WHEREAS Town Hall meetings are not addressed in the ASOSU statues or constitution. There is currently no mandate for Congress to hold town hall meetings with students.

WHEREAS Communication between the ASOSU and Oregon State University students is sorely lacking.

WHEREAS The annual Gripe Fest is an important event but has been seen to be inadequate to express students’ concerns about life on campus in a timely manner.

WHEREAS Student town hall meetings are a favorable forum for all students to communicate directly with ASOSU Representatives and Senators in an informal manner that does not require parliamentary procedure.

WHEREAS Students have requested the ASOSU to hold more town hall meetings.

BE IT HEREBY ENACTED BY THE ASOSU THAT:

Title II, Section 13 of the ASOSU Statutes shall be created to read;

“Section 13: Student Town Hall Meetings:

A. Congress shall hold two (2) town hall meeting per term each academic year, excluding the summer term. These Town Hall Meetings are to take place during week three and week eight of each term. The date of the Town Hall Meetings must be decided two (2) weeks in advance.

B. All Town Hall Meetings shall be held in the Memorial Union, shall be open to the OSU Community, and those attending shall be asked to sign in with their name and state all group affiliations.

C. The purpose of the Town Hall meetings shall be to gather student input during week three (3) and evaluate the ASOSU progress during week eight (8).

D. All Town Hall Meetings must be advertised one week prior to the event.
E. The Town Hall Meetings shall be facilitated by a neutral party.

F. The Town Hall Meetings shall be organized by the Student Academics and Activities Committee.”

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED BY THE ASOSU THAT:

Title II, Section 3, Letter F, Subsection 2 of the ASOSU Statutes shall be amended to include;

“iii. The Student Academics and Activities Committee shall be responsible to organize periodic Town Hall Meetings as according to Title II, Section 13 of the ASOSU Statutes.”

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED BY THE ASOSU THAT:

This Bill will take effect Spring Term 2012.

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