



Minutes

Oakland University Student Congress
Eveslage/Malile Administration
Legislative Body Meeting Agenda
Oakland Room, Oakland Center
Monday, November 21st, 2011
4:00 P.M.

- I. **Call to order:** 4:07pm
- II. **Roll Call:** Quorum met
- III. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- IV. **Approval of Meeting Minutes from November 14th, 2011:** Approved
- V. **Comments from the Gallery:** none
- VI. **Old Business**
 - a. C.B. 12-17 Exam Cram Budget Amendment, *presented by Mr. James Sklar*: Mr. Sklar explained C.B. 12-17, has not changed since last week. C.B. 12-17 was passed.
 - b. OUSC Winter 2012 Budget, *presented by Benjamin Eveslage*: Mr. Eveslage explained that since the last meeting the Executive Board has outlined some cuts that they are willing to make on the budget. He asked that the legislators review these as they proceed with any of their own amendments.
 - i. Mr. McCormick motioned to amend the Executive Board Compensation for the Student Services Director's hours to be cut from 20 to 15 hours per week. This was seconded by Ms. Juronoc. This motioned was passed with 21 "yeas"; the Student Services Director's hours were decreased from 20 to 15 per week.
 - ii. Mr. McCormick motioned to amend the compensation for the Marketing Director's hours from 25 hours to 20 hours per week. This was seconded by Ms. Juronoc. This motion was passed with 21 "yeas".
 - iii. Mr. McCormick motioned to amend the amount in line item "Leadership Conferences" from \$1,000 to \$500. This was seconded by Mr. Dunn.
 1. Mr. Gamble asked what would we be cutting from leadership building if we cut \$500. Mr. Eveslage explained that it would be limiting the ability to attend off-campus conferences.
 2. Mr. McCormick explained that he would like to use the money being cut from this on training sessions for OUSC Legislators.
 3. The motion to amend "Leadership Conferences" from \$1,000 to \$500 was passed with 20 "yeas" and 1 "abstaining".
 - iv. Mr. McCormick motioned to decrease amount in line item "Event Promotion & Printing Costs" from \$3,000 to \$2,000. This was seconded by Ms. Juronoc.
 1. Mr. Gamble asked Mr. Shermetaro what we were planning to do with this money. Mr. Shermetaro explained that this money is used between himself and Mr. Herrera to promote OUSC Events; it acts as an overflow account for when more money is needed in event promo that is not covered by the event planners' budget, or any promotion that legislators need with initiatives.
 2. Mr. Gamble motioned for a roll call vote. This was seconded. The motion died with 2 "yeas", 13 "nays", and 5 "abstaining".
 - v. Mr. McCormick motioned to cut line item "Marketing Equipment – Tablet Computer". This was seconded by Mr. Sklar.
 1. Ms. Youhan asked what the purpose for a second iPad would be. Mr. Shermetaro explained that it would make our marketing efforts more efficient.
 2. Mr. Gamble motioned to make a friendly amendment to the amendment on the floor to cut the amount for "Market Equipment" from \$1,000 to \$650. This was seconded by Mr. Polina.
 3. Mr. Sklar stated that we do not need another iPad, we have just purchased one.
 4. Ms. Willett suggested that we could rent an iPad from the Student Technology Center. Mr. Shermetaro explained that this is always hit or miss, and if the iPad were to be damage during our events then we would have to compensate for it.
 5. The motion to amend the line item "Marketing Equipment" amount from \$1,000 to

- \$650 died with 10 “yeas”, 12 “nays”.
6. The motion to remove line item “Marketing Equipment” was passed with 17 “yeas”, 3 “nays” and 2 “abstaining”.
 - vi. Mr. McCormick motioned to amend the amount in line item “Stock Image Subscription” from \$1,000 to \$250. This was seconded by Ms. Alwardt.
 1. This motion was passed with 20 “yeas” and 2 “abstaining”.
 - vii. Mr. McCormick motioned to add \$500 to line item “Grizz Art”. This was seconded by Mr. Gamble.
 1. Mr. Dunn asked what Grizz Art is. Mr. Mclsaac explained that for Grizz Art students submit their artwork and if chosen their artwork is hung in the library café and they are given \$50 spirit cash.
 2. This motion was passed with all “yeas”.
 - viii. Mr. McCormick motioned to decrease the amount in line item “Chinese New Year” from \$3,000 to \$2,000. This was seconded by Mr. Sklar.
 1. This motion was passed with 15 “yeas”, 1 “nay” and 1 “abstaining”.
 - ix. Mr. McCormick motioned to cut line item “March Event” from \$3,000 to \$2,000. This was seconded by Mr. Gamble.
 1. This motion was amended to completely cut out “March Event” as no information about it was defined. This was seconded.
 - a. Ms. Arellano, Mr. Kaakarli and Ms. Youhan were in opposition to this motion. Ms. Willett, Mr. Dunn, Mr. McCormick, Mr. Gamble and Mr. Kaminski were in support of this motion.
 - b. Mr. Gamble motioned for a roll call vote. This was seconded by Ms. Willett.
 - c. The motion to cut “March Event” was passed with 11 “yeas”, 5 “nays” and 1 “abstaining”.
 - x. Mr. McCormick made a motion to strike out line item “SAM Conference”. This was seconded by Ms. Willett.
 1. Mr. Eveslage advised that instead we should strike out “LAD April Event” and reinstate SAM Conference.
 2. Mr. McCormick motioned to strike out “March Event” and reinstate “SAM Conference”. This was seconded by Ms. Willett. The motion was passed with 17 “yeas”.
 - xi. Mr. McCormick motioned to decrease amount in line item “Office Signage and Decorations” from \$2,000 to \$1,000. This was seconded by Mr. Gamble.
 1. Mr. Gamble asked Mr. Eveslage if this would leave enough money for the office. Mr. Eveslage explained that we would have to see if we can find a cheaper option for the Executive Board Plaques, the first quote for this job was for \$3,000.
 2. This motion was passed with 17 “yeas”.
 - xii. Mr. McCormick motioned to decrease “Presidential Discretionary” from \$2,000 to \$1,000. This was seconded by Mr. Williams.
 1. This motion was passed with 14 “yeas”, 1 “nay” and 1 “abstaining”.
 - xiii. Mr. Kaminski motioned to amend all Executive Board and Appointed Agents’ with 25 hours per week to be decreased to 20 hours per week. This was seconded by Mr. Williams.
 1. Ms. Vecchio, Ms. Wolf, Mr. Herrera were in disagreement with this motion. They explained that the Executive Board members hold their positions as their job and many have quit other jobs and internships to work for Student Congress. They also depend greatly on their paychecks to pay bills and other college student expenses.
 2. Ms. Malile spoke on behalf of Ms. Allen who could not be there; Ms. Allen has quit another job and works well over 25 hours per week and puts out great events for OUSC, it would be unfair to cut down to 20 hours per week.
 3. Mr. McCormick explained that he was previously in favor of this motion but had changed his mind.
 4. The motion died with 1 “yea”, 13 “nays” and 2 “abstaining”.
 - xiv. Mr. Gamble motioned to change the Financial Affairs Director’s position from 20 hours to 15 hours per week. This was seconded by Mr. Sklar.

1. Mr. Kaminski expressed that he is also in support of this motion.
 2. Mr. Eveslage explained that he has spoken with Mr. Allison and that he expressed that he was in need of the 20 hours per week. Ms. Vecchio also spoke on behalf of Mr. Allison.
 3. Mr. Gamble took back this motion.
- xv. There was a motion to vote on the budget. This was seconded. The OUSC Winter Budget was passed with 15 "yeas".
- c. Mr. McCormick motioned to cancel Monday, November 28 meeting for the OUSC Holiday Party. This was seconded and passed.
 - d. Ms. Juronoc motioned to end meeting. This was seconded by Mr. Gamble and was passed by all.

VII. ~~New Business: none~~

VIII. ~~Discussion Topics~~

- a. ~~Discussion Topics related to Comments from the Gallery Related to Business of the Day, Guest Speakers, & submitted Statements of Student Concern~~

IX. ~~Reports~~

- a. ~~Student Body President – Mr. Benjamin Eveslage~~
- b. ~~Student Body Vice President – Ms. Elisa Mattie~~
- c. ~~Student Activities Funding Board – Mr. Brandon Hanna~~
- d. ~~Student Program Board – Mr. Jermaine Conaway~~
- e. ~~Legislative Affairs Director – Ms. Samantha wolf~~
- f. ~~Multicultural Affairs Director – Ms. Emilia Allen~~
- g. ~~Financial Affairs Director – Mr. Michael Allison~~
- h. ~~Student Services Director – Mr. Brett McIsaac~~
- i. ~~Visual Communications Director – Mr. Alejandro Herrera~~
- j. ~~Marketing Director – Mr. James Shermetaro~~
- k. ~~Administrative Assistant – Ms. Lisa Vecchio~~
- l. ~~Questions related to Executive Reports~~

X. ~~Updates~~

- a. ~~Steering Committee- Ms. Alexis Hal sell~~
- b. ~~Judiciary Committee- Ms. Natalie Juronoc~~
- c. ~~Scholarship Committee- Mr. Jason Dunn~~
- d. ~~Research and Review Committee- Ms. Maria Willett~~
- e. ~~Residence Hall Association President- Mr. Robbie Williford~~
- f. ~~Congressional Archivist- Mr. Wesley Gamble~~
- g. ~~GSA Liaison- Ms. Michele Alwardt~~
- h. ~~Greek Council Liaison - Ms. Natalie Juronoc~~
- i. ~~Questions related to Updates~~

XI. ~~Comments from the gallery~~

XII. ~~Announcements~~

- a. ~~OUSC Meetings are on Monday at 4:00 in the Oakland Room~~
- b. ~~The next OUSC Meeting will be Monday, November 28th.~~
- c. ~~Have a fun and safe Thanksgiving Break!~~

XIII. ~~Adjournment: 5:55pm~~