that we have received our Winter Funding, \$77,600, \$3,000 more than expected. The next BOT meeting will be February 13th at 2pm. Ms. Merogi wanted to say there will be a signup sheet for replenishing feminine products in the bathrooms, females only please.

C. Ms. Mishack asked to please help with recycle bin pick up.

D. Legislator Seeger said there will be two screenings of Brother Outside, Gold Room C, 12pm-2pm and 6pm-8pm.

XIII. Adjournment at 4:51 pm