I. Call to Order/Roll-Call/Quorum
Quorum was met and the meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

II. Swearing in of Senators
Two proxies were sworn in

III. Singing of the OSU Alma Mater
Senator Diabat: I move to forgo singing the Alma Mater.
Senator Redman: Second
Senator Cushing: I will not forgo I’m going to sing it.
A hand vote to forgo singing was taken. 4-4-0 The motion passed by Brett Deedon

IV. Approval of Minutes from Wednesday, April 10, 2012
Senator Kennemer: I move to approve.
Senator Boyd: Second
A voice vote to approve was taken. Motion passed

Judicial confirmation
Bhayrav Patel: Senior standing at Oregon State and studying marketing and finance. I plan on going to law school after it would be a great opportunity to practice now and take that fourth.
Senator Diabat: That’s your personal benefits. What’s ours?
Bhayrav Patel: I have a great work ethic and I’m really detail oriented and I’ll make sure I do it to the best of my ability if there’s a concern I have I’ll make sure my superiors know and I’ll try to be impartial and continue fourth.
Senator Diabat: I did not receive an answer what’s our benefit as students of ASOSU?
Bhayrav Patel: What do you mean by it?
Senator Diabat: This position has some requirements and has some message right? The whole committee branch is there for a reason and for a goal that’s how the benefit is in it. Can you tell us more how we’re going to benefit for you being there?
Bhayrav Patel: So what the benefit ASOSU will have from me? My understanding is that ASOSU is there are rules and regulations that have been set out for student and their partaking in Oregon State University. My role is to sit in and if there’s dispute, the prime example was the impeachment trial if there’s dispute for that my role would be to sit in with the rest of the council and make sense of the constitution and give my understanding and interpretation of it. I’ll come in with expressing my thoughts based on what the constitution reads and how it would apply.

Senator Diabat: Thank you.

Senator Boyd: Have you taken the constitutional law series?
Bhayrav Patel: I haven’t and don’t plan on it because of time restraints.

Senator Boyd: I was just wondering.

Vice President Eath: What experience do you have?
Bhayrav Patel: I work with the entrepreneurship program and I’ll TA for BA 160 series next year. The team the cultural dance team that we put together my freshmen year, it went on for two years and we had a lack of participation.

Senator Redman: What knowledge do you have of ASOSU?
Bhayrav Patel: Not too much but I’m hoping this position will give me some more of what it does overall. I know it’s the student body and the student government. It’s what holds the different organizations together.

Senator Redman: I would suggest reading the constitution, statutes, and shared governance documents and talk to people in ASOSU to see how it’s unique from other universities.

Senator Boyd: One thing you’ll do are parking appeal so do you have experience with that?
Bhayrav Patel: Not particularly. I’ve done a bit of grade disputes with students at the Austin entrepreneurship program. I’ve settled disputes. That’s a little bit of insight I’m team teaching but nothing as far as parking is concerned.

Vice President Eath: I don’t know if you pay attention to what’s going on at U of O but their constitution court has had a lot of activity this past year how would you navigate issues on campus to what you know about ASOSU for what you partake on campus and shape an opinion that might not be popular but what you stand for?
Bhayrav Patel: Could you rephrase that?

Vice President Eath: How would you stand by your moral principles?
Bhayrav Patel: Well I’ve been brought up with whatever is right I’m going to go by when it comes to challenging my beliefs it’s really hard to sway me. If I think something its true I’ll stand by it. I’ll also take into account what others say. I’ll listen to everything that’s
being said and keep an open mind but in the end if it’s not popular but most beneficial that’s what I’m going to stick with.

Vice President Eath: Say your convictions go against what the system has in place. You go one way how would you mitigate that issue. Say you don’t agree with U of O, the elections process was thrown out because of a candidate hacking into another’s’ account. Say the rules say that person can stay would you rule against that or for that?

Bhayrav Patel: Personally taking that example into account I don’t think that’s right at all I would say if that person did end up winning I would say there needs to be a revote that wouldn’t be fair. I tend to move toward what the majority of people think but if the majority is wrong then I’ll fight for it the most I can there is democracy. There’s only so much I can do as one person.

Senator Boyd: I move to approve
Swear Second
A voice vote to approve Bhayrav Patel. The motion passed.

Gina Ramos: Graduate student my area of emphasis is the masters of arts interdisciplinary studies. This is my second year.

Senator Boyd: What experience do you bring?

Gina Ramos: Currently or from the past? I have an extensive resume I use to work for child welfare as a case worker. I would interpret laws rules and policies I made decision on rules as far as day care and the implementation of different policies form senate as far from the House of Representatives they had disputes as far as implementation portion involved. My job was to look with professionals that worked alongside of me to look at the laws to implement the bills being provided to us. That started in 1995 I stopped working for DHS child welfare in 2004. That’s my first, currently I work for US forest service as service rights equal employment specialist. I’m the liaison that works with OSU. That’s two portions.

Senator Boyd: I think that’s good.

Gina Ramos: Since I started here in 2004 I actually was the representative for EOP for three years which I also represented SOL I wasn’t the internal and external coordinator for three years I worked with senate and sat the senate’s board for quite a while the culture centers and had a vote and the EOP had a say in the rules and policies and the bills. I have extensive amount of work in the budget even though they dropped me off but I worked with them also. I’ve constructed a bill to put forth to the university budgeting board to get SOL their budget.

Senator Khan: What made you apply?
Gina Ramos: The truth is because everything that’s been happening over the years with senate I’ve seen it throughout the years and our direction has changed. Our implementation, the dynamics have changed and for that reason it struck a nerve for me and because I work with diversity part of what I do is implement the policy and rules and regulations and kind of work with people in the social dynamics and work with people in general. I do trainings at work in the confined and the legislative component. I wanted more practice this would be good for my resume but also it means a lot for me to be here and sit on that board I’ve looked at the judicial council for many years and seen how they work. It really drew my attention it made me want to do more. I stepped down from my position because as you get in your senior portion of your graduate you want to graduate. I’m a grad student and it’s my place to use my skills to benefit our university.

Senator Redman: I would love to get your contact information we’re researching federal equal opportunity acts right now. Question, how would you contribute to ASOSU’s effort to bring back or more solidarity between the branches?

Gina Ramos: Because my interpretation of solidarity is the efforts of all three parts, it’s not a solo effort. It has to come from all three parts. I know how to work with people I have an extensive background of working with people. Being able to understand and work amongst different groups in diverse populations with that experience I would find out how they feel and how they feel about each other. Me as a person, if I don’t like someone there’s no way possible I can work with that person if they’ve offended me. I need to find the heart of the issue why aren’t we working in solidarity now. My passion is within finding a common ground and being able to work form there. My way of doing it is that approach finding a common ground and working with them together to know what each other is doing. We have to work as a team because that’s what we are. We have to look like we’re working together as a team. We’re representatives our university.

Senator Diabat: You’re busy. Do you have time?

Gina Ramos: When I went ahead and applied I was told I needed to do 10 hours of office work. Is that correct?

Chris Van Drimmelen: There’s no requirement for judicial councilors.

Senator Boyd: The chair has office hours but it’s just a couple hours a week and however much time when you have cases how long the meetings are.

Gina Ramos: I like to be busy I hate to not be busy if I have one hours of not being busy I do something constructive or I’m watching Greys Anatomy. I have limited time but I’ve taken myself out of a lot of different realms because I need to focus my attention on my goal and my goal is working for civil rights. I have intended to disconnect with the entities
I was involved with. I no longer play a role in their areas. I have work but I'm extending my time. I’ll be here for four years that’s ok. There’s a lot I’m learning here and there’s a lot more I need to learn here. My efforts I do now are important. My time was extended way beyond the limit but I’ve taken that back. I know my limitations and work amongst them.

Senator Khan: I move to approve.

Senator Boyd: Second

A voice vote was taken to approve Gina Ramos. The motion passed.

V. Standing Committee Reports

Senator Boyd: I’m sure you got the email saying town hall is next Tuesday at 8 p.m. after senate. With the room reservation would be better to do it after? We’ve got posters put them up in the dorms this time and hopefully get new students. We’re doing classroom talking. I have a sign-up sheet and everyone can commit to one building between now and Friday. Have the basic information on the chalkboard in the corner I’ll send around a sign-up sheet. Me and the lucky members of student government committee will do the rest of the buildings.

Senator Diabat: Oversight and ethics have a co-chair and that’s Senator Khan. She’s going to be helping me with navigating through whatever comes, me and the committee.

Senator Boyd: I put the information to write on the board at the top of the sign-up sheet.

VI. Joint Committee Reports

Joint Committee of Congressional Correspondence

Representative Robb: The house heard six bills and resolutions. There’s a lot. Let’s see we have the resolution to transition plan to comply with Americans with disabilities act this was addressing generalized ADA requirements. A lot of these have to do with OSU’s compliance with the ADA act and I’d say a lot of these right now there’s still work to be done with them so the current I could go into more depth but the best thing if you’re interested is contact house representatives or read the minutes. The most important section is HR-03.07 the ASOSU/HSRC separation resolution. Ways and means was asked by HSRC for in the future for them to be a separate line item. This has happened in the past with other entities in ASOSU. They create them and become a separate entity. We worked with the head of HSRC and this would be a transition plan they would be autonomous while still being in ASOSU’s budget and the year after that they would be a separate line item. Most likely you’ll hear this very soon. Another one
Was proxy responsibility which is a house bill that this one goes to all of ASOSU. This one really deals with solidifying a person as proxy. The main idea of it is for someone to be proxy they have to bring authorization saying this person can be my proxy. It would mandate that a quorum cannot be met if half the body is comprised of proxies.

Senator Boyd: Does that allow for electronic submission?
Representative Robb: I'm not sure but I'll bring it up at tomorrow’s meeting. The other one is accessible communication act 03-10. Dealing with there’s a lot of work with that one. HR-03.09 this one we’re currently we want to hear back from CAPS to get their input.

Senator Boyd: You referred it to the parking committee?
Chris Van Drimmelen: The answer to that question is no.
Representative Robb: I’ll pass it along. Resolution to establish intercollegiate basketball program we’re sending this to athletics to eth their input on this and assist with disability funding American with compliant housing something along those lines. We sent this to UHDS to get their input and from there we can adjust the resolution or anything along those lines and any statements we receive from university entity if this resolution passed along you will receive this. This one its pretty much have UHDS create a referral service to find ADA compliant housing.

It was a very long meeting and a lot of things.
Senator Diabat: That’s why we have you there.
Representative Robb: If you have any questions or input I’m willing to write it all down and bring it up with the house. The more input the better.
Senator Diabat: I apologize for speaking without approval.

VII. Delegate Reports
None

VIII. Old Business & Second Readings

SR-71.01 “Accessibility Resource Center Resolution”

Clerk Wolff:

Whereas: Oregon State University has provided a number of resource centers for different groups including: Caesar Chavez Cultural Center, Asian Pacific Cultural Center, Black Cultural Center, Native American Long House, Pride Center, and the Women’s Center

Whereas: Oregon State University is striving to be a more inclusive environment
Whereas: Valley Library currently does not have study rooms that are currently accessible to students with disabilities

Whereas: An Accessibility Resource Center would provide students with disabilities a place to congregate, study, receive information regarding accessibility issues, and operate out of.

Whereas: An Accessibility Resource Center would provide a space for all students to go and become educated about issues regarding accessibility

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE ASOSU CONGRESS:

That ASOSU is behind the effort to create an Accessibility Resource Center and will support the push for the creation of such a center.

Senator Cushing: Could I make a friendly amendment to change the four C’s to the proper name and take out the second currently in the whereas? Chris Van Drimmelen: There’s no such thing as a friendly amendment again. If you want this to be adopted quickly I would recommend unanimous consent and if no one has issues you’re fine.

President Pro Tempore Deedon: Are there any objections to this amendment? Senator Diabat: Don’t we have an ASOSU position for ADA?

Senator Swearingen: A task force director.

Senator Diabat: Why do we need a center? Does this mean every task force director will have a center in the future? This is kind of not why we have task force directors.

President Pro Tempore Deedon: The centers are areas for students who recognize under for example the culture center if you recognize with the ethnic group. You meet with those the accessibility center will be a place for the student to get together.

Senator Diabat: We don’t have graduate student center.

President Pro Tempore Deedon: If you’d like to propose a bill we can do that.

Senator Diabat: I don’t want to propose a bill. I don’t want another center. There’s no need for another center. If we need more funding the task force
director can do that. We can have a bill about it and change something in the budget.

President Pro Tempore Deedon: The idea is to provide and environment for ADA students on campus to provide and who have those similar experiences to get together in that area where they can study in. The valley library doesn’t provide that.

Senator Diabat: I absolutely agree personal experience and person my own issue my own relative that I know how hard it is. Still I’m arguing about the center itself. Too much bureaucracy it will make things harder to approach and achieve any required goal for disabled students on campus. We don’t need a center to do that.

Senator Boyd: It sounds like a nice idea but we’re missing a lot of information. Who’s supporting this, where they’re getting the funding, is anyone campaigning for it. We need more to go off of.

Senator Redman: I agree with Senator Boyd on that comment I think there could be a lot more information provided and the bill could be more detailed. The research I’ve done ADA is 20% of the student population. This would be a house like the cultural centers, the SEC building would host it that’s ADA accessible building. Its important for the able student alliance to be able to have that atmosphere where they feel like they’re welcomed and get resources they don’t have on campus.

Chris Van Drimmelen: There’s a space allocation committee for the SEC that would have to approve that before they could be a possibility. So keep that in mind we can’t say that just because it’s an accessible space we can have it.

Senator Redman: There needs to be more research done.

Senator Boyd: Who’s behind this? Can we ask them to come in and get more information.

President Pro Tempore Deedon: The first step would be to talk to Jacob. I’ll point out it’s a resolution. It’s a support for the center. Not saying here’s all the building plans. We don’t have to have it planned up and ready.

Senator Diabat: I’d like to emphasize creating a center that’s an entity by itself is going to bring in more complication instead of having a task force director that will go with it and run with anything forward. That’s kind of slow moving over here that we don’t want.

Senator Swearingen: I move to table this until next week.

Senator Boyd: Second
A voice vote to table SR-71.01 was taken. The motion passed.

IX. Other Old Business

None

X. New Business & First Readings

SB-71.05 “Student Outreach Committee Act”

Clerk Wolff:

WHEREAS The Senate Student Academics and Activities Standing Committee has a very broad job description, and few specified tasks;

WHEREAS It is important for ASOSU to have a high level of engagement and involvement from the Student Body;

WHEREAS Changing the task of the Committee to focus on outreach would be a worthwhile use of the Committee’s time;

BE IT HEREBY ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS THAT:

Title II Section 3 F Part 2 shall be struck from the ASOSU Statues:

2. Student Academics and Activities

i. The Student Academics and Activities committee shall review and provide assistance on all student and campus issues not delegated to other Senate Standing Committees.

ii. The Student Academics and Activities committee shall review, but not recommend or reject, resolutions presented before the Senate and provide a forum for clarification of content and intent on ASOSU resolutions.

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS THAT:

Title II Section 3 F Part 2 shall be amended to say:

2. Student Outreach Committee

i. The Student Outreach Committee shall be tasked with hosting the Student Town Hall meetings. The committee shall recommend legislation to other committees or individual Senators based on the information gained at these meetings.

ii. The Student Outreach Committee shall independently seek other ways of gathering input from the student body at large.

iii. The Student Outreach Committee shall review and
provide assistance on all student and campus issues not delegated to other Senate Standing Committees.

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS THAT:

Title II Section 13 of the ASOSU Statutes shall be amended to read:

“Section 13: Student Town Hall Meetings

A. Congress shall hold two (2) town hall meetings 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 Outreach Committee” “Student Government Committee"

ENACTED UPON PASSAGE BY THE ASOSU Congress

President Pro Tempore Deedon: If there’s no further comments on the bill we’ll move onto the next one.

SR-71.02 “Middle Eastern Culture Center Resolution”

Clerk Wolff:

WHEREAS: Oregon State University has provided a number of resource centers for different groups including: Centro Cultural César Chávez, Asian Pacific Cultural Center, Black Cultural Center, Native American Long House, Pride Center, and the Women’s Center;
WHEREAS: Oregon State University is striving to be a more inclusive environment;

WHEREAS: Students of Middle Eastern descent constitute a relatively large percentage of the student body;

WHEREAS: Recent events in this country, most notably the violent murder of Shaima Alawadi, suggest a growing need for education regarding Middle Eastern culture and religion;

WHEREAS: The Middle East is a region with a rich history and culture and does not fall under the cultural centers currently on campus;

WHEREAS: In the spirit of diversity development it is in the interest of all students to have a physical location where teaching and learning about Middle Eastern culture can take place;

WHEREAS: The ethnic, cultural, historical, and religious roots of the Middle East are extremely diverse, and misguided efforts to establish a unified cultural center may fail to meet the unique needs of specific groups;

WHEREAS: The complexity mentioned above necessitates a conversation among numerous stakeholder groups, including students who culturally identify as Middle Eastern or who would otherwise be affected;

WHEREAS: The actual task of creating such a center will require vast human-power and resources, including expertise from members of both the Executive Branch and the Legislative Branch, as well as officials of Oregon State University

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE ASOSU CONGRESS:
ASOSU is behind the effort to create a Middle Eastern Center and will support the creation of such a center.

BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE ASOSU CONGRESS:
The ASOSU Congress calls upon the creation of a committee charged with the task of investigating and following through with the creation of the Middle Eastern Cultural Center.

BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE ASOSU CONGRESS:
This committee will be called the “ASOSU Middle Eastern Cultural Center Special Inter-Branch Task Force” and will be comprised of:

- **Voting members:**
  - At least one Senator
  - At least one Undergraduate Representative
  - At least one Graduate Representative
  - The Executive Director of Diversity Programs
  - The Multicultural Affairs Task Force Director
- **Ex-officio members:**
  - The Student Advocate
  - The ASOSU Vice President
  - Other members as deemed appropriate by the committee

**BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE ASOSU CONGRESS:**

All meetings of the ASOSU Middle Eastern Cultural Center Special Inter-Branch Task Force shall be open to the public and adequately advertised by ASOSU Public Relations.

**Senator Cushing:** I want to preface that this isn’t going to be discussed I know Vice President Eath: has put time into this and I don’t identify as a middle eastern person and that term has challenges because of what I said in the bill it fails to meet the group the receive benefit of the culture center. I would like to refer this to a committee perhaps the new student outreach committee if its created in the future this is the continuation of a long conversation there is debate if student or elected officials if it should be ASOSU initiative other cultural centers were not. I’ve been called up on by my constituents and I feel uncomfortable doing that as I’m not a Middle Eastern person I’m trying to represent our constituents.

**Senator Boyd:** How much has been put into the creation of this cultural center?

**President Pro Tempore Deedon:** Blue prints and everything.

**Vice President Eath:** More conversations were done regarding what the culture center would be and what Middle Eastern means. Looking at the bill itself you point out Middle Eastern culture and religion. What religion and what culture? What countries? Are you going to go into south Asia? It’s a difficult conversation you need to bring student together to see what all the centers would call for.

**Senator Boyd:** Is there a large student group asking for this?
Senator Cushing: I don’t know if there’s a group but numerous individuals have asked me.

Senator Khan: Is there a committee working on this bill and if so could be a part of it?

Senator Redman: I would suggest seeking out co-sponsors for this part of your constituents and inviting them to the meetings.

Senator Cushing: When this goes to committee maybe the numbers might need to be different I see so many stakeholder groups. I don’t know what’s adequate and if I’m in ASOUS this is one of the things I want to do to reach out its missing in our culture.

Senator Khan: There’s no middle eastern organization on campus if anything we’re just going to find individuals. There’s no set group finding this. It’s a good idea for cultural center all over campus if there’s a spot for them to be all over we’re going to have to work.

Senator Boyd: If you’re going to include specific people you add them as sponsors to make sure they’re supporting being on the committee.

Senator Cushing: I’m looking for next year this is not a one term project. Multiple year project. It’s something students need and I wanted to start that conversation.

Senator Diabat: The points Sokho has mentioned are extremely important. I’m going to stand against anything being called Middle Eastern. This is a fake phrase that’s been generated not so long ago for military reasons. Normally in the U.S. In Europe referred to as the Far East. The diversity differences. I cannot accept anything called Middle East. Once the Middle Eastern club was here I was glad it disappeared because again, what is Middle East? I have no clue. Is that from Persia? Afghanistan? Iran? It’s up to you. It goes to Africa it goes to Turkey. Do you include Israel in it? I have personal experience working with this there’s nothing called Middle East. This group or that group I have real personal and professional issue with the term. I will not support a center.

Senator Cushing: I know there are diverse groups with conflicting ideology is there a better term I can use talking about the subject? It’s hard linguistically to find a term with that.

Diabta: The whole area south of what use to be Syria and Turkey, it was called Palistan that includes Iraq Palistan. That’s 2000 year old thing. It could be our culture center and Persian cultural center. That’s an absolutely legitimate.
the Saudi student that part if there’s any for Turkish it’s up to the people. So it’s a lot of politics I can speak with you about it but there’s no need.

President Pro Tempore Deedon: I appreciate everyone speaking up. This will come back next week.

Senator Cushing: Is it possible to move it into committee now without second reading?

President Pro Tempore Deedon: I have the ok from Chris.

Senator Cushing: I’ll move it to my own committee.

President Pro Tempore Deedon: Put it in the student academic committee.

Chris Van Drimmelen: Student academics and activity would fit what this is anyways so you should move it to that committee.

Senator Cushing: I so move.

Senator Kennemer: second

A voice vote was taken to send SR-71.02 to committee. Motion passed.

President Pro Tempore Deedon: Mousa looked like he was a guy at the auction.

Vice President Eath: I didn’t want that pig.

President Pro Tempore Deedon: I know what that’s like.

XI. Other New Business

None

XII. President’s Announcements

Vice President Eath: April 26, Harlem Globetrotters will be her at 7. Go get your tickets.

Actual business accessibility resource center and the middle eastern center is better or are we making sure we’re going to try and build a place and put them into it. We need to look not if we have the resources to do that. There are a lot more factors involved than just saying building a home it requires having plumbing and a mortgage. The same thing goes into a center you need to have the factors involved in what it takes to be involved in. It’s not something we can push through in a meeting. Thanks for bringing up conversation.

XIII. Senator Comment

Senator Diabat: Congrats to the tickets that moved to the next election round and good luck and keep it to the ones that are here and will be listening to this. Keep it fair and just that’s more important than running or not.

President Pro Tempore Deedon: To let everyone know Latin night is this Sunday but tickets went out today. It went out in a day. There were 210 tickets and they all went out in one day.

Vice President Eath: Volunteer in the kitchen.
President Pro Tempore Deedon: Saturday April 28 Africa night. Those are for sale. Japanese night tickets will be available Monday morning.

Chris Van Drimmelen: Do those cost money?

President Pro Tempore Deedon: I believe so

Senator Diabat: Going through the last cultural night the India and Korean it was nice to see senators and ASOSU among the volunteers who are working in the kitchen. That was really very beautiful.

Vice President Eath: and in the show.

Senator Swearingen: I missed out.

XIV. Gallery Comments

None

XV. Adjournment

Senator Kennemer: I move to adjourn

Senator Boyd: Second

Acclamation occurred and the meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.