



Minutes

Oakland University Student Congress
Wolf/Williford Administration
Legislative Body Meeting Agenda
Oakland Room, Oakland Center
Monday, February 25th, 2013
4:00 P.M.

- I. **Call to order:** 4:00pm
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. **Roll Call:** Quorum met.
- IV. **Approval of Meeting Minutes from February 11th, 2013:** Approved.
- V. **Comments from the Gallery**
 - a. Mr. Menachem Davis asked Legislator Polina about the absence of Mr. Shermetaro being consistently absent. Polina explained that a legislator's job is to vote and that's why their presence is so necessary. Executive board does a lot of their work outside of general body. Ms. Wolf commented that sometimes certain circumstances can be accepted for missing meeting. Mr. Shermetaro gives his report to Ms. Collins every week to circulate and also gives it to Ms. Wolf to announce at meeting to the general body. This is not a normal occurrence but this semester we had to make an exception.
- VI. **Old Business**
 - a. **C.B. 13-17 Student Union Trip**, *presented by Legislator Ashley Monticciolo*
 - i. This is the second reading of the bill. It is for \$500 for the student union trip this Friday. This is to cover expenses for the trip. Legislator Willett asked if the \$500 is being split with SAFAC. Ms. Wolf said SAFAC hasn't voted yet but they will most likely approve it. Chartwells is covering lunch so the \$500 will not be fully used. There are still spots available and the sooner the better Ms. Wolf is told about someone attending, but she is flexible.
 - ii. Vote:
 1. Ahmed: Yay
 2. Kaakarli: Yay
 3. Knapp: Yay
 4. MacDonald: Yay
 5. Mitchell: Yay
 6. Monticciolo: Yay
 7. Nuss: Yay
 8. Peterson: Yay
 9. Pierce: Yay
 10. Polina: Yay
 11. Rochon: Yay
 12. Rockentine: Yay
 13. Stafa: Yay
 14. Stencil: Yay
 15. Thompson: Yay
 16. Willett: Yay
 17. Zaman: Yay
 18. Bumhoffer: Yay
 - iii. The bill passes.
 - b. **C.R. 13-18 Coach Kampe Resolution**, *presented by Legislator Katrina Stencil*
 - i. This is the second reading of the resolution. Legislator MacDonald asked how the resolution will be given to him. Ms. Wolf stated it had not, but they will report back when a decision is made.
 - ii. Vote: Unanimously passed.
- VII. **New Business**
 - a. **Approval of Validations Committee**, *presented by Ms. Emily Collins*
 - i. Professor Terri Towner

- ii. Sandra Alef
- iii. Lori Marsh
- iv. Nick Marinello
- v. Erica Schulte
- vi. William Purri
- vii. Megan Siwa
- viii. Legislator Thompson motioned to combine line items i-vii, seconded by Legislator Willett. Willett also asked if Ms. Collins had back-ups, she stated she did.
- ix. Vote: Unanimously passed.

- b. Legislator Rockentine motioned to add Mr. Louie Alkasmikha to be voted on for legislator.
 - i. He spoke on his own behalf. He talked a little bit about himself. He also explained that he has tabled before, completed many hours, and has always helped OUSC.
 - ii. Discussion: Legislator Mitchell asked if there was anything he wanted to add onto his last speech he made when going up for approval. Mr. Alkasmikha wants to be on OUSC to help let students know what OUSC is all about. OUSC has a lot of power on campus that he wants to be a part of. Mitchell asked if he had a plan to bring about change. Mr. Alkasmikha stated talking person-to-person helps a lot. Mr. Hanna spoke on his behalf stating that Mr. Alkasmikha has helped a lot with SAFB even after being rejected as legislator. Legislator Knapp also spoke on his behalf saying that he is still in the office consistently. Legislator Nuss wanted to make sure that there were not three separate votes necessary to make a decision. He encouraged the legislators not to abstain from a vote. Legislator MacDonald asked what else he's done for OUSC besides tabling. He helped by hanging up posters all over campus, talking to students. Legislator Willett asked how he would handle a student concern, for example parking. He stated that he would tell them to park somewhere else as the campus is not that big.
 - iii. Vote:
 - 1. Ahmed: Yay
 - 2. Kaakarli: Yay
 - 3. Knapp: Yay
 - 4. MacDonald: Yay
 - 5. Mitchell: Yay
 - 6. Monticciolo: Nay
 - 7. Nuss: Yay
 - 8. Peterson: Nay
 - 9. Pierce: Nay
 - 10. Polina: Nay
 - 11. Rochon: Yay
 - 12. Rockentine: Yay
 - 13. Stafa: Yay
 - 14. Stencil: Yay
 - 15. Thompson: Yay
 - 16. Williams: Nay
 - 17. Willett: Nay
 - 18. Zaman: Yay
 - 19. Bumhoffer: Yay
 - iv. Approved.

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*
 - i. None.

IX. **Reports**

- a. Student Body President – **Samantha Wolf**
 - i. Ms. Wolf announced Mr. McCormick’s report. The Murder Mystery event is March 8. Also this weekend is Vagina Monologues. The Atlanta trip is still open as well and Chicago tickets go on sale Thursday. Mr. Shermetaro reported that OUSC has spent \$25,000 so far this semester. Ms. Wolf brought evaluations and she wants everyone to fill them out. She’ll be using Grizzorgs for this in the future. The student union trip is also Friday.
- b. Student Body Vice President – **Robbie Williford**
 - i. Mr. Williford stated that although the year is almost done, a lot of work still needs to be done. March is going to be a very busy month and we will need help. He also received 20 responses, but he wants more. He wants to make sure we spend time together outside of these meetings. Tomorrow at 8pm is the deadline for a response. Mr. Williford also announced that Legislator Tibbits will be running meeting for the next two weeks and he asked everyone to be respectful and patient. He also encouraged anyone interested in executive board positions to shadow the positions they’re interested in.
- c. Student Activities Funding Board – **Brandon Hanna**
 - i. Mr. Hanna stated SAFB received 40 funding requests last week. The last student training is March 25th. Tomorrow at 3pm he has a board meeting as well. Mr. Hanna is going on the Student Union trip so he will not be in his office hours.
- d. Student Program Board – **Nicholas McCormick**
 - i. Not present.
- e. Legislative Affairs Director – **Michelle Alwardt**
 - i. Ms. Alwardt only has three events left. OU Day at the Capitol is coming up March 6th. She also has the lobbying training on March 4th at 12pm. Andrea Gibson is March 14th as well. There will be a SAM Conference again in March and OU Day at the Capitol will be very impactful.
- f. Multicultural Affairs Director – **Maria Arellano**
 - i. Ms. Arellano is happy to be back from break. She has an event on March 8th in Fireside Lounge at 12pm. There will be a psychology aspect to things at this event and it’ll be very unique and special. She’s working on collage decorations and finding facts about individualism. March 15th in Fireside at 12pm is the St. Patrick’s Day event.
- g. Financial Affairs Director – **Scottie Shermetaro**
 - i. Not present.
- h. Student Services Director – **Amera Fattah**
 - i. This year she is starting a Bear Bus organization that’s about marketing and advocating for the bus. The Bear Bus event is March 18th and she’ll be sending those requests soon. They also added signs inside the buses. Spirit Pack flyers are in and they’ve been distributed. There is also an application for it. There is a Food Pantry meeting this week. She thanked everyone for responding to the survey for connectOU.
- i. Visual Communications Director – **Ethan Scott**
 - i. Not present.
- j. Marketing Director – **Rachel Boye**
 - i. She has been working on her legacy binder. She’s also done a lot for elections. She stated she is also missing an A-frame so keep an eye out for it. One of the branding items also was delivered. If anyone wants to be Marketing Director next year, please approach Ms. Boye.
- k. Administrative Assistant – **Emily Collins**
 - i. Ms. Collins announced that Kick-Off is tomorrow at 12pm and asked that if anyone available stops by. She’s been working on all elections events. She also asked that anyone staying neutral during elections to help her poll. Ms. Collins will need all the help she can get.
- l. Advisor Report – **Allison Webster**

