



Minutes

Oakland University Student Congress
Eveslage/Malile Administration
Legislative Body Meeting Agenda
Oakland Room, Oakland Center
Monday, January 9th, 2012
4:00 P.M.

- I. **Call to order:** 4:03pm
- II. **Roll Call:** Quorum met
- III. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- IV. **Guest Speaker**
 - a. Mr. Reuben Ternes, Assessment Coordinator of Institutional Research
 - i. Mr. Ternes informed OUSC of the Collegiate Learning Exam and how they are in need of seniors to take this non-mandatory 90min writing exam. He was interested in hearing any ideas OUSC had for getting seniors to commit to taking the exam.
 - ii. Ms. Juronoc: Are you able to accommodate students taking the exam?
 - iii. Reuben Ternes: Yes, we are able to take about 100 seniors for the exam.
 - iv. Ms. Wolf: I have taken an exam like this before. Maybe it would be best to incentivize students taking the exam with a raffle or something along those lines.
 - v. Mr. McCormick: Incentive possibly could be to offer to cover the senior's graduate school application fee.
 - vi. Mr. Kaminski: I am sure some students would take this exam voluntarily.
 - vii. Ms. Wolf: You could get professors to possibly offer extra credit to students who take the exam.
 - viii. Reuben Ternes: Thank you for ideas, we will think about them and find a way to incentivize students to participate in the exam.
 - b. Courtney Grant – Canned Food Drive
 - i. Courtney Grant: There will be a canned food drive competition between January 23 and February 6. The OU Summit League has won the past 3 years and wants to keep it up. Does OUSC have any ideas or incentives that can be used in order to raise canned food?
 - ii. Mr. Hanna: Maybe offer raffle tickets for every can, or every 5 cans, to students and then have prizes raffled off.
 - iii. Ms. Juronoc: Is the student body involved with this besides student organizations?
 - iv. Courtney Grant: Yes, and also other charities will be participating.
 - v. Ms. Juronoc: The athletes could bring this up to their professors and have an announcement in class about it; maybe the professor could offer extra credit to participants.
 - vi. Mr. Kakaarli: Try talking to RHA about this, maybe the RAs could have a competition among the different residence hall floors to raise the most cans.
 - vii. Ms. Malile: OUSC could start a competition with other student organizations to raise the most cans with an award of FLEX Cash to their organization's account. Also, the OUSC Homecoming Tailgate is during the time of the drive, maybe this could be utilized as well.
- V. **Approval of Meeting Minutes from November 21st, 2011:** approved
- VI. **Comments from the Gallery:** none
- VII. **Old Business:** none
- VIII. **New Business**
 - a. Selection and Approval of Steering Committee Members *presented by Ms. Halsell*
 - i. Ms. Halsell: I need at least 3 people to join the Steering Committee. We will have meetings before every OUSC Body Meeting around 3:30 to go over the Agenda for the meeting.
 - ii. Mr. McCormick, Ms. Tibbits, Mr. Johnson, Ms. Youhan and Mr. Kaminski were interested and approved as members as the Steering Committee.
 - b. Robert's Rules/Legislative Guidelines *presented by Ms. Malile & Ms. Vecchio*
 - i. Ms. Malile explained to the legislators that they will need to learn Robert's Rules and noted the rule chart that was passed out to everyone.
 - ii. Ms. Vecchio went over the section of the OUSC bylaws that goes over the requirements of

legislators in order to keep their positions. This was also passed out to all legislators. Ms. Vecchio also explained that there is a form for legislators to fill out with basic info and their winter schedules for the Executive Board's future reference.

c. Approval of SPB E-Board Members: Ms. Malile explained that SPB member need to be approved to be kept on for the winter 2012 semester.

i. Jermaine Conaway: explained that he would like to keep his position as SPB Chair.

1. Ms. Malile: Jermaine has been doing a great job with running the SPB Executive Board so far and should be approved.
2. Mr. Ahmed: Jermaine is a great leader and guides SPB who would be lost without him.
3. Mr. Conaway was approved as SPB Chair.

ii. Tyanna Moore: Associate Chair

1. Mr. Conaway: Tyanna could not be here because of class. She is very knowledgeable of the workings of SPB and has been a member for a while now. She also organizes SPB's finances.
2. Ms. Frankie was approved as SPB Associate Chair.

iii. Kalik Jones: I am new to SPB and am coming in as the Public Relations Chair. I want to keep up with SPB success so far and contribute by giving back to students and hosting great events for them.

1. Ms. Malile: What is your graphic design experience?
2. Mr. Jones: I have not had experience with graphic design programs, but I have the resource of Alejandro and I am a very quick learner.
3. Mr. Herrera: Kalik has a passion for SPB and their events and was also involved with Jameson's PR Committee before.
4. Mr. Ahmed: Kalik was a great help during Arabian Nights.
5. Mr. Jones was approved as Public Relations Chair.

iv. Kate Rozek: I have been Mainstage Chair for a year now. I did a lot of work on the last concert which was a great success and am planning the spring concert currently.

1. Mr. Herrera: Kate is very hardworking and puts on great concerts.
2. Ms. Malile: Kate is very knowledgeable about the music industry and has a great work ethic.
3. Mr. Ahmed: Kate knows what she is doing and is very determined. SPB will not have a great concert without her.
4. Ms. Rozek was approved as Mainstage Chair.

v. Jasmine Moseley: I have been Annual Events Chair for a year now and have hosted the open houses, and events like Late Night Skate Night, the Cedar Point Trips and the Carnivals.

1. Ms. Vecchio: I have worked with Jasmine in the planning of the OUSC/SPB Open House; she is great to work with and has great ideas.
2. Mr. Ahmed: Jasmine has had some awesome ideas for SPB.
3. Ms. Moseley was approved as Annual Events Chair

vi. Jibran Ahmed: I have been Diversity Chair for 2 semesters so far and have done events such as Arabian Nights and Taste of Africa. I hope to bring a Poetry Slam event and a Detroit Trip.

1. Ms. Malile: Jibran did a great job with Arabian Nights.
2. Mr. Namou: Jibran is a great guy and has been doing a great job on SPB as well as OUSC.
3. Mr. Hanna: Jibran is a great member to have around.
4. Mr. Ahmed was approved as Diversity Chair.

vii. Yasmine Shitta: I have been Golden Events Chair for a year and host the events during WOCO Week and Homecoming week. The events I've had are the Talent Show and Winner Showcase and Casino Night, which was a great success last year and will be having again this year during Homecoming weekend.

1. Ms. Malile: Yasmine did a great job with the Talent show.
2. Ms. Vecchio: Yasmine is a great person and it would be a shame to not have her great attitude around.
3. Mr. Ahmed: She is always happy and has great ideas for events.
4. Mr. Namou: Second all comments made about Yasmine.
5. Ms. Shitta was approved as Golden Events Chair.

viii. Nicholas McCormick: I have been on SPB since 2008 and as the Special Events Chair have planned the Disney trip last year, and Boston this year, which both have sold out. This winter is an Orlando trip which is also expected to sell out.

IX. 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. Mr. McIsaac: I have received a report on the Bike Share Program. At the end of the year last year, 42 of 60 bikes were counted. This year there was only 85 of 242 accounted for and another 20 in repair. We are looking at new options for the program, as of right now things are not looking so good.
 1. Ms. Alwardt: I have seen plenty of bikes off campus.
 2. Mr. McIsaac: Bikes that were at the Cottages were picked up, but none others from other off campus locations.
 3. Mr. Kakaarli: What about having a card swipe or coin return system for checking out the bikes? Or we could do some type of contest for designing a new system for the bikes.
 4. Mr. McIsaac: Those are good suggestions; I will be meeting with Mr. Jordan soon about the program. If anyone sees any bikes anywhere to please take them to the Rec Center.

X. Reports

- a. Student Body President – ~~Mr. Benjamin Eveslage~~
- b. Student Body Vice President – Ms. Elisa Malile: Report written & circulated. Working on the BYOB Tailgate.
- c. Student Activities Funding Board – Mr. Brandon Hanna: Report written & circulated. Trying to schedule a date for SAFB meetings for the semester.
- d. Student Program Board – Mr. Jermaine Conaway: Report written & circulated. Planning Orlando trip, spring concert and casino night.
- e. Legislative Affairs Director – Ms. Samantha Wolf: Report written & circulated. Planning events for February – Michelle Rhee.
- f. Multicultural Affairs Director – ~~Ms. Emilia Allen~~
- g. Financial Affairs Director – Mr. Michael Allison: Report written & circulated.
- h. Student Services Director – Mr. Brett McIsaac: Looking for new initiatives this semester.
- i. Visual Communications Director – Mr. Alejandro Herrera: Report written & circulated. Working on graphics for MLK Day of Service and Tailgate.
- j. Marketing Director – Mr. James Shermetaro: Report written & circulated. SCVNGR will be up and running soon.
- k. Administrative Assistant – Ms. Lisa Vecchio: Report written & circulated. Working on planning of elections events.
- l. *Questions related to Executive Reports:* none

XI. Updates

- a. Steering Committee- Ms. Alexis Halsell: none
- b. Judiciary Committee- Ms. Natalie Juronoc: none
- c. Scholarship Committee- ~~Mr. Jason Dunn~~
- d. Research and Review Committee- Ms. Maria Willett: We have one open spot on the legislature.
- e. Residence Hall Association President- Mr. Robbie Williford: none
- f. Congressional Archivist- ~~Mr. Westley Gambie~~
- g. GSA Liaison- Ms. Michele Alwardt: none
- h. Greek Council Liaison - Ms. Natalie Juronoc: Phi Sigma Sigma is selling Red Wings tickets.
- i. *Questions related to Updates:* none

XII. Comments from the gallery: none

XIII. Announcements

- a. OUSC Meetings are on Monday at 4:00 in the Oakland Room
- b. The next OUSC Meeting will be Monday, January 16th.

XIV. Adjournment: 5:15pm