



## Minutes

**Oakland University Student Congress**  
**Wolf/Williford Administration**  
**Legislative Body Meeting Agenda**  
Oakland Room, Oakland Center  
Monday, November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2012  
4:00 P.M.

- I. **Call to order:** 4:02pm
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. **Roll Call:** Quorum met.
- IV. **Approval of Meeting Minutes from November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012:** Approved.
- V. **Comments from the Gallery**
  - a. None.
- VI. **Old Business**
  - a. **C.B. 13-13 New Legislator Jackets**, *presented by Legislator Derek MacDonald*
    - i. This is the second reading of the bill. The bill asks for \$680 for jackets for seventeen new members. Legislator Nuss offered a friendly amendment to the bill to add extra money for new members, MacDonald declined.
    - ii. Roll call vote:
      1. Gamble: Yay
      2. Gross: Yay
      3. Juronoc: Yay
      4. Hasan: Yay
      5. Knapp: Yay
      6. MacDonald: Yay
      7. Mitchell: Yay
      8. Nuss: Yay
      9. Peterson: Yay
      10. Pierce: Yay
      11. Ploc: Yay
      12. Polina: Yay
      13. Rochon: Yay
      14. Stafa: Yay
      15. Stencil: Yay
      16. Tibbits: Yay
      17. Williams: Yay
      18. Willett: Yay
      19. Zaman: Yay
      20. Bum: Yay
- VII. **New Business**
  - a. **Approval of Elections Commission**, *presented by Ms. Emily Collins*
    - i. There was a motion to combine line items by Legislator Gamble, seconded by Legislator Willett. Vote: Approved.
    - ii. Discussion: Ms. Collins spoke on each member's behalf. She stated that all members would be reliable and helpful during elections, which she will need. There are members from different communities in order to have a variety of members on the committee. Legislator Gamble asked how many students are necessary for the committee and Collins stated a minimum of five. Legislator Juronoc spoke on Ms. Kubinski's behalf stating that she is a very by-the-book kind of person. She's motivated and professional. Ms. Boye asked the difference between validations and commission. Collins stated that commission plans and executes events for elections and validations votes on any grievances filed during elections. Ms. Wolf asked if Collins thought these members could be unbiased. Ms. Collins stated that she trusted members and talked with each of them about the rules of being on the commission. Should any issues arrive, Ms. Collins is comfortable dismissing members. Legislator Willett stated that because there are only five members, Collins couldn't dismiss. Collins stated she didn't think that there'd be an issue.
    - iii. Ashley Monticciolo
    - iv. Itzel Marroquin-Hernandez
    - v. Grace Webster
    - vi. Lauren Fossen

- vii. Madison Kubinski
- viii. Vote: Committee was approved.

#### VIII. **Discussion Topics**

- a. *Discussion Topics related to Comments from the Gallery Related to Business of the Day, Guest Speakers, & submitted Statements of Student Concern*
  - i. All student concerns were addressed and she wrote about it in her report. Legislator Gamble asked how long construction on O'Dowd is going to continue for. Ms. Wolf stated they're only halfway done and they still have a ways to go. Legislator Willett asked Mr. Shermetaro if he ever came up with a figure that optimum to save for next semester's cushion. Mr. Shermetaro stated it is really up to legislators. \$5,000 is mandatory but everything else is up to legislators.

#### IX. **Reports**

- a. Student Body President – **Ms. Samantha Wolf**
  - i. Ms. Wolf has been working on the provost search. She also asked legislators to check their schedules for next semester to make sure they're available for meetings. She stated OUSC needs a GSA and Greek community member liaison.
- b. Student Body Vice President – **Mr. Robbie Williford**
  - i. Mr. Williford went over the survey that was circulated last week. There were 678 responses. 31% of the respondents were freshmen, 19% sophomores, 24% juniors and 26% seniors. Over half were commuters as well. 84% of people wanted new housing. 39% of people also stated that their on-campus housing improved the OU experience. 68% stated they'd support improving the upper fields for utilization. Also 36% said they don't use the upper field. This information will all be presented to the Board of Trustees next Monday. 60% of people are non-Honors College students and 59% were supportive of Honors College improvement or a new office. 58% agreed that the Honors College experience improved life at OU. For the tailgate portion, which won't be presented to the Board, the numbers were different. 63% of respondents stated they'd never been to a tailgate.
- c. Student Activities Funding Board – **Mr. Brandon Hanna**
  - i. Mr. Hanna stated that December 1 is deadline for applying for funding for Fall semester. The first date to apply for next semester is December 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- d. Student Program Board – **Mr. Nicholas McCormick**
  - i. Not present.
- e. Legislative Affairs Director – **Ms. Michelle Alwardt**
  - i. Ms. Alwardt reminded everyone about the SAM Conference this weekend. She has been working on her budget proposal for next semester and also events. She is grateful for the feedback she has gotten from legislators.
- f. Multicultural Affairs Director – **Ms. Maria Arellano**
  - i. Not present.
- g. Financial Affairs Director – **Mr. Scottie Shermetaro**
  - i. Ms. Shermetaro announced that he's compiled the budget proposals which will be finalized tonight to show to everyone next week at meeting.
- h. Student Services Director – **Ms. Amera Fattah**
  - i. Ms. Fattah announced that the new Bear Bus signs should be officially ordered soon. Tomorrow she has a meeting with Dean Mac and Dean Stollsteimer about the Bus shelters. The Bike Share program is still tentative and the \$7,000 for Pride Packs should be transferred soon. Please refer to her report for student concerns. As for transfer meals, there is a possibility to make new plans to have them transferred for a cost. She's also been working for a scantron machine in the library.
- i. Visual Communications Director – **Mr. Ethan Scott**
  - i. Not present.
- j. Marketing Director – **Ms. Rachel Boye**
  - i. Ms. Boye reminded everyone about legislator pictures after meeting. She has a committee meeting tomorrow at 6pm. Jackets will have a google doc and she'll also get sample sizes from ATS.
- k. Administrative Assistant – **Ms. Emily Collins**
  - i. Ms. Collins stated that over the past week she's been making final arrangements for exam cram. She also said the graphics and marketing are good going forward and there is a plan in place. She announced the Legislator of the Month, Derek MacDonald. MacDonald has gone above and beyond the requirements of a legislator.
- l. Advisor Report – **Ms. Allison Webster**

- i. Ms. Webster announced that this Wednesday at 8pm is Step Afrika. December 3<sup>rd</sup> is World AIDS Day that is for awareness in Gold Room A. This Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup> is a holiday parade in Pontiac and they're looking for people to walk. There is a Greek Myth speaker December 5<sup>th</sup> that will talk about the myths of Greek life and how they are no longer relevant!
- m. *Questions related to Executive Reports*
  - i. Legislator Willett asked Ms. Wolf about the positions for Greek liaison. Wolf answered that he/she would simply have to sit in the gallery. Legislator Mitchell asked how the housing proposal would effect tuition. Mr. Williford answered that construction would not finish until 2014 anyway, and it would only effect students living on campus and tuition would not rise that much. Mitchell asked Williford if the demand for housing is really there. Williford stated that she did not believe anyone should have to live at homestead and invited Director of Housing, James Zentmeyer, to come and answer Mitchell's concerns. Mr. Zentmeyer stated that if one were to look at prior years, such as 2008 through 2009, OU has been growing and the students living on campus has grown 100 to 200 students every year. He also said that although housing has been able to accommodate students signing up for housing, it has pushed housing's limits. They had to add a third roommate to the Matthew's court apartments plus having accommodations at Homestead. Housing has been unable to give any students single rooms in the residence halls as well. Housing needs to be available for students coming from a great distance. Mitchell then told Ms. Wolf he wanted to be Greek liaison. Legislator Williams asked Ms. Collins why Exam Cram is only from December 9-12 as exams continue to the 13<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Collins stated she picked the four nights that she thought OUSC would be the most beneficial to students because of when most exams are. Legislator Zaman asked Ms. Webster about the Greek lecture next Wednesday and Webster repeated that it was Wednesday at 7pm. Zaman also asked Mr. Zentmeyer about the plan for the Honors College. Mr. Zentmeyer stated that because 700 students currently are in the Honors College, it should be moved to have a bigger space, which he'd like to see in the new housing. He said the former Honors College could then serve as a place for more dining as the Vandenberg cafeteria is reaching capacity. The space could be a sandwich shop or something like that with more flexible hours. He hopes the Board of Trustees will approve housing next Monday. Legislator Gamble asked Mr. Williford about the Commuter Council. Williford stated that according to Jean Ann Miller it did not exist anymore, although he think it's a great idea and would be supportive of it. Gamble also asked how much OUSC is expecting from SAFAC in the spring. Mr. Shermetaro stated they're hoping for \$65,000 minimum but it's all speculation. Ms. Fattah stated that she spoke to Gerald about having Saturday hours for Pete's Café in the library and she asked who would want that, and everyone raised his or her hand. Willett asked Mr. Zentmeyer if there was any plan for Greek housing increasing. Mr. Zentmeyer stated that with OU growing, tradition growing, the demand will increase. Willett asked Ms. Collins if Chartwells is donating anything to Exam Cram, and Ms. Collins told her they were donating coffee again. Willett also had issues with write-in candidates for legislator for OUSC. She's going to be writing a bill about the orientations and the requirements. Legislator Juronoc advised Ms. Collins to try and get tables set up at the doors to the Oakland Center because of the volume of votes she would get during elections.

X. Updates

- a. Steering Committee – Lauren Tibbits
  - i. No update.
- b. Judiciary Committee – Aws Polina
  - i. Legislator Polina asked how many legislators knew they could excuse an absence even fourteen days after the fact. Not everyone knew, so he wanted everyone to know that.
- c. Scholarship Committee – Maria Willett
  - i. Willett is having a committee meeting Wednesday at 2pm.
- d. Research and Review Committee – Patricia Rockentine
  - i. Not present.
- e. Congressional Archivist – Darias Thompson
  - i. Not present.
- f. RHA Representative – Katie Bumhoffer
  - i. No update
- g. Tailgate Committee-Madeline Knapp
  - i. Knapp is looking for a committee and help planning the road rally.
- h. *Questions related to Updates*

- i. Legislator Tibbits asked what counted as excused. Legislator Polina answered it is case by case.

XI. **Comments from the gallery**

- a. Mr. Jibran Ahmed is trying to gain support for a yearbook on campus.

XII. **Announcements**

- a. OUSC Meetings are on Monday at 4:00 in the Oakland Room
- b. The next OUSC Meeting will be Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- c. Wednesday December 5 at 9am Meadowbrook Ball tickets are going on sale.

XIII. **Adjournment:** 5:32pm