I. Call to Order/Roll-Call/Quorum
Quorum was met and the meeting started at 7:03 p.m.

II. Swearing in of Senators
None
Senator Kennemer: Can I get a proxy so he can swear someone in?

III. Singing of the OSU Alma Mater
Senator Alipour: I move to forgo singing the Alma Mater.
Red Second
Senator Cushing: Why are we forgoing this every week. Do we not have any OSU pride?
Senator Diabat: I would like to suggest the record from two weeks ago. We sang it and recorded it, I suggest we play the record.
Representative Robb: I’d like to say the house has sung it every meeting for at least the last five.
President Pro Tempore: Congratulations.
Senator Hinrichs: Our recording was not very good we should sing it again.
Senator Diabat: The fact that the house is different we don’t have to do exactly what the house does.
Senator Hinrichs: To clarify Mousa’s point, the senate is better.
Senator Cushing: Anyone who plans to forgo what’s the reasoning?
Speaker Hatlen: If you strive to be better than the house perhaps you should sing better than the house of representatives.

President Pro Tempore: It’s not a competition.
Senator Redman: I think we should have some school pride.
A hand vote was taken to forgo singing the alma mater. The motion passed.
Senator Hinrichs: Sokho do you hate OSU?
President Pro Tempore: Under special orders it supposed to be JB-71.05 and JB-71.06.

IV. Approval of Minutes from Tuesday, February 14, 2012
Senator Hinrichs: I move to approve the minutes.
Senator Vandever: Second
A voice vote was taken to approve the minutes. The motion passed.

V. Standing Committee Reports
Ethics and Oversight - Diabat
Senator Diabat: The ethics and oversight committee met before this senate meeting and discussed the violations of the statutes that have been connected by the executive branch we laid out the part of the fact and explanations during this meeting. We also had the legislative administration advocate.
Chris Van Drimmelen: Administrative and logistics advocate. You can just call me Chris.
Senator Diabat: That guy and the chair of ways and means committee, we had no action suggested so far. I’ll continue discussion on the few issues we had. Anything I should add?
Representative Van Bossuyt: only if you want me to add anything.
Senator Diabat: Ok that’s it.

VI. Joint Committee Reports
Joint Committee of Congressional Correspondence
Representative Robb: The house we tabled JB-71.02 the get out to vote with ASOSU congress we tabled this until next week. We were unsure of the main reason what this was and everything and asking if Sokho Eath as the main author could please come to the meeting next week and speak tomorrow. It should be very quick. We passed the SB-71.03 the Jacob Vandever and Dan Cushing accountability act and the office hour bill and heard the congressional sustainability bill. I yield the floor to Representative Van Bossuyt.
Representative Van Bossuyt: What do you want me to talk about?
Representative Robb: I thought you were talking about ways and means?
President Pro Tempore: If you wish or we can keep it in committee to be discussed.
Representative Robb: The office hour bill was tabled to student government committee.
President Pro Tempore: There was further clarification.
Chris Van Drimmelen: Some working hours weren’t included in the bill and the representatives thought it should have been.

VII. Delegate Reports

President Pro Tempore: This is for any delegates in the gallery to share if they wish to. If something comes up we have gallery comments as well.

Amelia Can I do my executive update now?

President Pro Tempore: Delegate reports and we’ll figure it out.

Amelia: Saferide is working on extending their hours. We’re not sure about their budget right now. It might go to ways and means or they might already have it. Looking for extending it until 3 am. We’re not sure about the budget and we’ll see what happens there. Right now we’re working on getting a request proposal for the law offices right now. They haven’t gone out for proposal for six or seven years. I think that’s all that’s going on. A questions about services? If you do I’ll be here.

Agustin: It would be cool if we had an event on government in Latin America. If you’d like to hit me up. We’re trying to reach out to a wide variety of different student organizations on campus.

President Pro Tempore: I’ll talk to you afterward about that.

Alfredo: Some of the things we’re doing I know environmental working with SSI and their budget committee. And the graduate she’s all over the place and she does a lot. International students as well trying to help them out with difficulties. Community he’s helping me with the mill campaign. That’s close to going through we’re excited about that. That’s an actual department of course. Campus she’s doing a lot too she’s helping out with GAT team. Health and wellness she’s been working on common fashion show. She got HIV testing which was supposed to be every month but because of space its once every term. Free testing for students. Look for that next term as far as me one of my main things is we’re going to clean up the landscaping on campus and I’ve had meetings about starting programs to have student organizations help out keep out campus landscaping safe and more aesthetically pleasing.

Patricia: Unfortunately I’d like to come and give a more specific report but I know the plans for this term are being out in the community and support the communities they represent. Hopefully next week I can come with a more solidified list. As for myself I’m continuing my campaigns one is to create more culturally competence campus and I’m working with the Bob Kerr and presenting
about diversity and how to build more communities in a Greek system. Like Alfredo I’m on the flip side working to develop a program for student employees to evaluate their student directors where they don’t have voice currently.

Senator Cushing: How is the senate doing on their language?

Patricia: I think it’s one of those things that has improvement. No one is ever going to be perfect but it think it’s gotten a lot better. But I think that as people are aware of their language its very important. And thank you for bringing that up. It would be great if you’re in your office hours and if you see the directors in their desk if you want to attend a vent with them. Go to a task force directors meeting and hear what they’re doing with their interns and planning for next term. Thank you.

Luke: Quick update two things one we have working on access page a full newspaper size insert to go out next week. I don’t know what today it will go out but it will cover what ASOSU has been working on as well as updates from the graduate affairs task force director and international affairs task force director. Another thing is gripe fest. We’ve expanded to allow people to use text message number to put in gripes over their phone. On Wednesday next week will be the traditional forum. Any questions? Alright, thank you.

Nick Rosoff: Today was OSA lobby day. It’s the month of February so ASOSU sent a group to represent OSU to lobby the state legislator and support their education. I want to update everyone on the happenings. Also today the intern class made a demonstration in favor of building the sec building. And there will be hearing for that.

Representative Setzler: What time Thursday?

Nick: I don’t know.

Senator Redman: Probably 7 am like the usual.

Nick: There will be a car going for that.

VIII. Special Orders

JB-71.05 “House Financial Accountability”

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."

President Pro Tempore: Are there any questions?

Chris Van Drimmelen: Its special order so it doesn’t have to go through the process of first and second reading. If you wanted to approve it tonight you could also table it until the next meeting but right now you would be in discussion on this bill.

Senator Diabat: So I have few points to the authors of it. I know I was asked to cosponsor as well. One of the first questions if it’s been for the past three administrations what has been done so far and how to improve it? The second is that the bill does not give process in order to handle this agreement between the executive and ways and means and I think that the bill should include that. And I forgot about the third question I had or the third point. But I’m getting the Romney effect.
Representative Van Bossuyt: Your first question what has been done in the past? Up until the present we’ve taken the stance that we try to work through it as we come to it. But we wanted to do this for a while and it just hadn’t been done. This year with some of the issues we came across we decided with the executive director of finance its time to codify this into the statutes. This should be looked at to help both branches that the budget process and how we spend money is more transparent and efficient. So we don’t have any surprises. If there are question any those can get asked and get help if the director of finance is overwhelmed or has a question this is a good forum for that to be asked. To have a lower barrier to have that done. The second question it wasn’t appropriate to put that in this bill. The statutes and constitution have something to take care of that. It can be looked at in the future. I already don’t like putting this in because instead of 26 pages we’ll have 27. If there are significant disagreements there are ways to work through this. It’s the director of finance in the end to sign off on that. This was made in consolation of this. And he cosponsored as well. Senator Diabat: If there are two questions being responsible and accountable. Representative Van Bossuyt: He’s also accountable and those who are above them, there’s fiduciary demand in the ASOSU.

Gallery Member 1: The director can be asked to present at any time? Representative Van Bossuyt: It’s also in the statutes.

Gallery Member 1: It just seems like if this is a direct special order to be passed there should’ve been prior notice. Tomorrow if it does pass out tonight it’s hard for them. Representative Van Bossuyt: It was discussed in the open meeting. It was also presented to the clerk and will hear this in the house of representatives tomorrow. Senator Boyd: What’s the hurry? Representative Van Bossuyt: Ways and means feels it time to get this done with quickly to review the decision as they’re made now to make our whole process more transparent we’re nervous to make this wait too long.

President Pro Tempore: Currently it’s in the statutes as once per term this is once per month.

Senator Alipour: I appreciate who wrote this bill my question is this bill is a response to the recent incident. Representative Van Bossuyt: It’s not the recent its previous administrations. Senator Alipour: I’m not sure this is inclusive enough to avoid any further incidents.
Representative Van Bossuyt: We agree but we need something to get passed quickly and then as we find things as in the second hereby enacted we can have further bills to amend. The statutes are fairly easy to amend we can fix it as it comes. We’ve done as much as we can to see into the future.

Senator Alipour: Instead of having some separate bills isn’t it better to work through this and investigate more. We have some problem something is missing it’s good to realize it but I think it would be more time you can build a better bill that needs to be amended next year or next term. There’s no guarantee that this will be next sessions as we proceed and define other problems in the chain of decision making in the current administration.

Representative Van Bossuyt: I would also state that there isn’t any bill that will be perfect. I don’t think it could ever happen. I would point to all people that cosponsored the bill and looked this over in depth including the executive director of finance. It’s gone through a fine toothed comb already. If we pass this tonight and the house passes it we can start immediately and work on our issues and make sure we have oversight and use student fee money wisely.

Senator Alipour: I understand you did your best but you agree you’ve been under pressure in the last week at least. You know for example the current potential or recent conflict of interest the term recent doesn’t mean anything or the conflict of interest who is reporting this is it the executive director of finance. There’s not guarantee he has no conflict of interest.

Representative Van Bossuyt: A lot of these things you can’t define them to such fine detail to those things if it were the case that the executive director of finance we’re completely unethical. I think there are other procedures to remove that person from their position if necessary. Hopefully the future chair of that committee will catch those things with the budget board. With any person with mathematical background, a simple manipulation of numbers back to the question if there are ethics violation going on. That’s a harder one but we felt it was important to have it in there hopefully to move forward with future administrations to have people collaborate better between the branches.

President Pro Tempore: As was talked about in the meeting was communication the biggest idea is to bridge that gap and an ability to set that in stone. A way for them to bridge that gap there to catch these issues earlier to fix those.

Representative Van Bossuyt: Sometimes you have to trust people in the process that’s what we do here with this bill.
Senator Diabat: Have you run this and consulted with SIFC? They’re not cosponsoring

Representative Van Bossuyt: We haven’t asked them to. We’re not that merged of groups.

Senator Diabat: We have senators in SIFC.

Representative Van Bossuyt: I didn’t ask any of the senators directly. Although if any of you want to cosponsor.

Senator Boyd: I think this is a good idea it’s to increase communication and the key issues we’ve seen this term and previous administrations. Obviously with the executive branch cosponsoring this it’s not imposing too much with the executive director of finance. As a senator and members of SIFC I’ll jump on this.

Senator Varin: Is there a I think it’s completely necessary for trust for it to run. Is there a way you audit the books more closely?

Representative Van Bossuyt: Currently no. That’s been seen as a trust issue. It was chosen by the president and vice president as a good fiscal watch guard. With this bill we won’t audit the books everyday we’ll look at the accounts once a month but we’re not trying to impose on the chair.

Senator Varin: Is there a yearly audit when you look at the books?

Representative Van Bossuyt: There’s the annual budget cycle with the ASOSU that goes through the ways and means committee. Where we examine what has been done in the past year.

Senator Boyd: The closest thing to an audit would be the review by the SIFC. We review what’s being asked for and how active the budget is.

Amelia: In terms of auditing the books have you spoken to Curt Black about this?

Representative Van Bossuyt: We didn’t talk to him we talked to someone above him Jennifer. Not about this specific issue. I didn’t want to bother her any more than we already have with our issues. In terms of Curt Black it’s my understanding that he signs whatever comes and doesn’t have much say about for instance if someone wanted to spend $50000 he doesn’t have much authority to say you can’t do that.

Senator Diabat: the AABC doesn’t have to read the statutes of every organization including ASOSU. They have to observe their own statutes. They trust the fact that we do that. As every organization does that. This is very legitimate way of handling business.

Amelia: I brought it up because of auditing the books. So there is another pair of eyes on that.
Senator Diabat: It’s the way doing it having the executive and legislative branch two entities look at it. Any miscommunication that happens could happen because not following the statutes.

Alfredo: We all talk about it and don’t put it on one person.

Senator Diabat: We’re the conversation about addressing two entities not individuals. There are duties for positions in this bill not for person as a name. The one that holds the position for financial affairs should be held accountable for it. The executive branch, the president, and vice president are the ones responsible.

President of the Senate: I think this is a good step forward it builds a relationship between both branches I’d be willing to cosponsor as president of senate. It questions if ways and means should meet in summer.

Representative Van Bossuyt: In a couple weeks when we’re less stressed in spring term I’d like to address. I don’t know if we can do that because of the nature of house not meeting but we should look at it would be a good idea if there’s a way to committee with the chair of the committee to know what’s going on if there’s that secondary help needed. Especially during that time of transition. I totally agree with what you’re saying.

President of the Senate: This goes in to a question would it be feasible to add a clause where the chair of the ways and means meets with the director of finance when the office is taken.

Representative Van Bossuyt: I assume that would happen from this point on. I should’ve done that before but didn’t I suggest that maybe a bill after this and I would be happy to work that in with you. I think we should go with this as it is.

Senator Diabat: Thank you for pointing this out we proposed this questions as well with SIFC last Monday with Josh and Jennifer and that emphasized the fact that we should reread this bill and add some more amendment to this instead of another bill. Slow is always steady and we could refine it and improve it and other questions we might come up with. Pass this bill next week. Anyway we’re in the work of fixing the mistakes that are happening without this bill or due to not having it.

Alfredo: I like the idea of having ways and means in the summer even though house doesn’t meet supposedly the speaker works in the summer so there’s communication with the house and the people.

Senator Hinrichs: if we pass this next week would they have enough time to give a budget report in that first week of time they have. They have a few days left, would they be able to do that?
Representative Van Bossuyt: I couldn’t speak to what they’re able to do or not able to do. The ways and means thought it was important enough to put it on special orders to pass in one week.

Senator Boyd: Did Conrad know it was going through? And this bill alters the job description for the executive director of finance. This is specifically going to his job description. And ways and means meeting over summer that would be another bill anyways. Even though we pass this bill doesn’t mean we can’t come up with another one. This bill specifically goes to the director of finance job description. Ways and means would alter a different section of the statutes. It would make sense if it’s a different bill. We can pass this and then look at the other issues at a different time.

Senator Vandever: I believe there was talk about may be putting in the statutes that the pro tempore to meet over summer too. So that would be something with summer hours.

President Pro Tempore: There’s a lot of discussion going on either if we get a general consensus if we want to table this for next week or not.

Senator Alipour: Next week is better option.

Amelia: Was the executive director of finance asked to attend this meeting?

Representative Van Bossuyt: I didn’t ask him personally but I did send him an email of what we were doing.

Amelia: Why didn’t you ask him?

Representative Van Bossuyt: De cosponsored the bill.

Senator Hinrichs: I move to call to question.

Senator Cushing: Second

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

Chris Van Drimmelen: The motion was call to question the motion was the vote on the bill. So there is a difference between call to question and ending discussion. If you fail it you need 2/3 to bring it up again. This is to either pass or fail.

President Pro Tempore: If we want to discuss it further it requires 2/3 vote.

Senator Diabat: Are we in discussion phase?

Chris Van Drimmelen: No we’re voting on this.

President Pro Tempore: If we want to vote on it again we need a two thirds vote.

In the meantime a roll call vote.

A roll call vote was taken on JB-71.05. The motion passed. 9-2-1

JB-71.06 “Account Signing Authority Act”

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.

Senator Alipour: I think this bill was written I'm not sure this will guarantee that a joint government or not. I see that another question is what is the rationale behind this numbers 5,000 why not 6,000?
Representative Van Bossuyt: The conversation with Diabat and I with AABC, suggest we do something like this and this as a starting point. The ways and means and executive committee feel this is a good starting point. We'll try this out for a term and if we need to adjust the numbers we'll figure it out and then change them.

Senator Alipour: But the different sequence. And the legal expenditures.
Representative Van Bossuyt: Those are usually not legal.
Senator Alipour: those are included.
Representative Van Bossuyt: Previous administration we’ve had problems with travel expenditures that would be one thing to be examined.
President Pro Tempore: That was the biggest part it.
Senator Boyd: The university has certain fiscal policies it’s probably just AABC speaking from university standard.
Senator Hinrichs: I feel similar to this as the last bill. There’s room for improvement but no bill is perfect. What we’re doing is necessary and I feel it’s good to have accountability for people to sign and put their names on this. It may be rushed in
light of current situation. It’s necessary for us to move forward and have more accountability.

Representative Setzler: Why in one part of the bill it says with regard to the standards of the accounts and withdrew at one point it was 10% and another 20%?

Representative Van Bossuyt: Those are different signing authorities. The second comes from the advocate and the tertiary of the ways and means with 20%.

Senator Khan: Does that current 10% budget for the account come close to $5,000?

Representative Van Bossuyt: Some accounts no but others are much larger than that. It varies quite a bit. And we’ll have to see as we move forward what happens with this. And recommendations from the AABC we had these numbers. Adding the secondary and tertiary provides more responsibility. Now the $10,000 or 20% there are three people responsible for that. If there’s a mistake made you can’t just blame it on one person.

Senator Cushing: As I was thinking the same thing it’s only a signature the more accountability especially with this much money. I would like to be added as a co-sponsor.

President of the Senate: I wanted to have a clarification how this would be with the student advocate and the current situation it is now in the current signing authority and it’s passing.

Representative Van Bossuyt: I think you’re asking how this would be budget authority and budget delegating authority. So this would essentially, my position aligns with budgetary authority in the past we’ve had the student advocate. That was one person that does all this stuff. That would shift the faculty level authority to the logistics advocate which fits the positions description. The student would remain the authority as in this bill the person ASOSU would go to if the administrative and logistics advocate was gone. The budgetary authority as delegate the authority to the finance and ways and means committee. Things like this would come across the desk of the administrative and logistics advocate that would be a process check if it’s been fulfilled not if this person thinks this is a good idea. If they handled it like that they would get terminate in short order.

Amelia: So I know there a lot of what this needs to happen but what about mandatory meetings with the executive director of finance and the ways and means chair. I don’t know why we can’t just establish meetings. As chair it’s
important to have a certain amount of time because you work on similar issues. Has that been taken into account?

Representative Van Bossuyt: We talked about that in the last bill mostly.

Amelia: In terms of the signing authority. So with the signing authority we’re trying what you want is to have more people signing something to say it’s ok to send money on. Maybe what we should be looking at not another signature but rather we should be having weekly meetings with the chair of ways and means and the executive director of finance saying this is what we’re looking at instead of saying this is another person to add to the list.

President Pro Tempore: One of the things with the financial stuff in the Barometer there are some steps there not taken this is clarifying the advocate is there advising making sure those steps are taken appropriately.

Senator Diabat: I think this is very viable and very important to make sure steps are taken in order to have the right decisions to follow the statutes. My answer is yes in cosponsoring this one. I just have one thing I want embedded the AABC know these steps and that they won’t approve there should be some procedure.

Representative Van Bossuyt: We can’t dictate the AABC.

Senator Diabat: That they know about this and follow it as well.

President Pro Tempore: As the chair of the ethics you get to write them what you wish.

Representative Van Bossuyt: We can say please follow this and they asked for us to do something like that. Make sure what the AABC will do in the future is what our statutes and constitution tell us to as much as we can without enforcing something on the AABC.

Senator Alipour: I don’t know what you can on some date how many this expenditures occur.

Representative Van Bossuyt: I don’t have those numbers in front of me. You can call the executive director of finance.

Senator Alipour: In there are little money there do you record that if it exceeds 10%?

Representative Van Bossuyt: Luckily Chris is in the same office.

Senator Alipour: For every 10 dollar to have a wise decision.

Representative Van Bossuyt: As we move forward and define problems like that we can fix it if we need to for the 20% limit as the chair of ways and means I’m willing to take that added burden. I live 2 blocks from campus and sleep in my lab all the time I’m able to take small amounts of my time to do that. There are
secondary people to cover us. If I was hit by a bus or Chris was hit by a bus, sorry Chris.

Chris Van Drimmelen: Clarification: the administrative advocate and the student advocate are full time employees of the university when I shave I look about 16 but yeas I am an employee of the university. So when things need signed Heather or myself is there.

Senator Boyd: So a couple thing I worked in AABC, the poling side. You always have to have a budget authority and they’re different levels of authority. Its university standards. AABC and enforcing you don’t have to enforce it. If these bills can’t be paid they’re going to do that for you. We’re not going to be imposing on them. It’s just ok this wasn’t signed this bill can’t get paid. As we’ve seen this term we don’t always know what’s going on. That’s what the advocates are there for.

Senator Diabat: Once they’re advised.

Chris Van Drimmelen: You mean once we’re consulted.

Senator Boyd: They would make sure we’re doing everything and I would like to cosponsor too.

Senator Varin: I don’t want to be a broken record but as trust is essential it adds a degree of accountability and a degree I’d like to see in the last bill it’s a healthy way to keep us accountable without hanging us with too many statutes to keep for us. It sounds like you Chris are much more than being a supervisor you’re going to make sure things are done correctly.

Chris Van Drimmelen: That’s how the rules are set up and intended to function.

Senator Varin: I’d like to be added as a cosponsor.

Senator Hinrichs: Call to question

Senator Cushing: Second

A voice vote was taken on call to question. The motion passed.

A roll call vote was taken on JB-71.06. The motion passed. 11-0-1

IX. Old Business & Second Readings

JB-71.04 “Congressional Sustainability Bill”

Senator Diabat: I move to table this for next week.

Senator Cushing: Second

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

Senator Vandever: The house tabled this for student government committee.

X. New Business & First Readings

None
XI. President’s Announcements

Upcoming Joint Sessions

**Wednesday, February 29th, 2012**

**Wednesday, March 7th, 2012**

President of the Senate: Thank you for this plethora of legislative. Anyway, I have the gripe fest signup sheet if you want to be a scribe for this you will sit at ASOSU computer and type this. Please as being a part of ASOSU sign up. Also I have to you gripe fest class raps. Let your classes know about the gripe fest it has a general outline of what you say. Things to get out. This give us an ability to do something with our executive branch. This is not an executive campaign this is an ASOSU campaign just like the town hall and the office hours and executive branch task force directors. Please come out and voice your concerns. We’re doing it in the most social network savvy way possible so far. Today was also Nick said the OSA lobby rally happened I have copies of the different PR materials they passed out. That again goes to what I said in the last resolution to bring us together. If we stay divided it won’t play good toward the campus and we need to stay united in ASOSU. So we can represent them to move forward. Respect each other and have respect with what your positions entail. I yield the floor to President Hopoi.

**ASOSU President Hopoi:** I see some new faces I’m the ASOSU president one of my announcements we went to the OSA up at western Oregon that was the first meeting since February. We’re watching $35 billion right now. We’re keeping an eye on the HB-40.02 which is the forestry bill because we’re a land grant institution that bill moves forward priority funding. Keep your eye on that. And oh and I was voted into the executive committee unanimously now I’m in the committee that leads OSA. After all the things in the fall, all things are repaired and we’re moving forward and meeting this Friday. Presented at OSA when it comes to the capital construction bill OSU is the only secure university in terms of this bill. Oregon State we’re the only ones secure right now which is our classroom building, the residence halls for the boost next year and the SEC. We’re the only ones right now and that doesn’t come easily that comes from hard work when Sokho took up the term being president and Ed Ray to represent and being there and telling them what we’re doing and what we want when the bills do get signed off. These are dreams that
have been. Once this legislative session is over I'm in Snell 149 feel free to ask me questions. Other than that I'm happy to see a full senate. I was worried. Judicial council is open there are four seats open it has been open for a while we’ve been asking around but still no interest you have heard and may have friends interest we need to get his moving and when things are empty thing gets dropped let's make sure people are here and get elected.

Chris Van Drimmelen: For judicial council what would you like us to tell folks would you like emails with resumes or paper copies.

ASOSU President Hopoi: emails so I can follow them to councilman in terms of who we’re bringing in because there are four of them.

Senator Vandever: Is the judicial council members appointed the same as the senate. Is it straight from you?

ASOSU President Hopoi: Yes.

Senator Diabat: My understanding the council should be any student in OSU correct.

ASOSU President Hopoi: Any student at Oregon State but I don’t know if it’s served in any other branches.

Chris Van Drimmelen: They can’t serve in any other branches.

Senator Diabat: I’d like it through the whole student listserv.

ASOSU President Hopoi: I'll send it again there are four and let people be aware its coming out you get five a day when it comes to updates be aware that this I out here.

Senator Boyd: Judicial needs four to function so it’s really important we get people on it.

ASOSU President Hopoi: One of them resigned after the impeachment. We need to keep them in mind.

President Pro Tempore: Thank you Madam President.

XII. Senator Comments

Senator Kennemer: I have a couple comments I was speaking with representative Struthers last week and apparently we need a senator on the elections committee. We have to have one or they can’t do anything.

Senator Cushing: What if we’re all running for something?

Senator Kennemer: I should be the ones with two year seats left. Can we talk about the events we went to.

President Pro Tempore: Yes
Senator Kennemer: So besides going to my regular glee meetings I also went to a guest lecture that the women’s studies department put on. They’re looking for queers study professors so they’ve been having guest speakers. I don’t know where in the MU it is. I went to last week was titled a Death That Was Not My Own. It was a transgender woman that was murdered because she is transgender. It’s on two spirit a Native American term I think it’s like transgender but I have no idea.

Senator Cushing: I was going to say that I attended the philosophy club Sunday.

Senator Boyd: Student government committee is going to have our committee this Friday in Snell 149. We’re discussing the event attendance and office hours’ bill. There is an event the food drive is going on and motor pool has reached out to us to help the food drive. The thing they’re doing is stuff the van what they’re doing is bringing a motor pool van and hopefully we can bring enough canned food to stuff the van full. They’re asking for us to circulate the news and make sure people know about this event and get people to bring stuff. If we can pledge to bring things that would be great to set up a good example with these things. I think executive branch was approached about this as well. I don’t know if you’re doing anything with that.

ASOSU President Hopoi: We went to get the cars they’re interested to collaborate. I think it was sent to Karli Olsen most likely we’ll announce the events we’re hosting this week.

Senator Boyd: If we could take an active role that would be great!

Senator Diabat: Thank you to the ethics and oversight committee for meeting today.

Hold tight we have a lot to do. The event I attended was the out of leadership. Which has very inspiring moment in it and down moment. The inspiring the first key note speaker and the round conversations that were had the spiritually grounded leadership. I got to think about issues that arouse during the panel of student graduate students. The last key note speaker the art of making money not the art of leadership the last question was my question when I asked how important for him was where the source of his money invested in his company comes from. He said we did not pay attention to it. As a leader he’s a failure. As businessman he is 24 year old and have 2.4 million dollars. I gained a lot on how to make money and how to be a leader are two different things.

Nick I too attended that I want to agree with the lows and highs to add another high point was the question at the end.

Senator Khan: I attended the same as well.

Senator Cushing: This is about what I did the last week but would it be ok with Senator Vandever personal Facebook I added another Facebook page for us as well and I’d like to talk professionally instead of the student listserv.

Senator Diabat: I’d like to have a webpage.
Senator Cushing: I don’t have a web domain.
Senator Diabat: I don’t have Facebook or intend to be on Facebook.
President Pro Tempore: Its just another possibility.
Patricia: Suggestion, since you’re all students you have access to blackboard you could utilize blackboard like student organizations.
Senator Cushing: Is there a way to create one of those?
President of the Senate: We finally got control of the ASOSU calendar.
Chris Van Drimmelen: It’s up to date I’m stoked.
President of the Senate: If you have anything for that please let me know. There is a ASOSU Facebook page. Let’s not be redundant in what we already have.
Red The blood drive. 11-4.

XIII. Gallery Comments
Senator Vandever: I apologize for not being at the meeting I hope my proxy hasn’t given you too much problem. This is first amendment week if you pass through the quad we have a free speech board. Since Dan brought up my Facebook page you should like that.
Representative Robb: Adding on to what Jacob said the college democrats and republicans will hold an informal debate the topics are the dream act, education reform, foreign policy, and debt reduction.
President Pro Tempore: All of those?
Representative Robb: The ultimate is foreign policy. Each get 5 min and 2 min rebuttal.
Senator Diabat: You have ground rules?
Representative Robb: Yes we’re following parliamentary rules.
Chris Van Drimmelen: Why not a cage match?
President Pro Tempore: Friday at 7 p.m. in 208?
Patricia: I have two things I hope you know its black history month and if you haven’t attended the event I encourage you to do this is a rich history on our campus that has had an impact on our programs and the areas that support students. A big event is the black history month dinner next Wednesday in the MU ballroom tickets are at Snell and the black cultural center.
Senator Boyd: Don’t we have joint session next week?
Patricia: You could go at 6-650 p.m. and then learn something for 50 minutes. I don’t know its free food. The second thing I don’t know how much appreciation you get I know you’re all volunteers. I wanted to let you know that I appreciate all that you do at the various committees you sit on as well as the time you talk to meet with you constituents.
Keep up the great work. I know a few of you and I get a chance to talk to you and wanted to encourage everyone this happens in any organization experience this in the exec branch give charity to each other and especially the students who attend these meetings and take time out of their schedules and hear what you’re talking about. You’re making important decision and kind of show students how come and have courage to speak up. It’s intimidating with you all hear and your official nametags and President of the Senate: with his tie. Be courteous with each other I me. It’s very intimidating to be a newbie in house or senate and being here a long time I’m sure you work up the courage to say what you need to say its intimidating for new people it’s very intimidating to be where I am right now. I have advisors and peers who help me I don’t know how much support you all get. The best thing is to support each other and be open with what you’re all talking about. You give valuable insight.

President Pro Tempore: Thank you Patricia.

Chris Van Drimmelen: The human body can lose up to 2 pints of blood without suffering effects. They take only one pint so you should do that.

President Pro Tempore: We have joint session next week on Wednesday night we also have senate on Tuesday night.

Senator Diabat: We’re having Tuesday and Wednesday meeting? Don’t we have to vote?

Chris Van Drimmelen: You would have to vote but joint session can be called by the president, vice president, or speaker in which you don’t have to vote.

President Pro Tempore: So no meeting next Tuesday.

Senator Kennemer: I’d like to give that a round of applause.

XIV. Adjournment

Senator Diabat: I move to adjourn.

Senator Cushing: Second

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