



Minutes

Oakland University Student Congress
Eveslage/Malile Administration
Legislative Body Meeting Agenda
Oakland Room, Oakland Center
Monday, February 13th, 2012
4:00 P.M.

- I. **Call to order:** 4:00pm
- II. **Roll Call:** Quorum met
- III. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- IV. **Guest Speaker**
 - a. Glenn McIntosh, Asst. VP of Student Affairs & Dean of Students: Dean McIntosh and Terri from University Technology presented to OUSC the idea of having a student directory where student email addresses can be accessed. This has existed in the past and had to be discontinued because business and scams were getting the email addresses and spamming students' inboxes. They were interested in seeing what OUSC thought about having something like this reinstated, but made more private than before.
 - i. Mr. Shermetaro: What would be the benefit of having a directory like this?
 - ii. Dean McIntosh: Student contact is the main purpose of the directory.
 - iii. Mr. Shermetaro: Isn't that what Moodle is for? We can access students' emails via Moodle.
 - iv. Terri: This would be more for further contact after the classes have ended.
 - v. Mr. McIssac: How many students have showed concern about not being able to access students' email addresses?
 - vi. Dean McIntosh: Many student organizations have contacted us and were interested in having this when recruiting students to join their organizations or to tell them about their orgs events.
 - vii. McIssac: Would students be able to choose to not have their emails shared in this directory?
 - viii. Terri: We could have an option for the students to do so.
 - ix. Ms. Willett: I would suggest allowing only students who share their emails to be able to access the other shared emails.
 - x. Mr. Allison: Moodle does go back a few semesters if we are interested in getting past classmates email addresses. Also, it should be up to the student organizations to promote themselves and find members, spamming students' emails with their info could be a disturbance also.
 - xi. Mr. Eveslage: I agree, maybe if students knew more about University resources a directory would not be needed.
 - xii. Mr. Shermetaro: would this allow me to look up all student emails?
 - xiii. Terri: Not a complete list, it would be a search engine to find students.
 - xiv. Mr. Sklar: I like this idea and would find it to be very useful being a fraternity and other student orgs.
 - xv. Mr. McCormick: Thanks for coming. I suggest that we should be able to have a way to get in touch with alumni also, not just students. It would be valuable to allow alumni to keep their OU emails after graduation to keep them involved with OU.
 - xvi. Terri: Alumni currently get to choose if they would like to keep in contact with OU and their activities. It is also difficult to get an email from alumni that they actually use. It would cost money to allow alumni to keep their OU emails, and we wouldn't want the cost to be put on current students through tuition.
 - xvii. McCormick: Alumni could pay personally if they want to keep their addresses, I would do this.
 - xviii. Terri: We are interested in knowing whether you would be in agreement with the student directory; it sounds like most of you like the idea. Would you prefer it be behind a login, like through SAIL, so that it is not public, but only viewable to other students?
 - xix. Ms. Boye: I would be for this if it is behind a login.

- xx. Mr. Hanna: Do other universities have a directory like this?
 - xxi. Dean McIntosh: Most Michigan schools do have this.
 - xxii. Willett: I would agree with it being behind a login like SAIL.
 - xxiii. McIlsac: I like it being behind SAIL. But many students do not check their SAIL accounts on a timely basis. It would be useful to have a popup when we first login to SAIL once this is set up, telling us about the directory, where to find it, and how to opt out of having our emails shared in it.
 - xxiv. Mr. Irish: I agree with Brett's suggestion.
- b. Kevin Varga & Joe Camarata, Owner & Sales Manager of Hot Spotz Internet Advertising: Mr. Varga and Mr. Camarata introduced their business, Hot Spotz, to OUSC, explaining that it is a website that lists things to do in Oakland County, advertises for different companies/businesses in the area, and coupon offers. They wanted to get the word out about their business and were looking for ways to do so on OU's campus since its can be useful for students to find deals and things to do via Hot Spotz. The site is www.hotspotz.info. They also have some employment opportunities and are interested in having interns from OU.
- i. Ms. Malile: Thank you for coming, it is inspiring to hear about people starting up new businesses.
 - ii. Mr. McIlsac: thank you for coming. You should speak with Career Services to in on job fairs that they do throughout year if you are looking for employees or promoting their website.
 - iii. Mr. McCormick: Are you looking for full time employees? And how many hits are you getting on the website per day?
 - 1. Mr. Varga: Yes, we are looking for about 20 sales representatives. We get about 200 followers per day on the site.

V. **Approval of Meeting Minutes from February 6th, 2012:** Approved

VI. **Comments from the Gallery:**

- a. Alexa VanVliet, Gender & Sexuality Center: Alexa discussed a suicide prevention program, QPR – Question. Persuade. Refer., that would come to train students and faculty/staff and she is looking for help in funding this program. She is looking to draft a bill to be presented to OUSC allocating funds toward QPR Training. It would be for about \$7,000 from OUSC, \$1,000 from Housing and also funds from Graham Health Center.
 - i. Ms. Halsell: I am in support of this.
 - ii. Ms. Willett: Are any other student orgs funding this?
 - iii. Alexa: GSC, Housing, and Graham are all we have right now. Also the facilitator training requires an 8 hr day commitment.
 - iv. Ms. Wolf: Thanks for coming. Would other places within the community who are looking to get trained with QPR at OU be contributing funding?
 - v. Alexa: We could try and get some from outsiders, but I would like to have OU take on this initiative and give back to the community by doing so.
 - vi. Ms. Halsell: I did the math and it would cost OUSC \$6,500 in total.
 - vii. Mr. Eveslage: Our amount in uncategorized funds is less than we anticipated when drafting the budget, just to keep in mind.
 - viii. Ms. Webster: I am QPR trained from Grand Valley, they are a great center and promoter of QPR training, maybe you should reach out to them.
 - ix. Mr. Hanna: You could create a student organization for Suicide Prevention and maybe that would help with acquiring funds.
 - x. Willett: Training would be more useful for Graham HC employees or other staff and faculty rather than wasting the money on students who will be leaving OU after graduation.

VII. **Old Business:** none

VIII. **New Business**

- a. C.B. 12-05 MAD Chinese New Year Fund Allocation, *presented by Legislator Willet*: C.B. 12-05 would re-allocate money from the MAD's Chinese New Year event that was left over, \$1,790, to the new budget line item "Acrassicauda Event" within the MAD's budget. \$2,000 would also be re-allocated from the NCAA Tournament to this line item.
 - i. Ms. Tibbits: Why would we have allocated money to the NCAA Tournament if last year the funding for it was taken from Presidential Discretionary?
 - ii. Mr. Evesalge: Well, most likely this year the Men's Basketball team may not be making it into the NCAA Tournament. Last year this was a decision made, this year we decided to just put it in the budget in case something else could have been done with Presidential Discretionary.
 - iii. Ms. Alwardt: Emi, could you tell us a bit about the event?
 - iv. Ms. Allen: On March 1st I am looking to have the Iraqi refugee group, Acrassicauda, a heavy metal band from Iraq, present their documentary of their experiences, then to participate in a panel discussion about it, and finally they would do a live performance for the students.
 - v. Mr. Polina: Acrassicauda is a band from Iraq that has struggled and it would be a great experience to learn from them as they still worked to follow their dream. I also went to the same school as them in Iraq and am familiar with their story.
 - vi. Ms. Vecchio: I am in Professor Landolt's class currently and she has told us about this event and is very excited to bring them to OU. I am in full support of this and think it would be a great event for OUSC Multicultural Affairs to have.
 - vii. Ms. Thompson: I also spoke with Landolt about this and she is very enthusiastic about bringing the band here.
 - viii. Mr. McCormick: This sounds like a great event, but we should see a cost breakdown for it as well.
 - ix. Ms. Allen: I have this prepared and am willing to share with everyone. She shared it via the projection screen at meeting.

IX. **Discussion Topics**

- a. *Discussion Topics related to Comments from the Gallery Related to Business of the Day, Guest Speakers, & submitted Statements of Student Concern:* none

X. **Reports**

- a. Student Body President – Mr. Benjamin Eveslage: Report written & circulated. Working on the Symposium which is March 21st, all day long.
- b. Student Body Vice President – Ms. Elisa Malile: Report written & circulated. Legislators not doing their office hours will be up for removal. Also please keep the office clean, pick up after yourself and others.
- c. Student Activities Funding Board – Mr. Brandon Hanna: Report written & circulated. There is a student org training on Friday at 9am.
- d. ~~Student Program Board – Mr. Jermaine Conaway~~
- e. Legislative Affairs Director – Ms. Samantha Wolf: Report written & circulated. Looking for speakers for the Symposium and planning for OU Day at the Capitol.
- f. Multicultural Affairs Director – Ms. Emilia Allen: Report written & circulated. Busy working on the Interfaith Initiative. Thank you to Niko for your help in the office lately.
- g. Financial Affairs Director – Mr. Michael Allison: Report written & circulated. \$250 was spent on OU Day at the Capitol reservation.
- h. Student Services Director – Mr. Brett McIsaac: Report written & circulated. Working on getting a new fire pit that is more accessible to students. Will be meeting with Jim Zentmeyer about the Bear Bus this week.
- i. Visual Communications Director – Mr. Alejandro Herrera: Report written & circulated. Working on event graphics.
- j. Marketing Director—Mr. James Shermetaro: Report written & circulated. Attended a library focus meeting and looking to get more study rooms and a scantron vending machine in the library.
- k. Administrative Assistant – Ms. Lisa Vecchio: Report written & circulated. I have Candidate Orientation Session all this week, today's went well. The rest are on: Wednesday at 2, 3, and 4pm in Lake Michigan Room; Thursday at 5pm in Lake Superior A and Friday at 12, 1, and 2pm in Lake Michigan. Remember all candidates must attend one.
- l. *Questions related to Executive Report: none*

XI. Updates

- a. Steering Committee- Ms. Alexis Halsell: I have been training new committee members.
- b. ~~Judiciary Committee- Ms. Natalie Juronoc~~
- c. ~~Scholarship Committee-~~
- d. ~~Research and Review Committee- Ms. Maria Willett~~
- e. Residence Hall Association President- Mr. Robbie Williford: I have been meeting with Kristie on Grizzpose.
- f. Congressional Archivist- Mr. Wesley Gamble: none
- g. GSA Liaison- Ms. Michele Alwardt: GSC Valentines Party is tomorrow, and we are raising money for the Ruth Ellis Center but collecting donations and selling pizza.
- h. ~~Greek Council Liaison - Ms. Natalie Juronoc~~
- i. *Questions related to Updates: none*

XII. Comments from the gallery: none

XIII. Announcements

- a. OUSC Election Orientations will be this Wednesday February 15 in the Lake Michigan Room.
- b. OUSC Meetings are on Monday at 4:00 in the Oakland Room
- c. The next OUSC Meeting will be two weeks from today Monday, February 27th.
- d. Have a happy Valentine's Day and a Safe Winter break!

XIV. Adjournment: 5:23pm