



Minutes

Oakland University Student Congress
Wolf/Williford Administration
Legislative Body Meeting Agenda
Oakland Room, Oakland Center
Monday, November 12th, 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 5th, 2012:** Approved.
- V. **Comments from the Gallery**
 - a. A student expressing concern over a professor came before Student Congress. The professor is putting information on exams that is not covered in class. The student mentioned a couple statements from the professor that may demonstrate the professors lacks concern for his students. The professor, Professor Bull, has not responded well to this student's, or any students', attempt to reach out for help in regards to the class. Ms. Amera Fattah gave this student her card and Ms. Alwardt also suggested going to the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning tomorrow at noon in Elliot 200A. Ms. Wolf also suggested the student and his classmates talk to the Dean of Students. He also mentioned the parking meter stickers being hard to read and Ms. Fattah said she'd look into this issue.
- VI. **Old Business**
 - a. **President's Veto of C.B. 13-09, Battle of the Grizzlies, presented by Ms. Samantha Wolf**
 - i. This is the second reading of the veto letter. Ms. Wolf repeated her reasons for wanting to veto this bill. Although she is very supportive of Legislator Namou's bill, this event is not in the optimal time frame for marketing.
 - ii. Discussion: Legislator Namou stated that he spoke to Ms. Wolf and has agreed to move the date back. He did inquire why Ms. Wolf still has to read the veto and Mr. Williford stated that it is procedure. Legislator Tibbits motioned to end discussion, seconded by Legislator Gamble. Legislator Ploe asked about the process. Legislator Juronoc explained that since this bill was vetoed, he needed to write a new bill. Vote on ending discussion was approved.
 - b. **President's Veto of C.B. 13-08, Post Events Funds, presented by Ms. Samantha Wolf**
 - i. This was the second reading of the veto letter. Ms. Wolf repeated her reasons for wanting to veto the bill. The bill does not allow enough of a safe cushion in OUSC's budget because there is no hidden money. Her concern is that although it makes certain jobs easier, legislators will spend past the safe point in the budget. This is a safeguard to protect future administrations that are not as fiscally aware or responsible.
 - ii. Discussion: Mr. Williford read from the constitution. He explained the veto process. He first stated that Ms. Wolf absolutely has the right to veto and the legislation has the right to overturn it. Legislator Gamble motioned to overturn the veto, which was seconded by Legislator Willett. Gamble then explained his position. He would normally agree with Ms. Wolf, but he does not think that having money remaining in the line-item format keeps it protected. Money will not be moved until all bills are paid, and it will also ensure that the Financial Affairs Director announces whatever amount is left in uncategorized and it is more transparent for legislators. Mr. Hanna spoke about last year's issue. The only reason this administration was able to pay bills that the prior administration left was because of the line-item leftover. Legislator Pierce stated that although she respects Ms. Wolf's position, she does not think that her method is responsible. She thinks that the budget should be very transparent. Legislator Juronoc agreed with Pierce and she also thinks this bill sets a precedent for future administrations to be fiscally responsible. Mr. Hanna stated that although he wants the FAD to have to announce the uncategorized amount, he does not think this bill will be effective. Ms. Wolf stated that there is no way to know for sure if there are outstanding bills. Ms. Wolf thinks that this bill is absolutely the best way to make sure that the budget is transparent and protected. Gamble stated that this bill changes the FAD's job. It adds that the FAD must announce money being moved after bills have been paid. Legislator Willett and Legislator Tibbit both feel that OUSC should add a safety net line-item in the budget. Legislator Thompson agreed with Ms. Wolf in the fact that OUSC never has any idea of when all bills are paid as some can come in six months later. Legislator Mitchell asked Mr. Shermetaro how much is in payroll and he stated \$2,500. Legislator Mitchell then asked if Legislator Gamble would be opposed to only having a percentage of the "fluff" being put into uncategorized, and Gamble stated that is what payroll is for. Ms. Wolf stated that this solution doesn't work. Ms.

Webster stated that she was with this administration when we had to pay for unforeseen things. She vouched for Ms. Wolf and agrees with this bill. Juronoc also thinks “unforeseen bills” should be a non-issue and there should be no unforeseen bills. This discussion continued in circles and the same points were made repeatedly. Juronoc motioned to vote, seconded by Willett, agreed. Mr. Williford explained the voting for this bill. “Nay’s” and abstaining support the veto. Voting to overturn the veto was a roll call vote:

1. **Gamble: Yay**
 2. **Gross: Nay**
 3. **Juronoc: Yay**
 4. **Kaakarli: Yay**
 5. **Knapp: Nay**
 6. **MacDonald: Nay**
 7. **Mitchell: Nay**
 8. **Namou: Yay**
 9. **Nuss: Nay**
 10. **Peterson: Yay**
 11. **Pierce: Yay**
 12. **Ploe: Nay**
 13. **Polina: Abstaining**
 14. **Rochon: Nay**
 15. **Rockentine: Yay**
 16. **Shermetaro: Nay**
 17. **Stafa: Abstaining**
 18. **Thompson: Nay**
 19. **Tibbits: Nay**
 20. **Williams: Nay**
 21. **Willett: Yay**
 22. **Zaman: Nay**
 23. **Bumhoffer: Nay**
- The veto stands.**

VII. New Business

a. **Approval of Congressional Archive Committee Members, presented by Legislator Darias Thompson**

- i. Motion to combine line-item veto, seconded and approved.
- ii. Thompson spoke on their behalf saying they have been wonderful guides and help to her in leading this committee.
- iii. **Legislator Wesley Gamble and Legislator Daniel Rochon**
- iv. Vote: 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. Ms. Fattah had several student concerns she addressed from last week and this week she had someone asked her about seat covers in restrooms, iPhone syncing, and the clocks in South Foundation. Legislator Gamble replied to the student who expressed concern over Professor Bull. Gamble thinks he’s a phenomenal professor. He’s simply humorous and makes the class more interesting. Zaman seconded Gamble’s thought. Legislator Juronoc asked about lighting on campus because she stated that it is inadequate. Legislator Nuss seconded Juronoc’s concern.

IX. Reports

a. Student Body President – **Ms. Samantha Wolf**

- i. Ms. Wolf put an SPB survey in the legislators’ folders and she wants them to fill it out. SET Forum is tomorrow at noon. Invisible Children is tonight at 7pm and she encourages all to come. She has been very busy planning the SAFAC luncheon and she is very happy with how much these organizations work together.

b. Student Body Vice President – **Mr. Robbie Williford**

- i. Mr. Williford thanked for everyone contributing to the discussions today and he is also glad that his quotes in his reports are being appreciated.

c. Student Activities Funding Board – **Mr. Brandon Hanna**

- i. Mr. Hanna mentioned the form to reserve rooms is on grizzorgs. He stated his board meeting this morning went very well. This week he will be absent so this week, his office hours are

cancelled. He will have his laptop, however. The last date to apply for funding is December 1 and December 2 is the first day student orgs can apply for next semester.

- d. Student Program Board – **Mr. Nicholas McCormick**
 - i. Not present.
- e. Legislative Affairs Director – **Ms. Michelle Alwardt**
 - i. Ms. Alwardt thanked everyone for their time and energy for her events. She announced that she pushing back her event that was supposed to be in three weeks to next semester. The SAM Conference this week will be at Wayne State. This week she is working on her events and budget for next semester.
- f. Multicultural Affairs Director – **Ms. Maria Arellano**
 - i. Ms. Arellano is also working on her events for next semester and is open to suggestions.
- g. Financial Affairs Director – **Mr. Scottie Shermetaro**
 - i. Mr. Shermetaro announced that \$40,000 has been spent and \$8,259.13 is left in uncategorized. New invoices have come in from ATS and USA Today as well.
- h. Student Services Director – **Ms. Amara Fattah**
 - i. Ms. Fattah is passing around the Bear Bus signs. The tumbler designs are still getting messed up so we're working on that still.
- i. Visual Communications Director – **Mr. Ethan Scott**
 - i. Mr. Scott said he had some different meetings about branding and also Exam Cram and SPB also wanted his help with events.
- j. Marketing Director – **Ms. Rachel Boye**
 - i. Ms. Boye stated that last week she helped with Post-Ballot Bash and tabling. This week she has a committee meeting tomorrow at 6pm.
- k. Administrative Assistant – **Ms. Emily Collins**
 - i. Ms. Collins has been working on Exam Cram and elections. She asked that anyone with good candidates for the elections commission approach her after meeting.
- l. Advisor Report – **Ms. Allison Webster**
 - i. Ms. Webster was at a conference all last week.
- m. *Questions related to Executive Reports*
 - i. Legislator Willett asked why the facebook event for Invisible Children only went up today and Ms. Boye stated it was a marketing error on OUSC's part. Legislator Juronoc asked about the Bear Bus being open to non-OU students in downtown Rochester. Ms. Fattah stated she will bring it up with Mr. Desrochers although this may be a liability or safety issue.

X. Updates

- a. Steering Committee – Lauren Tibbits
 - i. Legislator Tibbits is looking for committee members.
- b. Judiciary Committee – Aws Polina
 - i. Not present.
- c. Scholarship Committee – Maria Willett
 - i. Committee meetings are Wednesdays at 2pm.
- d. Research and Review Committee – Patricia Rockentine
 - i. Not present.
- e. Congressional Archivist – Darias Thompson
 - i. Legislator Thompson is looking forward to scheduling a meeting with Ms. Collins and Mr. Williford
- f. RHA Representative – Katie Bumhoffer
 - i. RHA has two events this week, Friday at 7pm is Friday Night Live and Saturday at 5pm is another event.
- g. Tailgate Committee-Madeline Knapp
 - i. Legislator Knapp is looking for committee members.
- h. *Questions related to Updates*

XI. **Comments from the gallery**

- a. None.

XII. **Announcements**

- a. OUSC Meetings are on Monday at 4:00 in the Oakland Room
- b. The next OUSC Meeting will be Monday, November 19th.
- c. Jazz Concert Thursday at 8pm in Varner and tickets are \$8.

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