Members in attendance: Kevin Schock (President of the Senate), Andrew Struthers, Donald Lite (Congressional Parliamentarian), Kate Faulkner (Congressional Secretary), Brian Moran, Sara Varin, Dustin Cheney, Desiree Segura, Ashley Barnes, Nolan Nichols, Matt Baumgartner (by proxy, Dan Cushing), and Kyle Bailey.

I. Call to Order/Roll-Call/Quorum
   The meeting commenced at 7:00pm. Quorum was met with 9 senators.

II. Swearing in of Senators
    Senator Kyle Bailey was sworn in.

III. Singing of the OSU Alma Mater

IV. Approval of Minutes from Tuesday, October 27th, 2009
    Senator Struthers: Has everyone had a chance to look at the minutes this week? Is there any discussion?
    Senator Moran: It’s awesome.
    Senator Struthers: Senator Moran’s name did make it onto the minutes this week. Is there any more discussion?
    Senator Varin: I move to approve the minutes from Tuesday, October 27th, 2009.
    Senator Moran: I second.
    Senator Struthers: Is there any further discussion?
    Senator Segura: I have a correction. It’s “OSCC” for the Oregon Students of Color Coalition, not “OSAC.” That was Emanuel’s fault, he should know that.
    Senator Struthers: That’s a friendly amendment. Is there any other discussion?
    Senator Segura: Kate, awesome job on the minutes.
    Congressional Secretary Faulkner: Thank you.
Senator Struthers: I heard some conversation about the paper this week. It’s on letterhead because we ran out of white paper. Is there any further discussion?

There was no further discussion and a voice vote was taken.
Vote: 9-0; pass.

V. Standing Committee Reports

Oversight and Ethics Committee
Senator Barnes: The Code of Conduct was approved with some revisions from the House, so now it has to go to a Conference Committee.

Student Academics and Activities Committee
Senator Struthers: Senator Silvey is not here.
Senator Varin: We are having a meeting tomorrow at 5pm.
Senator Struthers: Senator Bailey, you’ll be going.
Senator Moran: It’s on 24th Street?
Senator Varin: It’s on 23rd and Van Buren.
Senator Segura: Sophie’s place.
Senator Varin: Yes, 5pm at Chi Omega.

Student Government Committee
Senator Struthers: I talked with Vice President Schock, and if it’s ok with you Senator Segura, you’ll be the new chair.
Senator Segura: Oh, ok, got it. Can we talk briefly afterwards to go over it?
Senator Struthers: Yes.

VI. Special Committee Reports

Standing Rules Committee
Senator Cheney: We finished up this week and over the next couple of days we’ll sent out both the original and revised versions. Please look them over and we’ll go over them next week.
VII. Joint Committee Reports  
Assignment  
Senator Struthers: The Joint Committee was passed by both the House and Senate and was signed by President Van Drimmelen. We need to assign members and I will take volunteers.  
Senator Segura: Point of clarification – can we discuss the job description? Like when they will be meeting…  
Senator Struthers: That is up to the committee, that’s hasn’t been decided. All I know is we need to appoint people. It’s going to be 6 senators and 6 representatives and the respective bodies will assign a chair and when they meet.  
Senator Segura: Do we need to appoint people tonight? Can we send emails to people who are not here?  
Senator Struthers: That sounds good. I don’t think the House is having any bills this week, so that should be fine.

VIII. Conference Committee Reports  
Assignment  
Senator Struthers: We need to appoint people to the Conference Committee, with up to 6 senators and 6 representatives, to discuss the changes to the Code of Conduct. It’s in the statutes that we need to do this. I will be there, along with Senator Cheney. Senator Barnes expressed interest, but can’t do it because Speaker Aljets set the time at 8am tomorrow in Snell when she has class. If there’s anyone that wants to sit to discuss this, I would like to have more than 2 senators there. Is anyone else free at 8am tomorrow?  
Senator Barnes: Is that really the most appropriate venue to have it in?  
Senator Segura: Maybe you could use the media conference room.  
Senator Struthers: Yeah, they might do that. Also, Paul and Kevin Schock will be co-chairing tomorrow.  
Senator Segura: Can I co-chair?  
Senator Struthers: You can sit as a senator. Senator Cheney, can you do it tomorrow morning?  
Senator Cheney: It’s early, but I can do it.  
Senator Struthers: Ok, so it’s me, Senator Segura, and Senator Cheney going. Is there anyone else?
IX. Executive Reports

Yesenia Garcia: My name is Yesenia Garcia, I’m the Director of Social Resources. I oversee Meal Bux and the graduate conference registration subsidies. What’s been occurring with the graduate conference subsidies is we’ve only gotten four applications through that. They have been submitted and they are in the process of being reviewed. We only take ten per term through the end of every term.

Senator Segura: I don’t mean to interrupt, but what is the graduate conference registration subsidy?

Ms. Garcia: It cover the registration fee for conferences. Also, there is the student health insurance subsidy, which, if you aren’t familiar, is for students applying through Student Health Services and they are reimbursed depending on their income. We distribute applications through the first three weeks of school. Only 66 students applied this term. Of those, 56 were approved and 10 were denied due to not having enough information on their application. We re-allocated $13,000 per term for student health insurance, so we did good on that. Meal Bux applications are passed out the first two weeks. We passed out 600 applications total and received 517 back. You get up to $250 per term for food on campus. We approved 267, which is great for us since last year we only approved 130, so we’ve doubled the number of students we’re serving. There were 9 appeals, they can appeal if they don’t agree with a decision. What I’m working on is keeping applications for 5 years, working on a filing system, and making it a smooth transition over time. I spoke to Christian Matheis for other possible sources of funding for Meal Bux, so I’ve been looking into that. He told me that grant-writing is important, and it’s lengthy, but doable. That’s it, are there any questions?

Senator Segura: Meal Bux hasn’t been around very long and I’m so impressed with how many people have been able to help out; the numbers keep going up. But what about advertising? There’s a lot of students stuck in the middle ground, and if you know you need help, you already know where to look, but if you don’t already know, you don’t know.

Ms. Garcia: In terms of advertising, throughout this summer I didn’t work on it, Sean was in charge of it then, but we didn’t have advertising in that aspect. Our posters aren’t up to date, but I’m looking to put up new flyers and looking into a services brochure detailing all the subsidies.

Senator Segura: By winter term?

Ms. Garcia: I’m trying to pull it off. Nothing was up-to-date on the website and we’ve been updating that recently.
Senator Struthers: Are there any more questions? Thank you. Three other reports were sent in by email due to class or another form of business to take care of. I would ask the Congressional Parliamentarian to read those.

Congressional Parliamentarian Lite: “To the members of the Senate - My name is Chris Lenn and I am the Queer Affairs Task Force director for ASOSU. My apologies for not being with you this evening but I am prepared to offer you a report on what has been happening for the task force so far this term.

First, let me tell you about myself. I am a first-year graduate student in the Applied Ethics program where I am currently focusing on women’s oppression and university corporatization. I am originally from New Jersey and I did my undergraduate work at Penn State in economics. While at Penn State I was heavily involved in lgbt/queer outreach, community building, and peer education through student organizations and Penn State’s LGBTA Student Resource Center.

Through the first 5 weeks of this term the task force has met 4 times with meeting attendance at around 10 people per meeting. Our main focus right now is planning Transgender Awareness Week which will be taking place on November 16th-20th. Our planning team consists of members from all over campus—BCC, APCC, Women’s Center, Pride Center, Rainbow Continuum, and SOL. The week so far has over ten planned events.

As for my other duties, I have been regularly meeting my required hours for the week and have been attending outside meetings of the Rainbow Continuum and Pride Center advisory board. I have been in close communication with members of the Oregon Student Association in relation to queer organizing and have been present at all but one of the Oregon Student Association/Oregon Student Equal Rights Alliance meetings for the year.

Transgender Awareness Week will be the primary focus of this term. Starting in the winter, I plan to move forward on assessing and creating more gender-inclusive spaces throughout the university.

Hope to see you next term, thanks very much for your time. Any questions can be emailed to me at queer.affairs@oregonstate.edu

Sincerely, Chris Lenn"
Senator Struthers: Thank you. Up next, the Non-Traditional Student Affairs Taskforce Director, Jordan Meraz.

Congressional Parliamentarian Lite: “To the Senate – Hi, my name is Jordan Meraz, and I am the ASOSU Director of Non-Traditional Student Affairs. My position deals with advocacy of non-traditional students, which include but is not limited to out-of-state students, transfer students, older than average students, international students, and student parents.

This term my task force has hosted an open house event for the 25+ Lounge in the Memorial Union. Overall it went well; I met many non-traditional students, mainly older than average students and veterans who I was able to speak to about issues they are currently facing.

This week marked the start of the Joy Drive. The Joy Drive is put on by ASOSU and The Office of Student Parent Advocacy. Liberty Perttiwi, the ASOSU Director of Health and Wellness, and I have been working with Stephanie Duckett, the Student Parent Advocate, and her intern to collect toys and donations for the children of student parents at OSU. This year we decided to make the Joy Drive into a competition to help increase student involvement. We have already visited several Greek houses to present the event and are planning on going to student organizations and residence hall meetings in the next couple weeks.

This term I am also sitting on the Student Parent Advisory Board. I attended my first meeting last week where we spoke about the OSU shared values and how we can relate them to student parents at OSU.

Future projects include the planning of the 2010 Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration. I am planning on collaborating with the Native American Longhouse to host “Kids For Equality,” an event for pre-school to middle school-aged children to learn about equality. Sincerely, Jordan Meraz.”

Senator Struthers: Thank you. The last one we have is from the Executive Director of Governmental Relations, Madison Parker.

Congressional Parliamentarian Lite: “Members of the Senate – My name is Madison Parker and I am the Executive Director of Government Relations. This term I have been putting my efforts into mainly two things. The first is Voter Registration and the second is
OSU’s Institutional Vote Plan. Voter Registration got off to a late start due to the letter from the Faculty Senate President. Class raps have been going since week three and we are on our way to meeting our goal. While class raps will continue throughout the term we will be pushing more for group raps. Next week and the week after we are hoping to start Dorm Storms and have been working with Shelly Clark (of the Residence Halls) and will be addressing their assembly meeting tomorrow evening. We will also start giving house raps at the Panhellinic, Interfraternal, and Unified Greek Council houses and meetings over the next two weeks.

The institutionalized vote plan is currently in the process of being signed by the following positions/organizations on campus: the University President, the Faculty Senate President, the ASOSU President, the Provost, the VP for Advancement, the Chief Information Officer, the Coordinator of the Office for Greek Life, the Director of University Housing and Dining, the Registrar, the Editor of the Daily Barometer, the Asian and Pacific Cultural Center, the Lonnie B. Harris Black Cultural Center, the Centro Cultural César Chávez, the Native American Longhouse, the Pride Center, the Women’s Center, the OSU Interfraternity Council, the OSU Panhellenic Council and the OSU Unified Greek Council.

If anyone is interested in seeing this document or is you have any further questions, my email is asosu.gov@oregonstate.edu. Thank you all for your time, Madison Parker.”

X. Delegate Reports
There were no delegate reports.

XI. Messages
There were no messages.

XII. New Business
Senator Struthers: I don’t have any new business tonight. Is there anything the senate would like to bring to the floor?

There was no new business.

XIII. President’s Announcements
Senator Struthers: We are filling Senate seats. Kyle Bailey is here now and Jenna Albert will be here next week, I’m not sure if she got the email for tonight. Senator Friedman’s
seat will not be vacant. He is in Africa and his proxy only makes it every other meetings. I will talk to him and try to work something out.

**Senator Segura:** How many seats are vacant in the Senate and House?

**Senator Struthers:** Right now, Friedman’s seat is the only vacancy in the Senate. Off the top of my head, for the House there are 2 graduate and 3 undergraduate vacancies. I'm not sure if that's correct.

**Senator Moran:** Paul is filling them right now.

**Senator Barnes:** He’s trying to.

**Senator Moran:** We filled one.

**Senator Struthers:** He had more come vacant after filling though.

**Senator Segura:** Do we have an up-and-running Judicial Council? Are there any openings on that?

**Senator Struthers:** It’s up-and-running, they have four members. We do have a Judicial Council confirmation next week for Arianna Shroyer. President Van Drimmelen has asked that we excuse her for not being here next week as she has a class that meets at this time. If there’s no objection, I ask that we excuse her, that is up to us. We also have another confirmation for the Executive Cabinet for the Chief of Operations. Natalie Swartzendruber has been appointed to that position, but she, too, can’t make it because of class.

**Senator Segura:** How do you spell her last name?

**Senator Struthers:** S-W-A-R-T-Z-E-N-D-R-U-B-E-R. Also, she’s asking for special permission to miss confirmation for the same reason of class, so if there’s no objections, I will inform them that we’re giving permission.

**Senator Barnes:** Will Chris Van Drimmelen be there?

**Senator Struthers:** Yes, I sent out information today. Ok, so office hours – please do them. Legislation – if you’re having ideas for bills or resolutions, send them to Kate so we can get them to the Senate.

**Senator Segura:** I also know how to write them.

**Senator Struthers:** Yes, Desiree, Paul, and I know how to write legislation, so there are different people to talk to. Please get the ball rolling on that.

**XIV. Senator Comments**

**Senator Segura:** Can I make a request? I feel like every week we get new sheet music. Can we just collect them so we’re not wasting paper?

**Senator Struthers:** Every week you take them and don’t bring them back.

**Senator Segura:** Right, you collect them.
Senator Struthers: Leave them and we will bring them back.

XV. Gallery Comments
There were no comments from the gallery.

XVI. Adjournment
Senator Struthers: Is there a motion to adjourn?
Senator Segura: I move to adjourn.
Senator Varin: I second.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:27pm.