



Minutes

Oakland University Student Congress
Wolf/Williford Administration
Legislative Body Meeting Agenda
Oakland Room, Oakland Center
Monday, February 11th, 2013
4:00 P.M.

- I. **Call to order:** 4:04pm
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. **Roll Call:** Quorum met.
- IV. **Approval of Meeting Minutes from February 4th, 2013:** Approved.
- V. **Comments from the Gallery**
 - a. Louie approached the podium to state that he submitted his packet to go up for approval again before OUSC and wanted to know what the status of that is. Mr. Williford said Legislator Rockentine is not present and he would look into it.
- VI. **Old Business**
 - a. None.
- VII. **Special Announcement:**
 - a. A singing valentine was purchased by Mr. Brandon Hanna to be sung by Legislator Nuss. He sang, "I'm Yours". All were pleased with his performance.
- VIII. **New Business**
 - a. **C.B. 13-17 Student Union Trip**, *presented by Legislator Ashley Monticciolo*
 - i. This bill asks for \$500 to help fund the trip to several student unions to help design the expansion area in the OU Oakland Center. Legislator Juronoc asked how many students could go and what type of say they would have in plans. Ms. Wolf stated that student's feedback would be taken into account. There are current plans for expansion but the plans are open to change. The trip would be all day; from 7am to 10pm. 56 spots are open. The invitations will be extended at first to SAFAC members then the student body. The renovations are tentative because the Oakland Center's money is different than most other buildings on campus. There will be a presentation to the Board of Trustees in the end of April. Things take a while to go through the Board of Trustees. Juronoc asked if this could be added to the ballot in March to add a certain sum onto tuition. Ms. Wolf stated that there are a number of issues that go into this such as what the Board will approve and federal funding. Mr. McCormick stated that even if something is approved on the ballot, it doesn't mean it's binding for the university. It could help but it's not binding. This is the first reading.
 - b. **C.R. 13-18 Coach Kampe Resolution**, *presented by Legislator Katrina Stencil*
 - i. This resolution is to celebrate Coach Kampe's 500th win, as it is a major accomplishment. Ms. Wolf said OUSC usually hasn't had a strong relationship with athletics and this is to aid in making that bond stronger. His 500th was on Homecoming and he really did deserve credit. A resolution works as follows: Ms. Wolf will draft a cover letter and send this resolution to Tracy Huth and Coach Kampe. It is just to show our support on behalf of the student body.
 - c. **Approval of Gina Patrico to the Steering Committee**, *presented by Legislator Lauren Tibbits*
 - i. Legislator Tibbits spoke on Ms. Patrico's behalf stating that she'd be helpful and she's going to be very active on the committee.
 - ii. Vote:
 1. Ahmed: Yay
 2. Juronoc: Yay
 3. Kaakarli: Yay
 4. Knapp: Yay
 5. MacDonald: Yay
 6. Mitchell: Yay

7. Monticciolo: Yay
8. Nuss: Yay
9. Peterson: Yay
10. Pierce: Yay
11. Polina: Yay
12. Rochon: Yay
13. Stafa: Yay
14. Stencil: Yay
15. Williams: Yay
16. Willett: Yay
17. Zaman: Yay
18. Bumhoffer: Yay

d. **Approval of Farha Hanif to the Legislative Affairs Committee, presented by Ms. Michelle Alwardt**

- i. Ms. Alwardt spoke on Ms. Hanif's behalf stating that she is very interested in Ms. Alwardt's position. Ms. Hanif spoke on her own behalf as well stating she was interested in legislative affairs. Legislator Zaman spoke on her behalf saying that she would be a great addition to the committee.

ii. Vote:

1. Ahmed: Yay
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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. Legislator Stafa wanted Kresge to start checking ID's earlier during finals to ensure that space is open for OU students. Legislator Willett is in support of this. Ms. Fattah is open to work with Stafa to accomplish this. There were many concerns voiced about checking ID's as tutors use the library as well. Legislator Willett motioned to end the discussion. Seconded by Legislator Williams. Vote: Approved.

X. **Reports**

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

- i. Ms. Wolf had a meeting with Mr. Williford and the Board of Trustees liaisons. She also helped Ms. Alwardt with the SAM Conference. The Provost search committee is finished, and two candidates were sent to President Russi to choose from and both were very student friendly. She also wished everyone a Happy Valentines Day and she thanked everyone for their dedication and work.

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

- i. Mr. Williford talked about the retreat. He explained that the survey is a drag and drop list and then it ranks them so it works. He is still taking suggestions. He'll compile the data after spring break.
- c. Student Activities Funding Board – **Brandon Hanna**
 - i. There was a student organization training on Friday and he had about 40 requests for funding. They have a board meeting on Tuesday and next meeting his two new board members will go up for approval next week.
- d. Student Program Board – **Nicholas McCormick**
 - i. Mr. McCormick wished everyone a Happy Valentines Day. He worked with communication and marketing for SPB for events. They had the hoedown last Wednesday. He is trying to fix their record keeping and marketing schemes to make it better. He also wants to have more transparent funding. He prepared with spring break events.
- e. Legislative Affairs Director – **Michelle Alwardt**
 - i. Ms. Alwardt thanked a number of members for coming to the SAM Conference OU hosted this weekend. The OU Day at the Capital is March 6th, with the training session on March 4th.
- f. Multicultural Affairs Director – **Maria Arellano**
 - i. Ms. Arellano thanked everyone who attended Carnivale. She has been looking at the Multicultural Council at different schools. She's been working on St. Patrick's Day and the Individualism Panel. She also attended SAM which she thought was amazing.
- g. Financial Affairs Director – **Scottie Shermetaro**
 - i. The budget was shared with OUSC.
- h. Student Services Director – **Amera Fattah**
 - i. She thanked Legislator Stencil and Willett for working on the food pantry. She also thanked Zaman, Mr. Scott and Ms. Boye. The food pantry is on its way and is going well. March 18th there is a Bear Bus launch event in Fireside and a lot of promotions for the Bear Bus. ConnectOU is going out on Wednesday, and Spirit Packs are in the finishing stages. Fitz parking and blue lights are also being worked on. She also attended SAM and showed delegates our initiatives.
- i. Visual Communications Director – **Ethan Scott**
 - i. Mr. Scott has worked on graphics for Food Pantry and Individualism.
- j. Marketing Director – **Rachel Boye**
 - i. Ms. Boye's report was circulated and nothing has changed since then.
- k. Administrative Assistant – **Emily Collins**
 - i. Ms. Collins had successful orientations last week with more to come. She asked that everyone makes sure they give out correct information regarding elections. Two people dropped from the ballot for legislator as well. Platforms are due Friday at 5pm along with signatures.
- l. Advisor Report – **Allison Webster**
 - i. Taste of Africa is this Wednesday at 4pm. Atlanta tickets are also on sale. Tomorrow the Buried Life and Jane Goodall tickets are going on sale, and February 13th Spring Concert tickets are on sale. February 14th tickets to Murder Mystery go on sale.
- m. *Questions related to Executive Reports*
 - i. Legislator Juronoc asked how long Board meetings usually go. Ms. Wolf said it's very unpredictable, anywhere from 20 minutes to 3 hours. Ms. Alwardt gave a special thank you to Mr. James Zentmeyer for speaking at the SAM Conference. Willett asked Ms. Collins to send out the orientation so that all legislators have the right information about elections.

XI. Updates

- a. Steering Committee – Lauren Tibbits
 - i. Tibbits thanked everyone for approving Ms. Patrico to her committee.
- b. Judiciary Committee – Aws Polina

- i. He had a committee meeting to make a log for office hours that can be done from anywhere.
- c. Scholarship Committee – Maria Willett
 - i. Tables tents advertising for the scholarship are almost done. She has gotten a lot of interest in the scholarship.
- d. Research and Review Committee – Patricia Rockentine
 - i. Not present.
- e. Congressional Archivist – Darias Thompson
 - i. Not present.
- f. RHA President – Katie Bumhoffer
 - i. Grizzpose this weekend was a great success raising about \$2,200. This Friday she is going to NACA, which she's excited for.
- g. *Questions related to Updates*
 - i. Ms. Boye is concerned about having executive board members approving legislator hours as online there is no verification. Legislator Polina stated he would approach e-board members about it. Ms. Alwardt asked Polina about the judiciary committee members that are non-OUSC affiliated. Legislator Juronoc offered to give Polina names for committee members. Legislator Knapp asked Legislator Rochon about the new manual. He stated it is done and they are just waiting for it to be printed. Legislator Willett asked about people not doing hours and Legislator MacDonald stated that weekly 2-3 members do not do their office hours. Willett asked that a notification be sent to e-board members on the form.

XII. **Comments from the gallery**

- a. None.

XIII. **Announcements**

- a. OUSC Meetings are on Mondays at 4:00pm in the Oakland Room
- b. The next OUSC Meeting will be Monday, February 25th, 2013
- c. Ms. Collins announced that student orgs could win \$100 for their flex accounts by attending the 3 elections events.

XIV. **Adjournment: 5:27pm**