

Meeting Minutes

Oakland University Student Congress Thomas-Engnell Administration Oakland Room, Oakland Center Monday, January 23rd, 2017 4:00 P.M.



- I. Call to Order
 - A. The meeting was called to order Monday, January 23rd, 2017, at 4:04pm
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
 - A. Legislator Church, present and voting
 - B. Legislator Fox, present and voting
 - C. Legislator Harris, present and voting
 - D. Legislator Kleinschmidt, present and voting
 - E. Legislator Kubinski, present and voting
 - F. Legislator Mabrouk, not present
 - G. Legislator Nasry, not present
 - H. Legislator Poppe, not present
 - I. Legislator Rourke, present and voting
 - J. Legislator Sanders, present and voting
 - K. Legislator Seeger, present and voting
 - L. Legislator Thompson, present and voting
 - M. Legislator Walton, present and voting
 - N. Legislator Hubbard, present and voting
 - O. Legislator Jagtap, present and voting
 - P. Legislator Rafidi, present and voting
 - Q. We had quorum
- IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes from January 9th, 2016
 - A. Vice President Engnell opened the floor to additions or subtractions to the Meeting Minutes from January 9th, 2016
 - i) There were no changes to the Meeting Minutes
 - ii) Show of Hands Vote
 - iii) Unanimous approval
 - B. The Meeting Minutes from January 9th, 2016, were unanimously approved
- V. Comments from the Gallery
 - A. Vice President Engnell opened the floor to Comments from the Gallery
 - B. There were no further Comments from the Gallery
- VI. New Business
 - A. Approval of Student Services Committee, Margaret Merogi
 - i. Ms. Merogi was not present, Vice President Engnell presented. Vice President Engnell introduced the three nominated and spoke highly of them.
 - ii. Vice President Engnell opened discussion. There was none.
 - iii. Show of hands vote.
 - iv. Unanimous approval.
 - B. Approval of Legislative Affairs Committee, Sophia Polsinelli

- i. Ms. Polsinelli presented Legislator Kleinschmidt, asking that the legislature approve her as she was a hard worker and would be a good addition to the planning of OU Day at the Capitol
- ii. Vice President Engnell opened discussion. There was none.
- iii. Show of hands vote.
- iv. Unanimous approval.
- C. Approval of Congressional Archivist Committee, Elijah Sanders
 - i. Legislator Sanders introduced Ms. Goldwater and spoke highly of her efforts and how she would be a good addition to the committee's efforts to transfer the archives to the Library.
 - ii. Vice President Engnell opened discussion. There was none.
 - iii. Show of hands vote.
 - iv. Unanimous approval.
- VII. Discussion Topics
- VIII. Legislative Updates
 - A. Greek Council Representative, Vicki Harris
 - i. There will be an Alpha Sigma Phi bake sale in the Fish Bowl January 24, 2017 starting at 10 am
 - B. Resident Hall Association Representative, Blake Walton
 - i. Career success day at Oak View Hall event on January 24th, 2017.
 - C. Legislator Kleinschmidt reminded the Congress that Winter Fest will be on Friday January 27th, 2017. If anyone would like to help please contact her. Mr. Engnell remined the Congress that himself and President Thomas would be pied in the face.
 - D. Legislator Kubinski urged anyone with questions to approach her as a senior legislator.
 - E. Legislator Jagtap updated her initiatives, the danger of crossing the roads leading up to the Library that led to more Bear Bus Routes. Legislator Jagtap also mentioned her new initiative to put a new bench on the mini round about by South Foundation Hall.
 - F. Ouestions
 - i. Legislator Fox asked about why there is a block in the road from Varner to Pawley and.
 - ii. Vice President Engnell said it was to do with safety because of the crane.
 - iii. President Thomas said there was an update from OUSC and there is no definitive timeline as to how long this will last.

IX. Executive Updates

- A. President Thomas has been busy to the resignation of the Administrative Assistant, and has been scheduling interviews for the week, there are two up for consideration. President Thomas spoke about senate meetings, the strategic plan and enrolment was discussed. Currently enrollment is key to revenue, but retention and graduation rates should be more important, as such President Thomas has volunteered himself and the other student senators to help address these issues. Lastly, President Thomas and Ms. Merogi have been tackling student concerns such as the oven in Tilly's being down. President Thomas also mentioned that elections are almost here and if anyone should have any questions please speak to him.
- B. The Vice President spoke about the Bear Bus and how the point to point route has launched and there are high expectations of it going well due to it being done before and it went well. Thanks to Ms. Goldwater and Mr. Queen for helping out on the social

- media campaign for this initiative. There is a search for Chief Diversity Director, the current one is retiring and there is a search for a new one that will give new meaning and validity for this position. Lastly, there will be an OSUC lockdown like retreat in March that will help with bonding, transition, and initiatives.
- C. Advisor Jurva said that MLK Day of service is this Saturday January 28th, 2017 in South Foundation Hall at 9 am if you volunteer you will receive a lunch and a t-shirt. Wednesday February 1st, 2017 there will be another student organization training.
- D. Ms. Goldwater said she would send out an email that would be regarding OUSC jackets and sizes.
- E. Questions regarding reports
 - i. President Thomas has a question for Vice President Engnell regarding if Bear Bus drivers would be handing out the incentive cards
 - ii. Vice President Engnell said that it would be the drivers, and that no one should give out any swag items until Monday.

X. Comments from the Gallery

- A. Ms. Hock introduced herself as SPB President and BOT Liaison. Ms. Hock came to update that Red Wings tickets are sold out, there will be a Japanese Karaoke Night Friday February 28th, 2017 6-9. The Toronto trip is on March 10th, the tickets go on sale for \$70, Thursday February 2nd, you will need to have proof of passport or enhanced license. Only OU students may attend the trip. Ms. Hock had nothing to report from the BOT.
 - i. Mr. Fox inquired if they should bring the passport or paperwork. Ms. Hook said that proof will be needed if there is no passport at the time but will be there by the time the trip leaves.
 - ii. Legislator Kubinski asked for times regarding the Karaoke event, Ms. Hock confirmed it would be held at 6-9. Legislator Kubinski also asked about overnight waiting to which Ms. Hock said that will not be allowed.

XI. Announcements

- A. Vice President Engnell previewed the card for the Bear Bus initiative.
- B. President Thomas reiterated that if anyone should have any elections questions please approach him, and deadlines coming up.
- C. Legislator Kubinski also said if anyone has questions regarding elections go to her as well. Also, SLLB Henry Winkler will be coming Monday February 13th, 2017 to lecture in the Banquet Rooms.

XII. Adjournment at 4:39 pm