



# 14th ASOSU Congress | House of Representatives

## Meeting Minutes

### Zoom:

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Meeting ID: 997 1273 4722 Password: ASOSU

July 6, 2022 | 6:00 p.m.

### I. Call to order/Roll-Call/Quorum – *Call to order at 6:01 p.m.*

1. Representative Sahana Shah
2. Representative Kate Walsh
3. Representative Erica Nyarko
4. Representative Ocean El Dakhakhni
5. Representative Lucy Hoang *proxy Andrew Dufur*
6. Representative Andrea Perez *absent*
7. Representative Ellie Anderson
8. Representative Caitlyn Olsen
9. Representative Emily Erving
10. Representative Francisco Hernandez
11. Representative Adie Rang *proxy Max Weider*
12. Representative Lauren Ding
13. Representative Sarah Theall
14. Representative Carissa O'Donnell
15. Representative Payton Harrison
16. Representative Emilie Krecklow
17. Representative Henrietta Rutaremwa *absent*
18. Representative Brynn Holmes
19. Representative Alexis Minyard
20. Representative Coquille Rex
21. Representative Ankit Koirala

### II. Swearing in of Representatives/Proxies

*The proxy for Rep. Hoang was administered the Oath of Office by Speaker Neuschwander.*



### III. Approval of Agenda

*Rep. Erving moved to add SB-82.01 to the agenda.*

*Rep. Minyard seconded the motion.*

*The agenda was approved by unanimous consent.*

### IV. Approval of Minutes

*The minutes were approved by unanimous consent.*

### V. New Business

#### a. Speaker Pro Tempore Voting

##### i. **Rep. El Dakhakhni** nominated himself.

1. **Rep. El Dakhakhni** expressed that he has the leadership skills necessary to help run House. He has a good relationship with the Speaker already outside of House. He also has experience in the House and has the ability to make sure bills are the best they can be. Rep. El Dakhakhni was able to provide input last session on important bills like the pay bill and the “Death to Outreach Bill,” which he voted against. He learned a lot about meeting proceedings. He has had other leadership experiences, including serving as cochair of philanthropy for his fraternity. He is studying finance with a pre-law option.

##### ii. **Rep. Rex** nominated Rep. Shah.

1. **Rep. Shah** indicated that she has already served as the Speaker Pro Tempore. She already has led some meetings of the House and helped Speaker Schnell run meetings and create agendas. She started at ASOSU in Fall 2021 chairing the Projects Committee and did a lot of work on establishing a Disability Cultural Center and an International Resource Center. She authored legislation to restructure the Outreach Committee, as well as to establish a steering committee for the DCC/IRC proposal. Rep. Shah has experience working with lots of stakeholders. Her other leadership experiences include being part of the Honors College Leadership Circle, as well as other engineering clubs. She expressed that it would be wonderful to be Speaker Pro Tempore again, as ASOSU has meant a lot to her over the last year. She is studying biochemistry and biophysics.



- iii. *Voting was completed via secret ballot. Rep. Shah was elected Speaker Pro Tempore.*
- b. Filling Committees
  - i. *Members submitted committee assignment requests to the Speaker. Speaker Neuschwander will announce committee assignments at the next meeting.*
- c. [Added Item] SB-82.01
  - i. *Members silently read the bill for seven minutes.*
  - ii. **Rep. Shah:** *Projects Committee wants to keep the original name, not change it to “Campus Improvements”*
  - iii. **Rep. Erving:** *Why do they not want to change the name of the committee?*
  - iv. **Rep. Nyarko:** *We didn’t come to complete consensus on what to change to, but we did think Projects was okay to keep.*
  - v. **Rep. El Dakhakhni:** *Keep the name.*
  - vi. **Rep. Olsen:** *I agree, it’s what makes the most sense.*
  - vii. **SFC Chair Joe Page:** *Sen. Robertson couldn’t be here tonight, but I wanted to share some thoughts he had expressed to me. This bill has been a long time coming and we would really like to see it passed. The reason for the name change from “Projects” to “Campus Improvements” is that, when it comes down to what the Committee is actually doing, they are working toward physical improvements to the campus community. To the general student body, “Projects” can be very vague. “Campus Improvements” is clear to the average student what the Committee is all about. I would encourage you to keep the name change.*
  - viii. **Rep. Erving:** *When I see “Campus Improvements,” I understand exactly what that Committee is about; “Projects Committee” is very vague. I think there is lots of good stuff in this bill and would make our committees more effective. I agree with Joe that the point is to make things more accessible to the student body.*
  - ix. **Rep. Minyard:** *Why is there no Senator member requirement for Budgets Committee or Representative member requirement for Student Government Committee?*
  - x. **SFC Chair Page:** *At the beginning of the 13<sup>th</sup> Session of Congress, all of the Committees were changed to be Joint Committees. Originally, there were three Senate-only committees (Oversight & Ethics, Student Government, and Outreach) and three House-only committees (Ways & Means, Appropriations & Budgets, and Projects). Because of the house of*



*origin clause in the Constitution, a compromise that was made between dissenting parties involved in the switch to Joint Committees last summer was to ensure that the Student Government Committee had a majority-Senator membership, and the newly created Budgets Committee (a combination of the Ways & Means and the Appropriations & Budgets Committee) had a majority-Representative membership.*

- xi. **Rep. El Dakhakhni:** *I think the name doesn't matter that much, if that's the only issue then let's just vote.*
- xii. **Rep. Minyard:** *I agree.*
- xiii. **Rep. Shah:** *Originally, Xander and I wrote this bill when it was "Death to Outreach," which got voted down. I don't love the name [Campus Improvements] but I don't know that we should amend the bill and have to send it to Conference Committee.*
- xiv. **Rep. Nyarko:** *Now thinking about it, "Campus Improvements" is more clear to the student body. We also thought of "Project Implementation." This has been a long process though, so let's take an unofficial vote on whether or not we should change the name*
- xv. **Rep. Olson:** *In the end, I think the good outweighs the bad in terms of the name of the Committee. This isn't a big enough issue to send it to conference*
- xvi. **Rep. Minyard:** *The bill talks about individuals being able to serve on university committees. Would all the ASOSU committees need to be full first?*
- xvii. **Speaker Neuschwander:** *No.*
- xviii. **Rep. El Dakhakhni** *moved to forgo a second reading and enter a roll call vote.*
- xix. **Rep. Nyarko** *seconded the motion.*

SB-82.01	
<i>Representative</i>	<i>Vote</i>
Representative Sahana Shah	AYE
Representative Kate Walsh	AYE
Representative Erica Nyarko	NAY
Representative Ocean El Dakhakhni	AYE
Representative Lucy Hoang	ABSTAIN
Representative Andrea Perez	--
Representative Ellie Anderson	AYE



Representative Caitlyn Olson	AYE
Representative Emily Erving	AYE
Representative Francisco Hernandez	AYE
Representative Adie Rang	ABSTAIN
Representative Lauren Ding	AYE
Representative Sarah Theall	AYE
Representative Carissa O'Donnell	AYE
Representative Payton Harrison	AYE
Representative Emilie Krecklow	AYE
Representative Henrietta Rutaremwa	--
Representative Brynn Holmes	AYE
Representative Alexis Minyard	AYE
Representative Coquille Rex	AYE
Representative Ankit Koirala	AYE
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>AYE – 16</b> <b>NAY – 1</b> <b>ABSTENTIONS - 4</b>

xx. *SB-82.01 passed.*

**VI. Speaker Announcements**

- a. ASOSU is hiring in the Exec Branch and for a Records Clerk. Vacancy applications are also open (4 grad reps, 1 undergrad reps, 2 senator 2 year seats, 4 councilors)

**VII. Representative Comments**

**VIII. Advisor Comments**

- a. **Jenni Allemann:** there was a little glitch with some of the hiring forms, but that is being corrected. Folks should have received a clear to work email saying you're an hourly employee. I'm missing contracts from some of you so please get those in ASAP.

**IX. Gallery Comments**

**X. Adjournment** – *Adjourned at 6:52 p.m.*