



Minutes

Oakland University Student Congress

Meinberg/Iwanski Administration

Legislative Body Meeting Agenda

Gold Room C, Oakland Center

Monday, July 7th, 2014

5:30 P.M.



- I. **Call to Order** 5:34P.M.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. **Roll Call** Quorum met
- IV. **Approval of Meeting Minutes from June 10th, 2014**
 - a. **Vote:** Approved 6 yay, 0 nay.
- V. **Comments from the Gallery**
- VI. **Old Business**
 - a. **C.B. 15-02**, *presented by Legislator Jeffrey Schuett*
 - i. Legislator Jeffrey Schuett struck C.B. 15-02 from the agenda
 - b. **C.B. 15-04**, *presented by Legislator Brittany Hall*
 - i. Legislator Hall reviewed the contents of the bill, that the plaques need to be updated in the office to reflect the past administrations
 - ii. **Vote:** 6 yay, 0 nay. Approved
- VII. **New Business**
 - a. **Fall Budget**, *presented by Mr. Sam Harris*
 - i. Mr. Harris reviewed the budget. He said that the big changes were the increase in payroll to \$9.25 per hour to change along with the minimum wage raise in state legislation.
 - ii. Legislator Kubinski asked if the wage will rise again in winter 2015. Mr. Harris said that it will not. Ms. Allison Webster said that eventually the minimum wage with raise statewide to \$9.25 per hour.
 - iii. Legislator Townsend asked the reason for non smoking initiatives. Mr. Johnson said that since the University policy is a smoking ban Student Congress supported it. Mr. Czewski said that he has met with Cora Hanson of Environmental Health and Safety and Ellen Searle about the increase of awareness of the initiative. Legislator Schuett said that the police do not enforce this policy so he questioned why Student Congress should enforce it. Mr. Johnson discussed that since it is not a police ordinance the police cannot technically enforce it as a law. Schuett asked why there is money allocated to this if this is the reason the position exists. Ms. Webster clarified that this is why the money is under the position so that Mr. Czewski can create and implement non smoking initiatives. Czewski said he took advice from Ms. Hanson on having money allocated to initiatives through the semester. Legislator Kubinski asked if there was any action with the resolutions passed by Congress in the previous semester. Czewski answered that they were not submitted to administration. Legislator Schuett asked if there had been any contact to the County or State for free items that volunteers could pass out in high trafficked smoker areas. Czewski responded that there were free items in the Graham Health Center but very few people took advantage of the opportunity. Legislator Searle mentioned that she spoke with Julie Proctor of Graham Health Center and Proctor said there was little interest.
 - iv. Legislator Schuett asked why there were no scholarships on the budget. Mr. Harris said that the executive board voted to remove it from the budget. Ms. Hock explained that the

Executive Board decided that the scholarships should be submitted in bill form so that they can be discussed by the Congress. Legislator Kubinski spoke as the previous chair of the Scholarship committee that she learned after budget approval that she was able to put scholarships on the budget at the beginning of the semester instead of as a bill. Mr. Pokrefky said that he hoped they would be approved as a bill to further educate Student Congress on the intent of the Scholarships. Legislator Searle said that it is unfair to discuss this topic without Legislator Nixon present. Searle motioned to end discussion about scholarships on the budget. No second. Mr. Harris said he spoke with Nixon but she never replied to him with specific line item scholarships until after the budget was due to the steering committee. Legislator Kubinski said that it would take two weeks to pass a bill therefore she suggested that there be a line item suggestion for marketing scholarships. Legislator Townsend asked Mr. Harris to meet with Nixon before the second reading. Ms. Iwanski said that this issue was a bit of a communication error but it was good to have a meeting with Nixon.

- v. Legislator Hall brought up the National Association Campus Activities Conference which directly benefits the Student Program Board because they were able to see different people that help with marketing and events. Hall thought Ms. Jessah Rolstone should attend to help with planning events, networking and the lecture series. Hall thought this would be beneficial for the Marketing Director and Multicultural Affairs Director. Ms. Webster added that it would cost \$200 per student. The other cost would be per diem. Legislator Kubinski offered her support of this idea and yielded to Mr. Harris. Mr. Harris said this could be categorized under Leadership Development. Ms. Ploe said that she would need to sit down with everyone to discuss the details.
- b. **C.B. 15-05**, *presented by Legislator Ellen Searle*
 - i. Legislator Searle said this was a bill she wrote when she realized there were no guideline set for the tailgate committee. She said she worked with Mr. Pokrefky on this bill. Ms. Plow said that she thought the guideline were extensive and extreme. She said they should be things that are overarching guidelines for all committees. That the guidelines in the bill should be specific to the tailgate and they were not. Searle said this should be brought up to Legislator Schuett to be added to the general committee guidelines. Ms. Ploe said that committees with such extensive rules are intimidating to students. Ms. Webster added that adding these rules to the bylaws remove the eboard members ability to run their committees however they would like, as a voluntary committee it is too formalized. Ms. Meinberg said that in reviewing the bylaws there are some changes that can be made. Ms. Webster thought the attendance and execution policy should be removed. Legislator Hall agreed that the execution and attendance policy should be removed. Searle said that the attendance policy is there to remain consistent with the other attendance policies outlined in the bylaws. Kubinski thought the attendance policy was a good idea in theory but she would prefer committee members have the ability to make up time they missed. Searle said she did not want the rules to have to be too strict. Searle made a friendly amendment to change the number of absences to 5. Legislator Schuett said that this would not be consistent with the changing and updating of the bylaws. Ms. Ploe feared that this was comparing legislative committees to eboard committees and giving some legislators power over other legislators.
- c. **SAF Percentages**, *presented by Ms. Annie Meinberg*
 - i. Ms. Meinberg said that the percentages of different SAFAC Organizations were proposed to change. Ms. Ploe said that this only needed to get voted on by the elections commission to go on the ballot. Allison said that this must be approved by Legislators. Ms. Webster said that the changes are because the Student Activities Funding Board

always has a negative balance at the end of the year and the number of student orgs is growing so they need to request money from SAFB. Vote: 5 yay, 1 nay. Approved

- d. **Approval of Tailgate Committee, presented by Legislator Ellen Searle**
 - i. Mr. Josh Pokrefky, Legislator Brittany Hall, Mr. Andrew Laux, Mr. Sam Harris, Mr. Jorge Garcia, Ms. Rylin Ploe
 - 1. Legislator Searle said that she needs a committee to put on the tailgate in the fall semester. Vote: 6 yay, 0 nay. All approved.
- e. **Approval of Environmental Health and Wellness Committee, presented by Mr. Shawn Czewski**
 - i. Mr. Andrew Laux
 - 1. Mr. Czewski said that he and Mr. Laux had discussed the Oakland University No Smoking Policy at great length and Mr. Laux would be very helpful in this committee.
 - 2. Vote: 6 yay, 0 nay
- f. **Approval of Marketing Committee, presented by Mr. Josh Pokrefky**
 - i. Mr. Tim Brown
 - 1. Legislator Kubinski motioned to combine line item i and ii. Seconded by Legislator Townsend. Mr. Johnson reminded the legislators that this whether or not this motion passes there will still be two votes for the marketing committee. Kubinski struck her motion.
 - 2. Vote: 6 yay, 0 nay
 - ii. Mr. Andrew Laux
 - 1. Vote: 6 yay, 0 nay
- g. **Approval of Steering Committee, presented by Legislator Madison Kubinski**
 - i. Mr. Andrew Laux
 - 1. Legislator Kubinski said this will be helpful in making agendas and will allow the committee to meet more frequently.
- h. **Report of Student Congress Social Media, presented by Mr. Josh Pokrefky**
 - i. Legislator Kubinski motioned to move line item h to Discussion Topics. Seconded by Legislator Searle. Vote: 6 yay, 0 nay.
- i. **C.R. 15-01 Advising Resolution, presented by Legislator Ellen Searle**
 - i. Legislator Searle said that this resolution was brought to her attention by Mr. Brandon Hanna. She created the resolution because there was an issue with advisors having a caseload of so many students. Ms. Ploe asked why this was only for three of the nine schools and colleges at Oakland. Searle said she got all of her information from the proposal from Shannon. Ms. Webster said that Student Congress should not support just one school or college. Legislator Schuett motioned to table this resolution until enough information is provided. Seconded by Legislator Kubinski. Vote: 6 yay, 0 nay.

VIII. **Discussion Topics**

- a. *Discussion Topics related to Comments from the Gallery Related to Business of the Day, Guest Speakers, and submitted Statements of Student Concern*
- b. **Report of Student Congress Social Media, presented by Mr. Josh Pokrefky**
 - i. Marketing Director Josh Pokrefky gave an analytical report of the social media accounts held by Student Congress. Legislator Kubinski asked about the Vine account. Mr. Pokrefky said that it isn't something that a lot of organizations use, but it could be a potential legislator project. Legislator Townsend said she really appreciated this report and thought it was awesome. Legislator Schuett said he applauded this information.

IX. **Reports**

- a. Student Body President—**Ms. Annie Meinberg**

- i. Ms. Meinberg said that the new athletic director was announced, there is a WXOU Volleyball tournament next Wednesday. There was also a Board of Trustees meeting the next Wednesday.
- b. Student Body Vice President—**Ms. Liz Iwanski**
 - i. Ms. Iwanski said she was very busy with the Eboard retreat to Frankenmuth and constitution committee. She thanked everyone for attending the meeting over the summer. She had been working with the Residence Halls Association and Student Program Board about the retreat. She also worked with the Vice President of Student Affairs Glen Macintosh about the platform she and Ms. Meinberg ran on.
- c. Student Activities Funding Board Chair—**Mr. Jorge Garcia**
 - i. Mr. Garcia had been meeting with student organizations and the Oakland Center administration about policies in place.
- d. Student Program Board Chair—**Ms. Rylin Ploe**
 - i. Ms. Ploe has been meeting with many different people about program and event timing throughout the year.
- e. Financial Affairs Director—**Mr. Sam Harris**
 - i. Not present. Report circulated.
- f. Legislator Affairs Director—**Ms. Bria Ellis**
 - i. Not present. Report circulated.
- g. Student Services Director—**Mr. Kyler Johnson**
 - i. Mr. Johnson had nothing to add to the report that was circulated.
- h. Multicultural Affairs Director—**Ms. Jessah Rolstone**
 - i. Ms. Rolstone said she had a meeting with the Hispanic celebration month committee.
- i. Marketing Director—**Mr. Josh Pokrefky**
 - i. Mr. Pokrefky asked the members of Congress to get their administration shirts from him. And reminded everyone that at the end of the meeting Congress will be taking a photo for the summer challenge. He had also been working on rebranding the office. He added that if there were any ideas for homecoming to let him or Legislator Ellen Searle know.
- j. Visual Communications Director—**Ms. Kathleen Peterson**
 - i. Not present. Report circulated.
- k. Environmental Health and Wellness Director—**Mr. Shawn Czewski**
 - i. Mr. Czewski had been meeting with different offices on campus and students. He also worked with Ms. Iwanski at the Student Organic farm.
- l. Administrative Assistant—**Ms. Cassandra Hock**
 - i. Ms. Hock said she cleaned the conference room microwave and thought it was disgusting. Everything else was circulated.
- m. OUSC Advisor—**Ms. Allison Webster**
 - i. Nothing to report.
- n. *Questions Related to Executive Board Reports*
 - i. Legislator Kubinski asked Ms. Iwanski a tentative date for the next Legislative Body meeting. Ms. Iwanski said they would be August 4th and 25th.

X. Updates

- a. Steering Committee—**Ms. Madison Kubinski**
 - i. Legislator Kubinski said she was excited to have Mr. Laux on her committee and appreciated the timeliness of submissions for agenda materials.
- b. Judiciary Committee—**Mr. Jeffery Schuett**
 - i. Legislator Schuett said that the bylaws are almost complete and there are a few more sections to be tweaked. The committee will meet one more time.
- c. Scholarship Committee—**Ms. Kristie Nixon**

- i. Not present
 - d. **Research and Review Committee—Ms. Laina Townsend**
 - i. Legislator Townsend said there are a lot of legislator spots open. There also had been almost no research done, she may take a trip to other campuses in the fall.
 - e. **Congressional Archivist—Mr. Nate Catey**
 - i. Not present.
 - f. **Tailgate Committee—Ms. Ellen Searle**
 - i. Legislator Searle said the tailgate committee met once for some ideas and there is a lot going into it.
 - g. **Senior Legislators—Ms. Brittany Hall and Mr. Brandon Hanna**
 - i. Legislator Hall said she had been very busy working with legislators about bills, editing and giving advice on the bylaws and constitution.
 - ii. Legislator Hanna resigned shortly before the meeting began.
 - h. **RHA President—Mr. James Buzzo**
 - i. Mr. Buzzo said he had been working on the issue of the Residence Halls Association voting right to increase the relay of information.
 - i. *Questions Related to Updates*
- XI. **Comments from the Gallery**
- XII. **Announcements**
- a. Mr. Pokrefky asked anyone to let him know if they were interested in helping at the Student Organic farm in the next week.
 - b. Mr. Johnson said that there is a large Board of Trustees meeting on Wednesday at 10am and said that it would be good to have a large student presence at this meeting.
- XIII. **Adjournment 7:21P.M.**