



Meeting Minutes

Oakland University Student Congress
Eveslage/Malile Administration
Legislative Body Meeting Agenda
Oakland Room, Oakland Center
Monday, July 25, 2011
4:00 P.M.

- I. **Call to order:** 4:00pm
- II. **Roll Call:** Quorum met. Ms. Juronoc and Ms. Herbert arrived late, present and voting.
- III. **Approval of Meeting Minutes from June 6, 2011:** Approved.
- IV. **Comments from the Gallery**
 - a. Allison Webster, the new OUSC advisor, introduced herself to OUSC. She was welcomed.
- V. **Old Business**
 - a. 2nd Reading of the Fall 2011 Budget, *presented by Mr. Ben Eveslage*
 - i. Mr. Eveslage went through the details of the fall budget. He explained that the most significant change to the budget, in comparison to past budgets, was the cuts to the readership program. Last fall \$14,00 was allocated to it but this fall we will be trying to get funding for it from other departments on campus.
 - ii. Ms. Willett asked if OUSC only has to pay for the newspapers that are picked up by students. Mr. Eveslage confirmed that that is correct.
 - iii. A roll call vote was conducted. The Fall 2011 Budget was approved with 13 “yays” and 0 “nays”.
 - b. SAFB Bylaws Amendment C.B. 12-04, *presented by Ms. Maria Willett*
 - i. Ms. Willett yielded to Mr. Hanna. Mr. Hanna explained how C.B. 12-04 would change some structure of SAFB.
 - ii. Ms. Willett explained that the wording of “adult merchandise” should be more clearly defined.
 - iii. Ms. Alwardt explained that the working of “adult toys” is discriminatory of student organizations such as the Gender and Sexuality Center who, in the past, have purchased these items. Mr. Hanna made it clear that the GSC has other funds that they can use to purchase “adult” merchandise.
 - iv. Mr. Gamble explained that the wording of “adult toys” is clear enough and that there is no need for it to be changed.
 - v. A roll call vote was conducted. C.B. 12-04 was approved with 10 “yays” and 3 “nays”.
- VI. **Discussion Topics**
 - a. *Discussion Topics related to Comments from the Gallery Related to Business of the Day, Guest Speakers, & submitted Statements of Student Concern*
 - i. Mr. Mclsaac explained that there was a comment made to him about how there should be a website for the OU Book Swap. Being that there already is one, Mr. Mclsaac stated that it would need to be advertised better to the public.
 - b. *Campus Road Closure, presented by Mr. Benjamin Eveslage*
 - i. Mr. Eveslage and Mr. Mclsaac explained that the administration is looking at a possible campus road closure system. This would prevent traffic back ups at critical locations on campus and help alleviate congestion in parking lots by closing off full lots. These closures would be scheduled and would have in the increasing the use of OUSC campus transportation initiatives.
 - ii. Ms. Willett questioned if this system is used at other universities and if it has been successful. Ms. Malile answered that yes, it has been implemented at other larger universities but was not sure of its success.
 - iii. Mr. Dunn asked whether there would be any punishment for those who violate the closures. Mr. Eveslage explained that he was not sure of this yet.
 - iv. Mr. Mclsaac explained that we should just the administration know that OUSC is open to consider any options that they are looking at.
 - v. Ms. Allen agreed with Mr. Mclsaac on his comment. She added that we should survey students about this and give the results to the administration to review.

- vi. Mr. Eveslage decided that OUSC will be surveyed on this system before the student body is.
- c. Government Outreach Organization, *presented by Ms. Samantha Wolf*
 - i. Ms. Wolf and Ms. Malile explained that the Government Outreach Organization would help coordinate students with political involvement opportunities outside of the university; possibly including scholarships for students, internships for Political Science majors, visits to the capital to discuss higher education.
 - ii. Mr. Gamble explained that it would be good program to have but he feels it maybe be difficult to avoid a partisan outlook. Ms. Wolf explained that all opinions would be expressed; there would not be just one opinion for the group to go with.
 - iii. Ms. Malile explained that this is still a work in progress.

VII. Reports

- a. Student Body President – Mr. Benjamin Eveslage: Written and circulated. Mr. Eveslage added that the fall budget has extra money in it that is left over from past budgets and reminded legislators that they can always submit budget amendments to present and are welcome to present initiatives they would like OUSC to be a part of.
- b. Student Body Vice President – Ms. Elisa Malile: Written and circulated. Ms. Malile added that she is looking to create a position on the Greek Council for an OUSC Legislator to represent OUSC at the Greek Council. She will be scheduling individual appointments with legislators up until the start of fall semester.
- c. Student Activities Funding Board – Mr. Brandon Hanna: Written and circulated. Mr. Hanna added that he is planning on meeting with the individuals who were in disagreement with C.B. 12-04.
- d. Student Program Board – Mr. Jermaine Conaway: Absent.
- e. Legislative Affairs Director – Ms. Samantha Wolf: Written and circulated. Ms. Wolf informed everyone of the date for her events for the fall and that she is in the progress of planning other events having to do with environmental issues and politicians in the area.
- f. Multicultural Affairs Director – Ms. Emilia Allen: Written and circulated. Ms. Allen explained that she is looking for help from everyone with OU Post Secret, to help with promotion, and the planning of the event.
- g. Financial Affairs Director – Mr. Michael Allison: Written and circulated. Mr. Allison added that he has been busy working on the fall budget with Mr. Eveslage.
- h. Student Services Director – Mr. Brett McIsaac: Written and circulated. Mr. McIsaac explained that he has been busy learning how to make forms for online applications and involvement.
- i. Visual Communications Director – Mr. Alejandro Herrera: Written and circulated. Mr. Herrera added that he has been busy working on the visuals and postcards for OU Post Secret. He also informed the legislators that he still needs to take pictures of some of them for the showcase and the website.
- j. Marketing Director—Mr. James Shermetaro: Written and circulated. Mr. Shermetaro explained that he has been busy working on his personal organization and the emailing website for target marketing along with Google analytics.
- k. Administrative Assistant – Ms. Lisa Vecchio: Written and circulated. Ms. Vecchio added that she has been busy working with Mr. Eveslage on renovating the OUSC office and that she is open to any suggestions from the legislators on this.
- l. *Questions related to Executive Reports: None*

VIII. Updates

- a. Steering Committee- Ms. Alexis Halsell: Absent.
- b. Judiciary Committee- Ms. Natalie Juronoc: Ms. Juronoc explained the attendance policy for the legislators' information.
 - i. Mr. Dunn asked when the attendance policy would start to be put in place. Mr. Eveslage explained that everyone will be informed with it will take effect.
- c. Scholarship Committee- Mr. Steve Cox: Mr. Cox informed everyone that if they are interested in joining his committee to email him.
- d. Research and Review Committee- Ms. Maria Willett: Ms. Willett has been trying to form a committee.
- e. Congressional Archivist- Mr. Wesley Gamble: Mr. Gamble explained that the progress of digitizing OUSC archives has come to a halt and will start back up again soon. He informed everyone to contact him if they are interested in joining his committee.
- f. *Questions related to Updates: None.*

IX. **Comments from the gallery:** None.

X. Announcements

- a. Next OUSC Meeting is Monday, August 22, 2011
- b. Stay Tuned for OUSC Training/Retreat
- c. Human Health Science Building Photo-Op on July 26 at 1:45pm.

XI. **Adjournment:** 4:44pm