



Agenda
Oakland University Student Congress
Mishack/Shkoukani Administration
Lake Michigan, Oakland Center
Monday, April 17th, 2017
4:00 P.M.



- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
 - A. Legislator Augustyniak, Present and Voting
 - B. Legislator Church, Present and Voting
 - C. Legislator Fox, Present and Voting
 - D. Legislator Gunn, Not Present
 - E. Legislator Hubbard, Present and Voting
 - F. Legislator Jagtap, Present and Voting
 - G. Legislator Kleinschmidt, Present and Voting
 - H. Legislator Merogi, Present and Voting
 - I. Legislator Mabrouk, Present and Voting
 - J. Legislator Olsen, Present and Voting
 - K. Legislator Polsinelli, Present and Voting
 - L. Legislator Rafidi, Present and Voting
 - M. Legislator Sanders, Not Present
 - N. Legislator Seeger, Present and Voting
 - O. Legislator Thompson, Present and Voting
 - P. Legislator Williamson, Present and Voting
 - We had quorum
 - Q.
- IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes from April 10th, 2017
 - A. Motion to fix
- V. Comments from the Gallery
 - A. Cassie Hock came to speak, the fall carnival will be September 8th, she hopes that everyone will be there because she will not be there.
- VI. No Guest Speaker
- VII. Old Business
 - A. Summer 2016 Budget, *Lena Mishack*
 - The only change was to the Legislative Affairs director because if the appointed person gets approved they will not be able to be paid more than 4 weeks.
 - Visual affairs director's hours went up because of the amount of work he will have to do during the summer
 - We borrow the dolly from the CSA so they would like to purchase one that we can use for our events and not have to worry about it
 - Motion to change by Legislator Kleinschmidt the spelling of pamphlets and discretionary under the Environmental, Health, and Wellness Directors budget. Seconded by Legislator Merogi

- Legislator Merogi motioned to fix all spelling errors throughout the budget, seconded by legislator Kleinschmidt
- Under the Environmental Health and Wellness budget, we will end up waiting to pay them and have them charge us, instead of paying them up front and having to have money returned.
- For the student services budget they did not change from the previous reading, but they added a few items like the materials for limited free printing for the students
- Everything else in the budget has remained the same, the discretionary seems large but that's there in case a major project we would like to complete this summer comes about
- Roll call vote (All say yay)
 - (1) Legislator Augustyniak, yay
 - (2) Legislator Church, yay
 - (3) Legislator Fox, yay
 - (4) Legislator Hubbard, yay
 - (5) Legislator Jagtap, yay
 - (6) Legislator Kleinschmidt, yay
 - (7) Legislator Merogi, yay
 - (8) Legislator Mabrouk, yay
 - (9) Legislator Olsen, yay
 - (10) Legislator Polsinelli, yay
 - (11) Legislator Rafidi, yay
 - (12) Legislator Sanders, yay
 - (13) Legislator Seeger, yay
 - (14) Legislator Thompson, yay
 - (15) Legislator Williamson, yay

B. Legislative Chair Nominations, *Lena Mishack*

- Legislator Williamson motioned to table this section, seconded by Legislator Polsinelli
- It was opened to discussion, Legislator Jagtap mentioned that we do need to get these done quickly
- Legislator Fox stated that these positions if post poned could cause problems in the four weeks until our next meetings.
- Legislator Kleinschmidt stated that not all positions are crucial to fill at this time, such as the scholarship chair, in the previous administration, they went a long for a bit without the tailgate chair
- Legislator Merogi responded stating that she held that position originally until she was hired on to e-board and they had to find a replacement.
- Legislator Church asks if it is possible to do this at all
- Former Legislator R. Fox said yes the
- Show of hands vote,
 - (1) majority vote nay.
- President Mishak begins the nominations for the position of Parliamentarian.

- Legislator Fox nominates Legislator Sanders for the position, Seconded by Legislator Jagtap. He accepted. Show of Hands vote,
- Majority vote, Yay
- Scholarship Chair, suggested Legislator Rafidi. Nominated by Legislator Hubbard, seconded by Polsinelli, he accepted. He has a lot of really cool ideas and has previously been on the committee. Show of hands vote, Unanimous vote yes.
- President Mishak went on to the Tailgate Chair, explains they are responsible for helping plan the fall and winter tailgate, and attend meetings with athletics. She recommends Legislator Augustyniak for the position, She states that Legislator Augustyniak will have to resign at the beginning of the fall semester due to a schedule conflict, but will be able to do a lot of the planning beforehand, and a later tailgate chair can be found to replace her.
- Legislator Kleinschmidt spoke on behalf of Legislator Augustyniak and followed with a nomination, seconded by Fox.
- Legislator Augustyniak accepted.
- Legislator Augustyniak said that she helped a lot with the winter tailgate and has been in on several meetings and ideas for the next.
- Show of hands vote, Unanimous
- Congressional Archivist Presidential sanders. Legislator Williamson seconded by Fox. Unanimous yay
- Discussion on delaying the graduate council rep. Legislator Fox addressed issues for delaying especially for a single person, and only current interest in the position.
- President Mishak stated that as this is a new position, it's a difficult position, they will still accept nominations and the legislature can vote to approve the nominated parties but at this time Mr. Parsons is the only interested candidate and since he has not been put before the congress yet, he cannot hold the position

VIII. New Business

- Legislator Fox motioned to add item J under new business, seconded by Legislator Williamson.
 - Show of hands vote, unanimous yay
- B. Approval of Legislative Affairs Director, *Lena Mishack*
- Ryan Fox
 - Vice President Shkoukani. Mr. Fox was chosen because he had so much to say, he knows so much. He is completely well rounded in politics and has helped in the election of a member in the House of Representatives.
 - Mr. Fox said he is honored to be brought before the congress for approval. He was the former judiciary Chair and parliamentarian. He was on the legislative affairs committee for two years. As stated he worked on the campaign trail which came with several responsibilities. He wishes to continue the work on the former LAD. He hopes to push voter registration and do this through getting to people

straight through orientation and for the first years, through FYAC appointments. Improve and encourage voter participation. By providing reminders of when and where they are able to vote, making them well aware. He also wishes to change the way we do SAM; they have been very beneficial in the past but in order to maintain these benefits he wishes to either host one here or establish a larger position in the SAM conference planning. Also wishes to push for campus wide free printing and alternative food options for those with limitations and health concerns. He would like to increase the amount of Wi-Fi coverage across campus looking to downtown Rochester as example. He would be working unpaid for the first part because he has to be physically present for certain documents in order to be compensated by the school which he cannot do because of his current time in Europe. Yielded to questions

- Legislator T. Fox asked in terms of the SAM conference, how would you go about hosting the conference here.
- Mr. Fox answered with it is very simple and it could end up being cheaper.
- Legislator Williamson questioned if he has looked into finding a separate place to host a conference as the OC goes under renovations and some space will not be available.
- Mr. Fox responded with “It truly depends on whether or not we will stay with SAM and more final decisions can be made”
- Legislator Posinelli spoke on his behalf saying that he has done nothing but great work in his time with the Legislative Affairs Committee
- Legislator Fox spoke on his behalf saying that he is more than qualified for this position and is very dedicated to his work with the congress and this position will be able to help him further that work
- Legislator Jagtap spoke on his behalf saying that he has an ability to inform people on subjects they may not understand and can stress its importance
- Legislator Gunn presence was acknowledged at 4:52pm
 - Roll of call vote
 - (1) Legislator Augustyniak, yay
 - (2) Legislator Church, yay
 - (3) Legislator Fox, yay
 - (4) Legislator Gunn, yay
 - (5) Legislator Hubbard, yay
 - (6) Legislator Jagtap, yay
 - (7) Legislator Kleinschmidt, yay
 - (8) Legislator Merogi, yay
 - (9) Legislator Mabrouk, yay
 - (10) Legislator Olsen, yay
 - (11) Legislator Polsinelli, yay
 - (12) Legislator Rafidi, yay
 - (13) Legislator Sanders, yay
 - (14) Legislator Seeger, yay
 - (15) Legislator Thompson, yay
 - (16) Legislator Williamson, yay
- Legislator Olsen left per point of personal Privilege at 4:53pm

- C. Approval of Administrative Assistant, *Lena Mishack*
- Helen Thompson
 - President Mishak spoke about how Ms. Thompson is a very kind and Driven person, who always makes people feel comfortable and passionate about OUSC. She was very well organized in her interview and has several qualities making her perfect for this position
 - Ms. Thompson said that she is really honored to have been chosen, and with the legislatures approval really excited to take on the work of the administrative assistant. She is a very organized and beyond excited and prepared to begin working.
 - Legislator Merogi spoke on her behalf saying that she is amazing, She has been so helpful on her committee, especially with the free pads and tampons initiative. She has shown extreme dedication to the congress since before she was approved for the legislature and would be perfect for this position.
 - Legislator Polsinelli said that she has several great qualities including that before she was a legislator she sat and stapled voter registration packets for over 1200 people with an incredible amount of patience and accuracy.
 - Legislator Rafidi spoke on her behalf saying that she is an absolute joy to have in the office and he could not imagine anyone better for the position, because of her optimism and great attitude for congress.
 - Roll call vote
 - (1) Legislator Augustyniak, yay
 - (2) Legislator Church, yay
 - (3) Legislator Fox, yay
 - (4) Legislator Gunn, yay
 - (5) Legislator Hubbard, yay
 - (6) Legislator Jagtap, yay
 - (7) Legislator Kleinschmidt, yay
 - (8) Legislator Merogi, yay
 - (9) Legislator Mabrouk, yay
 - (10) Legislator Olsen, yay
 - (11) Legislator Polsinelli, yay
 - (12) Legislator Rafidi, yay
 - (13) Legislator Sanders, yay
 - (14) Legislator Seeger, yay
 - (15) Legislator Williamson, yay
- D. Approval of Diversity and Inclusion Director, *Lena Mishack*
- Luna Nasry
 - Vice President Shkoukani had so much in her application and interview that does more than qualify her for this position. She is passionate about OUSC and OU as a whole.
 - Legislator Nasry she has been a part of the OUSC family for over a year. Was the steering chair and was active member on the EHW and Student Services and her Senate committee. She recently in the past few months joined the Diversity and Inclusion Committee. Her reasons for doing so is because in the

past is that she was working on initiatives that did not line up with those of the diversity and inclusion committee. She just recently went on a medical mission in Jordan, she translated patient-physician and met people and professionals from all over the world. She wants to use her committee to come together to work towards one common goal and that is making everyone come together. She's is exposed to several backgrounds and languages. She wishes to promote community services and giving back to communities in need, there are elementary schools that she would like to work with. Collecting monthly donations, the lend a hand warm a heart was so promising and amazing that she wishes to do for various groups, locally globally and for different ethnicities. She wishes to enforce a religious holiday absence. She wishes to do so by talking to the provost and let them be dismissed from exams and assignments for these holidays that are not commonly acknowledge. Host a fashion show, hip hop network, Michigan embellishment project, that would raise money, visiting religious centers to raise awareness for racial and ethnic conversations. Further the previous director's initiatives and policies and maintain a contact with the GSC, and sponsoring the Drag Show. This is an area that affects her personally that makes her well aware for

- Legislator Olsen returned at 5:09
- Legislator Jagtap asked with everything else she is a part of with her work, school and this. Will she be able to balance it all?
- Ms. Nasry answered with yes, she has created a schedule for herself that will allow it all fit together and not be too difficult
- Legislator Fox asked what would she do if she was approached by a student who had been discriminated by a Professor
- She answered with talk them through the situation calmly and proceed to follow the proper steps of who to talk to and if it's a bigger issue come up with a solution to take care of it properly.
- Legislator Posinelli spoke on her behalf saying that she is perfect for this position, she has a huge heart and that will be crucial to this position
- Roll call vote
 - (1) Legislator Augustyniak, yay
 - (2) Legislator Church, yay
 - (3) Legislator Fox, yay
 - (4) Legislator Gunn, yay
 - (5) Legislator Hubbard, yay
 - (6) Legislator Jagtap, yay
 - (7) Legislator Kleinschmidt, yay
 - (8) Legislator Merogi, yay
 - (9) Legislator Mabrouk, yay
 - (10) Legislator Olsen, yay
 - (11) Legislator Polsinelli, yay
 - (12) Legislator Rafidi, yay
 - (13) Legislator Sanders, yay
 - (14) Legislator Seeger, yay
 - (15) Legislator Williamson, yay

- Legislator Merogi motioned to restrict all topics to five minutes, seconded by Legislator Kleinschmidt. Show of hands vote (all vote yay)
- E. Approval of Environmental, Health, and Wellness Director, *Lena Mishack*
 - Austin Church
 - President Mishack is really excited to have Mr. Church as the director. He has been incredibly helpful and passionate about this work. He has a personally ambition that adds to his credibility for this works.
 - He is honored to be chosen for this position, in his past year he was on the EHW committee and active in all of the initiatives. He has worked in professional settings in politics but that can be carried over to his work when approaching administrators and the Rec. He wants to create Pamphlets that clearly state health options for incoming students and alternative healthy foods to help keep students healthy. He wishes to continue on the no smoking policy and enforcing our stance. Keeping the Rec Center open for free over the summer as other schools do and would be beneficial for students.
 - Legislator Fox asked if the state of Michigan were to take a stance on something that is not necessarily health conscious, would he be willing to work with Mr. Fox on developing a solution
 - Mr. Church replied with he would love to and be more than willing to do so.
 - Legislator Williamson asked If he had any other initiatives or stances he would like to pursue
 - He replied with yes he has several that he would love to share outside of meeting in consideration of time.
 - Legislator Fox motioned for five minutes for speech, questions and discussion, seconded by Rafidi
 - Legislator Rafidi spoke nothing but praise saying that he will quickly learn this job and he will have Mishak there to help him as the previous director
 - Legislator Posinelli said that he was a great guy and would do really well in this position
 - Legislator Mabrouk said that he would be great for this position but is concerned that his ideas sound recycled and that she hopes he can bring something new to the table
 - He states that he has several ideas for the fall and winter, that he would love to share that are new, but due to the time restriction he could talk about it outside of meeting with her.
 - Roll call vote,
 - (1) Legislator Augustyniak, yay
 - (2) Legislator Fox, yay
 - (3) Legislator Gunn, yay
 - (4) Legislator Hubbard, yay
 - (5) Legislator Jagtap, yay
 - (6) Legislator Kleinschmidt, yay
 - (7) Legislator Merogi, yay
 - (8) Legislator Mabrouk, abstaining
 - (9) Legislator Olsen, yay

- (10) Legislator Polsinelli, yay
- (11) Legislator Rafidi, yay
- (12) Legislator Sanders, yay
- (13) Legislator Seeger, yay
- (14) Legislator Williamson, yay

F. Approval of Financial Affairs Director, *Lena Mishack*

- Brad Albright
- Vice President Shkoukani states that he has all the qualifications that they were looking for. He is a finance major and has great experience with this type of work and they are very excited to have him on their team.
- He is a manager at Panera Bread, he works on a lot of financial work, budgets, payroll, vendors, buying and the like. He is currently a student in the school of business and is dedicated to his work in that field. He would love to give back to the school and have this opportunity to do just that.
- Legislator Fox asked why student congress?
- Because it allows for such a large overview of the campus, it will allow to give back to the school. He has heard such good things for this group and that everyone has so much energy and initiatives that he wants to say he got to be a part of.
- Legislator Williamson asked what he wanted to do after graduation
- He says that he wishes to go into Investment Banking and continue his financial education.
- Roll call vote
 - (1) Legislator Augustyniak, yay
 - (2) Legislator Fox, yay
 - (3) Legislator Gunn, yay
 - (4) Legislator Hubbard, yay
 - (5) Legislator Jagtap, yay
 - (6) Legislator Kleinschmidt, yay
 - (7) Legislator Merogi, yay
 - (8) Legislator Mabrouk, yay
 - (9) Legislator Olsen, yay
 - (10) Legislator Polsinelli, yay
 - (11) Legislator Rafidi, yay
 - (12) Legislator Sanders, yay
 - (13) Legislator Seeger, yay
 - (14) Legislator Williamson, yay

G. Approval of Marketing Director, *Lena Mishack*

- Arth Patel
- There were several applicants with all sorts of marketing backgrounds that were really great, Mr. Patel had incredible ideas that made them confident to market on behalf of OUSC.

- He is really excited to be a part of this organization but he wants to do even more that will really rebrand and remarket OUSC. He currently works at an IT company. He has done several designing and writing for different promotional items. Mr. and Mrs. Grizz a fun activity during basketball games that increase spirit and comradery. During welcome week create a geotag that will be a fun and new event to get OUSC's name out there. Bubble tea and Hot chocolate event during finals. A survival back pack event for new students to get comfortable. Meet a Stranger event, matching students to help them get out there to meet new friends and be more comfortable here
- Legislator Fox, "why student congress"
- To learn things that you can get outside of school and the classroom and to help him to come out of his shell
- Legislator Williamson asked him to expand on his Survival Backpack idea
- He wants to fill it with snacks, toothpaste/toothbrush, pens and pencils, notebooks and stuff to help them start the year off right
- Legislator Mabrouk spoke on his behalf and how creative he is and he has several new ideas that she is really excited to see executed.
- Legislator Fox emphasized the importance of this position based on a personal experience here at Oakland. When he was in line the other day wearing his legislator jacket, a working asked what he was a legislator for and he said the student congress and she said "wow, I've never seen a student congress member up here" so he says it's very important to be more proactive in marketing ourselves.
- Roll Call Vote
 - (1) Legislator Augustyniak, yay
 - (2) Legislator Fox, yay
 - (3) Legislator Gunn, yay
 - (4) Legislator Hubbard, yay
 - (5) Legislator Jagtap, yay
 - (6) Legislator Kleinschmidt, yay
 - (7) Legislator Merogi, yay
 - (8) Legislator Mabrouk, yay
 - (9) Legislator Olsen, yay
 - (10) Legislator Polsinelli, yay
 - (11) Legislator Rafidi, yay
 - (12) Legislator Sanders, yay
 - (13) Legislator Seeger, yay
 - (14) Legislator Williamson, yay

H. Approval of Student Activities Funding Board Chair, *Lena Mishack*

- Kayla Dafoe
- Vice President Shkoukani spoke on her behalf saying that she is really well prepared for this position, has great working experience with SAFB and they are excited for her to work as the director and hopes the congress approves.
- She is very active on campus holding several positions with different organizations. She has several initiatives that she wishes to work on such as

lowering chartwells prices, create mandatory fundraising for budget requests over \$1000, SAFB wheel idea, to get students involved, after weekly meetings, getting rules out there and lessen the problems when it comes to budget requests

- Legislator Williamson asked what are the three lessons she's learned in her time on SAFB
- She replied with one being The rules and regulations, two, submitting the budgets, and three how much money and what it can be requested for
- Legislator Jagtap asked If she would be willing to work with the CSA about the tax forms that are now necessary for certain fundraising locations
- She will provide the resources in order to meet these requirements
- Legislator Williamson asked how she would monitor the funds that get raised compared to the effort.
- She replied stating that its more about the effort, in order to create a level and fair playing ground
- Legislator Fox says that she would be fit for this position. Because she knows SAFB inside and out, she is willing to go to chartwells, and an amazing capability to communicate as it is essential to this position
- Legislator Williamson agrees and is very impressed.
- Roll call Vote
 - (1) Legislator Augustyniak, yay
 - (2) Legislator Fox, yay
 - (3) Legislator Gunn, yay
 - (4) Legislator Hubbard, yay
 - (5) Legislator Jagtap, yay
 - (6) Legislator Kleinschmidt, yay
 - (7) Legislator Merogi, yay
 - (8) Legislator Mabrouk, yay
 - (9) Legislator Olsen, yay
 - (10) Legislator Polsinelli, yay
 - (11) Legislator Rafidi, yay
 - (12) Legislator Sanders, yay
 - (13) Legislator Seeger, yay
 - (14) Legislator Williamson, yay

I. Approval of Student Services Director, *Lena Mishack*

- Brittany Kleinschmidt
- She is very passionate and motivated. Very personable and relatable person that is essential to have for this role
- She was on the congress and held the tailgate chair position. She works on the BIS as a student assistant and spends her time helping them with things that they need. She also works as a receptionist at a retirement home which brings her experience with all sorts of people. Wants to host another event like Help Out Haven, market the text suggestion number, bi weekly meetings with maintenance to work on accessibility, and free printing especially as scantrons go away.
- Legislator Hubbard asked if it would be a separate printer?
- She says yes, she would be using her budget to purchase these items

- Legislator Fox, says that she is very involved with all sorts of initiatives from the previous student services director
- Legislator Merogi, shares support, she is very hard working and charismatic and would excel as the student services director
- Roll call vote
 - (1) Legislator Augustyniak, yay
 - (2) Legislator Fox, yay
 - (3) Legislator Gunn, yay
 - (4) Legislator Hubbard, yay
 - (5) Legislator Jagtap, yay
 - (6) Legislator Merogi, yay
 - (7) Legislator Mabrouk, yay
 - (8) Legislator Olsen, yay
 - (9) Legislator Polsinelli, yay
 - (10) Legislator Rafidi, yay
 - (11) Legislator Sanders, yay
 - (12) Legislator Seeger, yay
 - (13) Legislator Williamson, yay

J. Approval of Visual Communications Director, *Lena Mishack*

- Derek Queen
- Vice President Shoukani spoke on his behalf
- He was the previous visual communication director and served on the committee before that. He is a graphic design major, he is interning at an automotive company and the rec center. He has innovated initiatives to help students get involved including projects like Grizz arts. He has high hopes for what he will be able to accomplish in the upcoming year
- Legislator Fox, he is very professional, provided amazing artwork and has the ability to carry out this position well
- Legislator Jagtap says that he has amazing artwork that only gets better
- Legislator Rafidi agrees he is qualified for this job but how would he approach those who miss a deadline that he has present?
- He replies with why would things be turned in late if these things have to be planned ahead anyways.
- Gallery Member spoke on Derek's behalf, "If a graphic designer gives a deadline it is beneficial for both ends" he has done really great work and would be an amazing asset to our team.
- Roll call vote
 - (1) Legislator Augustyniak, yay
 - (2) Legislator Fox, yay
 - (3) Legislator Gunn, yay
 - (4) Legislator Hubbard, yay
 - (5) Legislator Jagtap, yay
 - (6) Legislator Merogi, yay
 - (7) Legislator Mabrouk, yay
 - (8) Legislator Olsen, yay

- (9) Legislator Polsinelli, yay
- (10) Legislator Rafidi, Abstaining
- (11) Legislator Sanders, yay
- (12) Legislator Seeger, yay
- (13) Legislator Williamson, yay

- Legislator Rafidi and Merogi were excused per point of personal privilege at 5:52

K. Approval of Judicial Procedures, *Tyler Fox*

- The procedure of what will happen if the court ever has to be called. Called for two reasons, consists of 3-5 members, 1 must be a staff member, same for the appeals. He would be the chief justice. Will be called within fourteen days, no affiliation to the congress can be called on the court. Meet once a month in the summer, once a week in the school year. 3 unexcused absences will be caused for removal of a member. Can be voted on now in accordance to the constitution,

- No discussion
- Show of hands vote, passed unanimously

L. Approval of Prospective Legislator, *Stephanie Hubbard*

- Peter Gaied
- Motion to remove per limitations of the bylaws and constitution by Legislator Fox, seconded by Rafidi

IX. Discussion Topics

A. Electronic Office Hours Program, *Tyler Fox*

- He set up a google sheet form that will be sent to the entire legislature which will help to keep track of office hours and the like.

X. Legislative Updates

A. Updates related to Legislative Projects and Initiatives

XI. Executive Reports

A. Student Body President, *Lena Mishack*

- This is the last meeting of the semester, the next one is on May 15th. Meetings will always be on Monday but we have the option to move back the time.

B. Student Body Vice President, *Jousef Shkoukani*

- It's been a hectic week, finished up e-board this week, had first eboard meeting, read Roberts rules and wishes to improve and run meetings as efficient as possible.

C. OUSC Advisor, *Stephanie Jurva*

- Please make sure to include her in emails that go out to the congress, the CSA leadership retreat June 2-4, in Lapeer, no cost to the students with more information to come, and would like as many people as possible.

XII. Comments from the Gallery

- A. Sean from board of trustees, shares about the amazing turn out from the presidential candidate forum, and to those that attend there is a survey going around to give feedback. Second candidate will be released tomorrow and there is another forum on Thursday.

- Legislator Hubbard asked where the survey was located
- He responded with it's in the email blast that was sent out earlier in the day

XIII. Announcements

XIV. Adjournment at 6:06pm