I. Call to Order/Roll-Call/Quorum
   Quorum was met and the meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.

II. Swearing in of Representatives
    Three proxies were sworn in.

III. Singing of the OSU Alma Mater
    Representative Fosdick: I move to forgo singing the Alma Mater.
    Representative Powell: Second
    Representative Setzler: We have a lot to do we should skip it.
    Representative Vanderwall: I enjoy singing the alma mater and I think we’re getting pretty good at it.
    Representative Robb: I concur with Representative Vanderwall.
    Speaker Hatlen: The Senate made a statement that they were better than us and I made the argument that we sing the Alma Mater every week and I think we should stay true to that.
    Representative Setzler: I believe the word was harmonizing.
    Speaker Hatlen: We have a large gallery so please speak up so everyone can hear.
    A hand vote was taken to forgo singing the Alma Mater. The motion passed. 13-4-0

IV. Approval of Minutes from Wednesday February 15, 2012
    Representative Robb: I move to approve the minutes.
    Representative Setzler: Second
    A voice vote was taken to approve the minutes. The motion passed.

V. Standing Committee Reports
   Ways & Means- Van Bossuyt
   Representative Van Bossuyt (by proxy): The Ways and Means Committee is currently conducting two investigations and taking steps to mitigate the issues that we have
discovered. The two joint bills on the agenda tonight are as a result of the unauthorized pay increases investigation. The committee has also formed a special subcommittee on legislative compensation and will be discussing a resolution to support the GTA position for the Director of Graduate Student Affairs.

With regards to the investigation into the unauthorized pay increases and the underpayments of paid positions within ASOSU, the Executive Director of Services is working on rectifying the situation. The Executive Director of Services should now be working with the Executive director of Finance, the Administrative and Logistics Advocate, and the AABC. The Ways and Means Committee will discuss and set a deadline tonight for when the committee expects the situation to be resolved. If the resolution that the Executive Branch produces is not to the satisfaction of the Ways and Means Committee or if the solutions is too slow in coming, the committee reserves the right to take further actions as the committee deems necessary. I want to personally thank the Ethics and Oversight Committee and the Executive Branch for their work on resolving this matter in an amicable, collaborative fashion.

Regarding the second investigation, the Ways and Means Committee has become aware of another violation of ASOSU statutes and also SIFC Bylaws. The Executive Branch bypassed the ways and Means Committee to request contingency funds form the SIFC for travel to LegCon in Washington DC over spring break. The request was approved for $11,739. Four of the traveling positions were already appointed for Executive Branch positions including the President, Vice President, Executive Director of Government Relations, and Government Relations Coordinator.

Since the initial realization within the Ways and Means Committee that this had occurred, the committee has been in communications with the Executive Branch and the SIFC in order to understand what occurred, why, and what to do to fix the issue. It became clear through the course of the investigation that the statutes of the ASOSU and the bylaws of the SIFC were not followed. Further, the minutes from the SIFC meetings indicate a lack of understanding on the part of the people who presented the SIFC contingency fund request of the basic function of the ASOSU accounts. The people who presented included the Vice President and Executive Director of Government Relations with support from the President who is also a member of the SIFC. The investigation also brought to light that the Executive Branch appears to have cancelled the summer training sessions that would have provided the information necessary to successfully and effectively govern while also staying within the confines of the ASOSU constitution and statutes. It should also be noted that the Ways and Means Committee did hear from the executive branch that a contingency fund request had been made on February 8 but the committee missed this information at the time. My thanks goes to the President of the ASOSU for correcting
this error in the initial analysis of the situation. A further note is that the MGV 210 travel account for ASOSU currently has sufficient money to cover the Leg Con travel. If further money is needed it appears that it can be garnered from ASOSU contingency funds without having to request additional funds from SIFC. A full report on the investigation is available if anyone in this body is interested to review the matter further.

After the initial investigation, the following actions have occurred. The SIFC has rescinded the contingency funding. I have proposed a list of remedies that the executive branch can take to rectify the situation collaboratively and move forward with the important work of the students. The ways and means committee will discuss the proposed remedies tonight as well as deadlines for when these actions should occur. The ways and means committee will further review if modification of the statutes is necessary in order to prevent a situation like this in the future. I have volunteered the ways and means committee to the SIFC to review their bylaws and work with them to improve their process to prevent mistakes such as this in the future. This process will happen during spring term. Finally, I am working closely with the chair of the ethics and oversight committee to review what has occurred.

The question now must be asked if this was a malicious act or not. In my opinion, this was a simple overlooking or misreading of the ASOSU statutes and SIFC bylaws. I do not believe that there was malicious intent. The next question that must be asked is if it is appropriate for the President, Vice President, Executive Director of Government Relations, and Government Relations Coordinator to be appointed to go over other students from the general student body. I believe that there are good arguments for these four positions to go to LegCon based upon the people who currently hold those positions and their previous experiences. The executive Branch has put some work in on making a statement explaining why these positions should go. I believe that it is important for a thorough explanation and rationalization to be presented to the student body in order to ensure that this trip does not end up looking like the people the students elected to manage their money wisely giving themselves free trips. Had the current administration not already had other issues this year, this question would not be as relevant. However because of the troubles the executive branch is, as is all of the ASOSU, under a microscope. Another question some might have is if it is appropriate for both the President and Vice President to be gone at the same time. Historically this has not happened. Normally, either the President or Vice President stays behind in order to keep doing the work of the students of Oregon State University. I believe that it is beyond the purview of the ways and means committee to make a judgment call on this question. Perhaps people in this body or in the Senate might have some thoughts on this matter. A final question that could be
asked is if two trips to Washington DC including Leg Con and another trip scheduled for during spring term are necessary. The ways and means committee can investigate this in terms of the financial aspects but I believe it is beyond the mandate of the committee to make a judgment on that. There are other committees within the legislature that should look into that matter. The ways and means committee looks forward to working with the executive branch and other committees within the legislature in order to rectify this situation and ensure that such issues do not happen in future administrations.

Moving on from the investigations, the ways and means committee, as directed by the House of Representatives, formed a special subcommittee on legislative salaries to investigate the matter. Mr. Powell has been appointed as chair. Is there anything Mr. Powell would like to say on the matter now? Please get in touch with him if you would like more information or to be a part of the discussion.

Representative Powell: As proxy Buford said the ways and means committee decided to vote to have a ways and means subcommittee on compensation and look into if legislators are compensated. There are three representatives on this and it’s open to representatives and senators. Any folks that want to attend the gallery, the meeting times have not been set yet you can find the information on the website and email me if you’d like to be on that committee.

Representative Van Bossuyt (by proxy): On the horizon for the ways and means committee will be a discussion with the Vice President on generating a bill to change the statutes in order to have a closer relationship between the chairperson of the ways and means committee and the executive director of finance during the early days of new administrations and over the summer. I would like to personally recognize the vice president for making this suggestion last night at the senate meeting. It was a good suggestion and I look forward to the committee working closely with the vice president and the executive director of finance to figure out a process that will safeguard the finances of the ASOSU, give future fledgling administrations the support that they need as soon as they take office, and strike a balance between the needs of oversight, assistance, and time commitments. Again, I thank the vice president for his insightful suggestion and willingness to work collaboratively to make sure future administrations have every possible chance of financial success.

Finally in closing of this ridiculously long report, I urge everyone to vote to pass the two joint bills that are under special orders tonight. The ways and means committee worked hard on these bills. The executive director of finance is a co-sponsor of the bills. The bills have also received several co sponsorships from the senate. The bills incorporate suggestions from the AABC and also bring ASOSU in line with standard
university operating procedure. I am very sorry that neither I nor Mr. Brantley can be here to speak for these bills and answer question but I have full faith that the co-sponsors of the bills can speak fully about the contents and reasoning behind them.

Speaker Hatlen: Well done well read. More standing committee reports?

**Appropriations & Budget - Robb**

Representative Robb: We will be continuing to hold our meetings Friday at 2pm in Snell. All members of appropriations and budget need to come to the meetings they’re very important and a few of our member will go to SIFC meeting and take notes the meeting Friday. We’ll take a vote on our recommendation for both houses of congress.

VI. **Joint Committee Reports**

**Joint Committee of Congressional Correspondence**

Representative Robb: The senate yesterday heard both joint bills. JB-71.05 and JB-71.06. And they passed both of them and we’re hearing them now today. The other bills with them were tabled I believe.

Representative Setzler: They were both passed unanimously?

Representative Robb: No they were not. The first one was passed with one vote against and one abstaining and the JB-71.06 was passed with only one abstention.

VII. **Delegate Reports**

Amelia Harris: Right now Safe Ride is working on hopefully presenting today. We are currently in the office of advocacy in the law office we’re working on the request proposal for the lawyers. The proposal needs to be up for bid every 6 years. The request should go out next week. And we’re going to work on the hiring process. Regarding the, I mistakenly was not listening as I should, but we’re working on the safe ride and office of advocacy pay wages. I received clarification from Chris that the safe ride drivers and the dispatchers are not included in the executive branch pay. We are able to set the wages separate from the executive branch. They do not follow the executive staff. It looks like it should but it does not. I’ll email Representative Van Bossuyt about that as well.

Luke Marcus: Executive director of public relations. Coming up we have Gripe Fest one week from now we put in a lot of work for that. Those who aren’t aware we’re putting codes and advertising for a phone number for people to text a gripe in. There is a webpage to fill out a gripe we’re expanding the way to submit a gripe. We have the 10 a.m.-2 p.m. actual Gripe session. Also next Wednesday we’re putting into the Daily Barometer the ASOSU access page. We’re starting it up again. It’s a full newspaper size update of stories that some task force directors and interns are working on as well as the same day as Gripe Fest. So some sizeable graphic for that so people know what’s going on. Also earlier this week there was the phone
days we were hosting hopefully you got the email and were able to take use of that if you
wanted to use it. That’s all my updates if there’s any questions I can answer those.

Patricia: Unfortunately the six I supervise couldn’t come tonight. Hopefully they’ll come next
meeting. One main thing is to be out in the community last term we were working on as a
team to build the community trust outside of the OSU community. That’s what a lot of the
directors are doing is being out supporting where they need to be. I have a few campaigns
one is to create a culturally aware and competent campus. My main task is to work with the
center for fraternity and sorority life. And work with Bob Kerr I’m going to present at the Greek
leadership class he’s teaching and talk about diversity. I’m working to develop a student
evaluation system for professionals. The students on campus don’t have an avenue to
express their constructive feedback about their supervisors. This will give them an avenue to
do that constructively.

Agustin: Tomorrow from 5:30-7 p.m. is Evolution of Hip Hop. Friday from 3-5 p.m. next Friday the
ice cream at APCC. The Centro is putting on a tribute month and I asked if they wanted to
help with a workshop about government in Latin American countries. I want to extend that to
members of the house. Brett is going to help out. If anyone wants to help out hit me up.

Representative Stuart: Where’s the hip hop?

Gallery member: The BCCC.

Director of Saferide: We added a third van. I’m sure you’ve seen it around we have the
mobility and the 12 passenger van and the minivan. We got a decal on all the vans so
people aren’t so skeptical. I don’t know if you’ve taken it but you’re on the corner so we got
decals. We’re working on extending the hours. We close at 12:45 and a 1 a.m. library pick up.
A few years it matched the hours. That doesn’t happen anymore so we want to extend the
hours and people doing extracurricular activities. We’re working on a proposal on the budget
to see where we fit. It looks like we’re doing good and have room in our budget but we want
to make sure we do so we don’t run out of money. We’re working with other campuses that
have late night programs and how they work with their drivers. Right now our daily average is
101 riders per night. Last month from today until January 22 we had 489 riders so we had a
little bit of a slow start with it just starting and the snow days but in the last two days its
boomed. We’ve stretched it as far as we can. We can’t fit many more people in our nights.
We open at 6 and close at 12:45.

Representative Struthers: I’d like to move JB-71.05 and JB-71.06 into Special Orders.
Representative Van Bossuyt (by proxy): Second

Speaker Hatlen: Is there dissention? Hearing none that will be in special orders. We’ll hear that
after old business.

VIII. Special Orders

JB-71.05 “House Financial Accountability”
Representative Fosdick: This is special order meaning just one reading?

Speaker Hallen: Yeah we'll read it tonight and then vote on it.

Clerk Wolff:

“WHEREAS The students of Oregon State University place their trust in the ASOSU to manage student fee funds wisely, judiciously, and frugally,

WHEREAS Title II, Section 2, Letter F, Subsection 1, Part i states that The Ways and Means Committee shall provide review and assistance for ASOSU budgeting requests,

WHEREAS Title II, Section 2, Letter F, Subsection 1, Part ii states that The Ways and Means Committee shall review annual budget requests for expenditures from the ASOSU account,

WHEREAS Title II, Section 2, Letter F, Subsection 1, Part iii states that The Ways and Means Committee shall evaluate, amend or adjust the proposed ASOSU budget at expenditures from the ASOSU Discretionary fund,

WHEREAS Title III, Section 4, Letter H, Subsection 1, Part i states that the Executive Director of Finance shall be aware of all ASOSU financial transactions and budgets,

WHEREAS Title III, Section 4, Letter H, Subsection 1, Part ii states that the Executive Director of Finance shall maintain a running record of all ASOSU expenditures, funds, and transactions,

WHEREAS Title III, Section 4, Letter H, Subsection 1, Part iv states that the Executive Director of Finance shall submit financial reports to the Houses of Congress at least once every term and present at the request of either House,

WHEREAS Title VII, Section 3, Letter A states that allowances and compensations taking the form of stipends shall be allotted at the discretion of the Executive Director of Finance and the House Ways and Means Committee, and approved by both Houses of Congress,

WHEREAS Fiduciary responsibility for the ASOSU rests both with the Executive Director of Finance and the Ways and Means Committee,

WHEREAS The Executive Director of Finance is responsible for managing the budget for the ASOSU,

WHEREAS Direct communication between the Executive Director of Finance and the Ways and Means Committee has at times been difficult over the past three administrations,

WHEREAS Financial oversight by the Ways and Means Committee has been less than desirable over the last three administrations,
WHEREAS The Ways and Means Committee desires to work more closely with the Executive Director of Finance to ensure that student fee funds are spent wisely,

BE IT HEREBY ENACTED BY THE ASOSU THAT:

The Executive Director of Finance for the ASOSU shall be required to give a briefing to the Ways and Means Committee covering any budgetary changes, current and predicted expenditures, and the current state of all ASOSU accounts.

BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED BY THE ASOSU THAT:

Title II, Section 2, Letter F, Subsection 1, Part vi be added to the ASOSU Statutes to read as follows:

"The Committee shall hear a monthly budget report from the Executive Director of Finance as outlined in the duties of the Executive Director of Finance in the ASOSU Statutes."

BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED BY THE ASOSU THAT:

Title III, Section 4, Letter H, Subsection 1, Part viii be added to the ASOSU Statutes to read as follows:

"Deliver a monthly budget report to the House Ways and Means Committee on the date of the first House of Representatives meeting of every month or the first scheduled meeting of the Ways and Means Committee, whichever occurs first. The budget report shall include but not be limited to:

a) Any budgetary changes since the previous monthly report delivered by the Executive Director of Finance to the Ways and Means Committee.

b) Current and predicted expenditures.

c) Current pay rates for all ASOSU paid positions.

d) Recent, Current, and predicted travel expenditures.

e) Current, potential or recent conflicts of interest relating to the expenditure of ASOSU funds.

f) The current state of all ASOSU accounts and budgets.

g) Updates on any outstanding issues from prior budget reports delivered to the Ways and Means Committee.

h) Requests for assistance from the Ways and Means Committee."

BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED BY THE ASOSU THAT:

This bill shall be enacted immediately upon passage."

Representative Alvarez: I move to approve.

Representative Setzler: Second

A roll call vote was taken to approve JB-71.05. The motion passed 18-0-0
**JB-71.06 “Account Signing Authority”**

Clerk Wolff:

WHEREAS The students of Oregon State University place their trust in the ASOSU to manage student fee funds wisely, judiciously, and frugally,

WHEREAS Title III, Section 2, Letter H, Subsection 1, Part i states that the Executive Director of Finance shall be aware of all ASOSU financial transactions and budgets,

WHEREAS Currently the only authority for the ASOSU budget rests with the Executive Director of Finance,

WHEREAS Currently account signing authority for all ASOSU accounts rests exclusively with the Executive Director of Finance,

WHEREAS The Executive Director of Finance reports solely to the ASOSU President,

WHEREAS Under this structure, unilateral changes to the ASOSU budget may be made,

WHEREAS The ASOSU Administrative and Logistics Advocate is responsible for helping leaders within ASOSU understand, manage, and abide by the ASOSU constitution and statutes,

BE IT HEREBY ENACTED BY THE ASOSU THAT:

Title VII, Section 4 be added stating:

Section 4: Budgetary Signing Authority

A. Normal budgetary signing authority shall rest with the ASOSU Executive Director of Finance.

B. The ASOSU Administrative and Logistics Advocate shall be required in addition to the Executive Director of Finance to sign any of the following expenditures:

i. Any expenditure from any ASOSU account totaling $5,000 or 10% of the total amount budgeted for the account, whichever amount is smaller.

ii. All travel expenditures.

iii. All payroll expenditures and changes.

C. In the absence, as defined by University policy, of the ASOSU Administrative and Logistics Advocate, the ASOSU Student Advocate shall replace the Administrative and Logistics Advocate with regards to budgetary signing authority.

D. In the absence, as defined by University policy, of the ASOSU Executive Director of Finance, the ASOSU President shall replace the Executive Director of Finance with regards to budgetary signing authority.
E. The Ways and Means Committee Chair shall be required in addition to the Executive Director of Finance and the ASOSU Administrative and Logistics Advocate to sign any of the following expenditures:
   i. Any expenditure totaling $10,000 or 20% of the total amount budgeted for the account, whichever amount is smaller.
   ii. Any payroll expenditure changes

F. In the absence, as defined by University policy, of the ASOSU Ways and Means Committee Chairperson, the ASOSU Speaker of the House shall replace the Ways and Means Chairperson with regards to budgetary signing authority.

BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED BY THE ASOSU THAT:
This bill, the ASOSU Constitution, and ASOSU Statutes will be forwarded to the Auxiliaries and Activities Business Center by the Chairperson of the Ways and Means Committee.

BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED BY THE ASOSU THAT:
The Chairperson of the Ways and Means Committee, the Chairperson of the Ethics and Oversight Committee, the Administrative and Logistics Advocate, and the Executive Director of Finance shall provide statements to the Auxiliaries and Activities Business Center to further clarify the intent of this bill, the ASOSU Constitution, and the ASOSU Statutes regarding the issue of account signing authority.

BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED BY THE ASOSU THAT:
This bill shall be enacted immediately upon passage.

Representative Setzler: I move to approve JB-71.06.
Representative Robb: Second
Representative Tran: I have a point of clarification. So under the first be it hereby enacted by ASOSU under section four normal budgetary signing. Anyone could clarify that? Or if we should specify?
Speaker Hatlen: I'll do my best normal budgetary signing authority is what's already invested in that position's day to day purchase requests.
Chris Van Drimmelen: Normal budgetary signing authority would mean any expenditure under $5,000 or less than 10% of the line item to be considered complete.
Representative Tran: Should it be specified under that section?
Speaker Hatlen: The subsequent section B defines in context what A is.
Chris Van Drimmelen: A doesn’t mean much without B or C.
Representative Tran: Is it already university policy if the chairperson is absent that the speaker of the house would sign?
Speaker Hatlen: I believe the definition of that is for as in an absence defined by university policy.
Representative Struthers: That was something ways and means added last week in the summer the ways and means chair might not be in Corvallis there might not be a chair for that.

Representative Robb: And as the house of representatives is the financial arm of the legislative branch it would be natural that in an absence it would fall to the speaker of the house especially when the speaker is required to be here over summer.

A roll call vote was taken on JB-71.06. The motion passed unanimously.

IX. Old Business & Second Readings

JB-71.04 “Congressional Sustainability Bill”

Clerk Wolff:
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 here by enacted by ASOSU
Title II Section 13 of the ASOSU Statutes shall be created to read8;
“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 Government Committee”
Bhatt Also RHA and Representative Robb, he said according to the minutes you wanted to sponsor.

Representative Fosdick: I’m not sure if it’s needed to be amended but in the hereby enacted d a first paragraph. “Congress shall hold two town hall meetings” not “Congress shall hold two town hall meeting”.

Representative Setzler: Just a typing error.

Speaker Hatlen: Thank you for pointing it out.

Representative Vanderwall: Also its being picky I don’t know if we want it to be in the same font or not. There are a couple whereas that look like they’re in a different font. It looks better in all the same font.

Speaker Hatlen: Thank you very much. We’ll take care of that. There was a complaint about the inconsistency of font in the whereases. It was a good point out.

Representative Powell: So from talking to people there’s a lot of work about how we’ll get senators and representatives to attend these town hall meetings. So I move to table this bill and refer it to the senate student government committee to make improvements.

Representative Phou: Second

Representative Robb: I believe that this I agree with it and it’s a great idea but I believe with simple changes that or not so simple changes this bill can be stronger and ensure greater representation of the OSU student body.

Representative Alvarez: I was wondering what Representative Powell said about the culture centers having questions when they’re co-sponsors.

Representative Powell: So the culture centers are co-sponsors but a member said that this bill needs some improvements.

Speaker Hatlen: Any specific?

Representative Powell: Not on my mind but there are some.

Nicole Perez: I know that what I understand is that if the bill is altered in any way he’s revoking the NLA sponsorship. And if he didn’t agree with changes he would not sponsor it. That’s something to talk to Tyler about.

Speaker Hatlen: As it stands NAL supports it

Nicole Yes.

Bhatt There’s not teeth to it and not making representatives want to go to the event. The point was we don’t want it mandatory if senator and representatives want to do a good job they’ll go to the event to listen to the concerns they shouldn’t be forced to do a good job they should rise to the occasion.

Representative Stuart: That was my problem with the confusion. I don’t believe a organization made of students for the students should be required to do so. If we’re required to do something we don’t fight so hard to fight for what we do.
Representative Alvarez: I was going to go with Mr. Bhatt’s statements when it’s not. I can see the reasoning for strengthening the bill but it’s something that is extra and I’m definitely going to try and make all the town hall meetings and it would get complicated if people would make it mandatory I think we should try and pass it.

Speaker Hatlen: Make sure the discussion is germane to tabling. If you want to discuss it further you should vote it down so we can talk about it. Keep focused on if we should table this bill to student government committee. Please speak up I want to make sure everyone in gallery can hear

Representative Sandberg: Is there a certain length resolutions can be tabled? What I’m having an issue with we table resolutions but we never hear about them again. It’s like if we table this are we able to, how long can a resolution be tabled?

Speaker Hatlen: I believe if it’s taken care of by the end of the year.

Chris Van Drimmelen: They can be tabled typically when you table something it’s good to set a time within the motion to bring it back to the body otherwise its considered tabled indefinitely. It you table to a committee that’s without a timeline it goes to that committee for however long they need to work with it and comes back when they’re done with it. I recommend you set a timeline. So that it will come back automatically so it doesn’t get tabled automatically. If it doesn’t get taken care of by the end of the year that’s it.

Representative Alvarez: I’d like to stress it was very vague for tabling and it’s great to strengthen but it looks good and I call to question.

A voice vote to table JB-71.04 to the student government committee. The motion fails.

Bhatt So to put some teeth to it I spoke to representative some representative I forgot their name but to make it mandatory one senator two representatives and one representative from the executive branch have to go. So it has teeth but it’s not. It’s not in here it’s one amendment to make it mandatory that one senator two representatives and one executive have to show up as a compromise.

Representative Fosdick: I disagree if we’re making it mandatory make it mandatory if we’re not then don’t. How would you make it mandatory? Draw straws?

Representative Stuart: I think it validates the opinions that it’s not as important if it only requires four people to go twice a term.

Representative Alvarez: I agree I don’t think it doesn’t make sense. Everyone should go that can. That would imply that requirement. Then the student government would have problems if four people just show up. That amendment should not be considered.
Representative Setzler: Would it be possible to create a committee at the beginning of the term to be sure that we have people there to represent the bodies that should be represented. So create a committee or something.

Speaker Hatlen: It's worthy of being discussed. We’re probably phasing away from the ed act committee so that might be an idea to add that committee to the statutes that the base of folks from the house go to these meetings.

Representative Setzler: My personal opinion I see a lot of things that move through here a lot of bills that we pass saying we’ll visit them later before we put limitations on them maybe it would be possible to pass this and see how next term happens and revisit it. If there was a problem add in a number but at this point we have obvious interest in it. Why add more requirements.

Representative Robb: I’d like to think about the idea of having a certain number of representatives and senate an exec. The entire idea is that this number would be there to relay the students to the branches of ASOSU. That's the entire point of this they would be there to take notes so what is said from student goes back to the branches. With this if we have a number of requirements it would be best if all members went. The thing is that with this bill I’d like to see I’d like it go into effect and continue on in the future. If we don't have a safeguard this would not have the teeth as it would now.

Gallery Member: I have a couple questions about these suggestions. I was wondering if the bill can you set a permanent time for the house and senate trying to get everything together instead of having one set standard and two having the advertisement one week prior how you’re going to advertise it? You can advertise very little it’s at least having something. Another thing we can sponsor the bill but our name isn’t right we’d like to have our name corrected. It might seem kind of weird but it’s something we take seriously. People thought having a town hall meeting as a way to supplement the fact that these groups don’t have the right representation in the house and senate and even with this bill passing it’s a great idea but everything talked about last term is still very important this is a way to seems like a side project to help out but not dealing with last year.

Bhatt Things change let’s see there’s a big event that happened that term and week 3 and 8 we left it up to the students’ academic activities they pick the time and advertise a week before in the Barometer in Dixon and the Mu that’s about it.

Speaker Hatlen: Sandberg?

Representative Sandberg: I forgot.

Representative Alvarez: I’d like to say I agree with Representative Setzler. It would be a good idea to approve this bill and see how it goes next term. I think the point is to leave it open to interpretation to see how well we interpret it. I think I want to look at
the idea of more direct representation from student groups this bill does help along that it’s not the substitute that you’re referring to. I think we should amend César Centro. I’d like to move to approve this bill.

Representative Vanderwall: Second

Representative Alvarez: It’s a good bill I think the town hall that we had earlier went really well it had good dialogue and those in the future are good for ASOSU and seeing how it goes, come back with the bill. It’s easy to amend I voice my support of this bill.

A roll call vote was taken on JB-71.04. The motion passed. The motion passed.16-0-2

X. New Business & First Readings

Representative Powell: I move to pass the following resolution. Whereas several emails have been exchanged over the past several days between select members of the ASOSU detailing allegations of unauthorized pay raises for the ASOSU executive branch and an unauthorized contingency fund request made by the ASOSU executive branch.

Whereas not all members of the ASOSU branches have been formally informed of the allegations made against the ASOSU executive branch.

Whereas the ASOSU executive branch has not had a chance to adequately address the allegations made against that branch in person before members of this body.

Whereas it would be wise and in respect of due process to have a full conversation between all branches of the ASOSU in order to understand all perspectives on current allegations made against the executive branch.

Whereas collaboration on these issues would be best in order to account for due process and maintain the legitimacy accountability, and solidarity of the ASOSU.

Whereas ASOSU Madam President M. Tonga Hopoi and ASOSU Vice President Sokho Eath haven’t been formally invited to come before this body.

Be it hereby resolved by the 3rd ASOSU House of Representatives that: The ASOSU House of Representatives formally invite ASOSU Madam President M. Tonga Hopoi, Vice President Sokho Eath, and any other member of the ASOSU Executive Branch to come before the House of Representatives in due process to present their perspective and answer any questions that this body or any students of Oregon State University have.

Be it further resolved by the 3rd ASOSU House of Representatives that: The ASOSU Senate be invited to attend this meeting.

Be it further resolved by the 3rd ASOSU House of Representatives that: The ASOSU Judicial Counsel be invited to attend this meeting.

Be it further resolved by the 3rd ASOSU House of Representatives that: This invitation be offered for the next meeting of the ASOSU House of Representatives that the ASOSU President and Vice President can attend.
Speaker Hatlen: As clarification we’re holding a joint session next week where the president and vice president will be in attendance.

Representative Phou: Second

Representative Powell: I believe the resolution as itself speaks of what I wanted to say. However I do believe it’s necessary as the members of ASOSU branches didn’t receive several emails detailing the allegations and they weren’t informed of the allegations. The Barometer have published articles but were one sided case from the editorial boards. There were a few new stories but didn’t go into much detail and people are jumping to conclusions.

Representative Sandberg: I was wondering if you could explain more of what this is.

Speaker Hatlen: A lot of what was discussed at the beginning of the meeting the majority of the allegations that have been brought forward.

Representative Setzler: I have been reading the emails and the Barometer I have noticed there’s a lot of language being thrown around and it’s important that the executive branch have a voice.

Representative Powell: If Representative Sandberg had no knowledge of this I’m sure there are others representatives that don’t have knowledge of this as well.

Speaker Hatlen: I’ll have you all look to the minutes from this week when they’re published for the full report of the ways and means committee. I’ll forward those efforts from Representative Van Bossuyt to you all.

Representative Vanderwall: I was curious what conclusion were being jumped to that you wanted to avoid?

Representative Powell: That would be discussed during this meeting. The conclusions are the that there are allegations that its one person involved in this and the student body is seeing a one person involved in these discussions and the house hasn’t been informed of the multifaceted decisions. The fact that the people on campus that are attributing it to one person. The judicial council is also another branch that could be at fault for overlooking that process.

Representative Fosdick: I’d like to yield to Vice President Sokho Eath.

Vice President Eath: We’re looking to having a president’s address from the president herself.

The speaker and I talked about that today. We could have a friendly amendment to have this addressed at that president’s address?

Speaker Hatlen: Its next week at the joint session.

Representative Powell: I will take a friendly amendment. Currently it says this invitation be offered to the next meeting that the ASOSU president and vice president can attend.

Representative Phou: I move to end discussion.

A voice vote was taken to end discussion. The motion passed.

A roll call vote was taken on the resolution. The motion passed 16-1-1
Speaker Hatlen: I will forward this to the aforementioned folks in the resolution. Any further business?
Representative Alvarez: I do.
Speaker Hatlen: Okie dokie.
Representative Alvarez: I move to request all records from the executive meetings and such to be presented to the house of representatives because there it would be interesting its relevant over the summer how the wages were increased. That should include who was present at the meeting and if there were not records of the meeting that should be noted as well.
Representative Le: Second.
Representative Alvarez: I think because right now there should be no executive secretary that’s employed by ASOSU and normally there is. They take records of cabinet meetings and such there has been some people taking record of those meeting it would be valuable to see those. Especially the ways and means committee. And that would help with the reasoning behind it.
Representative Fosdick: Also there’s a number of meetings in training that were cancelled I’d like to have that included as well. The reason behind why those trainings were cancelled and their reasoning. To add in to that records of trainings that have been cancelled and such could also be included in the records.
Representative Alvarez: A request that we present it to House before the joint session on Wednesday that lists the reasons why the professional development trainings were cancelled over the summer by the executive branch and also a list and records of meeting they have been presented to House by next Wednesday and in those records should be who is present and what was talked about and a list of the meetings they had that were not recorded and should go back to June 1 2011.
Representative Powell: I agree that all these records need to be posted. I looked and found minutes for all the branches but the executive branch and they only have one for this administration. But my question is do you want them to report these documents to us or present them or just add them to the website in what they do?
Representative Alvarez: I think present it to the House members by next Wednesday and I think it would be best to get them to Brandi and she can hand them out.
Representative Powell: You don’t want them read aloud?
Representative Alvarez: Not to go in front of the house but submitted to the house.
Speaker Hatlen: Once those are submitted they’ll put be on the website?
Chris Van Drimmelen: I would defer that to the executive PR team.
Representative Robb: What motion are we currently on?
Speaker Hatlen: We’re still on the resolution to request information from the executive branch.
Representative Robb: With that I’d like to add an amendment to that resolution asking for the information pertaining to the rationale of why there is not executive secretary.

Speaker Hatlen: Would you accept that as a friendly amendment?

Representative Alvarez: Yes.

Representative Le: Can I have that repeated?

Representative Robb: That we request all information pertaining to their rationale why there is a vacancy in the position of executive secretary.

Representative Le: Ok. I think that we decided that all the records be presented at the joint meeting. And then how about I think it would be good that the executive branch has their minutes posted on the website.

Speaker Hatlen: Is that a friendly amendment?

Representative Le: Yes

Speaker Hatlen: Is there any dissention from those friendly amendment? Sweet.

Representative Fosdick: I move to end discussion.

Representative Vanderwall: Second

A voice vote was taken to end discussion. The motion passed.

A roll call vote was taken on the resolution. The motion passed unanimously 18-0-0

XI. Speaker’s Announcements

Upcoming Joint Sessions

Wednesday, February 29th, 2012

Wednesday, March 7th, 2012

Speaker Hatlen: We have two upcoming joint session in the MU lounge with lots of folks attending. We’ll hear from the president and hopefully have all these requests and her address will be pointed towards the discussion points we desired. We’ll hear from Josh the SIFC chair and Jennifer the AABC, I don’t know her title, they’ll give us a brief training on neutrality for what it means to vote on student fees when we go into our joint session the following week. We’ll make decisions more appropriately in line with the view point of neutrality. In addition to that the next Wednesday March 1 there will be the open hearing for SIFC. I encourage you to attend for students to voice their opinions on the budget as they stand before we hear it finally. Also ASOSU Gripe Fest 2012 will be held before our meeting next week. Gripe Fest then joins from the open hearing SIFC and the following Wednesday we’ll have the joint session to approve the budget. Busy next couple of weeks.

Representative Fosdick: Whens the Gripe Fest.

Luke: 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. in the MU lounge.
**Speaker Hatlen:** In addition to that, we’re looking for scribes for the gripe fest. Your job will be to use the ASOSU computers to type in the gripes. Or the gripes submitted over the microphones. We won’t censor any gripes when typing. They ask for scribes in senate and they got four people to sign up. I told them I’d get folks from the house that are available. The open slots are from noon to two and if you have time next week we’d need six more scribes. Please do I have any volunteers?

**Representative Stuart:** I can do both.

**Representative Setzler:** Are there any other times open?

**Speaker Hatlen:** If you want one of those slots I’ll write you in.

**Representative Setzler:** I guess I’m not available.

**Representative Davis:** I’ll take one from one to two.

**Speaker Hatlen:** I need a 12-1.

**Representative Tran:** I’ll do 12-1.

**Representative Le:** I’ll do 12-1.

**Speaker Hatlen:** One more 1-2 slot.

**Representative Sandberg:** Where’s it at?

**Speaker Hatlen:** In the MU lounge

**Representative Sandberg:** You can put me 1-2.

**Speaker Hatlen:** They’ll be happy to see that this is full. Can you come up after the meeting to contact me to get you at a computer and such. With that, thank you for being diligent and this term thus far we’ve passed a lot of good legislation.

Sokho I’d like to thank you for forming a subcommittee for compensation. This is what I addressed for the state of student address, my long boring speech. I’m thankful for the ways and means committee. That committee will increase transparency in all of ASOSU this is a growing environment. It units us. As student’s we’ll be in a better place. I look forward for everyone going to Gripe Fest and everyone going to the president’s address.

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**XII. House Comments**

**Representative Van Bossuyt (by proxy):** While I do not yet know what happened during tonight’s meeting, I want to express my personal thanks to everyone in all branches of the ASOSU for your continued diligence in doing the important work of the students of Oregon State University. While we at times have our disagreements, we are all working toward the common goal of making things better for the students of this university. We are all people and people make mistakes. Further, one of the reasons of having student government is to have a place where future leaders of this
planet can learn how to govern, legislate, and adjudicate in a safe environment and with a safety net. The trials and tribulations that every administration, legislature, and judicial body goes through are valuable learning experiences for all of us. Personally I have learned an incredible amount over the last several months. Just because mistakes were made does not mean that the individuals who made the mistakes are bad people. I am very confident that we all have the best interest of the students at heart. Please do not demonize each other or look for excuses for why events are occurring as they have and are. Please remember that we are all human beings, and all have emotions and feelings that can be hurt. I understand that things can get hot at times but I personally do not hold any ill will toward any member of this body or anyone in the ASOSU. I hope that it is the same for the rest of you. Remember that we are all humans, we all make mistakes, and we also all have a duty and function to serve within ASOSU. At the end of the day we are all students who are here to learn and expand our horizons. Thank you for everyone in the Executive, Judicial, and Legislative branches, and also the professional staff for doing the wonderful jobs that you do.

Representative Powell: If anyone is interested in the subcommittee please contact me. I’ll send out an email on the listserv so people are aware of that committee. It’s my belief that students are uninformed so please encourage anyone you know to attend the open sessions. It’s one of their few chances to go to a meeting without getting overloaded with parli pro.

Representative Sandberg: We’re having a black history month and it’s free you can get the tickets at Snell. So we can get food before our meeting in the MU ballroom.

Gallery member: I encourage you to go to the BCC and get your tickets there.

Representative Struthers: Can I ask that the ways and means members stay five minutes after. It said we were going to meet tonight but I don’t know if we’re meeting. Ways and means, please stay after.

Representative Robb: I’m speaking not as a house member but on Friday at 7 in the MU 208 the college democrats and republicans will have a debate against each other. There’s actual rules here, it won’t be a cage match.

Speaker Hatlen: Too bad.

Representative Sandberg: This Friday?

Speaker Hatlen: The college republicans are having a first amendment week and there’s a free speech wall in the quad.

Representative Alvarez: Regarding what Brian said people uninformed I’m interested in writing a guest column and if anyone wants to join me let me know. I want to write a guest column about what’s going on. Talk to me after the meeting.

Speaker Hatlen: Perfect. Further house comments?
XIII. Gallery Comments

Chris Van Drimmelen: So I want to let everyone know I will be gone the latter half of next week. I’ll be leaving after Wednesday morning and be in Seattle until Friday. I won’t be at the joint session next week if you need to get in contact with me email would be great. Just letting you all know

Speaker Hatlen: Thank you for the announcement and standing up.

Amelia: Thank you for what you do I know we’re all working hard. It’s getting really tough I wanted to remind you to take care of yourself. I have my friends I want to do the same for you all I want to you to get enough sleep and eat right. Take care of yourself.

XIV. Adjournment

Representative Vanderwall: I move to adjourn.

Representative Phou: Second

Acclamation occurred and the meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.