



Minutes
Oakland University Student Congress
Wolf/Williford Administration
Legislative Body Meeting Agenda
Room 100, Kresge Library
Monday, June 4th, 2012
6:00 P.M.

I. Informal meeting was called to order at 6:00pm due to lack of quorum. Executive board reports were given informally.

II. **Reports**

a. Student Body President – Ms. Samantha Wolf

i. Ms. Wolf stated that they had arranged for a Voter Registration Drive. We will have a full service Secretary of State except there will be no lines. She worked on Orientation and cleaned the office. Her and Mr. Williford have been working with WXOU to get back on the sports broadcasting team. They had been removed for no reason and they're working to get them back on. Her and Mr. Williford also had meetings with administration for homecoming and the tailgate as well as housing to work on initiatives. The scantron machine is also going to be in the OC soon and did not come out of our budget.

b. Student Body Vice President – Mr. Robert Williford

i. Mr. Williford had meetings with homecoming, tailgate and Welcome Week committees once monthly to go over OUSC's contribution. He's been meeting with Dean Mac and Dean Schneider about initiatives for OU. They plan to meet with them more in the summer and fall to increase communication. He also stated that there is a Board of Trustees meeting June 11 at 2pm in Elliott Hall that will involve a decision on the Housing Proposal and he encourages attendance to show student support. He and Ms. Wolf also attended the resource fair and that was a great experience. Also, he cleaned with Ms. Wolf. He wants anyone with ideas for the tailgate to contact him.

ii. Ms. Juronic suggested avoiding any congress members making food at the tailgate and having smaller tents instead of one large tent.

c. Student Program Board – Mr. Nicholas McCormick

i. Mr. McCormick has been working at Chrysler but is making sure to still be reachable for SPB. He had a meeting for the tailgate and also his SPB Executive Board. Each member is to plan 4-6 event proposals. Retreat for SPB is June 29-July 1st and they're trying to involve OUSC's Executive Board as well. SPB would be paying.

d. Legislative Affairs Director – Ms. Michelle Alwardt

i. Ms. Alwardt has been working on Rock 4 Rights. They need ten performers. She's been building for that event and a committee. She will need more help closer the day for smaller things that come up. She's been organizing her Fall events which are all up on the google calendar. Ms. Alwardt has been working with the Twenty-First Century Club which is a bi-partisan group aimed at reaching out to the youth to increase activism in politics. They will pay an event. She also has voter registration forms.

e. Financial Affairs Director – Mr. Scott Shermetaro

i. Mr. Shermetaro just recently worked on the budget and that things are hopefully slowing down. He's been working with Pam and Lori in the CSA on pay roll. No major concerns are going on.

- f. Student Services Director – Ms. Amera Fattah
 - i. Ms. Fattah has been working on the Student of the Month program with Rachel and Ethan to design stamp cards for events. She’s been working on the Bear Bus initiatives and also the Bike Share program. There’s one company that works on integrating all transportation systems on a campus. It’s also a more green approach. Thursday she has a meeting with a rep from the company. Ms. Fattah also has a committee of eight people, five of which are present for meeting. Each will focus on something different. She also has a meeting with the prior Student Services Director with housing for formal introductions.
 - g. Marketing Director—Ms. Rachel Boye
 - i. Ms. Boye is working on monthly promotional videos. She’s also working on a newsletter and working with Ms. Fattah on Student of the Month.
 - h. Administrative Assistant—Ms. Emily Collins
 - i. Ms. Collins has been starting planning for Open House and doing minutes per usual.
 - i. OUSC Advisor- Ms. Allison Webster
 - i. Ms. Webster went to the Leadership Institute this past weekend and has been in meetings in events and initiatives for the fall.
 - j. *Questions related to Executive Reports*
- III. **Call to order:** Quorum was met and meeting was called to order officially at 6:34pm.
- IV. **Roll Call:** Quorum met.
- V. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- VI. **Approval of Meeting Minutes from May 8, 2012:** Approved 9-0.
- VII. **Comments from the Gallery:** None.
- VIII. **Old Business:** None.
- IX. **New Business**
- a. Approval of New Legislators
 - i. Mr. Williford asked both to speak on their own behalf about why they should be approved to be an OUSC Legislator.
 - ii. Rylin Ploe
 - 1. Ms. Ploe explained that she has worked with OUSC a lot in the past. She’s a junior and also on the Grizz Gang Executive Board. She’s also a student assistant in the CSA and wants to bring her talents to OUSC.
 - 2. Ms. Wolf also spoke on Ms. Ploe’s behalf, stating that she has known her for a long time. She helps OUSC a lot and will be a great addition.
 - 3. Voting: Approved 9-0.
 - iii. Derek MacDonald
 - 1. Mr. MacDonald explained that he’s a sociology/anthropology major. He’s worked in housing for 2 years as an ambassador. He’s a senior and he wants to be involved with school.
 - 2. Vote: Approved 9-0.
- X. **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. Student Concerns: There is a missing hammock that Ms. Fattah will look into. She also went over initiatives from the CSA Leadership Institute that OUSC will help with.
 - ii. Orientation

1. Mr. Williford went over orientation and what's appropriate. Legislator Juronoc reminded congress that it's important to talk about involvement at OU and school pride, and to avoid any conversations about partying or illegal activities. We need to steer away from those conversations. Ms. Juronoc also added that students usually aren't there by their own will. Treat them like adults, not children. Mr. McCormick added that students have lots of questions and to watch what you say and watch your language. Inside jokes need to be left at the door.
- iii. Retreat
 1. Mr. Williford stated that OUSC and SPB would be going on retreat soon and planning is starting. At retreat OUSC will be learning how to write bills and go over the business items. Part of the retreat will be set aside for fun. Legislator Lauren Tibbits asked when retreat is, and Ms. Wolf said that it would be towards the end of August. Mr. Williford wants anyone will suggestions to let him know what they are.
- iv. Committees
 1. Mr. Williford stated that it is important to start thinking about what committees legislators want to be on.
- v. Going Green
 1. Mr. Williford opened this initiative for discussion. It's a resolution Legislator Willett has been working on with Mr. Benjamin Eveslage and Ms. Samantha Wolf from previous years. Mr. Williford opened the floor for suggestions on how to go more energy efficient. Legislator Tibbits mentioned that the food court should not use styrafoam cups and plates or plastic utensils. Legislator Jibran Ahmed suggested smaller portions in the food court would result in less food wasted. Ms. Michelle Alwardt stated that students need to tell their professors to do papers and assignments or hand outs electronically instead of on paper. Mr. Scott Shermetaro suggested getting another hydration station and using more motion lighting on campus to save energy. Legislator Willett stated that all incoming freshmen will receive reusable water bottles from housing. This initiative will be in the works.
- XI. **Adjournment:** Legislator Juronoc motioned to adjourn meeting early, skipping committee updates, gallery comments, and announcements. Seconded by Legislator Namou. Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm.