



Minutes
Oakland University Student Congress
Wolf/Williford Administration
Legislative Body Meeting Agenda
Oakland Room, Oakland Center
Monday, September 10th, 2012
4:00 P.M.

- I. **Call to order:** 4:00pm
- II. **Roll Call:** 12 out of 23 present, quorum met.
- III. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- IV. **Approval of Meeting Minutes from August 10, 2012:** Approved.
- V. **Comments from the Gallery**
 - a. None
- VI. **Old Business**
 - a. None
- VII. **New Business**
 - a. None
- VIII. **Discussion Topics**
- IX. **Reports**
 - a. Student Body President – Ms. Samantha Wolf
 - i. Ms. Wolf stated that she hopes all the legislators and executive board members have read the executive board reports because they are extremely important. She reminded all members that it is his/her job to be reading reports and keep the executive board on top of things. She also stated that the Student Program Board Carnival is tonight at 6pm and she is looking for volunteers for about an hour. Chartwells has also approached Ms. Wolf about doing a focus group on Monday at 6:30pm to talk about their food and other issues. She said the events this week, Rock 4 Rights, the first Coffee Hour, and Open House all went well and she congratulated Ms. Emily Collins and Ms. Michelle Alwardt on their success. She asks that legislators and executive board fills out an evaluation form to help improve future events. She reminded every member that printing is privilege and taking advantage of it will result in limiting those privileges and/or eliminating them. She stated that no housing or homework materials should be printed there.
 - b. Student Body Vice President – Mr. Robert Williford
 - i. Mr. Williford stated that the last couple of weeks he has been preparing for the fall. He tied up loose ends. He also established an agreement with the post to do bi-weekly OUSC columns. Mr. Williford said that Rock 4 Rights and Open House were both successes and thanked everyone who helped during the event. He has planned one-on-ones with every executive board member. He also thanked every member who helped in the summer in transitioning the administration into the fall semester. He is looking forward to the year and is thrilled that we have the maximum members of legislators.
 - c. Student Activities Funding Board – Mr. Brandon Hanna
 - i. Mr. Hanna had Student Organization training on Saturday and thanked everyone from the CSA. He is also looking for committee members and wants anyone interested to approach him after meeting.
 - d. Student Program Board – Mr. Nicholas McCormick
 - i. Not present.
 - e. Legislative Affairs Director – Ms. Michelle Alwardt

- i. Ms. Alwardt thanked everyone who came to her two events this past week. She said the Coffee Hour today was beneficial to everyone that attended. She also said she wants to see more legislators at events. Ms. Alwardt announced that the first SAM Conference is September 28-30th at MIT and it is open for both legislators and executive board members to attend and she asked that anyone interested approach her. She is also really pushing for voter registration and urges everyone to register and vote themselves, along with their friends. She is looking into a voter registration drive for the residence halls for the future and promoting and retaining voters. Her next event is Friday, September 21 at 12pm in Fireside Lounge with Representative Vicki Barnett.
- f. Multicultural Affairs Director – Ms. Maria Arellano
 - i. Ms. Arellano officially announced the new approach to Multicultural Affairs. Multicultural Affairs will now be broken up into three branches: diversity, community, and ethnic. She has been working with Ethan to establish the look of this new approach and she has the first draft here with her today and passed it around for everyone’s viewing. The theme is “Begin your Journey with OUSC” with different stops all over the world. The first stop is September 17th with Tablao to to kick off Spanish celebration month. In one postcard all events will be listed. There will also be a new initiative that will uses charms and bracelets to increase student involvement. Bracelets for women and lanyards for men will be available at all events and each event will have a charm. The first one will be a fan for the flamenco dancers at Tablao. Anyone who reaches 5-7 charms will be entered to win a larger prize at the end of the semester and the charms will only be available at the end of each event. Ms. Arellano is also looking for committee members.
- g. Financial Affairs Director – Mr. Scott Shermetaro
 - i. Mr. Shermetaro has been working with executive board for reimbursements for different events. He has shared the budget with everyone on google documents and legislators can see it as it is updated. He still wants anyone with questions to come to him.
- h. Student Services Director – Ms. Amera Fattah
 - i. Ms. Fattah repeated that the new Bear Bus shuttles will be circulating starting in mid-September. The new routes are up on the site and there are new stops added at Greek row and Beacon Hill. Any students riding the buses have to have their OU ID card. This is a safety measure. The full route takes about twenty minutes but it is worth it to avoid the stress of parking. She encourages all to avoid trying to find parking and just use the Bear Bus. The Bike Share program is now the Bike Loan program. Anyone wanting to use a bike just needs to go to recreation center and check out a bike with their ID card. They get a lock and key and can keep it as long as possible. This is a temporary program so no advertising is really necessary; any signs would be short-term and a waste of funds. The engineering department is making the new permanent program and that will be starting in January 2013. ConnectOU had its first circulation and she has been working on that. She said that anyone wanting their events in the newsletter can apply. Ms. Fattah also announced that the Legal Aid program is launching September 24th in Fireside Lounge that includes a presentation about street law. The program offers free consultations with Cooley Law students. She also stated that the Student of the Month program is up and running with applications available. An OU App is

also working for the iPhone and will be coming soon for the Android. She also said that there are traffic reports online available for students to use.

- i. Visual Communications Director – Mr. Ethan Scott
 - i. Mr. Scott stated that he has been very busy. He’s finally in a routine will finally be in for office hours consistently. He also said he finished his Coffee Hour and Tablao graphics. He has also been working on the website and Legal Aid program graphics. This weekend he finished the first draft for the Legal Aid program and the new Bear Bus signs that will be up soon.
- j. Marketing Director—Ms. Rachel Boye
 - i. Ms. Boye stated that all of her promotional items are in which includes mints, backpacks and pens. She stated that legislators are not to take more than one for themselves because they are for students. She also congratulated Ms. Alwardt and Ms. Collins for their events’ success.
- k. Administrative Assistant—Ms. Emily Collins
 - i. Ms. Collins informed everyone that she had been finishing Open Hosue preparation and then wrap up after the event including thank you notes to those that participated and thanked anyone who helped with the event. She asked everyone to try and keep the office clean by pushing in their chairs and taking any food items to the conference room. Ms. Collins is now starting to work on Exam Cram which will be more donation-based.
- l. OUSC Advisor- Ms. Allison Webster
 - i. Ms. Webster stated that she had Student Organization training last Saturday and September 28th is the make up training. She announced that Tuesday the 11th is Grizzfest at 11:30am-1pm. Wednesday SPB is selling tickets for their first trip which is Mackinaw Island. The tickets are \$75 which covers lodging and transportation. Friday at 7pm is Comedy Night in the Banquet Rooms and Greek rush is next week.
- m. *Questions related to Executive Reports*
 - i. Legislator Natalie Juronoc asked if anyone could look into extending hours during finals week to 24/7 and converting rooms into study places in the Oakland Center. Ms. Wolf stated the Oakland Center already is going to be open during that week to provide study space and extending hours.
 - ii. Legislator James Shermetaro asked Ms. Fattah if the Legal Aid program offered a limit on the thirty minute consultations and Ms. Fattah said they did not. It is, however, application based.
 - iii. Legislator Wesley Gamble asked when the Bike Loan program would be up and running and Ms. Fattash said it is currently available.
 - iv. Legislator Darius Thompson asked how many new bikes there were and if the pink bikes are still around. Ms. Fattah said there are fifty new bikes plus sixty-six old pink bikes. The new bikes are silver.
 - v. Legislator Maria Willett asked about the issue of running out of charms at event. Ms. Arellano said that they are first come, first serve and they’ll only be available at the end of the event.

X. **Updates**

- a. Steering Committee- Lauren Tibbits
 - i. Legislator Tibbits announced that if anyone wants something placed on the agenda that she needs it emailed to her by Fridays at midnight.
- b. Judiciary Committee- Aws Polina
 - i. Legislator Polina reminded everyone to log regular hours in the office and that starting this week, he is counting hours and logging attendance.

- c. Scholarship Committee- Maria Willett
 - i. Legislator Willett asked that anyone who is on her committee stay after meeting.
- d. Research and Review Committee- Patricia Rockentine
 - i. Legislator Rockentine said the only thing she had to announce was that we have a full amount of legislators.
- e. Residence Hall Association President- Kate Bumhuffer
 - i. Ms. Bumhoffer had a few announcements. This past Thursday was her first RHA meeting and they had great attendance. Apart from this Thursday, meetings will be Thursdays at 7pm in the Vandenburg Lounge. Next meeting they will be discussing their budget so she will know how much she can contribute to Ms. Arellano's To Write Love on Her Arms event.
- f. Congressional Archivist- Darius Thompson
 - i. Legislator Thompson said she needs committee members as she only has one currently. She needs to slowly digitize all the old files.
- g. Questions related to Updates
 - i. Ms. Alwardt asked Legislator Thompson if her committee wanted things from everyone's event. Legislator Thompson said that a flyer would suffice and to put it in her mailbox.
 - ii. Legislator Nuss asked Legislator Thompson to explain her committee. She explained that they are looking for people to go through administration binders and make them better and also digitize them. Legislator Gamble also added that anything involving OU or OU Organization history would be welcomed.
 - iii. Legislator Knapp said the Tailgating committee is meeting soon. Friday at 1:45pm in the SPB office is the first meeting.

XI. **Comments from the gallery**

- a. Scott Crabill, the new Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education introduced himself to OUSC. His job is to focus on student success and faculty development. He plans to be at OUSC meetings whenever he can and wants any member to contact him for help. He also needs commit members for his Student Retention Commiee. Legislator Willett, Legislator Thompson and Mr. Hanna asked to be on his committee. Legislator Juronoc asked what his other committees were and he said that he also had a General Education committee. Ms. Alwardt asked Dr. Crabill to leave his business card. Ms. Wolf thanked him for his attendance.

XII. **Announcements:**

- a. Mr. Williford announced that next meeting is the 17th at 4pm and the meetings would continue to be Mondays at 4pm in the Oakland Room.
- b. Ms. Wolf announced that ice cream is available after meeting.

XIII. **Adjournment:** 4:43pm.