



Minutes
Oakland University Student Congress
Meinberg/Iwanski
Gold Room C, Oakland Center
Monday, September 8th, 2014
4:00 P.M.



- I. Call to Order 4:01 P.M.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
 - A. Nate Catey
 - 1. Present and voting
 - B. Brittany Hall
 - 1. Not present
 - C. Madison Kubinski
 - 1. Present and voting
 - D. Kristie Nixon
 - 1. Present and voting
 - E. Jeffrey Schuett
 - 1. Present and voting
 - F. Andre Sykes
 - 1. Present and voting
 - G. Laina Townsend
 - 1. Present and voting
 - H. Nick Walter
 - 1. Present and voting
 - I. James Buzzo
 - 1. Not present
- IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes from August 25, 2014
 - A. Ms. Iwanski noted that there was a misspelling of a motion and corrected it. Legislator Walter motioned to change the word sue to due in the minutes. Vote:7 yay, 0 nay
 - 1. Vote: 7 yay, 0 nay, motion passed
- V. Comments from the Gallery
- VI. Old Business
 - A. Approval of Validations Committee member Cullen Callaghan, *presented by Ms. Cassandra Hock*
 - 1. Ms. Hock said that one member of the Validations committee had to drop out last minute and she has replaced his with Mr. Cullen Callaghan. Callaghan is a member of the Catholic Students Society, was an Orientation Group Leader and Orientation Assistant for the Orientation and New Student Programs office. Mr. Walter motioned to add this line item to the agenda. 7 yay, 0 nay.
 - 2. Mr. Buzzo entered
 - 3. Vote: 8 yay, 0 nay.
- VII. New Business
 - A. Student Activity Funding Board Summer Summary, *presented by Mr. Jorge Garcia*

1. Mr. Garcia gave an overview of the Student Activities Funding Board budget from the summer 2014 semester.
- B. Legislator Approval, *presented by Ms. Laina Townsend*
 1. Mr. Andrew Laux
 - a) Legislator Townsend introduced Mr. Laux, he was a legislator during the previous administration, and he was very passionate about Oakland and was very experienced. Mr. Laux described his wonderful time at Oakland University and he noted that his greatest experience was when he was helping students. As he began his last year at Oakland he could not fathom not being a part of Student Congress.
 - b) Roll Call Vote:
 - (1) Catey: Yay
 - (2) Kubinski: Yay
 - (3) Nixon: Yay
 - (4) Schuett: Yay
 - (5) Sykes: Yay
 - (6) Townsend: Yay
 - (7) Walter: Yay
 - (8) Buzzo: Yay

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*
 1. Mr. Johnson said that he had received several complaints about construction equipment in pathways and in front of doors. He reminded everyone that if they have any complaints to direct them towards him.

IX. Reports

- A. Student Body President- *Ms. Annie Meinberg*
 1. Ms. Meinberg thanked the gallery for being present. She reminded everyone that OUSC will be giving out free scantrons again and students must be signing in on GrizzOrgs or social media. She added that Career Services was looking for volunteers to work Career Fairs, this was a good opportunity for networking.
- B. Student Body Vice President- *Ms. Elizabeth Iwanski*
 1. Ms. Iwanski said she had been meeting with Lori and JZ from housing about the readership program. She and Ms. Meinberg met with Dr. Hynd about the initiatives they had been working on over the summer and the things from their campaign.
- C. Student Activities Funding Board Chair- *Mr. Jorge Garcia*
 1. Mr. Garcia said that they was student organization training and in the previous weeks he had been working with Student Orgs helping answer questions and had been meeting with the executive board and Chartwells.
- D. Student Program Board Chair- *Ms. Rylin Ploe*
 1. Not present. Report circulated.
- E. Legislative Affairs Director- *Ms. Bria Ellis*
 1. Ms. Ellis said that her event Rock for Rights was taking place the next day. It is a talent show showcasing student talent and helping students register to

vote. There will be free shirt giveaways for the first 100 attendees and those that registered would be put into a raffle. There was going to be a mobile secretary of state at the Grizz fest event. Constitution day was September 17, there will be a video of student leaders and faculty reciting the preamble and bill of rights This weekend there was going to be a SAM (Student Association of Michigan) meeting at Michigan Tech. And the next meeting will be October 4th at Oakland University.

F. Multi-Cultural Affairs Director- *Ms. Erin Ward*

1. Ms. Ward said that since she is a new member of the Executive Board she had been getting to know the position and the office in the previous weeks. She had been meeting with Tifrah from Student Program Board about Island Fest. She is working to put on a SAFE Training for Student Congress members, she explained that SAFE is a training for students, staff and faculty to become more aware and accepting of the LGBTIQA community on campus.

G. Financial Affairs Director- *Mr. Sam Harris*

1. Mr. Harris said he had been working to manage the budget and doing payroll for the executive board. He also noted that the change that the university made about students only being able to work 20 hours per week was revoked and students will be able to work 25 hours on campus per week this year.

H. Student Services Director- *Mr. Kyler Johnson*

1. Mr. Johnson said he had been working with University Housing on the Bear Bus and Bear Bus day. He also had been receiving student complaints specifically about the Disc Gold Course that will reopen in 2015.

I. Marketing Director- *Mr. Josh Pokrefky*

1. Mr. Pokrefky said that Rock for Rights will be in the banquet rooms. The Fear the Grizz shirts were very successful and many people have been asking about them. He added that social media has gained a lot of followship this year. There are still a lot of planners left in the office and the jackets for this administration will be coming in soon for test sizes.

J. Visual Communications Director- *Ms. Kathleen Peterson*

1. Ms. Peterson said that she finally had chosen a winner for her first graphic design contest of the semester. She said she planned to have more contests this semester.

K. Environmental Health and Wellness- *Mr. Shawn Czewski*

L. Mr. Czewski said that he had been working on a lot of new projects. Meeting with the recreation center about Zomba and Cora Hanson from Environmental Health and Safety.

M. Administrative Assistant- *Ms. Cassandra Hock*

1. Ms. Hock said that the Open House went really well, she had been working on getting ready for elections.

N. OUSC Advisor- *Ms. Allison Webster*

1. Not present.

O. *Questions related to Executive Reports*

1. Legislator Kubinski asked Ms. Ward about whom may attend the SAFE training. Ms. Ward said that it can be open to all of Student Congress and anyone else members of Student Congress want to invite.

2. Legislator Walter asked Ms. Ellis if senate bill 408 had passed. Ms. Ellis said that essentially it failed, because it had been sitting in committee. Ms. Ellis explained that senate bill 408 was a bill written that would create a tax break on student loans for students that continue to live in Michigan after graduation.

X. Updates

A. Senior Legislator- *Ms. Brittany Hall*

1. Not present.

B. Judiciary Committee- *Mr. Jeffery Schuett*

1. Mr. Schuett said that Matthew Light had resigned as a legislator. He reminded all the legislators that they must complete one office hour weekly and have an Executive Board member sign off on it.

C. Steering Committee- *Ms. Madison Kubinski*

1. Legislator Kubinski said that the deadline for submitting material for the agenda of Thursday nights at 11:59 will remain at this time all semester. She also reminded everyone to check everything that you are sending in and receiving.

D. Research and Review Committee- *Ms. Laina Townsend*

1. Legislator Townsend said that there are 15 legislator spots open and she was available to answer questions.

E. Scholarship Committee- *Ms. Kristie Nixon*

1. Legislator Nixon said that she had been working on ironing out her ideas for scholarships and setting up her committee.

F. Congressional Archivist- *Mr. Nate Catey*

1. Legislator Catey said he had been looking for committee members and trying to schedule a committee meeting.

G. Tailgate Committee- *Ms. Brittany Hall*

1. Not present.

H. RHA President- *Mr. James Buzzo*

1. Mr. Buzzo said that RHA had their first meeting at it was very successful. He said all RHA meetings will be Thursdays at 7pm in Oak View Hall. RHA also planned a comedian for September 19th.

I. *Questions related to updates*

1. Legislator Kubinski asked the date of the tailgate. Mr. Pokrefky said it will take place on September 20th at 2:00pm.

XI. Comments from the Gallery

XII. Announcements

A. Legislator Kubinski said that Sorority Formal recruitment will be coming up.

B. Ms. Hock said that several members of the Executive Board will be in the SPB Carnival Dunk tank.

C. Legislator Schuett told everyone that there will be a 9/11 memorial at 8:45 outside North Foundation Hall.

D. Mr. Harris said that Greek Fest will take place this week and all fraternities are actively recruiting.

XIII. Adjournment 4:43 P.M.