



Agenda
Oakland University Student Congress
Mishack/Shkoukani Administration
Oakland Room, Oakland Center
Monday, August 21st, 2017
4:30 P.M.



- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
 - A. Legislator Augustyniak, Present and voting
 - B. Legislator Fox, present and voting
 - C. Legislator Gaied, not present
 - D. Legislator Gunn, Present and voting
 - E. Legislator Hubbard, Present and voting
 - F. Legislator Jagtap, present and voting
 - G. Legislator Merogi, not present
 - H. Legislator Rafidi, not present
 - I. Legislator Sanders, present and voting
 - J. Legislator Twal, not present
 - K. Legislator Williamson, present and voting
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- IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes from August 14th, 2017
 - A. Show of hands vote, all vote yay
- V. Comments from the Gallery
- VI. Guest Speaker
- VII. Old Business
 - A. Fall 2017 Budget, *Brad Albright*
 - Director Albright said that there were only a couple changes to the budget. All changes are highlighted in yellow. Starting with Payroll. Allotted hours changed. Student Services went down to 7 hours a week, but she will have 10 scheduled hours but can only paid for seven. Director Fox went up to 20 hours a week.
 - Director Kleinschmidt said that she will still be working a minimum of 10 hours but can only be paid for ten due to work study.
 - President Mishack said that we did not know if we would have a new tailgate chair and we needed to find a place to the budget. The tailgates will be smaller than the homecoming tailgate but will help accomplish the increase on campus life.
 - a) Legislator Gaied presence was acknowledged at 4:37. Present and voting
 - President Mishack continued on to say that we added 500 dollars more to the office maintenance line item due to our new trailer space because we may have costlier items. In addition, the office medication line item was removed from the budget
 - Director Albright said that they added two new line items on the student services budget.

- Ms. Kleinshmidt went on to explain that they combined her and Mr. Church's collaboration event camping on campus. Also they decided to reduce the amount for the text suggestion number and get rid of the giveaway idea. Next to expand the feminine product idea so that there will be more accessible at one time and will not need to be refilled several times a day.
- Mr. Queen asked if this was going to be filled during office hours or by committee members because last year with the baskets they ran out easily and quickly.
- Director Kleinshmidt said that yes, these will hold more products than the baskets did in the past.
- Vice President Shkoukani asked if this would help reduce the stash in the office.
- Ms. Kleinshmidt said that yes it would because the vendors do hold a lot more.
- Legislator Fox asked what the Library Bone Kits line item was.
- Ms. Kleinshmidt yielded to legislator Gaied.
- Legislator Gaied said that this is kits that the library already rents out but there is only a limited amount. So for students especially anatomy they have to use them at first come first serve. So he has been in contact with some students as to different book and items that could help them out.
- Ms. Nasry explained that they simply combined the amounts from hers and Ms. Kleinshmidt for the Pen pal event. Where students will get to connect with other students through this event.
- Legislator Fox asked what would happen if only students from one culture came out, how would they be connected to other students.
- Ms. Kleinshmidt answered with that if that were to happen, they would still meet someone new.
- Ms. Nasry explained that they wouldn't be putting all money towards food as well as the post cards kit.
- Legislator Fox said that he would recommend contacting different ethnic groups on campus about the event so that there will be more chance of diversity.
- Legislator Williamson asked about how the process would work to get the postcards to one another or people would be paired up.
- Ms. Nasry says that after some information they will look to see who signed up and look through information from there.
- Mr. Queen asked if they would be including their home addresses.
- Ms. Nasry said that not all of the details have been worked out yet but they can find ways to make this work.
- President Mishack said that we can also use this budget to get some stamps so the participants do not have to pay for those.
- Legislator Williamson asked to clarify that the money would go towards marketing, smoothies, the kits and the like.

- Ms. Nasry said yes, however there will also be small give away to those who participate.
- Director Queen said that he found something that congress used to do. It was a newsletter, that was distributed monthly giving updates about what the congress as a whole was doing. Initiatives that the legislators were doing as well as what events were coming up. The cost would consist of the paper and cost of printing
- Legislator Williamson asked if it would be worth seeing if it could be directly printed in the Oakland Post.
- Director Albright said that the only other change was the uncategorized amount due to the changes made for this reading. He yielded to Director Fox and Patel to answer any questions that anyone may have due to their absence in the first meeting.
- Director Fox introduced himself. Voter registration, just general to get students registered through tabling, rock for rights also encourages registration as well as information about elections. Voter information campaign is a new one, that he and legislator Fox have been working on. Most students don't know or care about the smaller elections that take place in cities now that it is not a nationwide election. This will have students fill out small cards about candidates from where they are from and then they will be put into a drawing to win a small prize. This will take place through the entire month of October. The Oakland Student Government Conference, in the past we have been a part of SAM but in the past few years it has been falling apart and it has now collapsed. However, the concept is still a really great idea to bounce ideas off of each other from once campus to another. The goal is to keep that communication going so this event will allow that to happen. This would hopefully only be the first of many conferences that will continue on. The goal is to keep it as cool and professional as possible that will also keep the other schools intrigued. The cost will to cover, speaking fees, food, a folder and things as well as a small emergency amount in case something were to come up.
- Director Queen said that it was previously mentioned that the last SAM conference was small, he has some concern about the price.
- Director Fox said that there was a miscommunication between him and Legislator Fox and there was about twice the original number. His goal is to have about 30 students but it also depends on how many students each school sends.
- Mr. Queen was worried about how the \$2000 was going to be divided between 16 students and he was concerned about putting that much money towards a small about of people for the first year, in case that it was not going to go as well as they hoped.
- Director Fox said those are fair concerns, The Problem with same relied solely on politics among the situation but the schools still

remained in good communication but he is doing all he can to address those issues and turn it into a really great conference.

- Legislator Williamson said that he is really excited for this, and it may seem like a lot of money but it becomes worth it. It will also help how Oakland is viewed as well as other public universities in Michigan.
- Director Fox said that he was planning on having the schools arrive in item for breakfast. He would then speak about the state funding issues, as well as a few guest speakers. They will have a chance to meet other schools. This will take place towards the end of the semester so that each school will have a few months to see what's working and not so that there can be an even better feedback.
- Ms. Dafoe asked if other schools would have to pay a fee in order to participate because she is concerned about bringing non oakland students here and use our students funding to pay for it.
- Director Fox responded with he does not have a fee planned because he in the end with the ideas and goals that come out of the conference can benefit our work as a congress and then to our students that we are representing.
- Advisor Jurva stated that in order to use a room in the Oakland Center it will have a reservation fee because they will be non-oakland students.
- Legislator Fox asked how much money did we spend on SAM last year. And If it is more than the cost of this, then we should not be worried about the cost of using student money because it is going to have a great benefit but at a smaller cost.
- President Mishack said that accomplishing the goal of state funding without working with the other schools is very unlikely. In addition, we wouldn't be paying for a hotel if they needed it this was solely for food and marketing and hosting this event.
- Ms. Dafoe asked if there would be a limit on how many Oakland students to go because you wouldn't want to bring in all these other schools and put a limit on Oakland.
- Director Fox said that he never thought about having anyone else than congress members but he does not see an issue with opening to the student body.
- Ms. Dafoe said that if it is open to all Oakland students she would be willing to cosponsor because she thinks it is a great idea.
- Advisor Jurva said that if you do charge a fee to the other schools, they will then be fiscally tied to this conference, plus the Dean would not be okay with the other schools not paying.
- Director Patel moved on to a different line item and that was the scavenger hunt and tabling line item is meant to cover all the giveaways almost for the whole semester. Another thing that he wants to make sure is known is that he doesn't want to just give

things away. He wishes to make sure that students know what is going on in the congress as well as where we are, and following our social media especially with the aftermath of the flood. The tailgate marketing materials is mainly for homecoming and is for the costume contest, the money won't go only towards the prize, it will also be for marketing and t-shirts and anything else they wish to do at the tailgate. Social media is so that we can use advanced marketing especially for some of the big initiatives to make sure that it really gets out too students. The banner so that students know where our new trailer is, and money set aside for the committee fund so that they can be creative and do their initiatives.

- Legislator Fox asked if the first line item is essentially two different things. The scavenger hunt and then the tabling.
- Director Patel responded saying that they were two different things. They would both be semester long "events" and the money would cover the giveaways and promotional items from both.
- Legislator Fox said that he heard the construction company was going to help direct students to the Student Congress office, so was that taken into considerations when planning the cost of the budget.
- Director Patel said that he was not aware that this was going to be put under his line item so he doesn't have too much information on it however he would assume so, plus this would be on us and we wouldn't have to worry about the construction company.
- Director Nasry asked what type of things he was going to give away because \$6000 is pretty costly.
- Director Patel responded with shirts, and blankets which are costlier but will be given away with stipulations so that we will be marketed as well as the smaller giveaways like pens and water bottles and the like.
- Legislator Augustyniak wanted to talk about the tailgate budget because she was not here last week. The money will be going towards food that is given away as well as a food truck she wishes to bring to campus. Then some will be going towards the promotional items that will be given away during and before the tailgate. Also in the past they had a DJ but this year they are looking into having live bands play.
 - Roll call vote, all vote yay
 - Legislator Augustyniak, yay
 - Legislator Fox, yay
 - Legislator Gaied, yay
 - Legislator Gunn, yay
 - Legislator Hubbard, yay
 - Legislator Jagtap, yay
 - Legislator Sanders, yay
 - Legislator Williamson, yay

- B. C.B. 18-10 VCD and MD Bylaw Proposal, *Tyler Fox*
- Legislator Fox explained that currently as the bylaws stand, they cannot deny requests that are given to them even if they are given at the last minute. This allows them to set deadlines as well as not giving them too much power.
 - Mr. Queen said that this will give them permission to have the forms, stipulations with those forms and time limits. This will help make their jobs easier and more organized as to what they are doing.
 - a) Roll call vote, all vote yay
 - (1) Legislator Augustyniak, yay
 - (2) Legislator Fox, yay
 - (3) Legislator Gaied, yay
 - (4) Legislator Gunn, yay
 - (5) Legislator Hubbard, yay
 - (6) Legislator Jagtap, yay
 - (7) Legislator Sanders, yay
 - (8) Legislator Williamson, yay

VIII. New Business

- A. C.B. 18-11 Tailgate and Archivist Bylaw Proposal, *Stephanie Hubbard*
- Legislator Hubbard explained that according to the bylaws the tailgate committee and archivist committee do not exist. They were created as a temporary committee but that ended at the end of the congressional term in which it was created. This bill will allow them to be permanently created.
 - President Mishack said that he has no explanation as to why this is not already in the bylaws but this will end the issue. This is the first reading so it has kinks that will be worked out by the next reading.
 - Legislator Fox explained that it was added as an Ad-hock committee and in order for it to work, it has to be re-voted on at the beginning of each administration to decide whether or not it will be continued. As President Mishack said this will be re worked to cover all the bases for all chairs that are not held by executive board members.
- B. C.B. 18-12 Executive Board Compensation Bill, *Stephanie Hubbard*
- Legislator Hubbard explained that this bill will allow executive board members the option to clock in during meetings
 - President Mishack said that this is something that needs to be discussed whether or not we all agree. She is personally against this bill.
 - Ms. Dafoe said that this would be a fairer opportunity and would not affect the allotted amount of hours for each board member and would not affect the 10 offices hours they must have
 - Legislator Fox explained what the bylaws and the constitution say about compensation. The constitution says go to the bylaws and then the Bylaws state

“Compensation

The University Student Congress must determine if and how it will compensate its members and appointed agents prior to the beginning of the summer session and Fall/Winter term”

What this means is that the bylaw change does almost nothing. In order for the executive board to be paid, the legislature would have to vote at the beginning of each semester to decide if they will be paid or not. He is personally against it on the sole fact that it does nothing. It wouldn't be useless, but it would be mute. It would add more language but make no real change to the bylaws already in existence.

- Mr. Queen, if the bylaws say that we should discuss it, then we should discuss it because we never have it was just assumed.
- Legislator Williamson asked what executive board members are being paid to be at meeting.
- President Mishack answered with Ms. Thompson because she is actively taking meeting minutes.
- Legislator Williamson responded with he agrees that executive board should not be paid because they are not actively working as Ms. Thompson is because she is doing the job.
- Legislator Jagtap responded to Legislator Fox's comment saying that she does not believe it would be mute because when she and Legislator Hubbard and her went through the bylaws for this bill they were confused. Rather it would provide clarification on the matter.
- Ms. Dafoe asked if in the real world, Legislator Williamson would think that it is fair when he walked into a meeting and found out that of the people that are required to be there but only one is being paid.
- Legislator Williamson answered no, but it depends.
- Ms. Dafoe then asked if when putting “Helen” in that position does he now think that it is fair.
- Legislator Williamson responded with yes it is fair because she is doing the work for this meeting.
- Director Kleinschmidt does not agree with getting paid. The legislator is required to be here and they do a lot but the executive board a lot of times are not doing anything and they were never told that they were getting paid for this meeting. They accepted the position knowing that there was a large possibility that they were not going to be paid for meetings.
- President Mishack, said why should the executive board is being paid to do the same thing as the legislator why should they be paid. Ms. Thompsons position is very different in that she is actively recording everything everyone is saying.
- Director Nasry said that as tempting it is to be in favor as an executive board member, she does not believe it is fair to be paid to be at meetings. The item they would be paid for at these meetings when it could be used for other office hours accomplishing events and initiatives.

- Legislator Fox asked for a clarification on where the money would be coming from and how they would be paid because the wording was unclear between Legislator Hubbard and Ms. Dafoe.
- Director Queen clarified saying that they still have a maximum limit set in the budget.
- Legislator Fox, how would the wording be written in the bill clarifying about whether it would be themselves to decide if they got clocked in or they could request it and then they would be approved or denied.
- Ms. Dafoe responded saying that this bill would allow them to decide for themselves if they felt comfortable clocking in for the meetings, they could.
- Legislator Fox said that it should be worded in the bylaw change so that it does not seem the power is being taken away from the legislator to vote on what is happening. The purpose of being here is to respond to the items that are voted on and make them happen after the meeting. You are not here to actively work aside from Ms. Thompson you are here to chime in where is needed.
- Director Fox has two risks that are posed here, because where would the money would come from if the meeting were to last a long period of time because there is no time period.
- Ms. Dafoe said that since the meeting is on Monday, they would subtract however long the meeting was from their budgeted hours for the week and only work that much.
- Director Fox said that it would run the risk of cutting into the posted office hours.
- Advisor Jurva said that she does not agree with this. Everyone accepted this job knowing they would not be paid for meeting. For example, she is not being paid for this meeting, this does happen in the real world.
- Director Fox, the option does exist if the President wishes to have the executive board paid. In the budget that was just passed they were not budgeted to be paid for these meetings. Overall he does not believe that they should not be compensated for being at meetings.
- Director Queen said that he is concerned about Director Kleinschmidt's comment about not doing anything. Because then why are they required to be here, and then do the legislators think that they are not doing anything and that there are legislators who also are not paying attention to the meeting rather to their phone. In regards to the president making the decision, it states that the congress makes the decision and the president is not the congress. If one executive board member should be paid then they all should, but if they all cannot then they shouldn't be paid at all during meetings.
- Director Patel reasserted the fact that they are here actively listening to the comments and taking suggestions to change for the better through the semester. He thought of a compromise that an executive board member can only work eight hours a day and if they reach that on Monday they will not be able to clock in.
- Director Nasry wanted to make it known that in the beginning she supported this as stated under the supporters but she no longer does.

- Legislator Augustyniak stated that Director Kleinshmidt was saying that the executive board does nothing but they happen to do the same thing as the legislature and everyone here is to support and listen to one another.
 - President Mishack said that she agrees with what Legislator Augustyniak, but with the budget that was just approved, it does not allow for example Director Albright, to be paid for the meetings regardless.
 - Ms. Dafoe said that using the argument as a legislator isn't getting paid, is that they came into the position knowing they would not be paid, but this is in the job description for the executive board.
 - Point of personal Privilege at 6:00 Legislator Gunn.
 - Legislator Fox states that a person is only allowed to speak three times on a topic.
 - President Mishack said that we don't have to end the discussion completely but please adhere to the rules.
 - Advisor Jurva asked that if you are only budgeted 15 hours a week but you have a huge project to work on for the following week but you could not finish it in that time, would you just stop working because you're not getting paid for those extra couple of hours?
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 - Legislator Williamson made a motion to end the debate, seconded by Legislator Fox.
 - Director Queen said that limiting these debates are not effective and the threat of losing quorum should not be used.
 - Show of hands vote, majority vote yay
 - a) Discussion was closed on this bill until the next meeting.
- C. Approval of Student Services Committee, *Brittany Kleinschmidt*
- Director Kleinshmidt said that Nathan has been working on several initiatives already and has a whole lot of more, she is so excited to have him on the committee.
 - Legislator Williamson said that it should be known that he has been actively involved before school has even started in addition to being a new student this fall.
 - Legislator Hubbard informed everyone that he is also a prospective legislator.
 - Nathan Roberts
 - a) Show of hands vote, all vote yay
- D. Approval of Marketing Committee, *Arth Patel*
- This will wrap up the six committee members that he will have this semester. All of them are dedicated to making OUSC known on campus and they will be great.
 - Tyler Fox
 - Mackenzie Cooney
 - Max Zade
 - a) Show of hands vote,
 - (1) Majority vote yay, with one abstention by Legislator Fox

IX. Discussion Topics

A. Legislator Augustyniak officially resigned from her position as Tailgate Chair.

B. Legislator Augustyniak made a motion to add a line item to nominate a new tailgate chair.

- Seconded by Legislator Hubbard.
- Show of hands vote, all vote yay
- Legislator Augustyniak nominated Legislator Williamson. He has already been very involved on the committee and knows what is currently going on with the Homecoming. Seconded by Legislator Fox
- Legislator Williamson accepted the nomination.
- Legislator Williamson said that he is really excited if he is approved and that he is beyond ready to fulfill the vision for this tailgate as well as the others
 - a) Roll call vote.
- Legislator Augustyniak, yay
- Legislator Fox, yay
- Legislator Gaied, yay
- Legislator Gunn, yay
- Legislator Hubbard, yay
- Legislator Jagtap, yay
- Legislator Sanders, yay
- Legislator Williamson, abstaining

X. Legislative Updates

A. Updates related to Legislative Projects and Initiatives

B. Questions related to Legislative Reports

XI. Executive Reports

A. Student Body President, *Lena Mishack*

- President Mishack started off by saying that now we are having actual debates, but we are still a united team. If we share our opinions respectfully we will end up doing what is best for the congress and the student body. This past week we have been boxing, and taping boxes to be moved to our trailer. As well as working on the bike share program to get that moving forward.

B. Student Body Vice President, *Jousef Shkoukani*

- Vice President Jousef Shkoukani said that he has spent this last week preparing to move our office, as well as finalizing the budget for this semester! He is looking forward to the upcoming semester.

C. OUSC Advisor, *Stephanie Jurva*

- Ms. Jurva began saying that in the CSA they have a new employee starting this week and he will be the coordinator of leadership and service. She also has a new GA to replace Rebecca and she will be starting to come to congress meetings starting in September.

D. Updates related to E-board Projects and Initiatives

- Director Fox said that he has been studying abroad over the summer, but he wanted to reassure that he has been staying updated and working so that he

was not coming back to start from scratch. He has been working with other universities to work on state funding. Currently Oakland University is receiving the lowest amount of funding, while Wayne is receiving the most. Which essentially saying that the state of Michigan thinks that Wayne states education is more important than hours. There are several other schools that are also dealing with low funding that he wishes to get in contact. With he also has a meeting. About this and wishes to get in contact with representatives that represent the other smaller schools. He will keep everyone updated as he continues along with this idea

- Ms. Dafoe said that they started up Actively Grizzly again. They have a new system through Grizz orgs. There are new prizes and everything and it's going to be great.

E. Questions related to Executive Reports

- Legislator Fox asked a question to Director Dafoe, suggested that she have a box for organizations to check when requesting funding
- Ms. Dafoe said that would be great but do to the set up and the rules around the program it wouldn't be able to work.

XII. Comments from the Gallery

XIII. Announcements

XIV. Adjournment at 6:25pm