



Meeting Minutes
Oakland University Student Congress
Thomas-Engnell Administration
Lake Michigan Room, Oakland Center
Monday, August 1st, 2016
5:30 P.M.



- I. Call to Order
 - A. Call to Order Monday, August 1st, 2016 at 5:35pm
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
 - A. Legislator Chande, present and voting
 - B. Legislator Fox, present and voting
 - C. Legislator Kubinski, present and voting
 - D. Legislator Mabrouk, not present
 - E. Legislator Nasry, present and voting
 - F. Legislator Poppe, not present
 - G. Legislator Saadat, present and voting
 - H. Legislator Sanders, not present
 - I. Legislator Semma, not present
 - J. Legislator Rourke, not present
 - K. Legislator Harris, present and voting
 - We had quorum
 - Vice President Engnell said that Legislator Ishaque resigned prior to this meeting due to transferring to the University of Michigan. He went on to say that Legislator Ishaque did a great deal during his time here, emphasizing his help with the parking solution administration goal. We wish him well in his new adventures
- IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes from July 11, 2016
 - Vice Present Engnell opened the floor to discussion and changes
 - There was no discussion
 - Raise of Hands Vote
 - The meeting minutes were unanimously approved
- V. Comments from the Gallery
 - Vice President Engnell opened the floor to comments from the gallery
 - Ms. Miller inquired as to who was missing from the Legislature
 - Vice President Engnell replied to Ms. Miller, saying that the legislators not present are as follows: Legislator Sanders, Legislator Rourke, Legislator Semma, Legislator Poppe, and Legislator Mabrouk
 - Vice President Engnell opened the floor to further comments
 - There were no further comments from the gallery
- VI. Guest Speaker
 - A. Cindy Hermsen, Director of Financial Aid
 - Vice President opened the floor to Cindy Hermsen, who is the director of Financial Aid Care on campus

- Ms. Hermesen opened with saying that she appreciated being able to speak with Student Congress and hoped to continue having more communication with the organization in the future. She continued onward to speak on a change that the federal government is making in regards to the Federal Financial Aid Application. In the past, students could begin to fill out this application starting on January 1st for the upcoming fall semester. Starting this year, the federal government is making it so that the Federal Financial Aid Application is available to fill out beginning on October 1st, and this application will be applicable for classes that will start in the fall of 2017. Thus, the application is now becoming active three months earlier than it was in the past. This allows students to potentially receive their financial aid reward package earlier; students could receive an award notification in December, when they usually don't begin receiving them until March. Furthermore, Ms. Hermesen and her office have been working with the communications and marketing department on campus on a communication plan to students about this change. Therefore, Ms. Hermesen would like to ask us to let the communications and marketing department on campus advertise this change to students, rather than OUSC communicating this change to students. However, despite this change, the Financial Aid Office sets deadlines for other applications and materials, and none of these deadlines are changing; it's just the Federal Financial Aid Application open date that is changing. In addition to giving the Financial Aid Office more time to work with students with financial aid documentation, this change will also allow students to have a better idea about what their financial aid package will be earlier, which will allow them more time to plan for the cost and how they're going to pay for college, as well as allow them to compare financial aid packages between universities earlier. Additionally, Oakland University can admit undocumented students, and those students can qualify for Oakland University scholarships, although they cannot receive federal financial aid; this is a part of federal law, not Oakland University policy
- Vice President Engnell thanked Ms. Hermesen for speaking with us and providing information about these financial aid changes, so that we may provide students with information regarding these date changes and refer them where to go to discuss these changes further
- President Thomas echoed Vice President Engnell by thanking Ms. Hermesen for taking the initiative to come and speak about these changes in advance notice
- Legislator Fox inquired as to why the federal government changed the Federal Financial Aid Application date from January 1st to October 1st
 - Ms. Hermesen replied to Legislator Fox by saying that this change allows students to have more time to plan for the cost of college, and thus, have more time to prepare for such costs, as well as to compare costs between schools more accurately
- Legislator Fox said that he is a "big fan" of the change. He continued onward to suggest that the Financial Aid Office utilizes OUSC, as well as

other student organizations, to also communicate this change to students, because sometimes information travels best through word of mouth, and thus, through students

- Ms. Hermsen responded to Legislator Fox by saying that they don't plan to start the full marketing campaign until shortly after school starts, within a week or two of classes beginning, to avoid confusion between financial aid packages for this fall and the fall of 2017
- Ms. Merogi inquired as to whether undocumented students have the opportunity to receive Oakland University grants
 - Ms. Hermsen replied to Ms. Merogi, saying that undocumented students can receive Oakland University merit based scholarships, but when it comes to need base scholarships, undocumented students cannot qualify for those scholarships, since it's based off of information provided within the Federal Financial Aid Application
- Legislator Kubinski expressed her concern about postponing communication of this date change, since she has recently visited Michigan State University and they were already telling students about the federal government moving the application open date to October 1st
 - Ms. Hermsen replied to Legislator Kubinski, saying that this change and information has been communicated to perspective incoming students, as well as been communicated throughout the high schools
- Vice President Engnell opened up the floor to further questions
- Ms. Miller said that one of the most effective ways to communicate changes is through an email blast to all of the students. She continued onward to say that the CSA posts a weekly newsletter that goes to all of the student organizations, and she would be able to include information about this change within the next newsletter
 - Ms. Hermsen said that the communications and marketing department intends to send an email blast to students
- Vice President Engnell opened the floor to further questions
- There were no further questions

VII. Old Business

- A. There was no old business

VIII. New Business

- A. Approval of Minimum Balance Access, *Zack Thomas*

- President Thomas said that within the Bylaws, it's required that the University Student Congress must maintain a minimum balance of \$5,000 in its account, which is not to be accessed unless there's some specific stipulation, one of which can be unexpected invoices or invoices from past administrations, but cannot be due to negligence. Mr. George and himself both consider the floating invoices from the previous administration to be an unforeseen expense, and thus, are requesting access to the minimum balance, in order to keep the University Student Congress functional under

the current budget. Of the \$18,000 in invoices, \$14,000 came out of uncategorized and the remaining \$4,000 (more accurately, \$4,021) would have to come out of the minimum balance, or some other line item in order to preserve the functionality of the budget. President Thomas continued onward to explain that the Legislature approves access to the minimum balance ex-post facto, as well as that as soon as the fall budget is accepted and active, the minimum balance would be restored immediately

- Vice President Engnell opened the floor to questions/concerns
- Legislator Fox inquired as to whether this money could be withdrawn from the accessibility fund instead of the minimum balance
 - President Thomas replied to Legislator Fox, saying that withdrawing the money from the accessibility fund was considered, but that he would like to keep this money for accessibility until the summer budget is over, just in case there are any expenses for accessibility. He continued onward to say that there is a potential project, which would be a \$24,000 project for an elevator and an accessibility update for three different buildings. He said that although it's not likely that administration will allow OUSC to spend our money for this project, he doesn't want to withdraw this money from accessibility fund until further decisions have been made, as well as to keep the functionality of the rest of the budget
- Vice President Engnell opened up the floor to further questions/concerns
- There were no further questions/concerns
- Roll Call Vote
- Ms. Miller inquired as to whether this access to the minimum balance required two readings, since it regards finances
- President Thomas replied to Ms. Miller, saying that within the Bylaws, it just says that the access to the minimum balance needs to be approved by the Legislature ex-post facto; it's not stated that there has to be two readings. Legislator Fox echoed this statement
- Legislator Kubinski said that with the Constitution it states that, "all items concerning congressional finance management of the Bylaws shall have two readings, at least seven days apart, before being up for a final vote by the Legislature."
- It was determined that the access to the minimum balance will have a second reading and will be voted on at the next meeting on August 22nd
- Vice President Engnell opened the floor to further discussion
- There was no further discussion

B. Financial Report, *Zack Thomas*

- President Thomas said that, within the Financial Report, black indicates how much money was budgeted, red indicates how much money was expended, green indicates how much money is remaining, and purple indicates estimated expenditures, either from invoices that have not come in, or from how much is expected to be paid for an item that has not yet

been purchased. Thus, these figures are likely to change. He continued onward to say that the floating invoices left from the last administration were withdrawn from uncategorized, or as much as possible was withdrawn; the remaining balance from the previous invoices was withdrawn from the minimum balance for the time being, but if this access to the minimum balance isn't approved, then the money would be removed from another line item. Through adding expenses, payroll, and expected payroll, the total expenses ended up being \$48,038.72. The total budget was \$87,479, which left \$39,440.28 in carryover for the fall budget. President Thomas continued onward to reiterate that some of these expenses were estimated, and thus, are prone to change for the second reading of the fall budget

- Mr. Garcia inquired as to whether the \$4,000 for floating invoices from the last administration could be withdrawn from the rollover balance of \$39,440.28, rather than from the minimum balance.
 - President Thomas replied to Mr. Garcia, saying that he wanted to hold up the integrity of the summer and fall budget, and making such a change would require changing many aspects of the fall budget
- Legislator Kubinski inquired for clarification regarding \$4,021 and the minimum balance
 - President Thomas replied to Legislator Kubinski, saying that the floating invoices have already been paid and this is reflected in the overall account. However, we follow our own budget to limit ourselves, so it's simply a matter of where we're allocating this money to be withdrawn from. Thus, the money has already been withdrawn from the account, but still needs to be allocated to a budget item, as to where this money was withdrawn from
- Legislator Fox inquired as to why \$0.32 is in a separate column
 - President Thomas replied to Legislator Fox, saying, "Excel is sometimes very frustrating. It would not let me put it in [the same column], it was rounding, so I put it [in a separate cell]."
- There were no further questions or discussion

C. Fall Budget First Reading, *Zack Thomas*

- The total carryover is \$39,440.28, based on good estimations, but are prone to change prior to the second reading of the fall budget. Since the fall SAFAC allocation was \$85,000 for the previous administration, it was estimated for this upcoming fall to also be \$85,000. Thus, the estimated total fall 2016 fund is \$124,440.28. Furthermore, the minimum balance would be completely replenished within a few weeks, thus leaving \$119,440.28 in available funds for the fall
- President Thomas said that in regards to Executive Board compensation, changes are going to be reflected in both hours and payroll. Within the Payroll Discussion Committee, several options were discussed, and a general consensus was reached to increase pay by \$0.40. Traditionally, Student Congress has received compensation of about \$1.15 above

minimum wage, so we would be breaking this tradition by not going quite as high, but this is on par with other student organizations, as well as makes the Executive Board a desirable position. Additionally, there were several hour reductions, going off of last year's administration. President Thomas continued onward to say that he is taking an hour reduction from 25 hours to 15 hours a week, due to having another job on campus. However, he assured that that he will be working as much as needed in order to keep the organization running smoothly. Furthermore, the SAFB Chair, Student Services Director, Diversity and Inclusion Director, Vice President, and Legislative Affairs Director all underwent an hour reduction to 20 hours a week

- *Presidential and Vice Presidential Discretionary Budget:* President Thomas said that this fund is for covering unforeseen expenses, and really anything else, so long as both the Vice President and himself agree to access this money. This amount has traditionally been \$1,000, so that is what was budgeted for this fund this year, as well
- *Administrative Assistant Budget:* President Thomas said that \$1,500 was budgeted for Office Maintenance, which could include anything that keeps the office functional, including materials for repairing the computers, cleaning supplied, and generalized office supplies. Then, there was \$2,500 budgeted for the Scantron Program, and Scantrons will be ordered in bulk in order to prevent running out, while students are still relying on OUSC for Scantrons. Further, \$1,000 was budgeted for the Copier Maintenance Agreement with SPB, and \$2,650 is budgeted for Exam Cram, which is the same for this fall, as it was last year. This gave a total of \$7,650
 - Legislator Kubinski inquired as to whether anybody from the technology center has tried to fix the computers, or is there a potential that we could get new computers, because at least two of the four computers have been broken for the past three years or so
 - President Thomas replied to Legislator Kubinski, saying that the computers need to be examined in order to determine which ones are functional and which ones are not. He continued onward to say that he believes a part of the problem is a lack of HDMI cords, as well as problems with the ports in the office. Thus, "if we can fix it without having to expend on more computers, then that would be preferable."
 - Ms. Polsinelli said, "I did talk to the tech, and they said the computers were "trash", and that getting new HDMI cords wouldn't resolve the problem
 - President Thomas said if new computers are needed, this will be reflected in the numbers for the second reading of the budget
- *Environmental, Health and Wellness Director Budget:* Ms. Mishack said that she budgeted \$700 for a Tiller Sustainability Initiative in order to alleviate some of the stress that the Student Organic Farm is experiencing due to their director being laid off. Additionally, the Student Organic Farm is partnering with Lena on two big initiatives: one is a healthy eating area

in Grizz Express, in which the Student Organic Farm may provide some of their produce for this; the other is a healthy cooking demo in Vandenberg with Chef Kevin, in which the Student Organic Farm would also be donating produce to. Thus, since they're partnering with us, she said that she thought it was fair for us to help with their farm by helping to pay for a tiller, which would help them grow their crops more efficiently. She continued onward to say that she allocated \$750 for Promotional Items. Furthermore, \$1,100 was budgeted for Talkin' Trash, which is going to occur at two different dates, and include free food and giveaways. The Stress Free Initiative was budgeted \$1,250. This involves creating a stress free zone in front of the television in the lounge area in the basement of the Oakland Center by placing rugs and throw pillows in this area, as well as allow students to check out books and games from the Bear Cave. Moreover, \$4,500 was allocated for Outdoor Recycling Bins, which is a little expensive, but will "make a really big impact for sustainability for campus". Then, \$1,000 was budgeted for a Farm/Orchard Trip event, in which students would be able to go to a local farm and pick their own produce; this would include the cost of transportation, a ticket for the trip, and food. This gave a total of \$9,300

- Legislator Harris said that she knows the owner of Blake's and would be able to place Ms. Mishack in contact with them
- Legislator Fox inquired as to whether the tiller is going to be motorized or hand operated
 - Ms. Mishack replied to Legislator Fox, saying that it's a motorized machine, in which OUSC would potentially be covering part of the cost, and the Student Organic Farm would cover the rest of the cost
- Legislator Fox inquired about any information regarding trying to alleviate the cigarette butt issue on campus
 - Ms. Mishack replied to Legislator Fox, saying, that issue is going to be part of the Talkin' Trash event, in which students either gather X amount of cigarette butts or X pounds of litter. Additionally, she is working with Legislator Harris on a video about quitting smoking, as well as working with the Graham Health Center, who provide quit kits.
- *Student Services Director Budget:* Ms. Merogi said that she budgeted \$3,450 for a Text Suggestion Initiative (On Campus Text), in which OUSC would have a text suggestion number, where students can text in their concerns, instead of using boxes that are around campus. This would make contacting OUSC easier, as well as could be utilized as a marketing tool. Furthermore, \$500 was budgeted for the Legislator Initiative Fund, but she encourages any legislator to communicate with her about any initiatives, because this number could be increased, if applicable and needed. Moreover, \$950 was budgeted for Sexual Assault Awareness, which will be utilized to continue the It's On Us campaign. Ms. Merogi

continued onward to say that she budgeted \$650 for Student of the Month, \$1,200 for Companion, and \$150 for Bear Bus Day, which will be continued in order to retain a good relationship with housing. This gave a total of \$6,900

- Legislator Kubinski inquired as to why Grizz Art was moved from the Student Services Director to the Visual Communications Director
 - Ms. Merogi replied to Legislator Kubinski, saying that the people who tend to use Grizz Art is the Visual Communications Committee, and that Mr. Queen, with his connections to the art community on campus, would better be able to share Grizz Art with the entire community
- Legislator Nasry inquired about the napping area in Kresge Library
 - Ms. Merogi replied to Legislator Nasry, saying, that there's not enough space currently in Kresge Library for a napping area, but she is going to be working on a napping initiative to ensure that a napping area is placed in the library when it undergoes an update
- *Legislative Affairs Director Budget:* Ms. Polsinelli said she budgeted \$3,000 for the SAM Conference, which will cover the hotel expenses, food, and travel cost. As for Rocks4Rights, she budgeted \$1,700, and it's going to be an outdoor event this year. However, WXOU is still going to be playing music, and she's thinking about doing America themed karaoke. Further, \$1,500 was budgeted for Voter Participation Kits, which are bags filled with voting information, as well as a few SWAG items. \$2,700 was budgeted for the My Vote Counts Campaign, which is going to be a tee shirt campaign, as this fund will also include money for marketing materials, such as posters and banners. Ms. Polsinelli said that she wants "to get cool tee shirts that people are going to want to wear", such as a bro tank, or maybe a couple variations of the shirts. Furthermore, \$600 was budgeted for TurboVote Promotion, in which she's going to get a long banner, similar to the Companion banner, in which she hopes will attract more people. This gave a total of \$9,500
 - Legislator Kubinski inquired as to whether Ms. Polsinelli had any ideas for Constitution Day. Since we receive aid from the federal government, we have to acknowledge Constitution Day. She continued onward to assure that nothing big has to be planned, and that mini Constitutions are usually handed out to students, but she was inquiring about this because, in the past, there has been some scramble in putting something together for Constitution Day
 - Ms. Polsinelli replied to Legislator Kubinski, saying, that she doesn't currently have anything planned, and would love to hear any ideas
 - Legislator Kubinski inquired about what would be placed inside the Voter Participation Kits

- Ms. Polsinelli replied to Legislator Kubinski, saying that the Voter Participation Kits are going to be blue drawstring bags with the Grizz on them, and then the inside will be filled with the voting pamphlet, a tee shirt, a mini Constitution, and a little notebook
- *Marketing Director Budget:* Ms. Goldwater said that \$7,790 was budgeted to continue the SWAG Campaign, so that we're able to do social media campaigns, as well as table with different gear. This will provide an incentive for students to come and talk with us, as well as gets our name out there. Furthermore, \$300 has been budgeted for Social Media Marketing, which will allow us to do promoted posts. Moreover, \$1,000 was budgeted for a Marketing Discretionary fund, which will allow her to help market and promote different initiatives/events for the university Student Congress members. This gave a total of \$9,090
- *Diversity and Inclusion Director Budget:* Vice President Engnell, speaking on behalf of Mr. Naseem, said that \$370 was budgeted for the Postcard Pals Initiative, in which students would be assigned a postcard pal on campus, and send postcards back and forth through the Student Congress Office, which would create communication between different groups on campus. Furthermore, \$3,300 was budgeted for the Noor Tagouri Event; Noor Tagouri is a reporting journalist from the Islamic community, who would come to Oakland University to speak about experiences as a reporter/journalist in the United States in the current political climate. The Diversity and Inclusion tee shirts are to be handed out at events, and \$450 was budgeted for them. Moreover, \$1,065 was budgeted for the I Am Campaign, which will be similar to last year, in that there will be a mural in the Fireside Lounge and participants will be able to write sentences that symbolize who they are or what they have become throughout the years. The last line item is the Fiesta in Detroit Event, which is budgeted \$1,487; one Saturday, students will go down to Mexican Town in Detroit and spend the day in that area. This gave a total of \$6,672
 - Legislator Nasry inquired as to why we're doing Postcard Pals, rather than events for diversity
 - Vice President Engnell responded to Legislator Nasry, saying that this initiative sprung from Post Crossing, which was a website that allowed one to send postcards to people across the world, and there were events for that. However, this website was faulty, so if too many students signed in, they would be locked out. Additionally, it was difficult to keep up with the demand, and the postcards were rarely returned. Since the events weren't successful, Mr. Naseem decided to implement the Postcard Pals program, which is run out of Student Congress
 - Legislator Kubinski inquired as to whether Postcard Pals would continue into the winter semester if it isn't successful. She continued onward to say, "I guess I'm just concerned because

we've tried this event like five different times two years ago and it just did not work."

- Vice President Engnell replied to Legislator Kubinski, saying, "Postcard Pals is completely different from what we tried in the past few years; Post Crossing was very different from Postcard Pals because Post Crossing was international with a website that we did not have control over, [whereas] this is local, on campus, directed by Mr. Naseem. So, it will be quite different from what we've tried in the past, but definitely anything on here that we do not see working" we won't continue.
- Legislator Nasry said, "I feel like the event would be more effective in person, rather than sending postcards."
 - Vice President Engnell replied to Legislator Nasry, saying that Mr. Naseem wants to table to for this, and any event would simply be a higher level of advanced tabling
- *Visual Communication Director Budget:* President Thomas, speaking on Mr. Queen's behalf, said that \$1,180 was budgeted for Grizz Art, so that we can purchase the necessary materials for marketing Grizz Art, as well as for different items for hanging the artwork itself
- *Tailgate Chair Budget:* President Thomas said the Tailgate Chair was given \$5,000 for the event
 - Legislator Fox inquired about designated drivers for the event, as to whether there is a specific system in place to get people home safely
 - Legislator Kubinski replied to Legislator Fox, saying, "In the past, you were kind of expected to be safe. We've always kind of stressed that this isn't supposed to be a go-hard situation."
 - Legislator Harris said, "There's always cops there, too, so if you look very intoxicated, they'll handle you. They'll take care of you, and make sure that you're fine. The point of the tailgate is that you stay at the tailgate and then go to the game after, so you have a span of time to sober up and get your act together."
- Total Summer Budget: \$124,440.28
- Available Funds (minus \$5,000 minimum balance): \$119,440.28
- Total Categorized Funds Fall 2016: \$89,092
- Uncategorized Funds: \$30,348.28
- Legislator Fox inquired as to why an accessibility fund wasn't included in the Fall 2016 Budget
 - President Thomas replied to Legislator Fox, saying that most construction work is done in the summer months, thus, accessibility projects aren't likely to occur in the fall, when they usually don't do very many construction projects. However, President Thomas assured that they could look into accessibility

marketing, or even having an accessibility fund for small accessibility expenditures

- Legislator Kubinski inquired about the change in hours for the Visual Communication Director from 15 hours a week to 20 hours a week
 - President Thomas replied to Legislator Kubinski, saying that we wanted to make sure that the Visual Communication Director had adequate time to get work done, since the position can get extremely hectic very quickly, since many projects can come in at once

D. Legislative Chair Nominations, *Zack Thomas*

- Tailgate Chair
 - President Thomas said that Legislator Kubinski has been operating as a temporary Tailgate Chair, but she would not be able to attend the tailgate on the dates that it's allotted, so she cannot remain at the temporary chair. He continued onward to say that he recommends Legislator Vicki Harris as the new Tailgate Chair
 - Legislator Kubinski nominated Legislator Harris for Tailgate Chair
 - Legislator Fox seconded this nomination
 - Vice President Engnell asked Legislator Harris if she accepts this position
 - Legislator Harris said that she accepts the position, and already has some sweet ideas planned for both the fall and winter tailgates
 - Vice President Engnell opened the floor to further nominations
 - There were no other nominations
 - Vice President Engnell opened the floor to discussion
 - President Thomas said, "Legislator Harris, would you be willing and eager to work with [the] Oakland University Police Department to avoid the mix up that happened at one of the tailgates last year?"
 - Legislator Harris replied to President Thomas, saying that yes, she would work with the OU Police Department
 - Vice President Engnell opened the floor to further discussion
 - There was no further discussion
 - Show of Hands Vote
 - Legislator Harris was unanimously approved as the Tailgate Chair
 - President Thomas said that there is also a vacancy for another Senior Legislator position, and that he would recommend Legislator Kubinski
 - Vice President Engnell opened the floor to nominations for Senior Legislator
 - Legislator Saadat nominated Legislator Kubinski for Senior Legislator
 - Legislator Fox seconded this nomination

- Vice President Engnell asked Legislator Kubinski if she accepts the nomination
- Legislator Kubinski said, “Yes, I do, [and] I just wanted to point out that for the next two months, my life is a living nightmare because I will be studying for the LSAT, but after that, I will have all of the time in the world starting on September 24th. So I will do my very best to be attentive to all of my duties until that point, but for the next few months I’m just going to be slightly busy, afterwards, [a] ray of sunshine. But thank you for the nomination and I look forward to it.”
- Vice President Engnell opened the floor to further nominations for Senior Legislator
 - There were no further nominations
- Vice President Engnell opened the floor to discussion on the nomination
- President Thomas said that Senior Legislators are invited to E-Board meetings, and he works with everyone’s schedules to try to pick a date that’s convenient for almost everyone
- Vice President Engnell opened the floor to further discussion
 - There was no further discussion
- Show of Hands Vote
 - Legislator Kubinski was unanimously approved as Senior Legislator

IX. Discussion Topics

- A. There were no discussion topics

X. Legislative Updates

- A. Greek Council Representative, *Vicki Harris*

- Legislator Harris said that the Meadow Brook Walk that Greek Council holds every year is on August 31st at 9:00. Everyone is going to meet at Hamlin Hall, and then walk over. Additionally, there will be prizes and games, and will be more interactive than it has been in years past. Additionally, sorority formal recruitment is going to be September 15th-18th
- Vice President Engnell opened the floor to further Legislative Initiatives or Updates
 - There were no further initiatives or updates
- Vice President Engnell opened the floor to discussion and questions
 - There was no further discussion

XI. Executive Reports

- A. Student Body President, *Zack Thomas*

- President Thomas said that since the last meeting, we’ve been preparing the budget. Additionally, Vice President Engnell and he have been interviewing the new staff advisor, who seems really awesome. He continued onward to say that he has been meeting with the OU Alumni Association and other departments on campus in order to solidify

relationships and work on marketing collaboration, looking for ways to get different voices around campus heard. In this next interim, Vice President Engnell and he will be meeting with President Hynd and Vice President McIntosh about the Florida trip, in addition to finalizing the fall budget

B. Student Vice President, *Anders Engnell*

- Vice President Engnell said that the Legislative Retreat is going to be on Saturday, August 20th from noon to 5:00. Two and a half hours will be spent doing something fun, and two and a half hours will be spent with discussing the budget and legislative initiatives. If a legislator cannot attend the retreat, the hours will need to be made up

C. Updates related to E-board Projects and Initiatives

- There were no updates

D. Questions related to Executive Reports

- There were no questions about executive reports

XII. Comments from the Gallery

- Vice President Engnell opened the floor to comments from the gallery
- Ms. Hock said that applications to be a member of the Student Program Board are live and available on Facebook, as well as the GrizzOrgs page. Furthermore, there is a Board of Trustees meeting at 2:00pm in the Elliot Auditorium on August 8th
- Vice President Engnell opened the floor to questions for Ms. Hock
- President Thomas encouraged everyone to share and like SPB's social media pages
- Legislator Fox said, "I think that everyone knows that I have my issues with [the] Board of Trustees. Something which really bothers with the Board of Trustees meetings is [that] there's no public comment [because] it's one of the most important parts."
 - Ms. Hock responded to Legislator Fox, saying that that's something that she can bring up, but, in the meantime, if anyone reads something on the agenda, and has a lot to say about it, she can try to bring some of those concerns and voices into the meetings
- Ms. Miller said that Legislator Fox, or another member of Congress, should send an email to be placed on the Board of Trustees' meeting agenda, in order to speak about permanently adding a public comment section.
- Legislator Fox said that his interest is to have any average student be able to attend a meeting and speak their voice, without having to email the Board of Trustees to be placed on the agenda. "This is so anyone can just walk in. Because that's a huge issue and there's a reason why elected bodies are required to have those sections in meetings because they're important and they work."
- Ms. Miller said that the new advisor begins working on August 8th
- Vice President Engnell opened the floor to further comments from the gallery
 - There were no further comments from the gallery

XIII. Announcements

- President Thomas said that he will be available after the meeting to answer any questions regarding the budget
- Legislator Fox reminded the Congress that tomorrow will be the August 2nd Local and Congressional Primaries, and that voting is open from 7:00am to 8:00pm
- Ms. Merogi said that SAFE Training is on August 15th at 5:30pm
- President Thomas said that SAFE Training is required for all Executive Board members, but he recommends that everyone attends because it's "a wonderful exercise"
- Legislator Harris said that she is looking for members for her Tailgate Committee
- Vice President Engnell said that the next meeting is on August 22nd at 5:30pm in the Oakland Room. He continued onward to say, "This is a very important meeting, it's the final budget approval. You need to be there, we are running out of the legislators who can resign. We need to have six legislators at the meeting, and I would like all legislators there to approve the budget; it would be terrible to have half of the legislators there. It's crucial."

XIV. Adjournment

- Meeting was adjourned at 7:11p.m.