



Minutes
Oakland University Student Congress
Hanna/Ahmed Administration
Legislative Body Meeting Agenda
Oakland Room, Oakland Center
Monday, March 17th, 2014
4:00 P.M.



- I. **Call to order:** 4:04pm
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. **Roll Call**
- IV. **Approval of Meeting Minutes from March 10th, 2014:**
- V. **Comments from the Gallery**
 - i. John Young spoke on behalf of the branding study that has been put in place since July 2013. Young explained that the purpose of the study was to find the appropriate brand for OU. He went through the eight findings, including: identity crisis, mixed signals, attracting and retaining the best, time care culture, perfect balance, embracing history, quality within research, and growth and momentum. Young stated that he is in need of students to sit in on the branding council, which will be going through the strategy to create a bigger picture. Legislator Pokrefky mentioned that he is interested in sitting on the council. Mr. Hanna asked Young to send him the PowerPoint presentation to send it out to the legislature. Legislator Kubinski stated that the sail is extremely important to OU, and asked if it could be used for alum. Ms. Arellano commented on the Student Congress logo, mentioning that the interlocking OU is the biggest element in the logo, and asked if she should move forward with restructuring it or keep it. Young stated that OUSC could use it as an internal monogram mark.
 - ii. Legislator Boye moved to move SAFB and SPB bylaws up before the discussion of the constitution. Boye struck her motion.
- VI. **Old Business**
 - i. C.B. 14-16 Executive Report Bill, *presented by Legislator Lauren Tibbits*
 - i. Legislator Tibbits mentioned that she has not received any feedback on the bill, and moved to vote, seconded by legislator Pokrefky. Mr. Hanna stated that legislator Tibbits and himself had met to discuss changes, though did not see any. Legislator Hall stated that the discussion is on the motion, not the bill. Legislator Tibbits struck her motion. Legislator Johnson stated that executive board members should be put up for review instead of immediately going up for removal. Legislator Tibbits stated that someone should make the friendly amendment. Legislator Searle moved to make a friendly amendment to change the word removal to review. Legislator Boye mentioned that since the bill is in its second reading, an amendment needs to be made. Legislator Searle moved to change the word removal to review, seconded by legislator Williams. Vote: Unanimous. Approved.
 - ii. Mr. Hanna stated that this bill will become a double standard, and that executive board members should get the same privileges for missing the executive board reports. Legislator Boye moved to change the bill to state per semester of service in place of per academic year of service. Vote: 15 yay, 4 nay. Approved.
 - iii. Legislator Sykes moved to change the number of reports from three to two. Legislator Hock called to question. Vote: 14 yay, 6 nay. Bill passes.
 - iv. Legislator Hall moved to bring line item i under new business to discussion, seconded by legislator Searle. Vote: Unanimous. Approved.
 - ii. Approval of SAFB Bylaws and Constitution, *presented by Mr. Jorge Garcia*
 - i. Mr. Garcia went through the bylaws, mentioning that OUSC has been crossed out and regulation 15 has been re-written. Garcia stated that the changes to the bylaws still need to be approved through the legislature. Legislator Boye noted that the formatting of the bylaws is confusing and needs to be changed. Legislator Williams stated that the appointment of the associate chair should not be under the discretion of the legislature.

Mr. Garcia stated that he will be making changes which will reflect upon next week. Legislator Hall moved to end discussion, seconded by legislator Searle. Vote: 16 yay, 0 nay, 1 abstaining. Discussion ended.

- ii. Legislator Hall moved to bring line item ii under new business to discuss, seconded by legislator Searle. Vote: Unanimous. Approved.
- iii. Approval of SPB Bylaws, *presented by Mr. Kalik Jones*
 - i. Mr. Jones went through the bylaws, mentioning that the relationship with congress has been stricken. Jones mentioned that there had been an addition, stating that all executive board members must be enrolled at OU and have met the eligibility regulations according to the Center for Student Activities. The executive board members will no longer be approved by the legislature. Instead, there will be a selection committee, consisting of the outgoing SPB chair, the most recently elected student body president and vice president, the longest returning member of SPB, as well as the SPB advisor. Jones stated that the associate chair no longer needs to send the budget through student congress. In addition, committee members no longer need to go through the interview process through SPB. This is the first reading of the bylaws.
- iv. OUSC Constitution Update, *presented by Legislator Kyler Johnson*
 - i. Legislator Johnson noted that there was no longer quorum to vote on the constitution. Legislator Boye moved to take a five minute recess, seconded by legislator Iwanski. Vote: 12 yay, 2 nay. Approved.
 - ii. Legislator Hall noted that there was still not two-thirds of quorum present to vote. Legislator Johnson stated that if any legislator has a concern with the constitution, they should voice it. Legislator Hock moved to amend the constitution to unstrike SAFB throughout the constitution, to keep SAFB under the discretion of student congress, seconded by legislator Williams. Legislator Boye suggested the legislature weigh the pros and cons. Mr. Garcia stated that there is no pros by keeping SAFB on student congress. Mr. Hanna stated that the legislature should still approve the chairperson and SAFB should still retain their office hours. Vote: 2 yay, 14 nay. Not approved.
 - iii. Legislator Hock move to strike the friendly amendment made last week that stated “appointed agents are approved by the legislature”, seconded by legislator Searle. Legislator Boye stated that the amendment needs to stand as read because otherwise it states that the president gets to appoint agents without the approval from the legislature. Legislator Coloske called to question. Vote: 4 yay, 12 nay. Not approved.
 - iv. Mr. Kennamer moved to make an amendment to strike the words “non-voting” from Article III section A.1.c. Mr. Johnsons stated that because the RHA president is not voted on by the student body, he/she should not have voting rights. Legislator Hock called to question. Vote: 3 yay, 13 nay. Not approved.
 - v. Legislator Ellis moved to make an amendment to Article II section A to add marketing director to the list of executive board, seconded by legislator Iwanski. Mr. Hanna stated that the marketing director was not added to the executive board for a reason, stating that the position used to be under the public relations position. Hanna mentioned that the position was added to the bylaws and if it were to be changed on the constitution, it will restrict the organization in the future from making changes. Legislator Coloske called to question. Vote: 14 yay, 2 nay. Approved.
 - vi. Quorum has been lost. Legislator Hock moved to recess meeting until 10pm, seconded by legislator Franso. Mr. Ahmed stated that there will not be quorum at 10pm. Legislator Williams mentioned that the meeting will need to be advertised to the student body to abide by the regulations. Vote: 13 yay, 1 abstaining. Recess until 10pm.

VII. **Adjournment:** 6:30pm

VIII. **Call to Order:** 10:00pm

IX. **Old Business**

- i. OUSC Constitution Update, *presented by Legislator Kyler Johnson*
 - i. Legislator Boye moved to unstrike A.1.d. and A.2.c. from Article XI, seconded by legislator Laux. Vote: 16 yay, 1 nay. Approved.
 - ii. Legislator Zaman stated that the wording was not changed from the last meeting. Legislator Williams moved to table the constitution until changes are made, seconded by

legislator Kubinski. Vote: Unanimous. Motion passes.

- iii. Roll Call Vote:
 - 1. Boye: yay
 - 2. Catey: yay
 - 3. Ellis: yay
 - 4. Franso: yay
 - 5. Hall: yay
 - 6. Iwanski: yay
 - 7. Johnson: yay
 - 8. Kennamer: nay
 - 9. Kubinski: yay
 - 10. Laux: yay
 - 11. Meinberg: yay
 - 12. Pokrefky: yay
 - 13. Searle: yay
 - 14. Tibbits: yay
 - 15. Townsend: yay
 - 16. Williams: yay
 - 17. Zaman: yay
- iv. Constitution approved.

X. **New Business**

- i. C.R. 14-5 Smoking Resolution, *presented by Legislator Ellen Searle*
 - i. Legislator Searle stated that the smoking policy on campus has not been particularly effective in reducing smoking on campus. Searle noted that she wants to educate students on campus as to what the policy is about, and why it is in effect. Searle also wanted to get administration to do more to enforce the policy. Legislator Searle commented on the University of Illinois' program, which was called Blooms not Butts, where students went throughout campus and cleaned up the tobacco related litter, which was equivalent to 26 pounds. She stated that students also handed out carnations with letters about smoking and used the tobacco related litter to make displays that raised awareness. Legislator Laux stated that he had met with Searle and suggested tabling the resolution until next meeting to allow more legislators to discuss the matter, seconded by legislator Townsend. Vote: 13 yay, 4 nay. Motion passes.
- ii. C.B. 14-21 OUSC Tailgate, *presented by Legislator Josh Pokrefky*
 - i. Legislator Pokrefky read through his bill, stating that he is asking for \$2500 from uncategorized funds for the tailgate. Legislator Williams asked what the money will be spent toward. Pokrefky stated that the money will go toward general funds, which will give him the ability to spend it on all materials. Williams asked if the specific uses for the money be put on the bill for the second reading. This is the first reading of the bill.
- iii. Approval of Visual Communications Committee Member Tapan Kataria, *presented by Ms. Maria Arellano*
 - i. Ms. Arellano stated that Tapan has already helped her with her video on student debt and has helped her with video editing. She mentioned how much of help he has been already. Vote: Unanimous. Approved.
- iv. Legislator Boye moved to end meeting, seconded by legislator Zaman. Vote: Unanimous. Approved.

XI. **Adjournment:** 10:30pm