



Agenda
Oakland University Student Congress
Mishack/Shkoukani Administration
Oakland Room, Oakland Center
Monday, June 12th, 2017
4:30 P.M.



I. Call to Order

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call

- A. Legislator Augustyniak, present and voting
- B. Legislator Fox, present and voting
- C. Legislator Gaied, Not present
- D. Legislator Gunn, Not present
- E. Legislator Hubbard, Present and voting
- F. Legislator Jagtap, Not present
- G. Legislator Merogi, present and voting
- H. Legislator Mabrouk, Not Present
- I. Legislator Rafidi, present and voting
- J. Legislator Sanders, not present
- K. Legislator Twal, present and voting
- L. Legislator Williamson, present and voting

IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes from May 15th, 2017

- A. Show of hands vote, all vote yay

V. Comments from the Gallery

- A. No comments

VI. Guest Speaker

- A. Director of the OC, *Chris Reed* and Assistant Director, *Jason VanBuskirk*

- They gave a quick update on the construction. They have been making good progress in the past month, a few offices have been completely gutted and the windows are gone, on the north end by the bookstore have been removed preparing to expand it to the north. The air was turned off upstairs in the process of asbestos what not, no one's health is at risk, everything has been sealed off. There are temporary walls in some places that will remain until around this time next summer.

- a) Mr. Queen asked if the restriction to just two entrances to the building will last through the school year as well as the fencing that is surrounding the building.

- (1) Mr. Reed answered with yes for all the fall and the beginning of the winter there will only be two entrances but another path outdoors will be made available, however there will be signs and arrows directing people around campus. They want to know what's working and what's not and they will do their best to help.

- b) President Mishack reminded everyone that we have to be out of the office by Friday June 16th. However, she was just informed that we will

not have access in the fall to our office to work in but we will be able to store things in. She said that now is the time to ask any questions that the congress may have

c) Ms. Dafoe asked if we will be able to store all of our materials for the fall that we already have ordered and plan on ordering this summer.

(1)Mr. VanBuskirk responded with that office C and Office A and the Reception desk will be the most affected. They will get back to us which parts will be the best to use for storage

d) Derek asked if the computers that we were in the old office could be moved in to the new office. He followed with who would need to be talked to make that happen.

(1)Mr. Reed responded saying that he would get in contact with the student technology center to move the materials and make sure that everything is moved properly. As long as all things that need to be moved are marked so that they know.

e) Ms. Merogi asked if the free feminine products program will be able to continue on

(1)Mr. VanBuskirk answered with yes however at the end of June the restrooms on the lower level will be shut down for all of the fall semester

(2)Legislator Merogi went on to ask about the restrooms and what is being done to make them handicap accessible

(3) He answered with that the bathrooms will be opened up and without the restricting doors in order to make them easier to use in addition there are going to be gender neutral restrooms in the building.

(4) Mr. Reed said that they will make sure they are all accessible so if there is a door than they are incorporating three-foot poll that can be touched by any part of the body or the chair that will open the door

f) Legislator Fox asked to clarify, if there will be enough room for all the SPB and OUSC employees and members in the temporary office.

(1)Mr. Reed said that we have limited space so that for the summer we will have to share, but in the fall we will get to split between the office we are moving into and the one that the GSC is currently using.

g) President Mishack asked when we would be able to get keys for the new office, and if we would be able to have all of the members of congress to have keys

(1)Legislator Fox said that he will be a little more lenient for legislator's office hours

h) Mr. Queen asked if the projected end date is still December 2018

(1) Mr. Reed said that they are actually looking at August of 2018 depending on how this winter goes.

VII. Old Business

VIII. New Business

- A. Approval of Environmental, Health, and Wellness Committee, *Austin Church*
- President Mishack spoke on behalf of Mr. Church saying that Legislator Sanders. He was on the committee previously when Ms. Mishack held the position and he would make a great addition.
 - Elijah Sanders
- a) Show of hands vote, all vote yay
- B. Approval of Judiciary Committee, *Tyler Fox*
- It has been tough but he found the minimum of three, Koss is passionate about laws, smith has a very keen eye for detail. James Khoury is an engineering major, formerly the treasurer for college democrats where Legislator Fox had the opportunity to work with him and he is a very hard worker. Jacob Koss is very passionate is very passionate about the law and following it which is a great quality to have for this committee. Lastly Thomas Smith is very talented and smart and has a keen eye for detail, especially for the finer things which is again beneficial for this committee.
 - Jacob Koss
 - James Khoury
 - Thomas Smith
- a) Show of hands vote, all vote yay
- C. Approval of Student Services Committee, *Brittany Kleinschmidt*
- He is a legislator, has shown great interest in her committee and the congress, he has several great initiatives and she would love to have him approved.
 - Richard Williamson
- a) Show of hands vote, all vote yay
- D. Approval of Marketing Committee, *Arth Patel*
- Sofia was the first person he interviewed, more than qualified for this position, Legislator Mabrouk has a lot of experience in social media and reaching out to different people in the community. Legislator Gunn and him are on the same page about a lot of things and their ideas. Mr. Queen is a graphic design guru and will make a great asset to this committee
 - Sofia Zertuche
 - Asiana Gunn
 - Derek Queen
 - Tamara Mabrouk
- a) Show of hands vote, all vote yay
- E. Approval of Diversity and Inclusion Committee, *Luna Nasry*
- Ms. Nasry stated that Legislator Augustyniak is very outgoing and hardworking very creative. She will have great ideas and an active member. Legislator Mabrouk has been on congress for several years and would bring great things to the table. Legislator Twal is very involved and outgoing and would be very beneficial. Mr. Miko is very involed on campus, is a part of the LGBTQ community and has a really great drive
 - Sarah Augustyniak
 - Tamara Mabrouk
 - Christeena Twal

- Jon Miko
 - a) Show of hands vote, all vote yay
- F. Approval of Tailgate Committee, *Sarah Augustyniak*
 - Ms. Kleinschmidt is the former chair and has been very helpful, Legislator Williamson is a hard worker and very professional has a lot of great ideas. Mr. Cervantes very involved on campus, hardworking has several ideas
 - Brittany Kleinschmidt
 - Richard Williamson
 - Luis Cervantes
 - a) Show of hands vote, all vote yay, one abstention
 - b) Legislator Gunn presence was acknowledged at 5:00pm
- G. C.B. 18-01 Bylaws Proposal Judiciary Responsibilities, *Tyler Fox*
 - Fox motioned discussion to 7 minutes, because of the time we have between meetings to review them.
 - Seconded by Legislator Hubbard
 - Show of hands vote, all vote yay
 - a) The constitution and bylaws have rules stating that if legislators were to miss three meetings they can be brought before the steering chair and then for removal from the congress. This item will allow that if a legislator misses their office hours, they will be able to put up for removal after missing three consecutive set of office hours.
 - (1) Mr. Queen asked if this can be put for Executive Members as well
 - (2) Legislator Fox responded with right now is that a formal complaint for legislators but not executive members
 - (3) President Mishack said that she believes that in the bylaws there is a minimum of hours for the eboard that have to be completed or they can be removed
 - (4) Legislator Merogi said that she would love to help with including the executive board into this bill to help enforce work hours
- H. C.B. 18-02 Dress Code Bylaw Change, *Tyler Fox*
 - This is mainly to establish a dress code, business casual. It allows for a lot with a specific ban on certain items in regards to representing the Student Congress.
 - a) Director Queen addressed that in the wording it says no clothing with a logo other than OUSC, which should be addressed because of certain clothing. As well as the definition of business casual is super vague and should be addressed. He also asked what the reprimands were to be if they were not to abide.
 - (1) Mr. Fox answered that it would start with a complaint by any member of the student body and then would follow through with the court.
 - (2) Mr. queen asked if there was any way to help remove the vagueness on the definition of business casual

(3) Legislator Fox responded with it was intentional because there are several different definitions in order to keep options open for the members

(4) Ms. Kleinschmidt said that we should not have a policy because we would be one of the only orgs that has a dress code. She personally has never had an issue with being taken seriously

(5) Legislator Fox responded with we are different than any other org because of what we do and who we are

(6) President Mishack said that the only complaints that can be truly made are the ones specifically listed in the by laws

(7) Ms. Nasry said that some members come from other places where the dress code does not fit. She agrees with no sweat pants but sometimes it can be difficult changing in certain situations

(8) President Mishack says that this is being taken out of proportion and that in the next month before the next reading we can really focus on the content

(9) Vice President Shkoukani said that this isn't for the whole week it is just for the meeting so that should be remembered when making a decision.

I. C.B. 18-03 It's On Us, *Tyler Fox*

- Ms. Kleinschmidt said that she needs this money for advertising for this campaign that is really great and will be one continued from the last administration.

a) Ms. Kleinschmidt said that in the month of September there will be a week dedicated to tabling for this campaign and sexual assault awareness.

b) Legislator Williamson asked if it would include promotional items as well as informational packets and alike

c) Legislator Merogi shared about going through campus organizers for Its on us to get discounts and the like for this sexual assault awareness campaign

J. C.B. 18-04 Road March, *Sarah Augustyniak*

- She says that the student veterans asked if we would help pay for the event on September 8th and our logo will be included through the Road march to end Hunger.

a) Legislator Fox asked exactly what the money will be going for.

b) Ms. Kleinschmidt said that our money will be going towards the food and the T-shirts and we will have a section on the shirt for our logo.

K. C.B. 18-05 Software Upgrade, *Stephanie Hubbard*

- She Yielded to Mr. Queen

- Mr. Queen said that Lori Marsh contacted him because she needed to know if we were interested in the update for the software. He was working with the 2013 version and was given a quote from the student technology center. He has had compatibility issues between computers. As it is, it is no longer possible to order each one separately it has to be done through creative suit. This allows for more programs for us to use and we were given a discount on it.

- a) Legislator Fox clarified that we have to vote on this today because of the limited window he had to purchase, it went through as an emergency purchase. No matter how the vote goes the money has been taken from our 5,000 cushion and this bill will take money from uncategorized to refill the cushion.
- b) Legislator Williamson asked for clarification that this is a 1 year subscription
- c) Mr. Queen said yes and if he would have known about this sooner he would have been budgeted for this at the beginning for the administration.
- d) Vice President Shkoukani asked if this number was precise to make sure he will not need more or should have asked for a little more
- e) It is the exact amount
 - (1) Roll call vote,
 - (a) Legislator Augustyniak, yay
 - (b) Legislator Fox, yay
 - (c) Legislator Gunn, yay
 - (d) Legislator Hubbard, yay
 - (e) Legislator Merogi, yay
 - (f) Legislator Rafidi, yay
 - (g) Legislator Twal, yay
 - (h) Legislator Williamson, yay

L. Unforeseen Circumstance Purchase, *Lena Mishack*

- *She recommends to make am motion to move the money from uncategorized to our \$5,000 cushion*
- Fox made the motion
 - a) Seconded by Legislator Gunn
 - (1) Show of hands votes, all vote yay

M. C.B. 18-06 Scholarship, *Laith Rafidi*

- Legislator Rafidi explained that this bill is for taking 1,000 from uncategorized and open a new line item for the scholarship committee. This would only be for the summer semester, there will be 2 or three winners.
 - a) Mr. Queen asked if the money was for advertising and the scholarship or for just the scholarship
 - b) Legislator Williamson asked if they would be awarded for the summer or the fall semester
 - c) Legislator Merogi responded with the money needs to be available before the fall semester and will be given to the fall
 - d) Legislator Williamson asked how they were marketing
 - e) Legislator Merogi answered that it will be a solely social media based scholarship for advertising
 - f) Legislator Gunn asked the requirements
 - g) 3.0 gpa minimum and for both undergraduate and graduate
 - h) Legislator Fox said that he would like to meet to iron out the wording
 - (1) Legislator Sanders presence was acknowledged at 5:28pm

- i) Legislator Williamson asked for clarification in the fact that it is a minimum of 3.0 gpa and that it was a video contest, what does that entail?
- j) Legislator Rafidi responded that it is “what do you want to say to the world in under 2 minutes?”

IX. Discussion Topics

X. Legislative Updates

- A. Legislative Hubbard said that her first update is for the bike share program. They were looking at Zagster but after getting in contact they chose to go in a different direction with it in the sense that they want to create their own similar to MSU’s. In addition, she would like to add a step in the legislative process. She wants to make it required for any prospective legislators to meet with her at least once (as the research and review chair) before they go up for approval, in order to help them a little bit more and provide more understanding and assistance through the process.
 - Legislator Fox clarified that it was already a thing, needs to be advertised
 - Legislator Williamson said he wants to be involved with the Bike share program
 - Ms. Kleinschmidt as if she spoke with other people on campus such as athletics in regards to the bike share program
 - a) She responded saying she has not but believes Mr. Church has been in touch with some.
- B. Legislator Fox said that himself, Ms. Kleinschmidt and Mr. Queen have made some progress on the umbrella share in regards to its function. Such as establishing what five buildings the racks will be in. Kresge, South foundation hall, Oakland Center, North foundation, Vandenberg hall. There will be something on it identifying that the umbrellas do not belong to the user. In addition, there will be two logos, OUSC’s and one that Mr. Queen created unique to the program.
 - Legislator Williamson asked if it would be printed on the umbrella or attached
 - Legislator Fox responded with it would be printed on the umbrella
 - Legislator Williamson recommended that it be an obnoxious color to help reduce theft
 - Mr. Queen, they already were ordered but they looked really great and explained its design to the congress.
- C. Legislator Merogi said that she is sorry for how crazy she has been and if any legislators have any ideas she would love to meet with them to help with that for the summer and upcoming semester
- D. Updates related to Legislative Projects and Initiatives
- E. Questions related to Legislative Reports

XI. Executive Reports

- A. Student Body President, *Lena Mishack*
 - She said that she went to the Board of trustees meeting where they voted to increase tuition by 3.74% and she has a power point that she will share with everyone. She and Vice President Shkoukani want to come up with a way to bring attention to the state this issue and collaborating with the other schools who are experiencing the same things. She has been meeting regularly with the president of SPB in regards to collaborating with each other more. She and director church met with the director of facilities on an idea, that could lead to a scholarship

opportunity and anyone that is interested in gardening, contact her. Once again we have to be out of the office by Friday. She will be gone by next week but can be contacted my email or phone

a) Legislator Fox said that Director Fox said that he has plans to replace SAM to help with bringing the schools together. Also at OU day at the Capitol him and a few other former directors brought this up and they reps said that one of the most effective way is through call banks. In addition, if anyone is tabling there are also voter registration forms ready to be handed out at orientation.

B. Student Body Vice President, *Jousef Shkoukani*

- President Mishack and himself took a group of people and went around campus with a wheel chair experiencing the difficulties of getting around campus to mark the locations that need help in regards to accessibility. Career services meeting about diverse employment opportunities. Anyone who is interested in helping with that let him know. He met with marketing for OU so that if we want anything or need anything they are willing to help out but they need notice.

a) Legislator Fox asked what he meant by constitutional updates in his report.

b) Vice President Shkoukani explained that it is putting in what was changed through elections after the passed administration

c) President Mishack said that she met with the Dean about safety in the library especially with thefts. So she wants anyone who is interested in helping come up with a locker system or something of that sort she would greatly appreciate it.

C. OUSC Advisor, *Stephanie Jurva*

- Jean Ann is speaking on her behalf, she asked Legislator Fox if he met with the director of U of M.

a) Legislator Fox responded with no he didn't come in contact with a director

b) She highly recommends he does, and will get him the contact information because he is highly involed with this especially with SAM coming undone, and student governments.

Updates related to E-board Projects and Initiatives

- Derek looking for new designers for his committee. More specifically sophomores and juniors because they will have a good learning opportunity, they have more availability and they can take over his position when he leaves. He is working on the Umbrella Sheets, SAFB funding sheets, mostly done with website updates for the most part, Doing spiral binding for the planners. The cover is done and being turned in. Eboard photos need to be taken by Friday, people stuff

- Ms. Nasry stated that if anyone is interested in joining her committee, she has created a google forum for each interested person to fill out in order to get to know them a little better. In addition, she is looking for someone to sort of act as her right hand person to help with some of the events and initiatives.

a) Legislator Fox wants to talk to her in regards to adding the associate chair.

D. Questions related to Executive Reports

XII. Comments from the Gallery

A. Tyler Parsons asked about the umbrella share to Mr. Fox about locations

- Five buildings, Kresge, Oakland Center, South foundation, North foundation and Vandenberg.
- Mr. Parsons asked for adding other buildings,
- Mr. Fox responded with this is like a Test phase, there will absolutely be room for expansion especially after expansion of OC, but because of the expansion that's why these five buildings were selected for now.
- Tyler said that he is involved in Lansing and would love to help in regards to the tuition increase and would love to bring it up
- Start date for school things, would like to have a program by 2021
- Working with Rec about students not being able to use gym during the summer without taking classes. For graduate students in particular some students are required here every day for work and cannot have credits for classes because of the contract and they have no access for the rec center in any sense. Director Greg Jordan came in contact with other campus that have the same issues, and he has solutions for the grad students based on what he learned from that so they have a meeting tomorrow.
- Hubbard talked about getting in contact with Austin as they were looking to do the same thing for undergraduate students in the summer time
- Mr. Parsons says he will, however his main focus is for graduate students because how much time they spend on campus and are sometimes encourage not to look elsewhere for a second job and it seems like a better place to start.

XIII. Announcements

A. Safe training in this room after meeting, extremely recommended

- Fox, counts as office hour for legislators

XIV. Adjournment 6:01 pm