



Minutes

Oakland University Student Congress
Wolf/Williford Administration
Legislative Body Meeting Agenda
Oakland Room, Oakland Center
Monday, January 14th, 2013
4:00 P.M.

- I. **Call to order:** 4:03pm
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. **Roll Call:** Quorum met.
- IV. **Approval of Meeting Minutes from January 7th, 2013:** Approved.
- V. **Comments from the Gallery:**
 - a. None.
- VI. **Special Guests**
 - a. *Medical Amnesty Law, presented by Dean McIntosh, Dean of Students*
 - i. Dean McIntosh thanked OUSC for their hard work this year and congratulated all the members on a successful year. Dean McIntosh came before OUSC to talk about the Medical Amnesty Law, which protects any person seeking medical attention for alcohol poisoning from being arrested or charged. He also said that he had been meeting with several colleagues such as Dean Lloyd, OUPD Chief Samuel Lucido, and James Zentmyer about students on OU's campus needing medical attention because of alcohol poisoning. Chief Lucido approached the podium to speak more about this issue. OUPD has always had a zero tolerance policy at OU. He believes it is dangerous behavior. He does not want students leaving OU with a conviction instead of a college degree. This law means that any person that needs medical attention, especially because of alcohol poisoning. The University does not want any friends of someone who is needing help to not call emergency services for fear of getting into trouble with the law, because that could cost someone his or her life. This law, however, is not to be abused or used to get out of trouble. Legislator Juronoc asked Chief Lucido about this university being a dry campus. She wanted to know if someone of twenty-one years or older could get into trouble for having alcohol on campus. Chief Lucido said anyone twenty-one and up can have alcohol, however it can be a student conduct issue if it is not under control. James Zentmyer approached the podium and spoke more. Anyone that goes to a health facility for help will not be referred to law enforcement. Also, if someone under twenty-one were to accompany a minor to go to a health facility for help, that person would not be referred to law enforcement. The person needing help, or someone knowing of a person needing help, must voluntarily approach the police officer for help. There are still ramifications for student misconduct, but it would not result in a permanent record change. Dean Karen Lloyd came to the podium to clarify and wrap-up. Dean Lloyd clarified that a student caught with alcohol would still be referred and would go through the student conduct office. However, forcing a student to move out is a last resort; it is not automatic. Legislator Mitchell asked how this message is getting out to students. Dean Lloyd stated that this will be made known to students.
 - b. *Chartwells Changes, presented by Gerald Gatto, Chartwells Resident District Manager*
 - i. Shannon from Chartwells came to OUSC with new food that they wanted students to sample. They are trying to add more gluten-free items, and also Izze drinks and smart snacks. She also wanted OUSC members to know that anyone with suggestions should come to Chartwells to let someone know. Mr. Gatto also added that feedback is how the company makes changes and improvements. There were also questions about the food court not opening until 10:30am, so now the food court is open at 10am. The coffee kiosk areas such as in Elliott now open at 7:30am. Pioneer food court has also tried to rollback a lot of prizes

for students. They picked items that were very common for students to buy to help save students money. Transfers meals usually are in a time frame, which was to slow down lunch traffic, but now transfer meals are available all day. Mr. Gatto also mentioned the tumblers for students as well which are \$12.99, but that gets students 99-cent refills. It's for sustainability and also to save students money, and also saves Chartwells money on paper products.

VII. Old Business

- a. CB 13-14 OUSC Service Award, *presented by Legislator Maria Willett*
 - i. This is the second reading of the bill. She noted that she changed a couple numbers. The total money requested now is \$540 and there is only one change to the application.
 - ii. Roll call vote:
 1. Juronoc: Yay
 2. Kaakarli: Yay
 3. Knapp: Yay
 4. MacDonald: Yay
 5. Mitchell: Yay
 6. Nuss: Yay
 7. Peterson: Yay
 8. Ploe: Yay
 9. Polina: Yay
 10. Rochon: Yay
 11. Rockentine: Yay
 12. Stencil: Yay
 13. Thompson: Yay
 14. Tibbits: Yay
 15. Williams: Yay
 16. Willett: Yay
 17. Zaman: Yay
 18. Bumhoffer: Yay
- b. CB 13-15 Legislator Orientation, *presented by Legislator Maria Willett*
 - i. This is the second reading of the bill. No changes have been made. It is to ensure that students wanting to be legislators know the job description.
 - ii. Roll call vote:
 1. Juronoc: Yay
 2. Kaakarli: Yay
 3. Knapp: Yay
 4. MacDonald: Yay
 5. Mitchell: Yay
 6. Nuss: Yay
 7. Peterson: Yay
 8. Ploe: Yay
 9. Polina: Yay
 10. Rochon: Yay
 11. Rockentine: Yay
 12. Stencil: Yay
 13. Thompson: Yay
 14. Tibbits: Yay
 15. Williams: Yay
 16. Willett: Yay
 17. Zaman: Yay
 18. Bumhoffer: Yay

VIII. New Business

- a. Approval of Legislator Louie Alkasmikha

- i. Mr. Alkasmikha spoke on his own behalf. He is a double major at OU for International Relations and Philosophy. It is his fourth year here, and he knows the issues on this campus.
- ii. Questions: Legislator Mitchell asked why Mr. Alkasmikha stopped being on OUSC, and Mr. Alkasmikha said he was not voted on. Mitchell also asked what his goals are. Mr. Alkasmikha stated he wanted to bring change. Legislator Rockentine asked what committees he was on while he was on OUSC. Louie stated he was on the steering committee. Legislator Thompson asked Mr. Alkasmikha if he had initiatives in mind. He stated he wanted to have 24-hour vending. Legislator Knapp asked what characteristics he has that would represent students well. He stated that he is inquisitive and he wants to help students who do not have answers. Ms. Alwardt what his schedule is like and he stated his class schedule is normal and he manages his time well. Legislator Nuss asked about his other student organizations. He listed several organizations he was in. Mr. Hanna spoke on Mr. Alkasmikha's behalf saying he is an avid helper.
- iii. Roll call vote:
 1. Juronoc: Nay
 2. Kaakarli: Yay
 3. Knapp: Yay
 4. MacDonald: Yay
 5. Mitchell: Yay
 6. Nuss: Yay
 7. Peterson: Nay
 8. Ploe: Nay
 9. Polina: Abstain
 10. Rochon: Abstain
 11. Rockentine: Nay
 12. Stencil: Nay
 13. Thompson: Nay
 14. Tibbits: Abstain
 15. Williams: Abstain
 16. Willett: Nay
 17. Zaman: Yay
 18. Bumhoffer: Yay
- iv. There was a tie vote so there was a new discussion. Legislator Mitchell spoke on his behalf again.
- v. New vote:
 1. Juronoc: Abstain
 2. Kaakarli: Yay
 3. Knapp: Yay
 4. MacDonald: Yay
 5. Mitchell: Yay
 6. Nuss: Yay
 7. Peterson: Nay
 8. Ploe: Abstain
 9. Polina: Abstain
 10. Rochon: Abstain
 11. Rockentine: Nay
 12. Stencil: Nay
 13. Thompson: Nay
 14. Tibbits: Nay
 15. Williams: Nay
 16. Willett: Nay
 17. Zaman: Yay
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- vi. New discussion due to a tie.
- vii. New vote:

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4. MacDonald: Yay
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8. Ploe: Nay
9. Polina: Nay
10. Rochon: Nay
11. Rockentine: Nay
12. Stencil: Nay
13. Thompson: Nay
14. Tibbits: Nay
15. Williams: Nay
16. Willett: Nay
17. Zaman: Yay
18. Bumhoffer: Yay

- b. CB 13-16 Elections Bylaws, *presented by Legislator Maria Willett*
 - i. This is the first reading of this bill. Bylaws like this are typically updated annually to make new changes. Legislator Willett read the bill in its entirety and explained each change. Most were just clarifications. These changes are to protect students and make for a fair election.
 - ii. Discussion: Mr. McCormick stated that this bill is to protect students and also not to limit candidates' ability to campaign. Legislator Ploe just expressed her support for this bill.

IX. 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. Ms. Fattah only had a couple concerns. One about a student leaving an add/drop slip in an OUSC concern box and another about a broken desk in Hanna Hall.

X. Reports

- a. Student Body President – **Samantha Wolf**
 - i. Ms. Wolf repeated that she wants everyone speaking into the microphone for video taping purposes. She thanked everyone for help with the showcase. Ms. Wolf did interviews this past weekend for Provost. Candidates were narrowed down to four. Now candidates will be coming to OU for tours and presentations to students. Ms. Wolf is also working on getting the Oakland Center expanded. Part of this is research and also pushing with administration.
- b. Student Body Vice President – **Robbie Williford**
 - i. Mr. Williford had a very productive week. He had almost all of his one-on-ones with executive board and his schedule this semester is much easier. He also wrote the Sandy Hook community a letter to express support. Mr. Williford will be writing for the Post again, hopefully about elections. He also announced the elections trailer that is going around. He started work on the Roberts Rules presentation.
- c. Student Activities Funding Board – **Brandon Hanna**
 - i. Mr. Hanna is still catching up on allocation requests. There is an SAFB meeting at 4pm this Friday and he has two board spots open. Tuesday at 12pm is Student Org training.
- d. Student Program Board – **Nicholas McCormick**
 - i. Mr. McCormick has been working a lot on Casino Night.
- e. Legislative Affairs Director – **Michelle Alwardt**

- i. Ms. Alwardt is working on all of her events for the semester. The DC trip this this Sunday. The SAM Conference is the 26-27th at U of M Dearborn. TXTing Kills is on the 30th and the Fast Trask to Giving Back is coming up as well. She also encouraged legislators to go to SAM.
 - f. **Multicultural Affairs Director – Maria Arellano**
 - i. Ms. Arellano is working a lot on her upcoming events. The 24th is Bajara in fireside lounge. She is also working on her community service events. She is also bringing in the tiles students made at the Trip to Detroit. She is also working on showing appreciation for the custodial staff. The GSC has picked a theme for the drag show, which is Las Vegas. Based on Legislator Thompson’s suggestion, she is doing a three day event for France.
 - g. **Financial Affairs Director – Scottie Shermetaro**
 - i. Ms. Wolf gave Mr. Shermetaro’s report. He is trying to put the budget online for legislators to see. About \$6,000 has been spent this week.
 - h. **Student Services Director –Amera Fattah**
 - i. Ms. Fattah has gotten approval for four bus shelters for the Bear Bus. Ridership is also increasing slowly. ConnectOU is going out this week as well, and students have been applying to be featured. The tumblers have also been very successful in their sales.
 - i. **Visual Communications Director – Ethan Scott**
 - i. Mr. Scott worked a lot on January graphics. He thanked those who have helped hang them up.
 - j. **Marketing Director—Rachel Boye**
 - i. Ms. Boye has sent everything necessary to print. She asked for help with hanging up flyers as well for our events. She ordered texting gloves and ice scrapers. She also asked for help with tabling and hanging up flyers.
 - k. **Administrative Assistant – Emily Collins**
 - i. Ms. Collins thanked everyone for their positive attitudes during elections and for their support.
 - l. **Advisor Report – Allison Webster**
 - i. Not present.
 - m. *Questions related to Executive Reports*
 - i. Natalie –banner, e-blast
- XI. **Updates**
- a. **Steering Committee – Lauren Tibbits**
 - i. Legislator Tibbits is always looking for committee members.
 - b. **Judiciary Committee – Aws Polina**
 - i. Legislator Polina is also looking for committee members.
 - c. **Scholarship Committee – Maria Willett**
 - i. Not present.
 - d. **Research and Review Committee – Patricia Rockentine**
 - i. There are currently two open spots on the legislature. She is also working on the manual with Legislator Rochon.
 - e. **Congressional Archivist – Darias Thompson**
 - i. Not present.
 - f. **RHA President – Katie Bumhoffer**
 - i. Tonight RHA is having a meeting with the Chartwells cafeteria services. Next week there may be a different RHA member at OUSC to represent RHA.
 - g. **Tailgate Committee-Madeline Knapp**
 - i. Legislator Knapp reminded everyone that the tailgate is 1pm-4pm on the 26th. She wants everyone to sign up for a time slot to help out. There will be some giveaways, hot chocolate being given out, WXOU, and games.
 - h. *Questions related to Updates*
- XII. **Comments from the gallery**
- a. A student, Nick Walter, approached the podium...yeah that was a mess!
- XIII. **Announcements**

- a. OUSC Meetings are on Monday at 4:00 in the Oakland Room
- b. The next OUSC Meeting will be Monday, January 28th, 2013.
- c. There is no meeting Monday, January 21st because of MLK Day

XIV. Adjournment: 6:07pm