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 1st 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 7th. 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 10th from 5pm-6pm and March 21st 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. Legislature 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 11th.

   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 Stencel
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 10th.

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 not to 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 12th, 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 7th 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**