



Minutes

Oakland University Student Congress
Eveslage/Malile Administration
Legislative Body Meeting Agenda
Oakland Room, Oakland Center
Monday, January 23rd, 2012
4:00 P.M.

- I. **Call to order:** 4:00pm
- II. **Roll Call:** Quorum met
- III. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- IV. **Guest Speaker**
 - a. Ms. Kristie Nixon, RHA's Vice President of Finance
 - i. RHA is working on holding an event, "Grizzpose". This event will work with local businesses that will be donating clothes for the models. It will also involve talent acts all in effort to raise money to build a school in rural India. The school only costs \$5,000 to build and will house 3,000 students. They are looking for help with funding this event, looking for donations, student organizations to sell tickets for the event (since RHA cannot). Also, the President of the organization, Schools for India, will be coming and an event will have to be hosted for that. The date is March 21st in the Gold Rooms and the ticket pricing in mind would be \$5 for OU Students and \$10 for non-students.
 - ii. Ms. Halsell: What are the local businesses to be involved?
 - iii. Ms. Nixon: Mostly clothing and fashion business will be involved whether it be by having advertisements in the event program, or donating clothes for modeling.
 - iv. Ms. Malile: How much money would you been asking for this event?
 - v. Ms. Nixon: Anything starting at \$1,000 would be a great contribution.
 - vi. Ms. Juronoc: So the revenue from the ticket sales will be donated?
 - vii. Ms. Nixon: Yes.
 - viii. Mr. McIssac: Does RHA have a budget outlined for the event?
 - ix. Ms. Nixon: Not yet, but we are working on it.
 - x. Mr. Gamble: Will you also need help working the event?
 - xi. Ms. Nixon: The help needed would be mostly behind the scenes with the fashion show.
 - xii. Ms. Allen: Thank you for coming today. I would recommend that OUSC helps out with this great event, RHA has helped us with events/funding in the past.
 - xiii. Ms. Juronoc: Services like MC and photographer can be donated by OU students to help save money.
 - xiv. Mr. Kaminski: A lot of student in art programs would probably be happy to donate their time to photograph.
 - xv. Ms. Alwardt: OUSC should consider doing a joint event with RHA for when the President of Schools for India comes to OU.
 - xvi. Ms. Nixon: RHA also has an annual Sibling Weekend that they will be spending funds on and that is part of the reason why money is needed for Grizzpose.
 - xvii. Ms. Juronoc: I think that OUSC may be more apt to donating funds towards an event like the Sibling Weekend rather than Grizzpose.
 - xviii. Ms. Vecchio: Thank you for coming today. I think that this is a great event idea and I hope to see this come together.
 - xix. Ms. Boye: Sibling Week is more for just residents, Grizzpose would be for all of the students.
 - xx. Ms. Malile: Who would like to help with the planning of this and be in communication with Ms. Nixon about the event?
 1. Mr. Kaminski and Mr. Johnson showed interest.
 - xxi. Ms. Nixon: Anyone who is interested in participating in the talent part of this event, there are 5 positions and there will be auditions.
- V. **Approval of Meeting Minutes from January 9th, 2012:** Approved
- VI. **Comments from the Gallery:** Chris Jaeger from OUWB Student Government said how they are interested

in having a Liaison at the OUSC meetings. Mr. Eveslage expressed interest in this and welcomed OUWB Student Government.

VII. Old Business: none

VIII. New Business:

- a. Approval of Visual Communication Committee Members: Ms. Willett: Motion to combine line items VIII. a. i & ii. This was seconded and passed.
 - i. Joseph Summers & Wesley Gamble
 1. Mr. Herrera: Added a committee for his position because of the workload he has experienced in the past semester. He spoke on behalf of both Mr. Summers and Mr. Gamble.
 2. Mr. Summers and Mr. Gamble were approved as members of the Visual Communication Members.
- b. Mr. McCormick motioned to add the approval of Hasan Kaakarli to the Multicultural Affairs Committee. This was seconded by Ms. Juronoc.
 - i. Ms. Allen spoke on behalf of Hasan and that he is a great asset to her committee.
 - ii. Mr. Kaakarli was approved as a member of the Multicultural Affairs Committee.

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:* Mr. McIssac: A student approached him about getting a refund for the fee in tuition for the Rec Center. This is not possible as OU does that have any fees, everything is included in tuition costs.
- b. *Student Attendance at Home Games presented by Mr. McCormick:* Athletics has been charging a high amount for students attending OU Basketball games. For example, is there anything that we can do to address this problem and have a better turn out at games?
 - i. Mr. McIssac: I agree. I will meet with Athletics about this and try to get something done about this.
 - ii. Mr. Kaminski: At U of M they only charge \$10 at Chrysler Arena versus \$25 at the OU/ Tennessee game this year.
 - iii. Ms. Juronoc: Charging for games kind of defeats the purpose of OUSC spending their money on tailgates to get students out to the games.
 - iv. Mr. Eveslage: This is an issue and I completely agree. Most of the money for games and Athletics comes from student tuition and then on top of that they ask us to pay for tickets.
 - v. Ms. Thompson: If there is a way to expand the student section that could help.
 - vi. Ms. Boye: I suggest that we meet after the meeting to come up with questions for Athletics, but I motion to end this discussion. Seconded. Passed.

X. Reports

- a. Student Body President – Mr. Benjamin Eveslage: CETL is a new service in Pawley Hall that's purpose is to make professors better teachers. Students can give feedback on their professors. Their first meeting will be February 7th and the Director of the Program will be at our next meeting to get members. Also, on Friday, February 10 there is a LGBT Conference to focus on LGBT issues in education. OUSC has 4 spots, who is interested? – anyone interested OUSC will reserve a spot for you.
 - i. Ms. Alwardt, Ms. Thompson, Mr. Dunn, Ms. Arellano and Ms. Youhan were interested.
- b. Student Body Vice President – Ms. Elisa Malile: Working on the planning of the Tailgate. Come to the office more, I have not seen everyone!
- c. Student Activities Funding Board – Mr. Brandon Hanna: the first SAFB meeting was today. Any legislators in need of an office hour to come see me.
- d. Student Program Board – Mr. Jermaine Conaway: Making last purchases for Casino Night. Working on the Spring Concert and getting Kalik caught up.
- e. Legislative Affairs Director – Ms. Samantha Wolf: Attended SAM Conference, will have a presentation next week.
- f. Multicultural Affairs Director – Ms. Emilia Allen: Thanks to everyone who came to Chinese New Year and MLK Day of Service.
- g. Financial Affairs Director – Mr. Michael Allison: Spent \$332 on fliers, SAM and office supplies.
- h. Student Services Director – Mr. Brett McIsaac: Grizz Art is coming in this week, please put in conference room if you see anyone bringing it in.
- i. Visual Communications Director – Mr. Alejandro Herrera: Working on tailgate, need volunteers to sign up for tasks at Tailgate.

- j. Marketing Director—Mr. James Shermetaro: SCVNGR is up and running, everyone check it out.
- k. Administrative Assistant – Ms. Lisa Vecchio: The Declaration for Candidacy for running in the election will be due on Monday, January 30th by 5pm. Think about any ballot initiatives. One more person is needed on the Library Focus Group. (Ms. Thompson and Mr. Polina showed interest).
- l. *Questions related to Executive Reports:*
 - i. Mr. Gamble to Mr. Conaway: Who will be coming for the Spring Concert?
 - 1. Mr. Conaway: Cannot announce anything since it is not yet official.
 - ii. Mr. Gamble to Ms. Allen: What do you have planned for this semester?
 - 1. Ms. Allen: I am working on a few events with bringing an Iraqi Rock Band, and Monks to perform ceremony. Also, the faith-based center initiative is in progress.
 - 2. Ms. Willett: Maybe we can cosponsor RHA's event.
 - iii. Mr. Juronoc to Ms. Vecchio: Is the deadline for declaring candidacy set in stone?
 - 1. Ms. Vecchio: This deadline can be extended if the Elections Commission decides to extend it.
 - iv. Ms. Juronoc: Motion to end discussion. Seconded. Passed.

XI. Updates

- a. Steering Committee- Ms. Alexis Halsell: We had our first committee meeting today the next will be next Monday at 3.
- b. Judiciary Committee- Ms. Natalie Juronoc: I will be cracking down on attendance and office hours.
- c. Scholarship Committee- Mr. Jason Dunn: Working on getting some scholarship competitions going this semester.
- d. Research and Review Committee- Ms. Maria Willett: none
- e. Residence Hall Association President- Mr. Robbie Williford: Friday Night Live this Friday at 7pm with a magician/comedian.
- f. Congressional Archivist- Mr. Wesley Gamble: none
- g. GSA Liaison- Ms. Michele Alwardt: GSC will have a Valentines Day Party on February 14th
- h. Greek Council Liaison - Ms. Natalie Juronoc: Up til Dawn event, Gamma Phi Beta is selling ribbon pins, and Mr. Phi Sigma Sigma next Friday. Also informal recruiting is going on.
- i. *Questions related to Updates:* none

XII. Comments from the gallery: none

XIII. Announcements

- a. OUSC Meetings are on Monday at 4:00 in the Oakland Room
- b. The next OUSC Meeting will be Monday, January 30th.
- c. Casino Night on January 28th from 8 until midnight in the Banquet Rooms.
 - i. Mr. Conaway: volunteers are needed to deal at Casino Night.
- d. The Homecoming BYOB Tailgate is this weekend at noon until 3 in P-16.

XIV. Adjournment: 5:24pm