



## Minutes

**Oakland University Student Congress**  
**Hanna/Ahmed Administration**  
**Legislative Body Meeting Agenda**  
Oakland Room, Oakland Center  
Monday, March 3rd, 2013  
4:00 P.M.



- I. **Call to order:** 4:05pm
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. **Roll Call:** Quorum met
- IV. **Approval of Meeting Minutes from February 17th, 2013:** Approved
- V. **Comments from the Gallery**
  - I. Dr. Patricia Dolly announced that the first annual conference to discuss the climate survey will be April 1<sup>st</sup> in room 242 of Elliot Hall. She stated that only one hundred seats are available. She also noted that Derald Sure will be presenting on micro aggression. Flyers were passed out to the legislature.
  - II. Nancy Schmitz, Dean of students, announced the potential for students to win the Dean's Choice Award, brought on by the Credit Union. \$2500 will be given toward the awards, as students will compete to receive them. Schmitz noted that the awards will be announced at the Student Organization Award Recognition night on April 7<sup>th</sup>. The contest can be applied for in three different ways, according to Schmitz. One way to approach this contest is to create an ad campaign discussing student loan debt and the financial priorities of being a student. Another way to compete is by creating a smoke free campaign. The last approach is by creating an "I'd wish I'd known" campaign, describing the resources students can go to on campus. Schmitz stated that the first place award will get a \$1500 stipend while the second place winner will receive a \$1000 stipend. More information will be provided at a later date.
  - III. Aaron, Admissions Program Assistant for Undergraduates, announced that the application process for Admissions Ambassadors has begun, and the information sessions will be March 10<sup>th</sup> from 5pm-6pm and March 21<sup>st</sup> from 12pm-1pm in the Lake Michigan Room.
  - IV. Jim Zentmeyer announced that Housing contracts are available and urged the legislature to sign up as soon as possible, as spots are filling up fast.
- VI. **Old Business**
  - I. Approval of Multicultural Committee Members, *presented by Ms. Peterson*
    - i. Ellen Searle
      1. Vote: Unanimous
      2. Approved
    - ii. Cassandra Hock
      1. Vote: Unanimous
      2. Approved
- VII. **New Business**
  - I. Nomination of Parliamentarian position, *presented by legislator Laux*
    - i. Legislator Laux nominated Cassandra Hock for the parliamentarian position, seconded by legislator Coloske. Hock accepts. Legislator Coloske stated that Hock has the ability to take the position to the next level. Legislator Zaman nominated Brittany Hall, seconded by legislator Hanna. Hall accepts.
    - ii. Vote: 8 for Hock, 11 for Hall.
    - iii. Hall is approved for the parliamentarian position.
  - II. C.B. 14-19, American Hero Scholarship Bill, *presented by legislator Kubinski*
    - i. Legislator Kubinski commented on her progress with the scholarship, stating that she had already met with Mr. Brown and Ms. Arellano regarding marketing. Kubinski stated that she is working with legislator Schuett on this scholarship. The scholarship is worth \$500, according to Kubinski. Legislator Hanna asked how they planned to reach the student veterans. Schuett stated that

through the veteran support services office, they can send their information out by a distribution list to student veterans. Legislator Searle asked what the qualifications were to apply for this scholarship. Schuett stated that applicants need a 3.0 GPA, have to be honorably discharged, be enrolled in the Fall 2014 semester, and complete a five paragraph essay based on financial need. This is the first reading of the bill.

- III. Approval of Validations Committee Members, *presented by Alexandria Jones*
- i. Lori Marsh
    1. Vote: Unanimous
    2. Approved
  - ii. Sandra Alef
    1. Vote: Unanimous
    2. Approved
  - iii. Samantha Wolf
    1. 2 nay, 17 yay
    2. Approved
  - iv. Robbie Williford
    1. Vote: Unanimous
    2. Approved
  - v. Jessah Rolstone
    1. 1 abstaining, 1 nay, 16 yay
    2. Approved
  - vi. Kelley Foley
    1. 1 abstaining, 17 yay
    2. Approved

**Discussion Topics**

- IV. *Discussion Topics related to Comments from the Gallery Related to Business of the Day, Guest Speakers, & submitted Statements of Student Concern*
- i. Legislator Boye stated that OUSC has directly violated its bylaws by becoming a co-sponsor for HALO's Salsa Night. Boye urged the legislature that this cannot become a habit. Legislator Zaman ensured the legislature that Ms. Peterson has an active role in planning the event. Legislator Boye suggested that the organization create a distinction to allow situations similar to this one to happen.

**VIII. Reports**

- I. Student Body President – **Mr. Brandon Hanna**
  - i. Mr. Hanna stated that he had met with Leo regarding Wifi. Hanna is also looking to add a Health Wellness Promotion position and asked the legislature to give him feedback.
- II. Student Body Vice President – **Mr. Jibran Ahmed**
  - i. Mr. Ahmed asked the legislature to give him ideas for a student congress retreat.
- III. Student Activities Funding Board Chair – **Mr. Phillip Johnson**
  - i. No report.
- IV. Student Program Board Chair – **Mr. Kalik Jones**
  - i. Mr. Jones announced that SPB's next event, Creole Nights, will be Monday, in celebration of Mardi Gras.
- V. Legislative Affairs Director – **Ms. Michelle Alwardt**
  - i. Ms. Alwardt stated that on Monday, there will be an advocacy training from 12pm-2pm in the Gold Rooms. She also noted that OU Day at the Capitol is March 11<sup>th</sup>.
- VI. Multicultural Affairs Director – **Ms. Kathleen Peterson**
  - i. Ms. Peterson announced that the Monks of Tibet will be coming soon. Also, she noted that if anyone is interested in her position that they should shadow her.
- VII. Financial Affairs Director – **Ms. Katrina Stencil**

- i. Ms. Stencel asked the legislators to let her know if they are interested in her position so they can shadow her.
- VIII. Student Services Director – **Ms. Ashley Monticciolo**
  - i. Ms. Monticciolo stated that Bear Bus Day will be from 12pm-1pm on Monday, March 10<sup>th</sup>.
- IX. Visual Communications Director – **Ms. Maria Arellano**
  - i. Ms. Arellano stated that some graphics have come in and asked the legislature to post them as soon as possible. She also asked the legislature to come see her as soon as possible to discuss graphics for events.
- X. Marketing Director – **Mr. Tim Brown**
  - i. Mr. Brown urged the legislature to not take the promotional items, but to ask first.
- XI. Administrative Assistant – **Ms. Alexandria Jones**
  - i. Ms. Jones announced that the next election event will be March 12<sup>th</sup>, which is the vice presidential debate. She also asked the legislature to greet students/faculty as they come in the office.
- XII. OUSC Advisor – **Ms. Allison Webster**
  - i. Ms. Webster urged everyone to keep a positive attitude as the semester comes to an end. She also announced that April 7<sup>th</sup> is the Student Organization Award Night, and the sign up is on GrizzOrgs.
- XIII. *Questions related to Executive Reports*
- IX. **Updates**
  - I. Steering Committee – **Ms. Lauren Tibbits**
    - i. No report.
  - II. Judiciary Committee – **Mr. Kyler Johnson**
    - i. Mr. Johnson stated that the constitution will be going up for approval during the next meeting.
  - III. Scholarship Committee – **Ms. Madison Kubinski**
    - i. Ms. Kubinski asked for volunteers to table for the American Hero Scholarship.
  - IV. Research and Review Committee – **Ms. Rachel Boye**
    - i. Ms. Boye stated that she has finished the reviewing portion of the position and is now working on researching.
  - V. Congressional Archivist – **Ms. Nusrat Zaman**
    - i. No report.
  - VI. RHA President – **Mr. Franklin Kennamer**
    - i. Mr. Kennamer stated that RHA meets every Thursday at 7pm.
  - VII. Tailgate Committee – **Ms. Marlee Hanna**
    - i. Ms. Hanna stated that, due to the snow, she will be looking at different dates for the baseball tailgate.
  - VIII. Senior Legislator – **Mr. Blake Williams**
    - i. Mr. Williams stated that he has met with legislators regarding their projects.
  - IX. *Questions related to Updates*
  - X. **Comments from the gallery**
  - XI. **Announcements**
  - XII. **Adjournment; 5:55pm**