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

Quorum was met and the meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

II. **Singing of the Alma Mater**

The Alma Mater was sung by everyone in attendance.

**Swearing in of representative**

Representative Brian Powell was sworn in.

III. **Speaker’s Remarks**

Speaker Hatlen: This year has been quite a bit of transitional period much talk over the summer of what direction we want to see congress go. The vice president and myself talked about what we wanted students to feel from their student government and what we got that we really don’t know what students want. We decided to make a bill that would enter in more people into the process into decision-making SB-71.01. Where we introduce delegates into the tracks of ASOSU congress. This was met with much discussion from student body at large. We gathered that students were prepared to be an intricate part of ASOSU. The bill died in committee but the team of it has not, we’ll work forward from this point on to incorporate student views to ensure ASOUS is what students need and what they deserve. This is going to be a rebuilding process there has been some drama this term. This is a good opportunity to move forward and give OSU student body what they deserve. The beginning of winter term we’ll introduce OSA and the ASOSU government affairs team to introduce trainings for congress for lobbying.
We’re trying to get as many new faces involved in the process of OSU student voices are heard it will be a three week process that will culminate with the objective of educating any folks that want to about the lobbying processes in Salem. We need to take away from this year that this is a rebuilding period in congress as a whole. We’ll come into winter and spring term with high hopes looking towards what ASOUS will and can be in the future.

IV. President of the Senate’s Remarks

President of the Senate: Thank you all I’m Sokho Eath but I’d like to thank you for coming especially since its dead week. I’ll just yeild the floor to Tonga Hopoi. I do thank you for being apart of ASOSU and making it your priority to lead our student body in a new direction.

V. President’s State of the Student’s Address

President Hopoi: Thank you for being here tonight. I am the ASOSU president for this year term service ending June 2012. Before you today I wanted first and formost to have this in fall quarter. We follow our Constitution. Moving forward I hope that we can work together better and more communication can be had in our departments. One thing I’m interested for this year there’s been a lot going on in the house and senate as well as executive. Vice president Eath took over and moving with that I would be holding an official state of the student address January 18. This is to wish you well as break is coming next week. I would like to yield the floor to the acting president Sokho Eath. Thank you.

President of the Senate: This is different I didn’t start off expecting to be president but distinguished guest and members of OSU, thank you for being here and listening to me tonight as this joint session. Since June 1, 2011 I’ve had the privilege of working with remarkable individuals who worked tirelessly with little recognition. These are the reasons ASOSU continues through the turmoil that works for the students and our school the many executive director and intern keep our organization afloat. They’re doing a great deal of great work. I extend an invitation to representatives and senators to get involved in our...
interns, go to the internship class, experience what it’s like to stand in the MU quad asking people to vote telling them about the issue. That’s the ASOSU I know and that’s the ASOUS you should be apart of. With that OSU is a unique land grant institution and we have people stand side-by-side researching at unparalleled energies across this nation with the remarkable situation we’re in. Gives us the ability to work with students across the state making sure student issues are the first priority. You’re wondering how we can move forward, we will make it through our studies here and I charge us with a mission we can relate to. When we leave your terms of office we have pride with what we’ve accomplished and hand over to the next group of student leaders. We’re making sure we work towards getting our experience center back, getting the pell grant. I’ve been working with our campus to and state wide entities. I appreciate the senate pro-tempore did attend the board meeting its a step forward I extend this to you all to go to the board meetings. A conversation began within the committee started by Andrew again I would like to stress OSA is with the best intentions but we as a campus understanding must move forward and rebuild our bridges. Look at the relationship lost. We have an organization that pushes back issues to the top; students are doing the best they can. Campus affairs task force or state legislator and federal government we’re working on AIDS awareness, things on campus. This spring term primary elections will be held and through winter we’ll launch a mission to register most students as we can these are the issues that affect our students. Many of you have had a difficult time that you might not have voted with the best, popular decision on campus but stood by your convictions and that’s applaudable. If you respect this institution this year we will have the ability to end this year right. I want to leave my ten-year with knowing we worked for something to the needs of your students to advoate on behalf of them, to work for them and to lead them. Because of this I want us to push for us to look at ourselves and see where we need to improve. One issue is the review of our statutes and constitution. When Tonga and I ran we ran on the responsibility, accountabiliy, and sustainability. These were
tested in more ways that one. Our current system is flawed, hard to navigate, and slow. Your campus has showed the same feelings. It scares us deeply but as students all those in government should have the basic understanding and what their responsibilities are. I pose the hope you look into a service of reforms that you have a direction that we as student leaders need to take that we look at senator vandever’s bill we take steps of accountability. My plan is simple and can charter representatives and review. In the past three years having an at large student isn’t the way to go neither is having student delegates. I propose in the short term we as ASOSU congress assign districts to different student leaders, organization houses and resident halls lets designate ourself as representatives charging them with these colleges to ensure our education and our college experience is the best we can be. Congress has to work with the student government committee collecting them and revising them. This will require compromise, delegate understanding in those of the committee to work with something that is democratic. It will increase representation to the parts of campus we’ll have better accountability in congress with the representatives and senators here. The more ways students can be involved in this the better. The second is imply to review these aren’t resolveable in the short term. I would like the ways and mean committee to look into budgtable mean for representatives and senators. Being a student senator is difficult you may not have the 20 hour work weeks as task force directors but you work under pressure and do something for our democracy for what you add to our government there needs to be a reward and thanks. I would like to look into the House election for the speaker. It’s in the House not at large it should be changed. As a position of similar status but of little compensation and recognition. Both positions should have the same accountability. A bi cabinet legislator are we actually effective having two houses poorly immitating the US congress. Committee should look into a referundum combining us into one body for efficiency and democracy at a university level we’ve had one body for decades. Can
we not go back to one body? These are suggestions and I hope congress will sit on these ideas. I wish you luck on your finals and this winter term.

VI. Comments of Senators, Representatives, or Judicial Council

Representative Van Bossuyt: Couple remarks, as sergeant at arms and ranking member of the congress I would like to tell those of you who gather here today that ASOSU is functioning properly. We serve the students, as we have been charge to do. We also are on organization in flux and under change, as we always have been. The ASOSU is a test bed for the student leaders of today who will be our local, county, state, federal and world leaders of tomorrow. It is here that we can try new things, make mistakes, fix our mistakes, and learn how to be better leaders. In my long tenure with ASOSU, I can say that we are on the right course and will remain as such for we are strong and we are Beavers. I look forward to charting the course forward with my colleagues in the house, the senate, the judiciary, and the executive branch. Go Beavs!

Representative Rakaj: I would’ve hoped this meeting would’ve been widely participated by students not just student leaders, I’m actually quite thrilled by the speech and see how we can make that useful in the future. Last year I proposed to the international students of OSU to have a task force for international students. ASOSU was slow, they were terribly slow and we barely made it to establish by spring term it was inefficient, you encounter a lot of people who say they know what they are doing and all of them have to go to somebody else. Body had a clear picture of what they were suppose to do. All those were paid positions its not just voluntary positions. I do see that ASOSU has room to improve this might not be the perfect plan but I see some positive proposals that could be materialized and improve the effectiveness of ASOSU as a whole. It seems that it’s a body that tries to go against the OSU administration what we really are here through the campaigning we see that those who are running campaign. How hard is it to pay for college and nothing is established for how we’re paying for school or at large to have a discussion how high the tuition and fees go. We’ve focused on representation.
By moving to something similar to having these positions paid in congress would make us more accountable I do know that in fall term people were very angry about what was going on and I had to remind them that we’re doing this voluntarily but there’s a limit on how high you can take us. We have taken the personal initiative to run and be here. I see positive marks on the speech and I vote that we have the time to really discuss this in more detail in winter term.

Senator Vandever: I wanted to applaud everyone here in this room in the executive and legislative branch. For me this term has been like no other my experience at OSU while we face difficulties we answer the duty as well as expected of us. The future of ASOSU is bright with that being said good luck on finals and like my facebook page please.

Speaker Hatlen: Thank you for the plug again Mr. Vandever.

VII. Gallery Comments
None

VIII. Adjournment
Representative Van Bossuyt: I move to adjourn.
Representative Robb: Second
A standing vote was taken. The motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.