69th ASOSU Senate
Seventeenth Meeting
Tuesday, November 10th, 2009
MU 109A

Members in attendance: Kevin Schock (President of the Senate), Andrew Struthers (President Pro-Tempore), Donald Lite (Congressional Parliamentarian), Kate Faulkner (Congressional Secretary), Megan Silvey (by proxy; Katie Bullard), Brian Moran, Sara Varin, Dustin Cheney (by proxy; Lucas Teeter), Désirée Segura, Nolan Nichols, Matt Baumgartner, Jenna Albert, and Kyle Bailey.

I. Call to Order/Roll-Call/Quorum
The meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm. Quorum was reached with 11 senators.

II. Swearing in of Senators
The proxies for Senators Cheney and Silvey were sworn in.

III. Singing of the OSU Alma Mater
At 7:04pm, Senator Albert arrived and was sworn in.

IV. Approval of Minutes from Tuesday, November 3rd, 2009
Senator Struthers: Has everyone had a chance to look at the minutes?
Senator Moran: Good my name is there.
Senator Struthers: Yes, your name is there.
Senator Moran: I have to look every time now.
Senator Struthers: Is there any discussion of the minutes? Is there any motion?
Senator Barnes: I move to approve the minutes from Tuesday, November 3rd, 2009.
Senator Varin: I second.
Senator Struthers: Is there any further discussion?

There was no further discussion and a voice vote was taken.
Vote: 11-0; pass.
V. Standing Committee Reports

Oversight and Ethics Committee
Senator Barnes: Nothing to report.

Student Academics and Activities
Senator Struthers: Senator Silvey is not here.

Student Government
Senator Struthers: Senator Segura is out sick, are there any other members of the committee that know what’s going on?
Senator Varin: We are going to finish our bylaws this week, tomorrow at 4pm. We should have them for next week.

VI. Special Committee Reports

Standing Rules
Senator Struthers: Senator Cheney is out with something, I don’t know off the top of my head what, but the only thing he has to report is the Standing Rules, which we are going over later tonight.

VII. Joint Committee Reports

Assignment
Senator Struthers: So far we have Senator Barnes and Senator Cheney, is there anyone else who wants to sit on that committee?
Senator Albert: When does it meet?
Senator Struthers: They haven’t set a time yet, they are deciding that this week.
Senator Albert: I’m interested.
Senator Struthers: Ok.

VIII. Conference Committee Reports
Senator Struthers: Senator Cheney isn’t here, but I was there and can report. We reviewed the revisions passed by the House. We will talk about it tonight with the Code of Conduct.
IX. Executive Reports

Director of Accessibility Affairs – Brittany Duffy-Gochè

Brittany Duffy-Gochè: So I’ll just read what I wrote – “My name is Brittany Duffy-Goche” and I am your Accessibility Affairs Task Force Director.

My goal this year for accessibility affairs is to get it this task force back on the map. I feel that in the last few years this task force has been placed by the way side and now needs “a face lift”. This last month and a half I have been meeting with key individuals that I feel will help me realize the needs of students with disabilities and help make Oregon State University safe and accessible to all. I am still getting acquainted with what I need to accomplish and what needs need to be met for this community. A few projects that I currently am working on are assessing all buildings on campus with ADA regulations. I am hoping to continue the project started in 2007 to have each building, floor by floor, mapped out with all accessible locations and entrances. I am still in the process of assessing these buildings and finding a feasible number to have completed by the end of this year. Next, an accessibility safe space training to start implementing by next year. I am currently working with Christian Matheis to get this safe space training put together and then find a facilitator to have completed for next year. There has been a concern that there are limited spaces to go and voice your concerns. With this training we are hoping to establish a visible location that students can go, feel welcomed, and get their needs met. Lastly, a support group for asperger students. I am working with Human Services Resource Center and one student to get this program started. There currently are no support networks for students with disabilities and to me this is shocking.

If you have any questions or concerns feel free to contact me @ 541.737.6354 (office), 503.481.3746 (cell) or via email accessibility.affairs@oregonstate.edu

Thank you.”

Senator Segura arrived at 7:08pm.

Senator Struthers: Are there any questions?
Senator Segura: How are you liking it so far?

Ms. Duffy-Gochè: It’s been challenging, just walking into it. There wasn’t a big transition packet given or any knowledge on my part. I’ve definitely been asking for help. I think it’s coming along good. I feel like the projects, I’m told from individuals, are going to be helpful. I feel it’s going well and I’m enjoying it.
**Senator Segura:** Are you receiving proper help and support from the people you’ve sought out? Coming from last year, I know this position isn’t anything yet. I know you’re a hard-working individual, like with Queer Affairs, and I just want to know you’re being supported.

**Ms. Duffy-Gochè:** It’s been hard going into the community because there’s few resources and they can’t give out the names of individuals, but I have two students who have voiced concerns in a couple of areas, so that’s been helpful. Different administrators have been helpful as well. I don’t know everything, but it’s a process and it’s going well.

**Senator Struthers:** Are there any more questions? Thank you. Next is Yesenia Chavez. Is that how you say it?

**Yesenia Chavez:** Yes, or Yessie. So hi, I’m Yesenia Chavez, or you can call me Yessie, and I’m the Director of Multicultural Affairs. Currently I’m recruiting for the OSCConference this weekend. We have ten, counting me, going to the conference. It should be interesting and it starts on Friday and we’re coming back Sunday. I’m also working on OSCC surveys, collecting surveys for what are the top five issues that OSCC and OSERA should be working on. I’ve been working with the interns, working on creating an OSCC chapter here. Also, for those of you who don’t know what OSCC is…

**Senators:** OSCC!

**Ms. Chavez:** Yes, OCSS is the Oregon Students of Color Coalition and OSU doesn’t have a chapter. Along with that I’ve also been working on an MLK Jr. Day Steering Committee with the Non-Traditional Student Affairs Taskforce Director Jordan Meraz. Last year I worked with Kids For Justice and we had activities for kids and educational information, and the Community Service Center wants to work with me for a little lunch thing with that. I’m starting to plan an event for spring term with ISS [Intercultural Student Services] and I’m getting the cultural centers involved as well, doing a week-long event for race and identity issues.

**Senator Struthers:** Are there any questions for Ms. Chavez?

**Senator Segura:** So I know in the past with this position, when they’ve thrown events, they’ve been centered around awareness and issues with identity. My concern is that it’s been the same angle every year. I know you’ve been involved with the cultural centers for awhile, I just want to make sure it pans beyond awareness.

**Ms. Chavez:** In the works right now, we’re having conversations with the cultural centers. Mostly the conversations we’ve been having are in a time when there’s a lot of people with multiracial identities and other identities. A lot of students are feeling like they have to choose between, say, black or Native American, so the focus is multiracial identities. I
want to work with the Pride Center as far as identity goes and I’ve been working with other groups, going to other meetings, for collaboration and seeing what they are working on.

Senator Struthers: Are there any more questions? Thank you.

X. Delegate Reports
There were no delegate reports.

XI. Messages
There were no messages.

Senator Baumgartner left at 7:28pm

XII. Special Orders
Standing Rules
Senator Struthers: I will give an explanation of the Standing Rules. Pretty much, they are the chamber rules, how we will operate meeting-to-meeting. It covers things like when people want to submit reports, how many days in advance you have to submit it, how far in advance you have to get it to the Secretary for printing, etc.

Senator Varin: What about Kate Welter’s Letter?
Senator Struthers: Senator Varin has pointed out that we missed something, Kate Welter’s letter. Will the Congressional Parliamentarian please read it?

Congressional Parliamentarian Lite: “Good Evening ASOSU Senate - As previously introduced in my confirmation hearing, my name is Kate Welter and I am the ASOSU director of Community Affairs. To give you a little bit of background information about myself, I am a sophomore in political science, a member of Chi Omega sorority, a news writer for the Barometer, as well as a radio DJ for KBVR. This is my first year working for ASOSU and I am thrilled to be doing so!

As far as this first term goes, I helped to plan the Community Policing Forum on October 22nd in the MU Journey room. It was well attended by students and several members of the Corvallis City Council and law enforcement were present to answer various questions that were presented to them by the audience. The purpose of the event was to give OSU students a chance to voice their concerns regarding their interaction with the Corvallis Police Department and Oregon State Police, and to ask any questions they had about rules, laws, and policies. I was very pleased with the outcome of the event and hope to see it enacted by ASOSU in the future.
Currently, I am working with members of the AHE 406 internship class to compile an off campus housing brochure/manual so that OSU students can be better familiarized with their rights as renters, questions to ask their landlords, safe party planning tips and alcohol awareness, services that may be useful, city/county laws, and other resources that are available to them. I plan on having this fully completed towards the first few weeks of the next winter term, with the hopes of having them distributed to students moving out of the residence halls in the spring, as well as at START sessions over the summer.

My job description has also required me to attend three different city-related group meetings several times each month, including the Corvallis City Council, Citizen Advisory Committee on Transit, and the Willamette Criminal Justice Council. On campus, I am also sitting on the Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) planning committee along with the ASOSU Women’s and Health & Wellness Affairs directors.

Other thoughts and ideas that I have for throughout the year include continuing with the Lighting Campaign to ensure that student populated areas off campus have sufficient street lighting so that students feel safe when walking home at in the dark.

I’m sorry that I was unable to be in attendance tonight, but please feel free to get in contact with me if you have any questions you may have, or even if you would like to become involved with any of the Community Affairs task force activities. Thanks so much and good luck with the rest of the term! Kate Welter."

Senator Struthers: Moving back to the Standing Rules, I open the floor to discussion.
Senator Barnes: Can we move to hear these when the Chair is here?
Senator Struthers: You’d like to table these?
Senator Barnes: Yes.
Senator Struthers: Make the motion.
Senator Barnes: I move to table these rules until the Chair can be present.
Senator Segura: I second.
Senator Struthers: Is there any discussion?

There was no further discussion and a voice vote was taken:
Vote: 10-0; pass.
XIII. Old Business & Second Readings

ASOSU Code of Conduct

Senator Struthers: Back before us tonight is the Code of Conduct with amendments from the House. Has everyone had a chance to look at the revisions? Should I ask that everyone has brought copy of the Code of Conduct as requested by the Secretary so we didn’t have to make copies?

Senator Barnes: Under the ASOSU Code of Conduct policy on page 5, under Language, 1a, it says right now, “Discussing personally engaging in illegal acts.” I think it should say, “illegal or excessive acts.” Then on page 15, section 4, Dress Code, letter b, I think if we’re going to take out the statement about “or alcohol” on clothing, then we need to take out drugs too. Initially there was a problem because we have Fermentation Science students in the House, but we also have Pharmacy students, so if we’re going to strike one, strike both.

Senator Struthers: Is there any discussion?

Senator Nichols: Maybe say “illegal drugs,” rather than all drugs?

Senator Barnes: With regards to clothing, I don’t think anything should be struck because it’s not professional to be wearing that when representing ASOSU. There are some illegal drugs on t-shirts, but I don’t think it should be promoted.

Senator Segura: Recap, are you proposing to add something more specific?

Senator Barnes: I am rejecting the change to remove “or alcohol,” or take out the drug portion too.

Senator Struthers: Is there any other discussion? Are there any motions?

Senator Barnes: I move to amend the ASOSU Code of Conduct on page 5 under 1. Language, part a, to state, “Discussing in personally engaging in illegal or excessive acts,” and on page 15 under 4. Dress Code, part b, to state, “Clothing that is seen as offensive to any individual, or violating any of the guidelines in the language or alcohol and drug portion of this policy,” adding back the “or alcohol.”

Senator Struthers: You’re adding back in the “or alcohol?”

Senator Barnes: Correct.

Senator Struthers: Please restate the motions.

Senator Barnes: I move to amend the ASOSU Code of Conduct on page 5 under 1. Language, part a, to state, “Discussing in personally engaging in illegal or excessive acts,” and on page 15 under 4. Dress Code, part b, to state, “Clothing that is seen as offensive to any individual, or violating any of the guidelines in the language or alcohol and drug portion of this policy,” adding back the “or alcohol.”

Senator Segura: Can you repeat that? The first one.
Senator Barnes: Page 5 under 1. Language, part a, to state, “Discussing in personally engaging in illegal or excessive acts,”
Senator Segura: “Personally engaging in,” ok.
Senator Struthers: And page 15 under 4. Dress Code, part b, “Clothing that is seen as offensive to any individual, or violating any of the guidelines in the language or alcohol and drug portion of this policy,” adding back the “or alcohol.”
President Schock: I’m curious as to what you mean by “excessive” acts? Because I’m excessive about a lot of things, and the policy reads, “Discussing personally engaging in excessive acts.”
President Van Drimmelen: But it’s referring to alcohol.
President Schock: But I do lots of things excessively. I iron excessively, I eat yogurt excessively.
Senator Segura: That can’t be good.
President Schock: That’s a lot of bacteria, I know.
Senator Barnes: What it’s going back to is, “regardless of age,” but that has been stricken. I want to add back in “excessive or illegal activities.”
President Schock: Add it back in with the activities that you think are excessive, that “excessive” is referring to, to make it more clear.
Senator Struthers: The amendment is on the floor, is there any more discussion? Let’s move to a vote.
Senator Barnes: Can this be a roll-call vote?
Congressional Parliamentarian Lite: You can ask for division.
Senator Struthers: We’re voting on the amendment, not the Code of Conduct.
Senator Barnes: Oh, that’s fine then.

A voice vote was taken for approval of the amendment.
Vote: 10-0; pass.

Senator Struthers: Back to the discussion with the new amendments added in, is there a motion to approve? I move to approve the ASOSU Code of Conduct with the amendments added tonight.
Senator Segura: I second.

A vote by roll-call was taken.
Vote: 9-0, 1 abstention; pass.
XIV. **Other Old Business**

There was no other old business.

XV. **New Business & First Readings**

**Executive Confirmation – Natalie Swartzendruber**

Congressional Parliamentarian Lite read the job description for Executive Director of Operations from the ASOSU Statutes.

**Senator Struthers:** As per last week, we were informed that she could not be here tonight, so President Van Drimmelen, you’re representing Natalie. Would you like to give opening remarks?

**President Van Drimmelen:** You all have her cover letter and resume in front of you, so I won’t read it. What impressed us was her ability to logically organize a series of scenarios that we threw at people in the interview based on reality, because this job can be hectic. Her ability to organize people and the general ability to organize events, content, and people, which is really someone we’re looking for for this position, that’s why we chose her. Do you have any questions? That’s probably going to be the most productive. I’ll answer to the best of my abilities, just know that I’m not her.

**Senator Struthers:** Are there any questions for President Van Drimmelen on Natalie’s behalf?

**Senator Segura:** I’m sorry, did we say what year she is?

**President Van Drimmelen:** She is a senior, graduating at the end of this year.

**Senator Struthers:** Are there no other questions? She’s not here, so we don’t have to ask her to leave. I open the floor to discussion and entertain a motion to confirm her.

**Senator Moran:** I move to approve Natalie Swartzendruber as Executive Director of Operations.

**Senator Struthers:** There is a motion, is there a second?

**Senator Segura:** I object. I’m not done with discussion.

**Congressional Parliamentarian Lite:** You can discuss after the motion.

**President Van Drimmelen:** There can be discussion after the motion.

**President Schock:** You can speak at will.

**Senator Segura:** How did she hear about this position? Where did she come from?

**President Van Drimmelen:** She is a friend of Kevin’s and I fixed her computer. She was actively recruited and she did decide to apply. She was the second candidate in the rankings, but the first was unable to take the position, so it was given to Natalie. It was decided that we would be comfortable with either candidate in the position.
Senator Struthers: Is there any further discussion? There is a motion on the floor to confirm.

Senator Segura: If I could also address President Van Drimmelen, I just want to make sure she knows what she’s stepping into. She has quite an impressive resume, she’s worked twice in the capitol, and I feel comfortable in this setting, I just want to make sure. This is something that’s a little newer and I want to make sure she’s ready to hit the ground running. You guys have faith in her, I want to be assured that there’s not going to be more turnover in her position.

President Van Drimmelen: We’ve had extensive conversations with Natalie, myself and Christian [Matheis], because she for sure wanted to know what she was stepping into. There was the pre-application conversation, the interview, and the post-interview conversation before accepting the position. I feel confident that she knows what she’s stepping into.

Senator Segura: Is she still active in her sorority?

President Van Drimmelen: She no longer holds an Executive position there.

Senator Struthers: Are there any more questions?

Senator Segura: I second the motion.

Senator Struthers: Is there any further discussion?

There was no further discussion and a roll-call vote was taken.

Vote: 10-0; pass.

Judicial Council Confirmation – Arianna Shroyer

Congressional Parliamentarian Lite read the job description of Judicial Councilor from the ASOSU Statutes.

Senator Struthers: President Van Drimmelen, if you will.

President Van Drimmelen: You all have her blurb about herself, so once again, I’m not going to go on. Arianna approached me after hearing about the position from Findlay McLaughlin who also served on the Judicial Council. She’s also interested in the judicial process and wants to go to law school. I chatted with her and this is something she’s interested in, helping lend the Judicial Council some legitimacy, so it has quorum. If you have any questions, fire away.

Senator Albert: Does the candidate have any background involving the judicial process? Not just studying the statutes and legislation, but actually participating in the process?
President Van Drimmelen: Beyond classes, no, but that’s not unusual amongst people who have applied or come to me. The opportunities for that are far and few between, so I’m looking for people willing and ready to learn quickly. Also, she’s a member of the Pre-Law Club, if that helps.

Senator Segura: If I may, I didn’t hear, what year is she?
President Van Drimmelen: She’s a junior.

Senator Struthers: Are there any more questions?
Senator Segura: How many more seats are there to fill?
President Van Drimmelen: If this is confirmed, there will be two positions left. We’re still looking to fill them, if you know people interested.

Senator Moran: Should we talk to you or email you?
President Van Drimmelen: Either, yes.

Senator Barnes: I move to confirm Arianna Shroyer as Judicial Councilor.
Senator Varin: I second.

Senator Struthers: Is there any further discussion?

A vote was taken by roll-call.
Vote: 10-0; pass.

Senator Struthers: Are you or Crystal Boyd going to swear her in next time?
President Van Drimmelen: Yes.

HR-01.01
Congressional Parliamentarian Lite: “HR-01.01 - Resolution to Request Continuing OSU Transparency

WHEREAS The ASOSU constitution enables the student body to assert its interests as members of the academic community through democratic representation.

WHEREAS It is in the opinion of ASOSU that the students are concerned about the current restructuring of OSU and its financial impact on the students at large.

WHEREAS To maintain good relations between students and administrators, a resolution be formed to foster greater transparency and understanding of the OSU Administrative body and OSU programs.
BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE 1st ASOSU HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THAT:

The OSU administration create a program whose sole purpose is to inform the student body and explain proposed and actual changes to the OSU structure including but not limited to colleges, departments, majors, and minors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That a report be compiled and sent to the ASOSU Congress outlining the current definite changes in the aforementioned areas.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That an OSU administrative officer to be sent to answer questions on the aforementioned subject matter before the ASOSU Houses of Congress.

RESOLVED THIS DAY BY THE ASOSU HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Sponsored By: Michael Robb, Undergraduate Representative

Senator Struthers: If we can get the administration to adhere to requests and create some form or program, it’d be great to know what’s going on. They’ve been creating new centers of business and faculty is getting moved around, so it would be great to know what’s going on so students will know, too.

Senator Segura: Who would the administration official be?

Senator Struthers: Someone who works in this program, the program that the administration would have to create.

Senator Segura: Would it be an ASOSU officer or an OSU officer?

Senator Struthers: OSU.

Senator Segura: I like it. Do they have a plan of...is there an outline of what something like this could look like?

Senator Struthers: To my knowledge, no.

Senator Segura: Is this Michael person spear-heading this resolution?

Senator Struthers: Yes. When I talked to him, he did all the writing.

Senator Nichols: Is the administrative body aware of this resolution?

President Van Drimmelen: I made Provost Randhawa aware of it today on a preliminary basis, as a heads up. It’s his job to oversee campus business on a day-to-day basis, so I wanted to make him aware of the student recommendations. He seemed amenable and thought it would be easy to do, so to answer your question, yes.

Senator Struthers: Are there any other questions or discussion?
Senator Segura: I just think this is a great idea. I know something like this has been proposed in the past to include transparency of the OSU administration and was not done well for two reasons. First, the administration has been pushing back, and two, there’s too much turnover for students to carry on. I recommend we keep steadfast, not you have the support and know where to reach out to, and good luck.

Senator Albert: To clarify, there is no outline about the program?

Senator Struthers: It’s my understanding that the timeline is set by them. We are just asking that they do this so we know what’s going on. The first step is to make them aware that we want this information and if they are taking too long we can take further steps.

President Van Driemelen: On the last part, with the OSU administration, Sabah [Randhawa] said to relay that he’s more than willing to come answer questions and talk, you just need to give him advance notice.

Senator Struthers: Are there any other questions? If not, I entertain a motion to pass HR-01.01.

Senator Segura: It’s probably too early to try, but do we have someone in mind? Would Sabah be the person we were thinking of being the official OSU administrator?

President Van Driemelen: I just felt that Sabah was a logical person to make aware of this because he’s second in command. He would probably know, if not himself, who best to send to answer these questions. I don’t have anyone else in particular in mind, if that’s Sabah, Larry [Roper], or Ed Ray himself, as long as they get answered.

Senator Segura: So Michael Robb, talk to him, got it.

Senator Struthers: Is there any further discussion? Or a motion?

Senator Albert: I move to pass HR-01.01.

Senator Nichols: I second.

A vote was taken by roll-call.

Vote: 10-0; pass.

SB-69.01

Senator Struthers: I’m going to wait for President Schock to come back. I am the sponsor and would like to step down to present this bill. I’m assuming he went to the bathroom?

President Van Driemelen: I don’t know the state of his bladder.

Senator Nichols: It’s all that yogurt he eats.

President Van Driemelen: No, that’s his colon.
President Schock took over at 7:54pm.

President Schock: Good evening, how are we doing tonight? Alright, it looks like the current business is SB-69.01. Andrew, if you could start off.

Senator Struthers: Do you want me to read it straight down?

President Schock: You can read it straight down, but I'm sure people here can read.

Senator Struthers: I'll read the "WHEREAS"s and then explain.

"WHEREAS the creation of a new ASOSU Constitution necessitates some changes in order to better the institution that which it legitimizes,
WHEREAS the ASOSU Senate will hear not only ASOSU proposed spending and budget, but at times Student and Incidental Fee Committee petitioned contingency funds,
WHEREAS the ASOSU Senate will need to have heard all recommendations, for and against the proposed spending, budget, or contingency fund,
WHEREAS a proposal to form a committee to hear all spending, budget, and contingency fund proposals is necessary," So the first “ENACTED” is to create a new Standing Committee called, "Finanance." The second "ENACTED" means we refer stuff to the committee for them to review on all proposed spending and budgets. The third "ENACTED," this is the important part, not having the authority to reject us. The primary thing behind this is to have a court of senators to look at stuff. There have been issues in the past where we've spent two hours talking about stuff, but instead, they [the proposed Finance Committee] can get back to us. The fourth "ENACTED" is a new thing added. I felt this was needed because the Director of Finances already sits on the Ways and Means Committee, we already have a contact for dealing with money with OSU. This gives them a chance to sit and report to the Senate what we're looking at. On number five, the only thing taken out was the phrase, "and one-time packages," since we don't automatically hear them. There's no committee for that, but it still states, "contingency fees," because we already have to see those. The next part, Title III, Section 5, Sub-section 1, sub-section iv is directly under the Director of Finance, changing one of his parts to say he reports to the Congress. Before it stated that he reported "upon request" and that was revised and moved around to say he will report to the full body.

President Schock: Now that he's had an opportunity to talk about why this was created and what it hopes to resolve, is there any discussion?

Senator Segura: Recap, this committee serves as oversight for the Senate? If there's jargon or semantics, it's referred to the committee for time's sake?

Senator Struthers: Yes, for time. If we're going past 9pm and feel we need more information, the 3-4 senators sitting on it can have their own meetings and get back to
us. We refer to them, they are a referring body only and can only give recommendations.

Senator Barnes: Can you clarify the difference between Appropriations and Budgets and this committee? My understanding is that the House of Representatives has certain duties and we have certain duties.

Senator Struthers: Yes, there’s Appropriations and Budgets. If they have things they want to pass, they can refer it to the committee and make sure it has the right things on it. The committee would also hear packages first. This committee is for making recommendations to the Senate; the core senators sit down and look at stuff so the Senate has an understanding of what’s going on so we don’t have to sit here for two hours and hear all sides.

Senator Barnes: I thought that’s what the Joint Committee was for?

Senator Cheney (by proxy): I need a little review. The point of this bill...what you’re talking about is sitting through is how money was spent?

Senator Struthers: No, not how money was spent. Say the House passes a bill to create a project and it’s going to cost "x" amount of dollars. And then the people who wanted this project want more funding, so they come to us on behalf of the project and there’s 12 of us in a deadlock debating. We can refer it to the committee to talk to these people so we’re not here in a deadlock trying to figure something out.

Congressional Parliamentarian Lite: All questions need to be directed to the Chair and responses need to be directed to the Chair.

Senator Struthers: Did that answer the question?

President Schock: I want to go ahead and deliver a monologue - there are some particularly dangerous pieces of this legislation that encourages senators to not read information passed to them. It encourages a culture of relying on the work of others. As members elected by the broader student population, you take the responsibility of reading everything that comes across your desk, not only a few people reading.

Senator Segura: But that’s how legislation works.

President Schock: That is how legislation works, but that’s my comment.

Senator Struthers: I agree that everyone should be reading what’s going on, but if there’s a deadlock and there’s people in the gallery and if the Senate isn’t getting all the information they need, they can refer it to the committee.

President Schock: I believe that’s what tabling is for. Are there any other comments?

Senator Segura: I get why this was created, it makes sense. I just wonder if creating a Standing Committee is the best option. I think I heard a comment about an ad hoc committee over here. I think if there’s some discrepancy between the understanding of
certain bills, proposals, or whatever, we should deal with them on a case-by-case basis. I agree with the principle, but backing it as an ad hoc meeting on a yearly basis rather than something in our statutes.

**Senator Albert:** Point of information - how often does the Senate hear fiscal matters?

**Senator Struthers:** It depends on when the House passes. The House hears all monetary and fiscal matters.

**President Schock:** To answer your question, up to now, zero times. Is there any further discussion?

**Senator Segura:** I’d like to hear what other senators have to say about this. There was a point about overstepping. I understand the need for oversight. I want to hear what other things are plausible.

**Senator Nichols:** Can someone explain what an ad hoc committee does?

**Senator Segura:** An ad hoc committee is formed out of urgent need. An example would be something like this - a contingency fund comes through and we don’t understand the language, so an ad hoc committee is formed. We’re going to create the committee, they will meet, and then they can stay or dissolve.

**Senator Nichols:** Who sits on the committee?

**Senator Segura:** It’s chosen in the moment who will sit. It’s formed for a quick fix.

**Senator Barnes:** Having an ad hoc committee would be best since it hasn’t happened before and it might not happen that often, since most budgets are heard spring term.

**Senator Segura:** Winter term.

**Senator Varin:** I disagree with Senator Segura. Although it does take time, even thought it’s a problem, it’s an important problem. If it’s something I haven’t heard about and it’s taking lots of time, create a committee.

**Senator Struthers:** I’m starting to feel that an ad hoc committee is the best idea here. We don’t hear every day about spending and we don’t have enough stuff coming currently. If there are no objections, I will withdraw my bill to change the language so it can be an ad hoc committee.

**President Schock:** Are there any objections?

**Senator Segura:** Point of information - is there a necessity to create a committee for ad hoc?

**President Schock:** No, they are created on the fly.

**Senator Struthers:** I will withdraw SB-69.01.

**President Schock:** First of all, Struthers, I want to thank you for taking the initiative. It’s good to have legislation coming from the Senate. This should serve as a lesson, there’s a lot for us to get to and I enjoy your action.
Senator Struthers returned to the chair at 8:10pm.

Senator Segura: Just to echo, this was something that needed to be added. I thank you for coming forth with this. And with the ad hoc, I hope you will be a champion for that.
Senator Struthers: Thank you. I appreciate your input. Sitting here for two hours can be long and I was trying to save us time, but ad hoc is the best way to go about this.

XVI. Other New Business
Senator Segura: Point of clarification - are we not going to address the Standing Rules?
Senator Struthers: It was tabled till Senator Cheney could be here.
Senator Segura: Will he be present next time?
Senator Struthers: My understanding is that he will be.

XVII. Speaker’s Announcements
Senator Struthers: Office hours, please remember that you’re doing them. Legislation, let’s get some legislation going. An email was forwarded about Transgender Awareness Week. If you’re interested, look through that for the events going on.
President Schock: There is something very important that may prove to be interesting. On Thursday is the Faculty Senate meeting and it’s shaping up to be a peach.
Senator Segura: Let’s make pie.
Senator Struthers: When is it?
President Schock: The faculty is a bit pissed and the administration is defensive.
Senator Segura: Oh my god, what time?
President Schock: It’s 3-5pm in Withycombe Theatre. There may be yelling; popcorn is encouraged.
Senator Segura: Will it be like Question Time?
President Van Drimmelen: Ed Ray and Sabah are both going to be there, and there is pissed off faculty.
President Schock: Ed Ray will turn into Red Ray.
Senator Segura: Red Ray! Red Ray!
President Schock: This could prove to be influential for the direction of the University. This isn’t just one of those things I say is important, but it’s really important.
Senator Struthers: I’ll send out a reminder.
Senator Segura: I don’t know that they’ll take questions from students. What’s your feel for student input?
President Schock:  Chris is a member, he can yield the floor to anyone.
Senator Albert:  Point of information - based on HR-01.01, are there any potential plans in the future for the Senate and Faculty Senate to have opportunities to discuss?
President Van Drimmelen:  I've also made contact with Paul Doescher, the President of the Faculty Senate for collaboration. He hasn't given me a notion, but he's going to get to it tonight.
President Schock:  Faculty Senate will be a good time this week.
Senator Varin:  I have a question, but I don't know who to direct it to.  How many openings are there in the House and Senate?
President Schock:  There's one seat now, Senator Friedman's, after this meeting, unless he has a really good answer, like that his proxy had been dead at the time.  It's possible his proxy has the swine flu, but I doubt it, so in all likelihood there's an opening in the Senate.
President Van Drimmelen:  There's one opening in the House and one in the Judicial Council.
Senator Moran:  Do you want people to reapply?
President Schock:  I think they would have to reapply.  That's actually the Vacancy Committee; that's Struthers, Chris, Aljets, and Crystal Boyd.  If you know anyone who is interested, send them to Pro-Tempore Struthers.
Senator Struthers:  To answer Senator Varin, there are two openings in the Judicial Council.
Senator Barnes:  Is the Code of Conduct going back to Conference Committee or back to Oversight and Ethics?
President Schock:  It goes back to the House.  If they say no, it goes to Conference Committee which means another meeting at 8am.
Senator Barnes:  Can we get some sort of set-up so we can know about the meeting ahead of time?
Senator Struthers:  Paul Aljets did all the scheduling, even Kevin didn't know.
Senator Segura:  If you have your own alma mater music, just keep it so you don't end up with 13 copies of the alma mater.
Senator Barnes:  And the Standing Rules, keep a hold of those.
Senator Struthers:  Yes, hold on to that.  And good singing of the alma mater tonight.
President Schock:  Props to the proxies, thank you for being here tonight.

XVIII.  Senator Comments

There were no comments from the senators.
XIX. **Gallery Comments**

*President Van Drimmelen:* So I know awhile back I put the offer out to do Question Time. I haven't received any kind of scheduling request, so I was informed by Senator Struthers that some sort of request would come to me as far as when you want me to be here. I just want to put it out there that I'm more than willing to come and answer questions.

*President Schock:* Point of information - it's modeled after Question Time in parliament.

*Senator Struthers:* Do we want to have Question Time? Or set up monthly meetings on a specific week?

*Senator Segura:* Can we do the last meeting of every month?

*President Van Drimmelen:* I'm sure that would work, I'll look. For December that's not going to matter.

*Senator Segura:* We could possible clear our something for next term.

*President Van Drimmelen:* I can do Tuesday the 24th of November.

XX. **Adjournment**

*Senator Nichols:* I move to adjourn.

*Senator Segura:* I second.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22pm.