Members in attendance: Andrew Struthers (President Pro-Tempore), Donald Lite (Congressional Parliamentarian), Kate Faulkner (Congressional Secretary), Megan Silvey, Brian Moran (by proxy; James Van Antwerp), Sara Varin, Dustin Cheney (by proxy; Jeremy Morrow), Nolan Nichols, Matt Baumgartner (by proxy; Lucas Teeter), Jenna Albert, and Kyle Bailey.

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

II. **Swearing in of Senators**
The proxy for Senator Cheney was sworn in.

III. **Singing of the OSU Alma Mater**

IV. **Approval of Minutes from Tuesday, November 17th, 2009**
*Senator Struthers:* Has everyone had a chance to look over the minutes?
*Senator Varin:* I move to approve the minutes from Tuesday, November 17th, 2009.
*Senator Albert:* I second.
*Senator Struthers:* Is there any discussion?

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

V. **Standing Committee Reports**

**Oversight and Ethics**
*Senator Albert:* We discussed the ASOSU Code of Conduct Conference Committee version and made amendments. We passed the Code of Conduct with the amendments we made.
Student Academic and Activities

Senator Silvey: We just finished and passed our bylaws and will be sending them to you [Struthers] and the Secretary.

Student Government

Senator Struthers: There are no members from this committee in the room right now.

VI. Joint Committee Reports

Joint Committee on Congressional Correspondence

Senator Struthers: Is there anything to report?
Senator Albert: We haven’t met yet.

VII. Executive Reports

Senator Struthers: We have a few Executive reports tonight, starting with the Executive Director of Finance, Collin Turner.

Collin Turner: So you guys should have a copy of the budget in front of you. Andrew asked me to come tonight for two reasons; A) I’m required to come once a term, and B) this is the first time you’ll be seeing this and I’ll be able to answer questions, so I’ll go over it. To briefly go down, there are 21 indexes. We’ve listed the budget for the year, the amount of the budget used as of yesterday, and the percentage usage. You’ll notice that some have been used quite a bit, the top is 39% used. You might be saying, “We’re only in the first term, why are some so high?” And that’s because the fiscal year started July 1st, that’s why a few of the indexes are higher. Another question is why some of them are only 6 cents. That’s due to telecom charges we attempted to centralize. I’m not sure they understood what we were doing which is why they are still charging small amounts. At this time, are there any questions or any clarifications needed?

Senator Struthers: Which one does wages come out of?

Mr. Turner: Salaries and hourly wages come out of the Administration budget for Congress, the two HSRC [Human Services Resource Center] wages salaries come out of the HSRC budget, and Legal Services and Legal Advocacy has interns and those wages come out of their budget respectively.

Senator Struthers: Are there any other questions?

Senator Cheney (by proxy): What is the travel budget used for?

Mr. Turner: A lot of the travel budget usage is to send students to trainings and conferences over the summer. OSA [Oregon Student Association] puts on a few for new
officers to get them in the flow of things. There are statewide issues that everyone should know about, and in the case that other universities aren’t aware, we can talk to each other. There are conferences and events through the year and any time we use the Motor Pool for lobbying at the capital the travel budget is used for that. In the spring we send people to Washington DC to lobby for students, so that’s where the largest amount goes.

Senator Struthers: Are there any more questions? Thank you for your time. We now have a written report from the ASOSU Executive Director of Services.

As read by Congressional Parliamentarian Lite: “Hello everyone. I hope that each of you are doing well, and are looking forward to some good R&R this week! I know that many of you are eager to get through this meeting getting ready for the holiday weekend, so I will keep it as brief as possible. Since my last report, services have made significant progress:

Last Friday, the Human Services Resource Center task force decided on a direction in which the HSRC will look like. For those who are not too familiar with this current project, it’s been a few months of discussion and confusion, and so the discussion and decisions from last week’s meeting shows tremendous progress. The next step in this process is to finalize the organizational chart of the ASOSU’s HSRC so that we can report to SIFC early next term.

Social Resources has made some great progress. These past few weeks, they have been working with the OSU Foundation to create awareness of food insecurity, poverty, and homelessness through OSU alumni. Social Resources has made great networking efforts as many alumni are beginning to take an interest in the ASOSU Services and are eager to learn more about ASOSU Services, and how they can contribute. We’ve had one alumni donate to our MealBux Subsidy this year, and we look forward to working with him as he has a huge interest in issues related to social resources.

Along with Social Resources, applications for all subsidies were updated and sent to print. Subsidies will be available the first Monday back of winter term in Snell 233 (HSRC).

If there are any further questions, feel free to contact me via email or my cell phone. I hope you all have a great Thanksgiving weekend! Chon Madrigal.”

Senator Struthers: Now we have a written report from the Executive Director of Campaign Resources, Heather Bennett.
I apologize for not being able to present my final check in for the term in person to you yourself and the other members of the Senate, but I will plan to address my work for the rest of this term here and ask that you please relay this information to the rest of the congregation.

The rest of my term has mainly consisted of time spent in supervision and assistance with the various Task Force Director events and campaigns that were held this term or those that are currently in the planning process. I have continued to hold weekly one on one’s with all five of the task force directors I supervise, and use this time to help them strategize their current campaign or event plans. There has been great work performed by the Task Force Directors I supervise this term, including the Community Policing Forum event held by Kate Welter the Director of Community Affairs, the Joy Drive campaign lead by Liberty Pertiwi the Director of Health and Wellness and Jordan Meraz the Director of Non-Traditional Affairs, the planning of a “Abled Support Group” organized by Brittany Duffy-Goche, the Accessibility Affairs Task Force Director and the creation of several campus wide sustainability campaigns run by Justin Russell our Director of Environmental affairs, including the potential of a local food program in the University Dining Centers, a bottled water removal initiative on campus and a continuation of the energy credit discussion with OSU Administration.

A fair portion of my time toward the end of this term has gone into assisting Jimmy Rosacker the Director of Campus Affairs in his current campaign to coordinate the steps necessary to potentially move the computers following the impending closure of the Milne and Hovland laboratories to the Valley Library and in addition discuss the possibility of extending Valley Library operation hours with the intent to allow the library to be 24 hour accessible. This has taken a combined effort of planning, outside communications, relationship building and information collection to initiate this very involved campaign.

I also have been busy toward the end of this term coordinating the task force directors to compete several end of the term transitioning duties, including coordinating the scheduling for all meetings next term meetings, writing term overviews to eventually be compiled into transition packets, and performing evaluations of job performance. All of these tasks will ensure the transition back into work after the long break will be as efficient and effective as possible. Also I have been working on the creation of a more cohesive way of getting Task Force Director updates and opportunities for involvement out to the interns that take the ASOSU AHE 406 class and any volunteers that choose to get
involved in the process. I am planning to utilize the ASOSU website, a physical space in the office and work with Christian Matheis and the new Chief of Operations Natalie Swartzendruber to make this process as efficient as possible. I hope to get the system planned and into place by the beginning of next term, and hope it can remain as a institutional system of keeping ASOSU staff and interns and volunteers informed and engaged.

These have been the main tasks while working with ASOSU toward the end of this term. I am looking forward to continuing this work into next term, and am excited about the potential successes and achievements the task force directors and the rest of the staff will no doubt experience.

Thank you for your time, and I hope to see you all next term! Heather Bennett.”

VIII. Delegate Reports
There were no delegate reports.

IX. Messages
Question Time with President Van Drimmelen
Senator Struthers: Tonight we have question time with President Van Drimmelen.  
President Van Drimmelen: As I have relayed to you before, I’d like to do something called Question Time. It comes out of the British House of Commons, what I like to call the Prime Minister’s weekly brow-beating, you can call it whatever you like. It’s essentially 20 minutes, as I feel that’s a reasonable amount of time, and pretty much any questions go. Before we get started, I want to relay one announcement. I’m not sure how many of you are following the Faculty Senate pay cuts and furlough things, there was an article in the Barometer with me looking pissed off. I went to the Faculty Senate and said, “Students pay about 90 people through Student and Incidental Fee and we should be able to make decisions about furloughing those employees.” The faculty didn’t listen, but Ed Ray was there and he did. Next week, we’re meeting on Monday with what we want to do about that proposal. I had it indicated by some Incidental Fee-paid faculty saying that they should stand in solidarity, but the decision is ours to make, not the Faculty Senate’s and that’s our stance. Next Tuesday it will be on Special Orders, so look for that. I’ll probably be here presenting that as a voting member of SIFC. Y’all have any questions?
Senator Albert: Related to the report, does Faculty Senate have any impact on the administration as far as any resolutions or legislation they pass? Can they effectively impact the issue of furloughs?

President Van Drimmelen: Yes and no. Ed Ray came to the Faculty Senate and said, “This is what shared governance is all about, I’ll defer this to you and you get to decide what happens with this.” In cases like that, they have a real impact. If the administration chooses to ignore them, they would have minimal impact.

Senator Cheney (by proxy): I am but a simple proxy. Can you explain furloughs?

President Van Drimmelen: The term comes from the judicial system, more specifically, the prison system. A furlough is a “get out of jail free” card for 1-2 days. In this context, it is a non-voluntary leave day. Faculty at certain pay levels are required to take a certain number of non-pay days where they are not allowed to come to campus or do work. It amounts to a pay cut because they are not paid for those days. In my opinion, it’s a less honest version of a pay cut. It’s meant to save the university money, and while it may save money, there’s no guarantee it will stay with the university; it may go back to the state. It may also hurt the quality of instruction. This is just me postulating, but the people who are going to be impacted most are instructors. I’m not sure if you realize, but most of your classes aren’t taught by professors, they are taught by instructors who are here because they want to teach and they are not paid to do research. It may result in cutting class days and the quality of instruction. If they stay with furloughs, it may help with the budget, but we have to look at it from a couple angles.

Senator Cheney (by proxy): The faculty is getting pay cuts. What equivalent of the administration is getting pay cuts?

President Van Drimmelen: This is an interesting semantic jumble. Part of the confusion with Ed Ray was that at his previous institution, Ohio State University, faculty was only paid from Education and General Funds. At OSU there is no staff and administration, they are all faculty. Anyone in the administration will also be furloughed and if you get paid more, you have to take more furlough days. There is a ceiling for people who make more than $10,000 a month.

Senator Nichols: Changing the subject, with the money after Hovland and the other lab[Milne], once they are closed, what happens with the money?

President Van Drimmelen: I’ve been interested and haven’t gotten a good answer. People said they’d look into it and haven’t gotten back to me. I do want to bring up a possibly bright piece of news: due to the huge stink I’ve helped to cause, culminating in the Barometer article yesterday, Milne is potentially off the chopping block. I asked the Campus Affairs Taskforce Director, Jimmy Rosasker, to get that in writing and he’s
working on it. One hundred percent of Milne’s and most of Hovland’s funding comes from the Technology Resource Fees. It’s a student fee like the Incidental Fee we use to fund ASOSU, but specifically for technology-related stuff on campus, like computer labs. ASOSU is putting in a technology funding fee proposal for computers in the office, which are breaking down, as Kate [Faulkner] can tell you, things like that. The bulk goes to computer labs and they are allocated by the Technology Resource Committee. They would have to figure out some other technological things to do with this money because it was collected specifically for this purpose. It can’t be used to fill budget gaps, it can only be used for what it’s collected for. It’s not clear why this is a cost-saving measure; it’s not part of the general funds. Hovland is no longer a 24-hour computing facility, they’ve cited money as their reason. They are operating on Technology Resource Fee funding, and it’s unclear as to how that’s going away. I put Ed Ray on this, but haven’t heard back.

**Senator Struthers:** What are they going to do with the space if they do close?

**President Van Drimmelen:** For Milne, E-Campus wants to use the space for testing. One thing I’d postulate is Student Media labs. Snell Hall is falling down and KBVR TV and KBVR FM need a place to transmit out of. That’s a place with fibers going out of it already and it would take minimal effort to pipe it out, if it’s possible to stop the lab from closing completely and most the computers elsewhere. Milne isn’t pretty, it’s a concrete bunker. If the computers go somewhere else, that’s fine. So that’s one example of what the space could be used for.

**Senator Albert:** I looked in the Barometer article. You talked to Ed Ray about the Faculty Senate results. Have you received anything in writing from him?

**President Van Drimmelen:** Yes, I received an email. What I asked for was a charge to SIFC and Congress, mostly to Congress because he’s already talked to Matt Pennington. He wants a sense of the students as far as the faculty we employ and for recommendations to him. So, yes.

**Senator Silvey:** I know you said SIFC was going to be meeting on Monday. Do you have a general idea of what the committee’s stance is on the furloughing?

**President Van Drimmelen:** We’re inviting as many student-funded faculty that can weigh in on the decision as can come. We’re starting with the proposal that the Faculty Senate approved, because we have to start somewhere, and modifying as necessary. What boils down to is how this is going to impact student programs, where the money is going to go if furloughed, and what the faculty wants to see happen. That’s what it’s going to look like.

**Senator Struthers:** Is there a time and location yet?
President Van Drimmelen: I have a time, 5pm, but Matt hasn’t reserved a room yet. I can get that to y’all once I have it.

Senator Albert: How are you enjoying your time as the head honcho?

President Van Drimmelen: There are days when I love this job and days when I hate this job, and I wouldn’t have it any other way. If I liked it too much, I wouldn’t ever leave. I’m not sure if you know the story of why Kevin and I ran. We couldn’t find ASOSU’s budget anywhere and got really pissed off about it. There’s always something for me to get miffed about, Milne and Hovland being an example, Faculty Senate furloughs being another example. The aspect I don’t like it that I don’t have enough time for homework.

Senator Silvey: Do you know when they’ll have a final decision on Milne and Hovland?

President Van Drimmelen: The original idea was by the end of this term to let both labs close without letting anyone else know about it, but we’ve blown that wide open. So we’re hoping in the next couple of weeks to have a final call if one or both will stay open. It sounds like it’s going to be Milne, but don’t quote me on that, it’s not set in stone. Like I said, I made Ed Ray aware of that, he wasn’t even aware of the slated closure and he wasn’t happy about it. Some time in the next couple of weeks before the end of the term, there will be a decision.

Senator Nichols: Have you heard anything about a test run to keep the library open 24 hours?

President Van Drimmelen: Karyle Butcher, who works with the library, and Matt Pennington talked about this. It looks like to Karyle a trial run will occur next term and spring term. They are doing a cost analysis, doing a high-ball and a low-ball estimate of what it would cost to keep the library open. We’re shooting to do a system like UO where they have security just for the hours it would normally be closed, so you can’t check anything out, but you can be in the library and do anything like before. There’s the cost to keep the whole library open or just keep the second floor open. If you’re confused, the second floor is the ground floor as you go in the front doors, not the floor up where there’s nothing. The second floor is where the Help Desk is and that would be the minimum, the maximum would be full library operation.

Senator Struthers: Are there any other questions?

President Van Drimmelen: Those were some good questions, I appreciate it. I will see y’all next term. Hopefully we can do three Question Times.

X. Special Orders

There were no Special Orders.
XI. Old Business & Second Readings

ASOSU Code of Conduct

Senator Struthers: We have back in front of us from Oversight and Ethics the ASOSU Code of Conduct. Since Senator Barnes isn't here, I will quickly go through it.

Congressional Secretary Faulkner distributed revised copies to the senators.

Senator Struthers: The first change is on page 2 we added a glossary and the statement, “The above policies shall apply at all ASOSU events.” On page 4, since these policies are expected at all OSU events, we thought this was inappropriate, struck that, and put it in the table of contents. On page 5, we hope we came to a fix on this. Before it read, “discussing illegal or excessive activities, such as drinking, drugs, etc. regardless of age,” that was the original version. Then the House of Representatives sent back, “discussing personally engaging in illegal acts.” After Conference Committee we came up with, “Discussing personal engagement in excessive intoxication or illegal acts.” We spent 20 minutes on the exact language we wanted it to be. The last change, on page 15, we struck the last half of number 4, letter B. There were issues with the House on wording and we wanted to cover anyone and didn’t want to violate personal rights. We also changed it by adding the glossary and it has two words in it. There were issues with the definition of “excessive” and we wanted to define intoxication. I will open the floor to questions for me or Senator Albert since we were both there at the meeting.

Senator Cheney (by proxy): Basically all the changes, I’m assuming, were things that Senator Barnes had a problem with?

Senator Struthers: I wasn’t at the House meeting. It was that Representative Winther thought he was being violated as a Fermentation Science major and Senator Barnes was trying to tell him what we were trying to get across. This was a compromise.

Senator Nichols: You weren’t there?

Senator Struthers: No.

Senator Nichols: I’m just curious about your position on the changes.

Senator Struthers: The whole point is that this is for all three branches so we’re all uniform and all acting the same way. One thing we all came back to was professionalism. We’re supposed to have a higher level of professionalism than the average student. We didn’t want to violate anyone, but we wanted to keep it in a professional circle. That’s why we felt the wording the House came up with got away from that. We tried to compromise with what they had and what we had.
Senator Albert: There were also issues with the specific words and we had to compromise on that situation, otherwise the Code of Conduct would have sunk again.
Senator Cheney: Has the House already approved this?
Senator Struthers: No, if the Senate approves tonight, it will go to them next Wednesday. Is there any further discussion? Are there any motions?
Senator Albert: I move to approve the ASOSU Code of Conduct as revised.
Senator Varin: I second.
Senator Struthers: Is there any other discussion?

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

XII. Other Old Business
There was no other old business.

XIII. New Business
Senator Silvey: For the SIFC meeting, was he going to pass on to you [Struthers] the location?
Senator Struthers: Yes, and I’ll pass it on to you.

There was no new business.

XIV. President’s Announcements
Senator Struthers: A few weeks ago, Liberty Pertiwi, the Health and Wellness Taskforce Director, talked to us about the Joy Drive. I believe a couple of senators would like to help with that. I believe ASOSU is supporting a family of six. If anyone wants to help, I’ll forward you her name.
Senator Albert: Point of information – can you state what the Joy Drive is?
Senator Struthers: I’ll do my best. It’s helping a family during the holiday season. The family will get presents and food, it’s just to help through the holiday season.
Senator Albert: I’d be interested.
Senator Struthers: There’s a Judicial Council nominee for next week, his name escapes me. Please be here so we can do the nomination. Next week is the last meeting before we adjourn for fall term. Take a look at the webpage, it’s been revised. You can go to asosu.oregonstate.edu. Also, for the meeting next week we might have to change it back to Snell. We’re having scheduling issues here at the MU and there’s some Greek
thing at 8pm, so that would be clashing. It will probably have to be in Snell. President Van Drimmelen already mentioned furloughs and we’ll hear about that next Tuesday. That’s it that I have.

XV. Senator Comments
Senator Bailey: Can you let us know if you know the change of the location?
Senator Struthers: I will let you know as soon as possible if it’s going to be in Snell.

XVI. Gallery Comments
There were no gallery comments.

XVII. Adjournment
Senator Struthers: I will entertain a motion to adjourn.
Senator Varin: I move to adjourn.
Senator Albert: I second.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.