I. Call to Order/Roll-Call/Quorum

Quorum was met and the meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

II. Swearing in of Senators

None

III. Singing of the OSU Alma Mater

Senator Diabat: I move to forgo singing the OSU Alma Mater.

Senator Boyd: Second

Senator Vandever: We all know the Barometer loves us singing.

A voice vote to forgo singing the Alma Mater was taken. Division

A hand vote was taken. The motion failed.

President Pro Tempore Deedon: Don, if you want to join us we have some extra copies. If you’d like to start us off.

Everyone in attendance sang the Alma Mater.

Senators Hinrichs arrived at 7:05 p.m.

Chris Van Drimmelen: No formal training.

Senator Cushing: I want to make note you’re all wearing great oranges.

Senator Boyd: Where’s your orange?

Senator Kennemer: This is my work uniform.

IV. Approval of Minutes from Wednesday, April 17, 2012

Senator Diabat: I move to approve last week’s minutes.

Senator Kennemer: Second

A voice vote to approve the minutes was taken. The motion passed.

V. Standing Committee Reports

Senator Boyd: Town hall is tonight make sure to come.

President Pro Tempore Deedon: Immediately following the meeting in here.
VI. Joint Committee Reports

Joint Committee of Congressional Correspondence

Representative Robb: Sadly to say the house did not meet quorum last week therefore we didn’t have a meeting. Ways and means met and we did pass the budget. The money along for the DC trip. We got this mainly from using the money found from the administration advocates pay roll which we had set up in ASODU bundle line item yet he’s actually paid for by the university. There was no deficit within ASOSU.

President Pro Tempore Deedon: Is that money for next year rerouted?

Representative Robb: We’re using the money from contingency which using the amount for the trip would keep us above the minimum level and we’ve allocated the amount of the trip from his line item that cannot be used and it will roll over next year

President Pro Tempore Deedon: The line item for the position, will that position next year going for that position?

Chris Van Drimmelen: There will be money in that line item next year. In order to pay the administrative advocate at a rate of their experience and won’t be able for other things.

VII. Delegate Reports

None

VIII. Old Business & Second Readings

SR-71.01 “Accessibility Resource Center Resolution”

Senator Vandever: I move to forgo second reading.

Senator Hinrichs: Second

Chris Van Drimmelen: That’s prohibited by the standing rules.

President Pro Tempore Deedon: Do we move to read it?

Chris Van Drimmelen: You don’t have to move to read you go into second reading. You have the clerk read it and go into discussion

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: Valley Library currently does not have study rooms that are 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 Vandever: I want to speak to this, I apologize for not being at the last senate meeting. For that reason I want to refer this to committee and work on it and gain support. I move to refer SR-71.01 to the student academics and activities committee.
Senator Hinrichs: Second
A voice vote was taken to refer SR-71.01 to committee. The motion passed.

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 suggested 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"
Senator Vandever: I would like to propose and amendment to the enacted upon the passage I’d like to make this enacted the first day of fall term 2012.

Senator Cushing: Second

A voice vote was taken to amend SB-71.05. The motion passed.

Senator Hinrichs: I missed last week but why are we tying our hands down with week three and eight. Under circumstances that may occur in the future, why are we stating it needs to be week three and eight? Can we amend?

President Pro Tempore Deedon: That’s with a previous bill. The only change is in section F to change it from the student government committee.

Senator Boyd: It brings up a good point though.

Senator Vandever: I could have sworn we discussed that.

Senator Redman: It’s because it’s a resolution, the language is written so we can change it.

Senator Hinrichs: We should give it a two weeks but I guess that’s already been passed. My apologies.

Senator Diabat: I don’t know if you were here when we voted on that.

Senator Hinrichs: I move to alter A in some way.

Senator Cushing: You can’t do that Dylan.

Senator Boyd: Suggestion, we can say these town hall meetings happen once in the beginning of the term and one in the end of the term the first in the first four weeks and the second in the second four weeks?

Senator Vandever: We could insert the word suggested right here.

President Pro Tempore Deedon: Simplest amendment ever.

Senator Cushing: I will second Senator Vandever’s motion.

Senator Vandever: Right after town hall meetings are suggested to take place.

A voice vote was taken to amend SB-71.05. The motion passed.

Senator Redman: I think in light of recent events the student committee does have stuff on their agenda this doesn’t really need it.

Senator Vandever: At the time when I wrote this, the committee did nothing all year but I think its warranted. We don’t know what it would be like the committee would be allowed to commit pursuing the things there are right now.

Senator Cushing: In the spirit of reevaluating I support the reexamination of these committees. I suggest maybe it’s referred to student government committee if that’s possible. I yield to Representative Robb.

Representative Robb: I wanted to make a quick amendment, the house is looking at amending the current ed act committee because ed act is no longer
aligned with ASOSU. For that committee there would be two people in ed act so we’re looking at ways to fill another role within ASOSU.

Senator Cushing: Does anyone want the microphone?

Senator Boyd: What all is the student ed act and academics doing?

Senator Redman: Right now we have 71.01 and 71.02 but the two resource centers.

Senator Boyd: Do you think that’s too much and this would overload the committee.

Senator Vandever: It would be ideal for the creation to create independent committee. I’d like to see a group dedicated to this. I wanted to add more structure. I’d like to know what people would like to see out of that if we created a committee.

Senator Boyd: Also with the town halls moving towards the direction of forums and talk about issues they have that’s moving away from the designated as the student government committee as it was focused on student representation.

Senator Redman: Going off Jacob’s idea of sending this to a committee it would be worthwhile to have that committee focus on restructuring all our committees. What’s being struck in this bill is pretty big and you make a good point.

President Pro Tempore Deedon: Do we want to send this to committee?

Senator Vandever: We could create a joint committee to look at the committee across the board.

Senator Boyd: If we sent it to committee to review our committee, we wouldn’t be able to have much input on their committees.

Senator Hinrichs: There’s a lot of talk about committees right now. We should focus on the bill at hand. We’re getting kind of off topic.

Senator Vandever: My intent was to overlap with house.

President Pro Tempore Deedon: Do you plan on creating a committee similar to this?

Senator Vandever: This won’t create a new committee it will retask.

Representative Robb: Specifically, I don’t know. It’s mainly the speaker pro tempore has taken up this issue I don’t know though.

Chris Van Drimmelen: The bill hasn’t be introduced yet. It’s still in drafting phase.

President Pro Tempore Deedon: It’s something to consider if house does this or not. To consider is how many people we can delegate to this task. There are more members in house. I’ll point to fall term we focus on the fact that senate
focuses on the statutes and constitution and house focuses on the student an activities.

Senator Boyd: I think if there’s reviewing it would be the student government committee. If they’re in charge of the governing documents. My proposal would be to send this to student government committee to consider on a larger scale if we want to restructure them in this bill and bring in the speaker pro tempore is working on

Representative Robb: To my knowledge.

Senator Boyd: Also contact him and see what he’s got.

Senator Vandever: I’d like to open it up to see what’s wrong in here and what’s missing that student government could add or take away.

Senator Cushing: I think that this would be a really good thing to talk about tonight maybe this is one of the things we created town hall meetings for. Seeing as the retasking of the committee would be at the town hall process we could talk about it tonight.

Senator Vandever: I don’t want to see it go to student government committee and have them say it’s fine and send it back.

President Pro Tempore Deedon: We’ve heard a lot of opinions on sending it.

Senator Hinrichs: I move to send it to the student government committee.

Senator Boyd: Second

A voice vote to send to student government committee was taken.

The motion passed.

IX. Other Old Business
None

X. New Business & First Readings
None

XI. Other New Business
None

XII. President’s Announcements
Vice President Eath: Today was the last day to register for the primary election. Good! You didn’t want to count ballots with us. We’re doing get out the vote. Phone banking and sign up for the time you can the election for ASOSU will open at 10 and close at Friday at 10. And then being as its week 4 good luck on your midterms we only have so many weeks left as senate.

Senator Vandever: Getting all nostalgic.
XIII. Senator Comment

Senator Boyd: For those who won’t be at town hall in the last town hall a couple things were discussed there were people who wanted to form a campaign. Interest in doing a campaign to restructure the senate and house. I wanted to get a feel how people feel about that this time.

Senator Diabat: You mean senate?

Senator Boyd: At the town hall a topic was representation and if we were going to have a campaign some people were interested. If you think the bills we brought through to increase representation with the format we have now is good.

Senator Cushing: One of the beauties to restructure we would have until the next general election when we can call a special election. It’s unfeasible to get it to the ballot by Wednesday. With that said there’s time to consider it whatever that consideration may entail.

Senator Diabat: I see that any change from the current normal election is kind of false way. Assigning seats for groups is absolutely not democratic and I already said that and if our students want to be represented, it’s easy to run for the seat and if the students don’t think they’re represented then they should vote to start with 5% of the general body voted so far and this is absurd, I don’t find any synonym better than apathy. I feel no sympathy for any group of students that say they’re not being represented do nothing to be represented but to find the shortest way to a seat without the democratic way. I cannot support this initiative. This is the time where I put the kid to bed so I will not be there.

Senator Hinrichs: I agree with Mousa. Diversity is important in any body. There should be diverse groups in senate and house but forced diversity accomplishes nothing. The reason we vote is to give students a choice and a voice on who they want to represent them. A small group of people because they feel their underrepresented, undercuts the voice. 5% vote and 95% doesn’t vote because they don’t feel their voice cares. Saying we don’t need your vote to elect people will worsen that. To show that student government is in control and not the student and that’s not what we want.

Representative Robb: To follow the standard personally I would have to say I believe the current standards we have for at large students is the better way to do it the problem is such a low voter turnout. If we can increase that we can have student groups endorse candidates to have what they want in student government to happen. Having them at large and having groups compete this will be better than a set list. This will change year by year by the set of the campus. Yes, right now there is a problem that we need to hold
ASOSU to a greater standard and have more inclusiveness. A constitutional amendment would not achieve the goals as best that the at large could do in the future.  

Senator Khan: That said just to voice what I’ve heard is that most people feel that if someone represents their group and is elected if their seat for the position they can get people to vote for them which will get a higher voter turnout. If a cultural center is running for senator then people in the cultural center will vote for them.  

Senator Diabat: There will be no elections.  

Senator Boyd: Even now that would be a possibility.  

Senator Vandever: There’s no set in stone proposal on what will be proposed. It’s just an idea there are many ways you can do it.  

Senator Cushing: To add to what Senator Khan said just because you have a different system it’s not a set list of 5 or 10 seat that are appointed for a cultural center that could be a different seat to run form. We have graduate and undergraduate seats in the house. It doesn’t compromise the democratic process. It would be in some people’s opinion undertake the democratic process.  

President Pro Tempore Deedon: There are a lot of opinions in senate to figure out what the best option is. Students are voicing their opinions, we need to represent that in the best way possible.  

Senator Vandever: I would like to thank Senator Redman for setting up the meeting with the resource centers. It was productive conversation I would encourage you to go because of the JC ruling more of us are coming back next year. Partay!  

Senator Cushing: Sorry for talking so much but I have so much to say. Today I went on a tour with Jeffrey Evans and I got to be in a $3000 wheel chair. In connection with the recent resolution anyone that hasn’t gone on that tour go. A significant portion of our constituent are invested in accessibility concerns and ‘m done talking now for the rest of the meeting.  

Senator Kennemer: There was a meeting on Friday? That’s my whole thing.  

Senator Redman: Last Friday there a was a student educational activities committee meeting. We have 15 people show up having people identify with the cultural resources centers. I encourage you all to come they’ll be in Snell Thursday at 3 p.m.  

Senator Kennemer: I’m on that committee and I never heard about it  

Senator Redman: My apologies  

Jessica Redman: Sorry I don’t get to see you very much I hope classes are going great and my proxy is doing great it looks like.
Chris Van Drimmelen: So I’m loud I’m alright. So if you are a committee chair and your committee has recurring committee meeting times send those to Sokho or Luke so that those can be put on the calendar on the website.

Jessica Redman: I’m sorry I didn’t tell Tori who was on the committee when I left.

XIV. Gallery Comments
None

XV. Adjournment

Senator Cushing: Does Senator Diabat’s kid want to say anything?

Senator Hinrichs: You promised not to speak anymore.

President Pro Tempore Deedon: I think he’s enjoying his coloring crayons.

Senator Hinrichs: I move to adjourn.

Senator Vandever: Second

Acclamation occurred and the meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.