



## Minutes

**Oakland University Student Congress**  
**Eveslage/Malile Administration**  
**Legislative Body Meeting Agenda**  
Oakland Room, Oakland Center  
Monday, October 17, 2011  
4:00 P.M.

- I. **Call to order:** 4:03pm
- II. **Roll Call:** Quorum met
- III. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- IV. **Approval of Meeting Minutes from October 10, 2011:** Approved
- V. **Comments from the Gallery:** none
- VI. **Old Business:** none
- VII. **New Business**
  - a. Approval of Multicultural Affairs Committee Members:
    - i. Amera Fattah: Ms. Fattah explained that she is excited to work with Ms. Allen on her committee and has some great ideas for the committee. Ms. Allen spoke on behalf of Ms. Fattah and explained that she has worked with her in the past and would really like to have her on the Multicultural Affairs Committee. Ms. Fattah was approved as a member of the Multicultural Affairs Committee.
    - ii. Rachel Boye: Ms. Boye explained that she has been working with Ms. Allen on the Middle Eastern Month events and that she would like to join the committee. Ms. Allen spoke on behalf of Ms. Boye and explained that she has had some great ideas and that she is very valued to have on the committee. Ms. Boye was approved as a member of the Multicultural Affairs Committee.
  - b. Approval of Legislators:
    - i. Jibran Ahmed
      1. Mr. Ahmed explained that he is a sophomore, very interested in being a legislator, and that he is very likeable and a hard worker.
      2. Mr. Dunn asked Mr. Ahmed why he was interested in joining OUSC. Mr. Ahmed answered that he enjoys helping students and is very interested in Mr. Mclsaac's work.
      3. Mr. Conaway spoke on behalf of Mr. Ahmed, explaining that Jibran is also a member of SPB and that he would be a great asset to the OUSC team and is very likable and a great worker. Ms. Allen spoke on behalf of Mr. Ahmed explaining that she has been working on Arabian Nights with Mr. Ahmed and that he would be a great as a legislator.
      4. Mr. Ahmed was approved as an OUSC Legislator.
    - ii. Habura Johnson:
      1. Mr. Johnson spoke on why he is interested in becoming a legislator. Mr. Gamble spoke on behalf of Mr. Johnson and said that he has a passion for getting involved and would be good as a legislator. Mr. Williams explained that Mr. Johnson attends every RHA event and would be great for OUSC.
      2. Mr. Johnson was approved as an OUSC Legislator.
    - iii. Joey Namou:
      1. Mr. Namou explained that he is a freshman and wanted to start getting involved and that OUSC seemed like a great place for him to do so. Mr. Eveslage spoke on behalf of Mr. Namou and said that he was a great help during the Madnezz Tailgate. Ms. Wolf explained how she remembered Mr. Namou from when she was an OGL because of his friendliness and excitement for OU.
      2. Ms. Halsell asked Mr. Namou if there were any initiatives he had in mind for OUSC. Mr. Namou answered that he is very interested in student organizations and has already created one at OU.
      3. Mr. Gamble asked Mr. Namou if he has had any leadership experience. Mr. Namou answered that in high school he always helped out with a lot of events.
      4. Mr. Hanna explained how he has seem lots of interest from Mr. Namou in OUSC and

would be a great part of the team.

5. Mr. Namou was approved as an OUSC Legislator.

## 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. Mr. McIsaac explained that there was concern about the papers from the Readership program, and that they seem to be running out quickly in the library. Ms. Alwardt has experienced this and agrees that maybe something should be done to make sure as many papers as possible can be provided in the library.
  - ii. Mr. Kaminski brought up how Coach Kampe came to OUSC last week talk about getting attendance at the televised OU v. Tennessee game on November 28th. He had met with Mr. Gustafsson after the meeting and discussed ideas of an event we could have leading into that game to get more people to attend, such as another tailgate. Ms. Wolf stated that Grizz Gang will be having events for that game already. Mr. Sklar made a motion to create an Ad-Hoc committee for the planning of any events surrounding this game. This was seconded, and approved.
- b. *Networking and Social Events, presented by Ms. Lisa Vecchio:* Ms. Vecchio explained that there are spots available for members of OUSC to attend the Basketball Tip-Off Breakfast at the Royal Park Hotel on October 27<sup>th</sup> and the Etiquette Dinner on November 1<sup>st</sup>. She will be sending out an email about these events and whoever is interested can let her know.
  - i. Ms. Halsell asked what the dress code would be for these events. Ms. Vecchio responded that business casual would be fine.
- c. *Legislator Approval, presented by Mr. Benjamin Eveslage:* Mr. Eveslage explained that he would like OUSC to become more critical in the process of approving new legislators.
  - i. Ms. Willett added that there are 4 more spots open after today and that she has 10 people interested in becoming legislators.
  - ii. There was discussion between Mr. Eveslage, Ms. Willett, Ms. Boye, Ms. Juronoc, Mr. McCormick, Ms. Halsell, Mr. Sklar, Ms. Allen, Mr. Gamble, and Mr. Kaminski on what should be done to be sure that we are approving the best applicants for legislators. It was suggested that we should have the person up for approval leave the room so there can be unbiased discussion on their approval between the E-board and Legislature – this was debated. A final decision was not reached. Ms. Willett explained that she will work on improving this system as she is the Research & Review Chair.

## IX. Reports

- a. Student Body President – Mr. Benjamin Eveslage: Report written & circulated. The next OUSC events will be Environment Week next week.
- b. Student Body Vice President – Ms. Elisa Malile: Report written & circulated. Thank you to everyone who helped out at the Madnezz Tailgate.
- c. Student Activities Funding Board – Mr. Brandon Hanna: Report written & circulated. Nothing new to report.
- d. Student Program Board – Mr. Jermaine Conaway: Report written & circulated. Cedar Point Trip went well, Boston is up next.
- e. Legislative Affairs Director – Ms. Samantha Wolf: Report written & circulated. Your Voice Heard LIVE auditions are Tuesday-Thursday this week and her Environment Week events will be next week.
- f. Multicultural Affairs Director – Ms. Emilia Allen: Report written & circulated. If anyone needs something to do from office hours to let her know.
- g. Financial Affairs Director – Mr. Michael Allison: Report written & circulated. \$3,042.79 was spent on the Madnezz tailgate at SAMs Club for food, Bloomfield Party Rental and Limelight light rentals.
- h. Student Services Director – Mr. Brett McIsaac: Report written & circulated. He will be meeting with Cooley Law School about having someone come to OU to provide legal advice for students.
- i. Visual Communications Director – Mr. Alejandro Herrera: Report written & circulated. Has been busy working on graphics for events.
- j. Marketing Director – Mr. James Shermetaro: Report written & circulated. Nothing new to report.
- k. Administrative Assistant – Ms. Lisa Vecchio: Report written & circulated. Nothing new to report.
- l. *Questions related to Executive Reports:* Ms. Halsell asked when Arabian Nights and Your Voice Heard LIVE is, Ms. Allen answered Arabian Nights is November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5-8pm and Ms. Wolf answered that Your Voice Heard LIVE is November 8<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

## X. Updates

- a. Steering Committee- Ms. Alexis Halsell: none

- b. Judiciary Committee- Ms. Natalie Juronoc: she will be keeping the past week's office hour sheet until Wednesday of the next week in case anyone forget to document their hours.
- c. Scholarship Committee- Mr. Jason Dunn: none
- d. Research and Review Committee- Ms. Maria Willett: announced to prospective legislators the gallery to turn their petitions in to her and her only.
- e. Residence Hall Association President- Mr. Robbie Williford: thanked anyone who attended Fright Night Live. There will be a movie tonight, Friends with Benefits.
- f. Congressional Archivist- Mr. Wesley Gamble: none
- g. Greek Council Liaison - Ms. Natalie Juronoc: SAE and ADP blood drive this week until Wednesday.
- h. *Questions related to Updates:* none

XI. **Comments from the gallery:** none

XII. **Announcements**

- a. OUSC Meetings are on Monday at 4:00 in the Oakland Room
- b. The next OUSC Meeting will be Monday, October 24th.
- c. Orientation will be filming after our meeting today, please stay in your seats as the Orientation staff facilitate the filming.
- d. Mr. Kaminski reminded everyone to stay after for the meeting of the newly create ad-hoc committee.

XIII. **Adjournment:** 4:53pm