



Agenda  
Oakland University Student Congress  
Mishack/Shkoukani Administration  
Lake Michigan, Oakland Center  
Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
4:30 P.M.



- I. Call to Order 4:49pm
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call

- A. Legislator Augustyniak, present and voting
- B. Legislator Fox, present and voting
- C. Legislator Hubbard, Present and voting
- D. Legislator Jagtap, present and voting
- E. Legislator Merogi, present and voting
- F. Legislator Mabrouk, present and voting
- G. Legislator Olsen, not present
- H. Legislator Polsinelli, not present
- I. Legislator Rafidi, present and voting
- J. Legislator Sanders, not present
- K. Legislator Seeger, not present
- L. Legislator Williamson, present and voting
- M. Legislator Gunn, present and voting

IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes from April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017

- A. Legislator Augustyniak motioned to amend, Legislator Jagtap was marked as voting yay for diversity and inclusion director when she abstained,
  - Seconded by Legislator Fox
- B. Amended Meeting minutes unanimously approved

V. Comments from the Gallery

- A. Sean from the student liaison from the Board of Trustees, shared about the new university president, her start date and her love for meeting students, she is incredibly approachable and everyone should feel welcome to stop and say hello. He is resigning for the summer due to a job in Texas, Cassie Hock will take his place until his return. There is also a new liaison, Maddy Clark she starts in July. The budget meeting is coming up and everyone should do their best to make it.
- B. Legislator Fox questioned that the new president had mentioned that she wanted to have regular sit down with students, and he was wondering when that would begin
  - Sean answered with she hopes the students will hold her to that, but again she does not start until July and it depends on how it plays out and the students may have to partake in planning these chats and she should be approached with these questions after she officially begins
  - President Mishack said that student congress could help plan an open forum to start it off
  - Sean answered with it might be a little bit more difficult in the first couple months because of the renovations and the first 100 days will be packed but she really enjoys stopping and talking to students. She loves to ask questions about

how the students feel and what they do but it will depend on the students to work something out as she is a very busy person.

- Jean Ann suggests having her in for the first official general body meeting for student congress to help kick off the semester for both her and the student congress

C. Jean Ann asked about the tailgate chair, and what the financial committee from our end.

- President Mishack said that it is usually a part of the fall budget but it can be put in for the summer budget but usually it is around \$5,000
- Jean Ann continued on with the homecoming events, it will October 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, starting off with football, then the festivities in P16, with a BBQ and other festivities including a VIP event for former student leaders, that we would act as hosts for and then ending it with the soccer games
- President Mishack said that we can have a deeper conversation after the meeting
- At 4:53 pm legislator Sanders presence was acknowledged

VI. No Guest Speaker

VII. Old Business

VIII. New Business

A. Approval of Legislative Affairs Committee, *Ryan Fox*

- President Mishack spoke on behalf of Ryan stating that all candidates are current legislators and they would do a really great job for this committee
  - Benjamin Olson
  - Tyler Fox
  - Stephanie Hubbard
  - Erin Rourke
  - Margaret Merogi
  - Anushree Jagtap
- a) Show of hands vote,  
(1) majority vote yay. One abstention
- President Mishack made a note for future reference that abstaining from voting is meant for when there is a personal bias, such as in this case

B. Approval of Prospective Legislators, *Stephanie Hubbard*

- Peter Gaied- Legislator Hubbard said that Peter is a student looking for ways to improve campus and the quality of student life here at OU. He is interesting in what OUSC has to offer and already has a plan of action for what he would like to get done
- a) Peter started off by explaining he had little to no knowledge about organizations on campus to be a part of but as soon as he heard about this one he began trying to get involved which is why he was here today.\, with several initiatives. Such as how at the library has plenty of items that could be checked out but there could be more solution manuals or bones for anatomy students. This will allow the students to save money by checking out a book for a day instead of having to buy the whole thing. His second one was trying to find a way to provide free coffee to the students on the first Monday of every month for example, which would help the students and be great marketing for this organization.

(1)Legislator Fox started with a comment about the coffee idea, that he really likes it and think it could be helpful. He followed with a question about what committees he would be interested in.

(a)He answered with the scholarship committee

(2)Legislator Williamson asked if he read the constitution.

(a)He replied with yes, he has a while ago

(3)Legislator Merogi stated that based on his initiatives he should look into joining Ms. Kleinschmidt’s student services committee

(4)President Mishack said that she has worked with Mr. Gaied in the past and would be beneficial to the congress

(5)Ms. Kleinschmidt said that he always has a positive energy and has great ideas for the congress and has so much to contribute to the congress.

(a)Roll call vote:

- i. Legislator Augustyniak, yay
- ii. Legislator Fox, yay
- iii. Legislator Hubbard, yay
- iv. Legislator Jagtap, yay
- v. Legislator Merogi, yay
- vi. Legislator Mabrouk, yay
- vii. Legislator Rafidi, yay
- viii. Legislator Sanders, yay
- ix. Legislator Williamson, yay
- x. Legislator Gunn, yay

•Christeena Twal- Legislator Hubbard introduced Christeena, “Christeena is a student dedicated to her studies as well as campus involvement she has a lot to offer as a new addition to the student congress. She has some great ideas, such as accessibility to pharmaceuticals here on campus”

a) She started off by introducing herself and that she things it would be an honor to be a member of the congress and being a part of on campus change. When she first came to campus she knew very little because she had just come from the middle east, she holds several other positons on campus (if you can fill in a couple) she would love to use her drive and motivation for the student congress. Her main initiative is to work on the accessibility of products such as Tylenol and Advil across campus. For example, in the Library instead of having to make it all the way to the graham health center. This would be better for students who are busy in the library or other hot spots across campus.

(1)Legislator Fox started again with a statement, she has incredibly well written essays, and he knows she has read the constitution because she quotes it, followed with a question “what committees have you looked into joining”

(a) She responded with diversity and inclusion because she has lived in five countries so far, as well as the student services and environmental, health and wellness.

(2) Legislator Hubbard said she really likes her initiative because of the three places on campus to get these items only one of them is available at all times of the day, and it is not in an easy access place

(3) Legislator Merogi said that she knows that Christeena would be great for the congress because of her hard work and dedication

(4) Vice President Shkoukani said that she is one of the hardest working people he knows and she would be tremendous to have join the congress.

(a) Roll call vote, all vote yay, don't forget about peter

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- ii. Legislator Fox, yay
- iii. Legislator Hubbard, yay
- iv. Legislator Jagtap, yay
- v. Legislator Merogi, yay
- vi. Legislator Mabrouk, yay
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- viii. Legislator Sanders, yay
- ix. Legislator Williamson, yay
- x. Legislator Gunn, yay
- xi. Legislator Gaied, yay

C. Approval of Environmental Health and Wellness Committee, *Austin Church*

- As Mr. Church is out of town, President Mishack spoke on his behalf. Most of them have previously been on the committee and had done a wonderful job
- Safwaan Ahmed
- Stephanie Hubbard
- Helen Thompson
- Brittany Kleinschmidt
- Anushree Jagtap

a) Show of hands vote, all vote yay

D. Approval of Diversity and Inclusion Committee, *Luna Nasry*

- As Ms. Nasry is absent, president Mishack spoke on her behalf. Both will do a fantastic job and have proven themselves to be on this committee
- Stephanie Hubbard
- Richard Seeger

a) Show of hands vote, majority vote yay, one abstention

E. Approval of Scholarship Committee, *Laith Rafidi*

- Legislator Rafidi said that Maria is a hard worker and a health science major, she contributes very well and has considered joining the congress. Lily is very helpful, fun and a hard worker and would be great addition. Legislator Merogi is a great person, contributes really great ideas and a motivator. Lastly, Legislator Gaied is very helpful with the details. Very great addition and handworker.

- Maria Dalal
- Lily Suau
- Margaret Merogi
- Peter Gaied

a) Show of hands vote, majority yay, one abstention

F. Approval of Student Services Committee, *Brittany Kleinschmidt*

- A majority is well known by the congress, including the prior director, they all have already been incredibly helpful and have great ideas to go through with this year

- Margaret Merogi
- Sarah Augustyniak
- Blake Pokley
- Helen Thompson

a) Show of hands vote, majority vote yay, with two abstentions

IX. Discussion Topics

X. Legislative Updates

A. Updates related to Legislative Projects and Initiatives

- Legislator Hubbard has made some progress on the bike share project and she thinks she has found an organization to work with that's main goals are to help new projects, she could provide those interested with more information.

a) Ms. Kleinschmidt asked if the proper contracts have been discussed to meet Oakland's standards

b) Jean Ann asked if Legislator Hubbard contacted the Rec center about their bike share program

c) Legislator Hubbard said that they knew about it but has not gotten any information about the pas

d) President Mishack stated that she believes with this new program they wanted to do it a little bit differently

e) Jean Ann said it is similar to what we want but it was stopped due to thefts of the bikes

f) President Mishack said that with this new program they are looking for ways to prevent theft

g) Legislator Williamson said that they discontinued the previous program at the beginning of the past academic year due to theft

- Legislator Fox, started by talking about the new system for legislator hours on google doc, legislators only have to do one hour a month during the summer and as long as they have an eboard member pull up the document and sign off on the hours. He then started talking about his plan for an umbrella exchange across campus. Essentially a rack with umbrellas in each of the buildings so that students can walk to from building to building without getting wet and then when they get to the new building they put in on the rack there. Thirdly the decision of a dress code for congress such as a business casual and the input of the congress is greatly appreciated to avoid any issues

a) President Mishack followed with this is something that is standard but it is not in the bylaws but it is something that would be better for the congress, especially when we have guests, to make us look presentable

- b) Legislator Gunn asked about doing a food drive, called water wars making it a cool competition but she wanted to know how to go forward.
- c) Legislator Merogi said that after meeting she would be more than willing to help her out with a bill.
- Legislator Anushree gave an update about the bench, it is in but if we would like a dedication it is a conversation that we would have to have if we are interested as a student congress.

#### B. Questions related to Legislative Reports

### XI. Executive Reports

#### A. Student Body President, *Lena Mishack*

- President Mishack said that her and Vice President Shkoukani have been working with athletics about the combining of the cheer and dance teams. There will be the spirit squad which is a performance based group but there will still be competitive teams. They have been to several meetings discussing the details of what this all means, and the budgets for it. In addition, they have discussed bringing back the accessibility committee to start working on the issues around campus in addition to what the student services committee.

#### B. Student Body Vice President, *Jousef Shkoukani*

- He also mentioned the dance and cheer team situation and that it is still in process but it is looking promising. Again they have met with the dean of students about accessibility on campus and how to display the need for these matters to be looked at. He has also been working with career services about getting a larger variety of employers at the fall career fair to better help the students as they are job hunting.

- a) Legislator Jagtap asked about the spring break change, if it is going to be implanted this year or what it is going to look like.
- b) Vice President Shkoukani said that they currently are locked in by a contract and also have concerns about the professors on campus using it as leverage to try to change other parts of the congress. They head is on bored they just have to make sure that everyone can be on board. The contract update should be in the upcoming year so in the near future but not this academic year.
- c) Legislator Merogi said that the idea of using wheelchairs to truly understand the issue about accessibility on Oakland's Campus.
- d) Legislator Williamson said that he is also incredibly interested in this idea, but has questions about the master plan for the renovations in compliance with the better accessibility
- e) President Mishack said that with the new construction they have laws requiring it already but they are planning on keeping in touch to make sure it happens
- f) Legislator Fox mentions that he has heard about the addition of two new elevators, not so much about bathrooms
- g) President Mishack said that they haven't heard that but know that in accordance with ADA laws they should have too

- h) Legislator Merogi said that she knows for a fact about the addition of a unisex handicap accessible bathroom
- i) Jean Ann suggested having the director of the OC come in as a guest speaker to answer any of the questions that we have about the renovations, especially regarding these issues and our office

C. OUSC Advisor, *Stephanie Jurva*

- The Leadership Retreat is coming up, June 2-4, there is still time and room to sign up. Also that if someone is in the office for whatever reason to make sure that the door is open to make sure is welcoming to the students, and lastly to make sure to include her on all the congress mass emails.

D. Updates related to E-board Projects and Initiatives

- Mr. Queen shared the results for the t-shirt votes, the first one is the final decision but the colors are still subject to change. In addition, for the e-board, he is responsible for the planners which include pictures of the eboard members and he will set up times to take the pictures. Just make sure to dress professionally. Lastly there is information on the OUSC website that he did not update such as the committee descriptions, so he would like all chairs to send him a brief summary of their committees as well as information about the president and vice president. He's been working on a lot for SAFB and the EHW brochures which turned out amazing.

a) Legislator Jagtap asked if it was for the website or Grizzorgs.

b) Mr. Queen explained it is for the official website. Under the membership tab and then the last link that says "committees"

- Ms. Dafoe shared that she shared that today she spoke with chartwells, she has made progress with her fundraising initiatives, and she has selected her assistant chair.

E. Questions related to Executive Reports

- Ms. Dafoe shared she had been working with Chartwells prices and will have more information on that initiative in the future. She also had chosen her associate chair and she would be in the office tomorrow if everyone would like to meet her.

XII. Comments from the Gallery

Jean Ann asked if we were continuing the Its on us campaign

Ms. Kleinschmidt answered yes, she is open to talk after meeting

XIII. Announcements

A. Legislator Fox shared that in regards to legislative office hours, legislator chairs can sign off on other legislators in their committee but cannot sign off on themselves. Also that he would like the chairs to keep track of the legislators in their committees to make sure that everyone is a part of one as well as coming to the meetings.

- Legislator Hubbard asked if this counts with the senate committee
- He answered with it is yet to be determined, he will discuss this further with former judiciary chair.

XIV. Adjournment: 5:51 pm

