



Meeting Minutes
Oakland University Student Congress
Thomas-Engnell Administration
Oakland Room, Oakland Center
Monday, October 10, 2016
4:00 P.M.



- I. Call to Order
 - Meeting was called to order on Monday, October 10th, 2016, at 4:00pm
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
 - Legislator Fox, present and voting
 - Legislator Kubinski, present and voting
 - Legislator Mabrouk, present and voting
 - Legislator Nasry, present and voting
 - Legislator Poppe, present and voting
 - Legislator Sanders, present and voting
 - Legislator Rourke, present and voting
 - Legislator Seeger, present and voting
 - Legislator Harris, not present
 - Legislator Walton, present and voting
 - We had quorum
- IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes from October 3rd, 2016
 - Vice President Engnell opened the floor to amendments, additions, or subtractions to the Meeting Minutes from October 3rd, 2016
 - There were no amendments to the Meeting Minutes from October 3rd, 2016
 - Show of Hands Vote
 - The Meeting Minutes from October 3rd, 2016, were unanimously approved
- V. Comments from the Gallery
 - Ms. Hock, the President of the Student Program Board and a student liaison to the Board of Trustees said that on Thursday there is going to be a drive-in movie double feature, showing Finding Dory at 7:30 and The Purge: Election Year at 10:00. There will be a sitting area at the event, but people are more than welcome to stay in their cars. The weather will be a little chilly, so it would be a good idea to bring blankets and coats, as well. Also, there will be a raffle drawing, and 40-50 students will win SPB camping chairs, with the drive-in movie logo on them. Additionally, on Saturday, October 22nd. The tickets cost \$40.00 and can be purchased at the CSA Service Window. Furthermore, the next Board of Trustees meeting is two weeks from today, at 2:00pm in the Elliot Hall Auditorium.
 - Vice President Engnell opened the floor to further Comments from the Gallery
 - There were no further Comments from the Gallery
- VI. Guest Speaker
 - There was no guest speaker
- VII. Old Business
 - A. C.B. 17-07 Campus Life Survey Bill, *Elijah Sanders*
 - Legislator Sanders said that this bill will extend the life of their surveymonkey account, which is going to be used to analyze the results of

the campus life survey in order to create a campus life masterplan to present to administration.

- Vice President Engnell said that this account will also be utilized to launch a campus-wide parking survey, which will be launched next week.
- Vice President Engnell opened the floor to discussion
- There was no discussion
- Roll Call Vote
 - Rourke, yea
 - Legislator Fox, yea
 - Legislator Kubinski, yea
 - Legislator Mabrouk, yea
 - Legislator Nasry, yea
 - Legislator Poppe, yea
 - Legislator Seeger, yea
 - Legislator Sanders, yea
 - Legislator Walton, yea
 - C.B. 17-07 Campus Life Survey Bill passed unanimously

VIII. New Business

A. Approval of Prospective Legislators, *Tamara Mabrouk*

- Brittany Kleinschmidt
 - Legislator Mabrouk said that she would like to introduce Brittany Kleinschmidt, who is an extremely motivated individual and has great potential to accomplish great things on Student Congress as a legislator, if approved.
 - Ms. Kleinschmidt said that she aspires to be a legislator because she really enjoys helping people. She continued onward to say, “I think that students are friendly. I think professors are helpful. And I think the campus is downright beautiful.” In order to get some of her hours, she helped Legislator Harris with the tailgate and Ms. Polsinelli with voter registration, including some office work and tabling. She said that that Student Congress ultimately makes the decisions that impact the students, and as a student herself, as well an individual who enjoys interacting with other students, she would love to become a part of OUSC. Her initiative would be to create sanitation stands, so that students have ready access to hand sanitizer and tissues, since these are two resources that are severely limited on campus.
 - Vice President Engnell opened the floor to questions
 - Legislator Kubinski said, “I love your initiative, [and] that sounds like a really great plan.” She continued onward to ask Ms. Kleinschmidt if she has read the Bylaws and Constitution.
 - Ms. Kleinschmidt replied to Legislator Kubinski, saying, that she has read the Bylaws and Constitution and knows the general information contained within them, but couldn’t directly quote either document.

- Legislator Fox inquired as to whether she will be able to do her office hours every week, and well as what committees she was interested in joining and why.
 - Ms. Kleinschmidt responded to Legislator Fox, saying, that she was interested in continued to work with Ms. Polsinelli on the Legislative Affairs Committee because she's interested in politics, as well as enjoyed working with Ms. Polsinelli previously.
- Ms. Mishack said that she loves Ms. Kleinschmidt's initiative, and would love to have her on her committee, so that they're able to collaborate on this idea. She continued onward to say that perhaps they would be able to get these sanitation stations sponsored.
 - Ms. Kleinschmidt responded to Ms. Mishack, saying, "Oh, I am totally in."
- There were no further questions for Ms. Kleinschmidt
- *Ms. Kleinschmidt was asked to temporarily leave the room for a private discussion amongst the Congress*
- Vice President Engnell opened the floor to discussion
- Legislator Fox said that Ms. Kleinschmidt strikes him as an extremely outgoing and approachable individual, which he thinks is fantastic because students will be able to easily approach her. He continued onward to say that he thinks her initiative is brilliant.
- President Thomas said that Ms. Kleinschmidt has a ton of potential and that he thinks that she would do a fantastic job on OUSC.
- Legislator Kubinski said, "She seems passionate, determined, and she's already doing good work, so vote for her."
- Legislator Rourke said that she has seen Ms. Kleinschmidt a few times outside of the Student Congress Office and she has always approached her. She continued onward that she seems to be a nice, passionate individual.
- Vice President Engnell said, "I would like to add, too, that she is one month into her career at Oakland University and has already talked to multiple students about her initiative idea, already has a good feel for what we need on the university, has already read the Bylaws, and has said hi to me outside of meetings, on campus, at least four or five times. She is incredibly approachable and I think that she could have an incredible career in Student Congress, especially if she's starting out a month in with this type of caliber."
- Legislator Nasry inquired about how Ms. Kleinschmidt heard about Student Congress
 - Legislator Mabrouk responded to Legislator Nasry, saying that she wasn't quite sure, but she believes that Ms.

Kleinschmidt came into the office one day for a Scantron and spoke to someone about Student Congress.

- Mr. Clark was asked to retrieve Ms. Kleinschmidt from the hall
 - Roll Call Vote
 - Rourke, yea
 - Legislator Fox, yea
 - Legislator Kubinski, yea
 - Legislator Mabrouk, yea
 - Legislator Nasry, yea
 - Legislator Poppe, yea
 - Legislator Seeger, yea
 - Legislator Sanders, yea
 - Legislator Walton, yea
 - Ms. Kleinschmidt was unanimously approved as a legislator
- Helen Thompson
 - Legislator Mabrouk said that Ms. Thompson is extremely hardworking and dedicated. She continued onward to say that both Legislator Kleinschmidt and Ms. Thompson submitted their 50 signatures within two days of receiving the prospective legislator application packet.
 - Ms. Thompson said that she learned about Student Congress prior to being a student here at Oakland University, and that Student Congress was of the reasons that she applied to the university. She continued onward to say, “I’ve always believed that it’s so important to be a part of something that is larger than yourself, and I think that Student Congress really accomplishes that with all does regarding the student body.” Her initiative regards mental health because in our society mental health and suicide awareness is at a high point and there is misunderstanding about what students suffering from mental illnesses are handling. Her initiative would raise awareness about mental illness and hopefully make students feel enabled to talk about what they’re experiencing. For example, adult coloring pages and group exercise sessions can greatly reduce stress and anxiety, as well as provide an environment in which people feel comfortable to receive help.
 - Vice President Engnell opened the floor to questions for Ms. Thompson
 - Legislator Kubinski inquired as to how Ms. Thompson heard about OUSC, prior to becoming a student at Oakland University.
 - Ms. Thompson responded to Legislator Kubinski, saying, that she spoke to Nick, who encouraged her to join to Student Congress.
 - Legislator Kubinski then inquired if Ms. Thompson has read the Bylaws and Constitution for OUSC.

- Ms. Thompson responded to Legislator Kubinski, saying, “I have, yes.”
- Legislator Fox said, “Well, first, let me profess that it seems like you’re doing this for all of the right reasons, which has a really big impact on me, and I think that it’s going to have a really big impact on this campus.” He continued onward to inquire about what committees Ms. Thompson would like to join and why.
 - Ms. Thompson responded to Legislator Fox, saying that she was interested in joining the Environmental, Health and Wellness Committee, as well as the Legislative Affairs Committee.
- Ms. Mishack said, “I definitely echo the sentiments of Legislator Fox.” She continued onward to say that she would love to have both Legislator Kleinschmidt and Ms. Thompson on her committee because she thinks that they could accomplish some really great things.
- There were no further questions for Ms. Thompson
- *Ms. Thompson was asked to temporarily leave the room for a private discussion amongst Congress*
- Vice President Engnell opened the floor to discussion
- Legislator Kubinski said that she was interested in Student Congress prior to applying to Oakland University, as well as has a great initiative.
- President Thomas said that both Legislator Kleinschmidt and Ms. Thompson exemplify passion and that they both have a ton of potential to do fantastic things for this organization.
- Vice President Engnell mentioned that her legislator essay has formatted citations, which he has never seen before and that he absolutely loves.
- There was no further discussion
- Mr. Clark was asked to retrieve Mr. Thompson from the hall
 - Roll Call Vote
 - Rourke, yea
 - Legislator Fox, yea
 - Legislator Kubinski, yea
 - Legislator Mabrouk, yea
 - Legislator Nasry, yea
 - Legislator Poppe, yea
 - Legislator Seeger, yea
 - Legislator Sanders, yea
 - Legislator Walton, yea
 - Legislator Kleinschmidt, yea
 - Ms. Thompson was unanimously approved as a legislator

IX. Discussion Topics

- There were no discussion topics
- X. Legislative Updates
- A. Greek Council Representative, *Vicki Harris*
- Legislator Harris was not present
- B. Updates related to Legislative Projects and Initiatives
- Legislator Kubinski said that she apologizes for not getting emailing the legislators last week to set up meetings with them, but she will be sending out that email tonight.
 - Legislator Fox said, “I guess the first thing: do your hours; I will find you. You don’t want me to find you. Please do your hours.” He continued onward to say that he will be meeting with housing and Ms. Merogi to discuss the lost-and-found bins for the residence halls.
- C. Questions related to Legislative Reports
- There were no questions
- XI. Executive Reports
- A. Student Body President, *Zack Thomas*
- President Thomas said that we have stopped our voter registration efforts because the close of registration deadline is quickly approaching. However, we were able to get 526 students registered to vote, through the hard-work and continued effort of Ms. Polsinelli and her committee; they implemented a variety of methods to get people to register to vote, including tabling in the Oakland Center and in housing, collaborating with the Mobile Secretary of State, and distributing 2,500 voter registration forms with an attached OUSC graphic to housing, and 24/7 TurboVote access. Moving forward, our efforts will be shifting towards getting students to pledge to vote, as well as providing absentee ballot forms and general election information, so that students know where they will go to vote. This will be accomplished by tabling in the Oakland Center on Mondays and Wednesdays. Furthermore, he continued onward to say that Vice President Engnell and he will be advocating for student representation on the Presidential Search Committee in order to ensure that student voices are heard in selecting their new university president. In additional, Vice President Engnell and he are continuing to try to influence administration’s direction on parking.
- B. Student Vice President, *Anders Engnell*
- Vice President Engnell said that we are resurrecting the spring break resolution, as an effort to get our spring break moved from the last week of February to the first week of May; in this way, our spring break would be more aligned with when other universities are having their spring breaks. He continued onward to say that SAFAC tabling occurred today and six out of eight organizations participated, including OUSC, SAFB, SVP, WXOU, Oakland Post, and Club Sports. There was a lot of participation; we handed out over 100 water bottles and were able to get about 50 people pledged to vote. This is most likely going to be a monthly occurrence, but, in the future, we are looking at having a presidential open forum in the Fireside Lounge, in which the president,

the provost, and COO Kunselman will be available for questions. This presidential open forum would occur on the same day at SAFAC tabling, so it would ultimately be a huge activity day that emphasizes transparency and student involvement.

C. OUSC Advisor, *Stephanie Jurva*

- Advisor Jurva said that Make a Difference Day is on Saturday, October 22nd from 8:00am-12:00pm. You can sign-up on GrizzOrgs and a free lunch will be provided afterwards. Additionally, the Greeks are doing a Trunk-or-Treat event for the children in Pontiac.

D. Updates related to E-board Projects and Initiatives

- Ms. Mishack said that her event Talkin' Trash is on Wednesday from 11:00am-2:00pm, by Elliot Tower. Students are going to come and pick up trash/litter around campus and everyone who participates will receive an EHW tee-shirt. Furthermore, the person who collects the most litter/cigarette butts will receive a Fitbit. There is also going to be a smoothie bar and dirt cups.
- Mr. Queen said that his committee has been working on the Student Health Campaign infographic, which he is going to review with his committee on Friday. The first Student Health Campaign infographic will be done by October 24th. Furthermore, he is going to be updating the OUSC website with the current Bylaws and Constitutions, as well as all of the agendas and meetings minutes from this administration. With Grizz Art, last year we have received several submissions that didn't have contact information for the artist, however, we were able to successfully return all of the pieces to their rightful owners. Additionally, the large canvas that was utilized for the IAM Campaign is going to be painted white so that it's clean slated and then he is going to outline the Grizz head with a pencil on the canvas. Then, every time a student comes into the office, he/she will put a single dot in a colored sharpie in the Grizz head. So, eventually, the Grizz head will be filled with a bunch of colorful dots from all of the student body, which will be a really cool piece to showcase in Grizz Art.
- Ms. Merogi said the text suggestion number is now active and the number is (248)957-1665. All of the text messages go directly to her email.

E. Questions related to Executive Reports

- Legislator Kubinski inquired how many students are going to be on the Presidential Search Committee, because she knows that it's usually only one student on this committee. She continued onward to say that if more than one student can be on this committee, she would suggest that the presidents or vice presidents of the SAFAC organizations serve as the representatives.
 - President Thomas responded to Legislator Kubinski, saying that most likely there will be only one or two student representatives, with these representatives most likely being either Cassie Hock, Sean Foe, Vice President Engnell, and/or himself. This is partly

due to the fact that the university utilizes a private firm to search for the committee.

- There were no further questions

XII. Comments from the Gallery

- A. There were no Comments from the Gallery

XIII. Announcements

- A. Legislator Fox said, "The College Democrats on campus are hosting a candidate forum, in which a number of candidates from Oakland County, both on the congressional level, state level, and city level are all coming to talk with Oakland students. Now, it's not on campus. It's at Riverwoods Parks, which is a little down Squirrel from campus. If anyone is interested in networking possibilities or just learning more about stuff, please feel free to come to that. It's not a bipartisan event. However, I do not have any updates that the republicans are doing this week, if I did, I would announce it."

XIV. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 4:44pm