I. **Call to Order/Roll-Call/Quorum**

Quorum was met and the meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m.

II. **Swearing in of Representatives**

One proxy was sworn in.

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

Everyone present sang that Alma Mater.

Representative Le arrived at 7:08 p.m.

*Speaker Hatlen:* I like that harmony.

IV. **Approval of Minutes from Wednesday February 8, 2012**

Representative Brantley: I'd like to approve the minutes from Wednesday February 8, 2012.

Representative Van Bossuyt: Second

Representative Struthers: I'd like to add with unanimous consent that we amend on page 9 where it says “vand second” it says Representative Vanderwall.

Representative Brantley: Second

Representative Vanderwall: I like that idea.

*Speaker Hatlen:* Dissention? Hearing none so changed.

*Speaker Pro Tempore:* Call to question.

*Speaker Hatlen:* Is there dissention?

A voice vote was taken to approve the minutes. The motion **passed**.
V. Standing Committee Reports

Ways & Means

Representative Van Bossuyt: Members helps me if I forget anything, we met last week to review the ASOSU budget we found several things that need to be revised which came up to some other things. So looking over the budget we noticed the pay rates for the entire ASOSU staff were incorrect as per the statutes. Upon further review we discovered that every executive branch member is being over paid except for four being underpaid. The positions that are being over paid for a couple percent up to eight percent. If it continues will be overpaid by almost 900 dollars of the positions. We went to discover why this was done. The ways and means I suppose to review salary changes which was not done. The executive director of finances when questioned said that for the records the president had directed him to change the account as per the executive branch decided early on in June last year. We’re looking for the minutes for that meeting. We have on record and on audio then we asked the president of ASOSU to join us and asked why it was done and she states she had done that with others that were hired at the time. And when asked why this was done in circumvention of the statutes she was not aware of the statutes and had not read them, thus giving justification why it was done. That’s where we left off at the time. And we are currently investigating what should be done with this situation including fixing the budget sent to SIFC to re-reflect the correct pay rates to see changing the current pay rates and investigate if we should take money back and also pay the people that were being underpaid this included the speaker of the house.

Speaker Hatlen: Sweet.

Representative Van Bossuyt: It’s an interesting position we find ourselves in and talking with auxiliaries and activities business center today we determined that there is only one signing authority within ASOSU which is the director of finance who directs to the president. We don’t think this is the most appropriate thing to do. Maybe have another
check or balance to present things like this from happening in the future. We’re looking forward as well that in the future this can’t happen or be an accident or what have you that there are checks and balances in place to use the money of the student’s wisely which was not done in this case. I’ve been in consultation of the ethics and oversight committee which was housed in the senate they will talk to the executive branch on Friday about his matter and wanting to work together with executive for an equitable and fair solution that both branch of government can support. So we can get through this as painlessly as possible. Some may not have known they were being underpaid. And fair to the students who’s money we were using. Also tonight ways and means will hear budgets again we’ll take a recess to relocate in Snell 149 to have documents printed that we need. My committee members please join us and if you’d like to be a part of the committee tonight you are more than welcome to join us and anyone in the audience you’re more than welcome to sit in gallery after the event. We can move the floor be given to you for input. This is an important process we’re doing tonight.

Speaker Hatlen: I have one question is it true that the ASOSU budget will be to SIFC tomorrow?

Representative Van Bossuyt: Currently it’s on the schedule for tomorrow night if we don’t approve it they’re ok with pushing it back as far as we need. We are not under any pressure to approve tonight we can adjourn for another week for more oversight of the budget in light of what’s happened with financing to make sure it’s a sound budget we have for the next meeting.

**Appropriations & Budgets**

Representative Robb: All members raise your hand if you’re in appropriations and budgets. I’ll send out an email to ensure that everyone will show up. The next meeting Friday there will be attendance and if you miss it, it will count against you. This is the entire purpose of appropriations and budget, to make sure the SIFC budget is looked over and the money the students are spending and the reason we’re elected for the students that
its spent correctly. I have a sheet for our guest to sign. So that we have as many members as possible to show up to these meetings. We’re hearing the SIFC budget hearings and continually writing the report on our findings on these budgets which later will be given to congress on our joint session on voting for budgets.

Speaker Hatlen: Are you sending representatives to those SIFC hearings?
Representative Robb: I’d like to have one member from appropriations and budgets at every budget hearing. Even if they don’t act as an official representative. They’re representing appropriations and budgets. They are to keep notes so the next meeting we have appropriate knowledge of the budgets and so that the committee can vote on approving or denying them with a knowledge of it.

Speaker Hatlen: Representative Alvarez is also on appropriations and budget and he’s attending every SIFC meeting.
Representative Robb: I’d like every member to show up to one so they understand the role of SIFC and budgets.

VI. Joint Committee Reports

Joint Committee of Congressional Correspondence
Senator Vandever: What we did in senate yesterday was first reading of the sustainability bill. The one issue we took with it was giving the committee more discretion to the times. Other than that we passed the final version of the bill the conference committee came up with. And then we passed a resolution you have in front of you.
Representative Setzler: Was first reading of the town hall bill?
Van That’s the congressional sustainability bill.

VII. Delegate Reports

Ana Perez: Right now NLA we’re going for the end of our term the 29th. So can I grab my agenda we just had our staff meeting and I have all the dates. February 29 we’re going to have a natural paints workshop at the longhouse and that’s the main piece we’re talking about March 2 at APPC its ice cream. It’s an even about identity but it’s an ice cream social. There’s another one March 5 it’s covering issues around the difference
between being on the mainland and what’s it like here. You should probably find any BCC events it’s their heritage month.

VIII. Special Orders

JR-71.02 “Getting Out to Vote with the ASOSU Congress”

Clerk Wolff:

WHEREAS The ASOSU Executive Branch, primarily through the Office of the Government Affairs Team, focuses on campaigns to outreach to the student body to register to vote and to actively engage in voting

WHEREAS The Government Affairs Team coordinates voter education regarding different issues on the ballot that effect students and their education

WHEREAS Historically, these campaigns have been carried out by Executive Staffers and ASOSU Interns

WHEREAS The ASOSU Congress, as the voice of the student body, must outreach and educate students regarding issues that are widely felt and deeply felt by students from the various measures, ballot initiatives and candidates and their platforms

WHEREAS The ASOSU Congress, as the Student Legislature, should have the opportunity to become involved and participate in actual legislative process by connecting as constituent of their local representatives and senators in the Oregon State Assembly and the United States Congress

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE 71st ASOSU CONGRESS:

The ASOSU stands by the coalition of Universities and Communities in their efforts through organizations, like the Oregon Student Association, in advocating voter registration and education.

That by participating in these efforts, we stand united as students striving towards bettering our future, the state and the nation.
Speaker Hatlen: This was written by Sokho Eath the sponsors are Connie Tran and Victoria Redman. Does anyone have any questions?

Representative Van Bossuyt: I was wondering why the second be it hereby resolved did not have a heading as it should?

Speaker Hatlen: I think it’s a continuation.

Representative Van Bossuyt: Was that intentional or not?

Speaker Hatlen: I think it’s an editorial change.

Representative Van Bossuyt: The second or last whereas was included. They don’t seem to be related to the hereby further resolved. I’d like further clarification.

Representative Bhatt: What’s this about? What’s it wanting to do or change?

Speaker Hatlen: Historically all the internal and executive branch have run get out the vote campaigns and govern further to lobby and in DC in the short session there has been a lot of lobbying efforts sent up to Salem and they wanted a document that says we’re in support of these lobbying efforts and that we stand in solidarity and encourage you to participate in these campaigns and get out to vote. But since its under whereas its lightly hinting at it. The last two might be hinting towards our suggestion to do some of these efforts rather than be it hereby enacted.

Representative Van Bossuyt: That’s not the job of congress as stated in the statues and constitution.

Speaker Hatlen: That’ll go into second reading next week.

Representative Struthers: It’s in special order doesn’t in go into second readings?

Representative Van Bossuyt: I move to table this.

Representative Brantley: second

Representative Van Bossuyt: I think we need more time and need answers to the questions and I’d rather hear it from the author of the bill.
Chris Van Drimmelen: Most of what I could provide would be speculation from conversation with the author.

Speaker Pro Tempore: While I agree there are ambiguities. It’s not perfect but they want it passed as soon as possible.

Representative Van Bossuyt: Would you be willing to strike out the last two whereas then?

Speaker Pro Tempore: Sure

Speaker Hatlen: Keep in mind this would go to conference committee.

Chris Van Drimmelen: The whereas have no bearing on us. I don’t think it would have to go to conference committee.

Speaker Hatlen: It’s a different version of the bill.

Chris Van Drimmelen: That’s a gray area. It’s not a part of the bill.

Speaker Hatlen: Ok. There’s not a lot of clarity there.

Chris Van Drimmelen: No there’s not a lot of clarity there.

Representative Van Bossuyt: I’d like to add to that. I believe the intent would be to use this resolution to take to the legislative bodies so it would be good to have a nice spread and clean bill that should be listened to.

Representative Vanderwall: Do you know why it was special order?

Speaker Hatlen: Yes, because the ASOSU executive has been doing lobbying in the short session in February. It was asked to put on special orders so we can give this support as Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore; so said. Did you say it? Anyways whether or not the whereas effect your decision this is a motion to table. If there’s not further discussion we’ll vote. If it’s tabled it’ll go to next week if not we’ll go to discussion on the resolution itself. Hearing non there is a vote to table.

A voice vote was taken to table JR-71.02 until next week. The motion passed.

Representative Van Bossuyt: I move to move the lobby training to next week due to ways and means committee meeting.
Speaker Hatlen: If I could before I recognize that motion, there was no planned
lobby training this week.

Representative Van Bossuyt: Should we strike it from the agenda?

Speaker Hatlen: We can or just move on.

Representative Van Bossuyt: I move to strike it.

Speaker Pro Tempore: Second

Representative Brantley: Acclamation

Speaker Pro Tempore: I think it's a good idea.

Speaker Hatlen: Any dissention? Hearing none we'll strike lobby training from the
agenda.

IX. Old Business & Second Readings

SB-71.03 “Jacob Vandever and Dan Cushing Legislator Accountability Act”

Speaker Pro Tempore: I move to forgo second reading.

Representative Brantley: Second

Speaker Hatlen: Is there dissention?

Representative Struthers: This is not second reading this is just old
business.

Speaker Hatlen: This did go to the conference committee. There was mild
change that did occur. It was in the last hereby enacted by congress rather than
leave the ambiguities of 500 meters off campus we left exceptions of grad
students and left it up to the discretion of the chair for the body where certain
individuals will hold office hours.

Clerk Wolff:

“‘Office hours’ shall be defined as time spent in the ASOSU office, distinct from
time spent in committee meetings or other business of the ASOSU. It shall be time
during which members of the ASOSU may meet with legislators to discuss ASOSU-
related issues. Exceptions to this rule shall be made for Graduate Students that
wish to hold ‘Office Hours’ in the Graduate Student Union or their respective
offices. Senators or Representatives that wish to hold ‘Office Hours’ at a location other than the ASOSU office shall be at the discretion of the respective Chair."

Speaker Hatlen: This is going to be a pass or fail vote at the end.

Representative Van Bossuyt: I was wondering this came out of conference committee, were there any grad students on that committee?

Speaker Hatlen: No there were not.

Representative Van Bossuyt: I’d like to point out it’s the graduate student employees. It’s one of the campus ministry buildings. That doesn’t make any sense to say that.

Speaker Hatlen: I pulled that out of the minutes.

Chris Van Drimmelen: I remember you saying that as well.

Representative Van Bossuyt: I move to make sure it is included that I stated that I am an idiot.

Representative Brantley: Second

Speaker Hatlen: Is there any dissention? So Van Bossuyt is a self-declared idiot. Would it be out of order to correct that minor error?

Chris Van Drimmelen: If the intent of the conference committee was that was referred by Mr. Van Bossuyt was not called the graduate student union but the coalition of graduate student employees. That would be a typographical error. If that was the original intent of the committee and that can just be changed.

Representative Robb: I’d like to ask senator Vandever as you’re on the committee if you base it off of the report for the JCCC that I sent to you guys?

Van I don’t know if I got that.

Representative Robb: Did Crystal get it?

Van I’m not sure. I haven’t seen her in two weeks.

Speaker Hatlen: If the intent stays the same and the title changes are you fine with that?
Representative Van Bossuyt: I’m fine with that. It should be known that it can be changed.

Speaker Hatlen: Further questions for clarification?

Speaker Pro Tempore: I move for roll call vote.

Representative Brantley: Second

A roll call vote was taken on SB-71.03. The motion passed. 12-2-0

SB-71.04 “Office Hour Bill”

Speaker Pro Tempore: I move to forgo second readings.

Representative Brantley: Second

Representative Van Bossuyt: Are the underlined changes?

Clerk Wolff:

WHEREAS Upon passage of the Jacob Vandefer Act, there will be a double standard in the Statutes;
WHEREAS Only the Houses of Congress will have office hours defined;
WHEREAS The Statutes do not define the office hours for members of the Executive Branch;
WHEREAS The office hours for the Speaker of the House has disappeared altogether;
WHEREAS The only member of the Senate that is paid the President Pro-Temp is currently not required to hold extra office hours.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE ASOSU THAT:
Title II Section 2 Letter C Subsection 2 be added to the Statutes stating that:
The Speaker of the House shall be required to hold twenty office hours a week excluding Finals Week.

BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE ASOSU THAT:
Title II Section 3 Letter D Subsection 1 Subsection a shall be added to the Statutes:
The President Pro Tempore shall be required to hold five office hours per week excluding finals week.

BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE ASOSU THAT:
Title III Section 2 Letter F Subsection 1 shall read:
Executive Officers are upper-management positions which are subject to 
confirmation by the Senate. These positions shall work twenty hours per week, ten 
of which shall be held in the ASOSU office, excluding Finals Week.

BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE ASOSU THAT:
Title III Section 2 Letter F Subsection 2 shall state:
Taskforce and Service Directors are subject-specific service and advocacy 
officers which are subject to confirmation by the Senate. These positions shall 
work twelve hours per week, six of which shall be held in the ASOSU office, 
excluding Finals Week.

BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE ASOSU THAT:
Title III Section 3 Letter B shall read:
The President shall be required to work twenty hours a week, five of which must 
be office hours and is strongly encouraged to spend as much time as possible 
available to students in the ASOSU office, excluding Finals Week.

BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE ASOSU THAT:
Title III Section 4 Letter B shall state:
The Vice-President shall be required to work twenty hours a week, five of which 
must be office hours and is strongly encouraged to spend as much time as 
possible available to students in the ASOSU office, excluding Finals Week.

Representative Van Bossuyt: I move to send this to the ways and means for further 
review due to the financial matters that’s in specifically the hours. There has never 
been defined I believe we need to have review over that and be sure these 
hours are correct. I believe already the budget figures some of these position are 
different hours this needs further close review.

Chris Van Drimmelen: Clarification that’s not strictly correct all of these are in the 
statutes. In the sections this bill shows, it doesn’t add. This bill changes what’s a 
working hour but the total number of hours worked does not change what’s in 
the statutes. It’s in each section these are current sections in the statues with the
underlined portion being changed. So what’s being changed is that the
definition of all the working hours is for example the president is stated to work 20
office hours per work which as the definition would mean they have to spend all
20 in the ASOSU office. The task force directors have theirs defined as well. The
cabinet level officers and the executive officers don’t have their office defined in
the statutes currently.
Representative Van Bossuyt: I’m not seeing where the executive directors are
defined.
Speaker Pro Tempore: I move for a 5 minute recess.
Representative Vanderwall: Second
Chris Van Drimmelen: I have almost found it.
Speaker Hatlen: Dissention? Perfect. There was dissention somewhere I heard it.
With that I’ll entertain a motion to approve.
Chris Van Drimmelen: That’s implied.
Speaker Pro Tempore: I move previous question.
Representative Phou: Second
Representative Robb: With this there is no discrepancy with this and hours
worked? Is there any discrepancy.
Representative Van Bossuyt: Everyone is currently paid on stipend basis so the
hours are misleading.
Chris Van Drimmelen: The stipends are based on hourly rate but you’re correct.
Representative Powell: We were talking last week how currently in the statutes
summer office hours aren’t defined and that would be something to look into. Is it
because we pay the executive directors because we pay them during the
summer that should be added in to the statutes. And should be examined.
Chris Van Drimmelen: I like having things spelled out clearly.
Representative Brantley: You could write a bill.
Speaker Pro Tempore: None of this is germane.

Representative Van Bossuyt: If Mr. Powell would like to amend this current bill would this need to be voted down or go back?

Speaker Hatlen: The current motion is to end discussion. If you want to amend this bill you would vote no to not end discussion and then we would go back to the main motion.

Representative Van Bossuyt: To continue.

Representative Brantley: Call to question if it has not been called.

Speaker Hatlen: Is there any dissention?

A voice vote was taken.

Division.

A hand vote was taken to end discussion. The motion **failed**.

Speaker Hatlen: Now we’re back on discussion of the bill.

Representative Bhatt: I move to table this bill and send it to a committee for further revision.

Representative Setzler: Second. What committee is appropriate?

Speaker Hatlen: ways and means.

Chris Van Drimmelen: The jurisdiction would fall to student government committee.

Representative Bhatt: I would like to table this bill and send it to the student government committee for further revision please.

Speaker Hatlen: Thank you for being so polite when making your motion.

Speaker Pro Tempore: Second

Representative Setzler: I don’t think that was actually a motion.

Speaker Hatlen: I heard a motion
Representative Van Bossuyt: I move to amend to also include the representative that made the initial motion and Mr. Powell be present at the committee meeting so the house can be represented.

Speaker Pro Tempore: Second

Speaker Hatlen: There’s an amendment to the motion.

Representative Van Bossuyt: It would be good for both of you to go to that so we have representation from the house so we get what we want.

Speaker Pro Tempore: I agree.

Representative Setzler: When would this meeting be?

Speaker Hatlen: It would be the discretion of the chair. I’m sure they’ll work it into your schedule.

Representative Brantley: This is a fantastic idea.

Representative Struthers: Can we send this to the senate after they’ve passed it?

Speaker Hatlen: I think we can send it to them for changes and come back to us then to conference committee.

Chris Van Drimmelen: If you can send something to senate committee? Yeah.

Representative Robb: We are not sending this to the full senate this is to a committee we can send a bill to any committee whether it be house or senate if its germane to the committee.

Speaker Pro Tempore: I move previous question.

Representative Setzler: Second

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

Speaker Pro Tempore: This is an amendment to the motion to table.

Speaker Hatlen: That’s what I said. Thank you all those in favor to amend Mr. Bhatt’s motion to table this to send Mr. Powell and Mr. Bhatt to the committee.

A voice vote was taken on the amendment. The motion passed.

Speaker Hatlen: Now back on the motion to table this.
Speaker Pro Tempore: I move previous question.

Representative Powell: Second

A voice vote to table SB-71.04 was taken. The motion passed.

Speaker Hatlen: Ya’ll having fun yet?

X. New Business

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 read:

“Section 13: Student Town Hall Meetings

A. Congress shall hold two (2) town hall meeting per term each academic year, excluding the summer term. These Town Hall meetings are to take place during week three and week eight of each term. The date of the Town Hall meetings must be decided two (2) weeks in advance.”
B. All Town Hall meetings shall be held in the Memorial Union, shall be open to the OSU Community, and those attending shall be asked to sign in with their name and state all group affiliations.

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

D. All Town Hall meetings must be advertised one week prior to the event.

E. The Town Hall meetings shall be facilitated by a neutral party.

F. The Town Hall meetings shall be organized by the Student Government Committee.

Representative Bhatt: So the bill was after the town hall meeting we had a couple weeks ago we decided we should have this more official. People really like the idea of talking what’s going on without parli pro senators and representatives can hear about that. That’s about it.

Representative Van Bossuyt: I wonder what sort of burden this will put on legislator that do not get paid for their hours in addition to their current duties especially the grad students.

Speaker Hatlen: This bill does not include any extraordinary requirement just that we provide a forum for students.

Representative Van Bossuyt: If we want to provide teeth to this what will happen and none of the legislative branches shows up.

Representative Bhatt: Judging how it went previously enough people were a part of this ASOSU and people have an interest to go and hear student grievances so they’ll naturally go if they’re not or too busy there’s another meeting in there.

Representative Robb: With that the point I see is that the last town hall that was issue specific if it was organized because of an individual issue. Such an issue
does not come across how would we ensure we have enough representatives from both houses of congress if we don’t have requirements to show up.

Representative Bhatt: It will be said its highly encouraged because as representatives we’re supposed to listen to student concerns. This is a great outlet to get the concerns. It in the best interest to go. Its’ only twice a term it’s not that often.

Representative Robb: With that there is I’m not trying to just constantly poke holes just some problems with this the time of the events week 3 and week 8 some people have midterms that start in week 3 and still have them week 8 especially as representative Van Bossuyt said grad students have great requirements.

Representative Bhatt: People come back to school and it takes a week or so to get back into the shape of things and another week or so to remember their problems. oh yeah, tuition sucks and they can complain about it. Week 3 is the forum and week 8 gives congress enough time to adhere to those issues. Yeah it’s at odd times due to midterms and grad students have a heavy load it seemed to make sense at those times.

Representative Struthers: I’m going to say I like this idea but my concern is that congress doesn’t do a lot of the major changes interactions on campus I don’t see anywhere in here that mentions the executive branch or congressional branch that have to attend. How effective will it be if no one is required to be there. Is there a standards to evaluate what students say.

Representative Bhatt: You have a point but the point isn’t to make it mandatory in office to show up then its oh man I have to go to this. It’s another way to do your job more effectively. If there is concern that the specific representative and senators do address they heard it from the students it doesn’t go through any committee.
Representative Setzler: You just said not go through a committee. Maybe it’s good to create a town hall communication committee. A committee of people who are going to attend and come back and report of what is said to the students. That’s what week 8 is I’m saying maybe we should create a committee that would go to both of these and fulfill the purpose of the meetings.

Speaker Hatlen: That’s an added duty of the students’ academic and duties committee which is why they would hold and organize these.

Representative Van Bossuyt: Another thing that we might be able to do is to have it state that a subset of legislators would need at each juncture not less than a certain amount from both bodies of congress. Volunteer first and then appointment if they can’t volunteer. We add stipulation for the executive branch to come as well the president and vice president and campus affairs and one of two task force directors as the executive needs to be there. And also it might be good to invite the judicial branch and finally the gripe fest if we might codify that we have additional gripe fest that if they can’t go to this we would define who reads it and how it doesn’t seems reasonable.

Representative Phou: Is this retroactive?

Representative Bhatt: It starts spring 2012.

Speaker Hatlen: If it takes longer than that it will take effect next year. The last one we had was widely accept by everyone across campus and we’re asking more of them.

Representative Bhatt: It’s mostly we don’t want to force anyone to show up inviting them it seems like a good idea you are cordially invited to attend this but that’s the point of the advertisement running one week prior. People should have heard of it.

Representative Robb: The student academic and activities.

Speaker Hatlen: No that’s the senate committee.
Representative Van Bossuyt: Would it be a good idea to invite the other campus leaders the MUPC people that might want to attend this town hall.

Speaker Hatlen: It says the student academics and affairs would organize the event and reach out.

Representative Bhatt: They would get the word out that this is happening. A lot of people liked how it was nonchalant.

Representative Van Bossuyt: It wasn’t my intent to have procedure just to have other student leaders on our side of the forum the legislative ASOSU side if they were MUPC people that wanted to be there and hear what issues are present. We could double up and help other organizations.

Representative Bhatt: RHA would like to sponsor the bill.

Representative Robb: I’d like to move that I add myself as a sponsor to this. I believe this bill is very good intention and I believe with possible recommendation mentioned that can make it better.

Speaker Hatlen: Read through the minutes to get those back and contact Bhatt for any kind of revisions.

Representative Bhatt: If you need my information meet with me after.

Representative Powell: I have a short resolution. I move to pass “copy paper”

Representative Van Bossuyt: Second

Chris Van Drimmelen: To offer clarification of funds I worked with the executive director of finance and it was determined there was plenty of money in the public relations budget to do nametags for budget. If we do the semi-permanent kind that we put together every year rather than screen printing names on them. There was plenty funds in the public relations index including nametags that aren’t core executive staff.

Speaker Hatlen: Would that take effect immediately to have those the rest of spring term?
Chris Van Drimmelen: I’m talking about next year’s budget. Nametag the year would be a whole other conversation it would be inserted for next year’s budget.

Speaker Hatlen: $650 for those?

Chris Van Drimmelen: Yeah something like that.

Representative Van Bossuyt: It’s important to have this as an important thing in our budget that congress is a separate thing that we don’t have to ask them for something as simple as nametags.

Representative Powell: It’s important that have it in the index so we have access to that money so we can get it without permission.

Representative Van Bossuyt: Call to question.

A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed, 13-1-0

Representative Powell: Actually I have another short resolution on the back

Clerk Wolff: “”

Representative Powell: I move to pass the resolution that was read aloud.

Representative Phou: Second

Representative Powell: The intent is not to have discussion if legislator should be compensated. I’d like the ways and means to look into and consider compensating and discuss how it would be implemented with the intent that myself or another representative in the body would write a bill.

Representative Robb: I kind of see a problem with this is that just to look into compensation is rather broad there’s a lot of ways it could be done just having ways and means put fourth everything it could be a little bit of waste of time of the committee when ideas can be brought fourth when representatives and senators are coming up with ideas for a bill that bill be written submitted and brought to ways and means bringing it to ways and means after they can determine its impact instead of spit balling randomly.
Representative Brantley: As a member of the committee it would be a better conversation had by ways and means that’s a conversation that can be had within our committee with senate and people interested in authoring the bill.

Representative Van Bossuyt: As the chair of ways and means I’d be happy to discuss this further in committee. I believe I would put it on Mr. Representative Powell: to come up with some ideas for that. And bring stake holders in house and senate to draft a bill I believe the resolution is such that I can ask that of him.

Speaker Pro Tempore: While I agree it can be done this is not something that will affect us as representatives but congress as whole there are people outside of the ways and means committee discussing other things such as the budget and then talk about the possible compensation.

Speaker Hatlen: That discussion may or may not be over tonight.

Representative Van Bossuyt: This discussion may or may not happen tonight as well.

A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed.

Chris Van Drimmelen: You can abstain for any reason.

Speaker Hatlen: As a privilege if you liked to speak to why you abstain.

Representative Robb: I’m a member and I’m fine with this.

Representative Van Bossuyt: Likewise

Representative Swalka: Conflict of interest.

A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed.

XI. Speaker’s Announcements

Speaker Hatlen: I’d like to remind you election season is around the corner if you’re thinking about running for an office keep your ears open, ears open? Eyes open, whatever. Think about reelection for an office. The ASOSU budget presentation is for tomorrow night. I encourage you to go and be a part of that discussion the SIFC is from 6-9 p.m.
Representative Setzler: It said 8 p.m. on the sheet. And said the Council Room.

XII. House Comments

Representative Robb: With the budgets I'd like to send out an invitation to the members of the house beyond appropriation and budget members. There is a budget hearing tomorrow from 6-8 p.m. it will hear music, education activities, and ASOSU starting at each hour.

Representative Brantley: This was a great meeting I had a lot of fun tonight.

Representative Van Bossuyt: Ways and means please follow us to the office in Snell 149.

Representative Setzler: First thing happy Valentine’s Day everyone. Second thing next Wednesday there’s a presentation at 7 p.m. in the Lasells Student center. There was a fire and 3 died and people were harmed. They made a documentary and some of the survivors will come to Oregon State. They have put up money for them to stay here and we were the second university for them to stay here so next Wednesday the Lasells. It'll be awesome.

Speaker Hatlen: Next Wednesday at 7?

Representative Setzler: Yeah.

Speaker Hatlen: Let's hope for a brief meeting!

Speaker Pro Tempore: I think representative Brantley is awesome.

Representative Vanderwall: I agree with representative Dunn.

Representative Van Bossuyt: I disagree I think he’s super-duper awesome.

Speaker Pro Tempore: Can I have the minutes read about what Van Bossuyt said about himself?

Clerk Wolff: Van Bossuyt, I am an idiot.

Speaker Pro Tempore: I do not think you’re an idiot.

Representative Van Bossuyt: The more I go in my education the more I don’t know anything and that’s what you should learn.

XIII. Gallery Comments
Emily Next Tuesday is lobby day as you did vote to keep us in OSA, go to the capitol to lobby as several members of the house and senate will be going. If you need information or excused absence from classes email me. There will be cars leaving all day long. There will be people leaving in the morning people leaving at noon.

Representative Setzler: There is a possibility to hear about the SEC tentatively.

XIV. Adjournment

Speaker Pro Tempore: I move to adjourn.

Representative Vanderwall: Second

Acclamation occurred and the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.