I. Call to Order/Roll-Call/Quorum

Order was called at 7:03 pm quorum was established with 13 reps and 1 proxy.

II. Swearing in of Representatives

None were sworn in.

III. Approval of Minutes from Wednesday, February 3rd, 2010

Representative Crews: I move to approve the minutes from Wednesday February 3rd, 2010.

Speaker Aljets: There is a motion and a second.

Voice vote was taken and the motion approved.

IV. Standing Committee Reports

Ways and Means – Van Bossuyt

Educational Activities – Hatlen

Representative Hatlen: I have recently met with the head of educational activities and got their meeting times. They meet four times per week. I will get with Kim and attend as many meetings as possible to get the jist of it.

Appropriations and Budgets – Plouse

Representative Plouse: Had a meeting yesterday if you missed it then talk to me and we will get everyone assigned to meet with SIFC.

V. Joint Committee Reports

Joint Committee on Congressional Correspondence – Hatlen

Representative Hatlen: Having difficulties meeting on Wednesdays, we didn’t talk about anything last week on Friday.
VI. Delegate Reports

There were no delegates present.

VII. Messages

Report from Director of Community Affairs – Kate Welter

Speaker Aljets: Ms. Welter was unable to send a report this week, so hopefully we will have one next week.

Report from Executive Chief of Operations – Natalie Swartzendruber

Secretary Lite: “House of Representatives,

I apologize for my absence and not being able to present this in person. As the Executive Chief of Operations, I have been working to maintain a productive and efficient environment in ASOSU. There are two pieces of my position that require the majority of my time. The first of which, is the handling the logistics of events, meetings, and day to day tasks on the executive side of ASOSU. Most recently I worked on all aspects of the Northwest Student Leadership Conference. For ten staff, and twenty-three interns I worked to register them, provide transportation if needed, book hotel rooms, hold delegation meetings, obtain all needed paperwork, organize participants into groups, and take care of any extra details for the Conference in Portland, Oregon. I am also currently the committee chairperson for the logistics of the upcoming Gripe Fest. For Gripe Fest I have already searched and reserved the venue for the event. I have called a number of college offices to see if it would be possible to place a box in their office for students to enter gripes the week following up to the event. I have also been working to obtain energy drinks and Pepsi products to give as incentives for those giving gripes on the day of the event. The logistics team is working to place tables in the dining halls and in the quad as more access points for dropping off gripes and promoting the event. I continue to help with any operational aspects needed throughout the office.

The second aspect of my position that takes up a large portion of my time is holding the supervisor position for the AHE 406 internship class. Each week I compile and send out all campus community events they can attend, as well as opportunities for interns to volunteer their time to reach their needed amount of hours. I work as the point of contact for the interns with any questions regarding their hours. I make announcements at the beginning of class and organize the announcements for other staff to be given. I assist Christian Matheis in any work...
that needs to be done before, during, or after the internship class. Most recently we organized a protest with the interns outside of the library asking professors to put all course texts on reserve at the library or on blackboard.

It is also in my position to organize things going on around the office. This can range from helping set up a better system for informing interns about hours that the task force directors have for them, to assuring the physical organization of Snell 149, to keeping tabs on the supply closet. It is my job to have a wealth of knowledge about the inner workings of ASOSU. There are many times when staff will need last minute things done, and I work my best to make these happen. Recently that has consisted of reserving rooms for meetings, finding people to drive vans for events and helping them to get authorized if necessary, working with Patricia Lacy on making sure travel agreements and waivers are adequate for liability reasons, and any other operational needs around the office. When first starting my position I had a lot to learn, having begun midway through the fall term. I am now at a point that I feel much more comfortable and knowledgeable about my position which has not only made it more easy to accomplish tasks, but also more enjoyable. I am truly happy to be a part of the ASOSU team.

Thank you for all you do as ASOSU House of Representatives.

Sincerely,

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Speaker Aljets: Are there any questions.
Representative Hatlen: do we have any idea of a date for Gripe fest, because she says she has some space reserved.
Speaker Aljets: I will ask her.
Representative Harvey: I thought there was going to be a name change instead of calling it Gripe Fest.
Speaker Aljets: I will get back to you.
Report from Queer Affairs Task Force Director – Chris Lenn

Secretary Lite: “Dear ASOSU House:

My name is Chris Lenn, I am the Queer Affairs Task Force Director with ASOSU. I am sorry that I cannot be with you tonight but would like to update you on the current status of Queer Affairs.

We are currently working on three projects involving policy and community outreach and development. We are partnering with Affirmative Action and Equal Opportunity to work policy through Facilities Services to make the campus more ADA accessible. What that means for queer students is the additional installation of unisex bathrooms that are ADA compliant on campus. This is especially important for gender variant students and those who currently feel unsafe or unwelcomed in gendered restrooms.

Queer Affairs will be helping to support UHDS reach out to more students about gender neutral housing.

The Task Force is currently developing a campaign to create a more visible queer and ally community on campus. All I can say currently is that the campaign is called, “Hey, that’s a nice button.”

Queer Affairs has been in contact with the U of O campus since the vandalism of their LGBTQ Alliance office. We have gone to visit and show support at their rallies and protests. The Task Force has also raised funds to help out our queer/ally Ducks.

Pride Planning 2010 starts this week and the task force will be present at all meetings.

It’s been an exciting term and we are looking forward to more.

My email is queer.affairs@oregonstate.edu if you have further questions.

Sincerely,

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Speaker Aljets: Are there any questions at this time that I can relay to Mr. Lenn?  
Representative Van Bossuyt: I’m not sure if this is the proper person to ask, but  
what happened with the money sent from ASOSU to the LGBTQ?  
Speaker Aljets: It was voluntarily donated by people, it wasn’t sent from ASOSU.  
The donation box was just in ASOSU. It was given to them during a rally.  
Representative Harvey: It looks like there are $1,000 dollars in damages.  
Speaker Aljets: Thank you Mr. Harvey.  

VIII. Special Orders  
OSU Elections Packet  
Speaker Aljets: Since this is under special orders there can be questions and  
discussion, and we can pass this tonight if the body wishes.  
Representative Winther: (friendly amendment from Representative Van Bossuyt  
included) I move to strike Section 1 letter E, section 9 letters B and D, section 6a  
where it says “student political party or” and part C in its entirety.  
Representative Hatlen: Point of information; are we looking at the elections act or  
elections packet?  
Speaker Aljets: Elections packet, I recommend keeping them the same for both  
groups in terms of amendments.  
Representative Hatlen: Could you repeat the motion please?  
Speaker Aljets: There is a motion to strike Section 1 letter E, section 9 letters B and  
D, section 6a where it says “student political party or” and part C in its entirety.  
Representative Hatlen: Second  
Representative Pitzer: Point of information; to the people making this motion,  
why?  
Representative Van Bossuyt: I think it’s a bad idea, it may be good in the short run  
but for those who watch C-Span, it would be in dead lock with two parties. Since  
there are no parties we can move back and forth between decisions and aren’t  
bounded by the “party” status or affiliation.  
Representative Harvey: Are there currently any political parties at OSU?  
Speaker Aljets: Is this directed to me?
Representative Harvey: Depends on who can answer. It says that “any student political party,” do we already have political parties and can they nominate people?

Speaker Aljets: Student political party means anyone registered with SLI.

Representative Harvey: What would be an example of a group?

Speaker Aljets: College Republicans or Democrats or even the OSU chess club.

Representative Harvey: Sure, so in this instance if a group nominated someone they could get them elected?

Representative Pitzer: There are over 300 groups on campus, from Greek houses to clubs for sports and such.

Representative Winther: That might be the intent behind this, but that is not what I interpret. Someone reading political party would read it to not include campus organizations. Under their name it links the person to a political party, because of that it might give someone an unfair advantage or prevents someone from being voted for by people who instead support people in a political party. This would also prevent people from actually doing research into their candidates instead of just voting for a political party.

Representative Van Bossuyt: Point of information; as it stood in the election last year, were there no political parties listed on the ballot?

Speaker Aljets: Correct.

Representative Harvey: Even if it were a matter of semantics, most of these “political parties” aren’t political in nature, so it’s just worded incorrectly?

Speaker Aljets: (after pausing) I guess so, yes.

Representative Hatlen: Point of information; where did the idea of political parties come from?

Speaker Aljets: It came from conversations over the summer with the author of the Constitution, Vice President Schock and President Van Drimmelen about delegates coming to congress and it’s pretty clear what happened. This was supposed to be a solution to rectify this issue, if groups were allowed to nominate people, then it would increase ASOSU participation.

Representative Hatlen: Do you think we should market from groups as opposed to just having people run for positions?

Representative Tucker: Is this supposed to increase people voting?

Speaker Aljets: Not knowingly just hoping that it does.

Representative Pitzer: Point of information; this is voted on each year?

Speaker Aljets: Correct.
Representative Van Bossuyt: Point of information; how did the meetings at the info sessions go this week?

Speaker Aljets: They put a watermark on it and made it clear to the candidates that it is just a draft.

Representative Crews: Point of information; will it go to the senate after us? And will it just be passed and approved?

Speaker Aljets: It will stay how we do it here and the Senate will not see this.

Representative Robb: I call the question.

Representative Hatlen: Second.

A roll call vote was taken and the **amendment was approved 11-0-5**.

Representative Hatlen: I call the question

Speaker Aljets: The question has been called and there is a second; are there any objections?

A roll call vote was taken and the **OSU Elections Packet was approved 10-1-5**.

**HB-01.05 “Elections Act of 2010”**

Representative Robb: I move to forego first reading.

Speaker Aljets: Are there any objections?

Representative Harvey: I object, I wasn’t here last week and didn’t get to hear it… oh wait it’s a really long bill, objection withdrawn.

There were no further objections

Representative Patterson: I move to strike section 1E; section 6 A remove “student political party or”; section 6 C; section 9 B and D.

Representative Hatlen: I second.

Representative Harvey: Friendly amendment to add an “n” to make it grammatically correct.

Representative Patterson: Friendly amendment accepted.

Speaker Aljets: There is a motion and a second to strike section 1E; section 6 A remove “student political party or”; section 6 C; section 9 B and D; and place an “n” to make it grammatically correct.
Representative Van Bossuyt: I call the question.

A hand vote was taken and the amendment passed

Speaker Aljets: We shall now proceed to discussion.

Representative Winther: Look to section 7 campaign finance; in previous years it was limited to $500 and now it is $1000, I would like to open up some dialogue about this change.

Speaker Aljets: It was actually $750 for certain positions like MU President and $500 for other positions, but now it is just $1000 for all positions.

Representative Van Bossuyt: Now with a spending raise increase, it might be some candidates might lose because they don’t have the capital. I don’t think it’s that big of a deal, we can always change it next year.

Representative Patterson: I also don’t think we should change this, someone from U of O spent over $13,000 on their campaign. So this doesn’t seem that bad.

Representative Crews: I’m ok with increasing it to $1000. It’s not just how much a candidate spends themselves, it’s also about how much you receive. I think you can get $1000 donated to your campaign without it being detrimental to others’ campaign.

Representative Hatlen: I call the question.

A roll call vote was taken and HB-01.05 “Elections Act of 2010” passed 10-0-6.

Representative Winther: Point of information; what happens if they conflict?

Speaker Aljets: They wouldn’t conflict because the bill takes effect next school year, while the OSU Elections Packet is for this year only.

Representative Hatlen: When is this supposed to come into effect and who sponsored this?

Speaker Aljets: Nobody sponsored this because it was under special orders and for legislation that doesn’t specifically say when it will take effect default to the next school year.
IX. Old Business & Second Readings

HR-01.04 “Student Insurance Act”

Speaker Aljets: First I will ask the secretary to read this resolution in its entirety.

Secretary Lite: “HR-01.04 Resolution for the Creation of Student Universal Health Insurance “Student Insurance Act”

WHEREAS Under the ASOSU Constitution, ASOSU has a vested interest in the student body’s physical health.

WHEREAS The creation of a health insurance requirement has shown to not have a negative impact on school enrolment.

WHEREAS Health insurance is currently a requirement for all graduate students.

WHEREAS Thirty Percent of OSU undergrads are currently uninsured.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE ASOSU THAT:

ASOSU endorses the proposed “Universal Health Insurance for OSU Domestic Students” set forth by Student Health Services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That OSU implements the plans suggested by Student Health Services, which include: the implementation of a health insurance requirement for enrolment, the enrolment of uninsured students onto OSU’s student health insurance, and the ability to waive this plan with a proof of coverage.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That OSU advocates to the other Oregon public universities to implement similar standards and join the current Oregon multi-university health insurance plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That OSU’s Administration sends periodic updates on the implementation of this plan to both Houses of Congress.

RESOLVED THIS DAY BY THE ASOSU

Sponsored By:

Michael Robb, Undergraduate Representative
Douglas Van Bossuyt, Graduate Representative"

Speaker Aljets: I am going to be enforcing the standing rule of limiting dialogue to no more than ten minutes since this is in second readings.

Representative Winther: I move to accept this resolution.

Representative Robb: Second.
Representative Crews: I am curious to the second whereas about school enrollment. What school was studied and about graduate school, is that a deterrent? I don’t think that grad student’s requiring health insurance was a good example.

Representative Van Bossuyt: This was from a survey conducted with over 2000 students.

Representative Robb: Specifically it was presented by SHS, I believe it was University of California at Los Angeles; wait don’t quote me on that. It said that it had no negative impact on school enrollment.

Speaker Aljets: Does anyone have their report with them? (Nobody did)

Representative Crews: They’re proposing a $1900 increase in tuition and I think it would have a negative impact on the student body.

Representative Pitzer: California also has a population of 32 million and they have lines around the block for applying to California schools, something like this wouldn’t effect school enrollment there, but it could here.

Representative Cushing: This applies to Oregon universities.

Representative Robb: I would like to comment that the $1900 is for the current plan. Passing this won’t suddenly implement this, which is why I included having periodic updates sent to us in the resolution. By implementing this it would bring the cost down dramatically, because the people who need it will only get it, the premiums will lower if we had it for everyone.

Representative Van Bossuyt: I believe it was the entire University of California system that has this. I have spoken with many of my constituents and other people, and they would be a fan of this for getting health insurance for everyone. People I have taught before have dropped out for health related issues. At the Greek house I’m a house dad for, there is a guy who hurt his leg, but didn’t do anything about it because he was uninsured. Instead of getting help for it, he just hobbles around with some old crutches and ices it a lot. I think it’s inhumane. You can now get financial aid for this health insurance, because it is included in your assessed financial aid need.

Representative Harvey: Can I ask a procedural question? Can I yield the floor to a group of people or just one person?

Speaker Aljets: Just one person.
Representative Harvey: Then I would like to yield the floor to Senator Friedman.

Senator Friedman: All of us that came in are against this. First off, the University is here to teach, not to force us to have insurance. The main goal of the University is to teach. To the first whereas, “we need to help out the students’ well being,” I went over the Constitution and that is a long interpretation. Students have every right to not be insured and as such we should be able to act within our bounds. To the issue of cost going down if everyone gets this, well the only place we have seen this is in Massachusetts and now that everyone has it, it is the highest costing insurance in the country. There were no limits in place, because everyone just went and used it and drove the premium cost up. There are no limits set in place for this. For the study that is nowhere to be found; where was the study taken? What students pay their cost of school? My parents pay for mine, one of my TAs is here from my political analysis class, and you can make survey results say whatever you want it to say.

Representative Tucker: I would just say that fundamentally, I can get somewhat behind this idea. But it’s not fully developed yet, we are still asking people to front the initial cost, I know unless it’s built into the tuition, because some students get support from home, even if there was some kind of subsidy to help with cost, then I wouldn’t support this.

Representative Van Bossuyt: I’d like to point out that something similar to this passed the Senate, I’m not sure what it’s called, but it came and was passed in the Senate. Massachusetts is a little different than us; the Massachusetts insurance plan is greatly expanded than what we would get here. I would like to remind everyone that we did get the survey from SHS. I actually took the survey and thought it was just fine and equal, the survey showed the majority of students wanting this.

Representative Robb: I would like to say one thing; there is a quote that would be very relevant in this discussion, (Latin quote) it was said by Credo. It means, “Let the welfare of the people be supreme law.” I would like to refer to (Senator) Friedman’s comment about how University’s shouldn’t be meddling with healthcare, the University’s only job is to teach. We have students dropping out because of health costs and this would be against that very objective. 33% of universities currently have this plan implemented, under the definition of adverse selection; it’s under public health insurance and public policy. I have a definition here I would like to read; insurance companies engage in medical overriding. The
definition stated that it was what it currently is. We have a small number of people on the plan that actually need it, so we have a small amount of people with a lot of need. This resolution will get the ball rolling. We will still have the ability to put our own two sense in it with updates.

**Representative Pitzer:** Reading the survey, if you read the beginning, it says that 30% say they have no insurance, and 72% say they can afford it. The survey has a lot of questions that aren’t about the survey. My friend is on the current plan, and it doesn’t include dental. If you have these people who currently use it all the time, then you are making people who are healthy have to pay for all these people who are sick, but money is an issue in a lot of families. You are taking away money from one group who needs it to another who also needs it, it should be a choice.

**Representative Hatlen:** Hearing both sides, the only thing this bill sets forth is to make one more barrier for students to get through. This resolution makes one barrier and whether or not they want to attend OSU and with all of the barriers it limits who comes to OSU. This is not for everyone, it should be a choice, we don’t know their whole game plan and I think it will be unwise for us to do this and I think it is an immature resolution.

**Representative Patterson:** I would like to pose a couple rhetorical questions. Everyone in the room will die someday, we are all going to get hurt; while we’re here at OSU our job is to learn. We’re here to make things better for future generations, why do we have to recommend to the school that they should make everyone have insurance? It’s up to the federal government, a body way bigger than us with more power, I acknowledge that they’re total screws ups, but it’s not up to us and shouldn’t be.

**Representative Winther:** First item of business, under the current plan you need to come up with this money. I for one would love to be insured, but I can’t because we aren’t using student funds for health insurance. Second, we aren’t giving out our bank accounts, this is only a resolution. Third item of business, I call the question.

**Speaker Aljets:** After the speakers list concludes we will close debate.

A voice vote was taken and then a hand vote was taken and approved.

**Speaker Aljets:** Discussion will be closed following the last three speakers.
Representative Robb: Currently there is federal financial aid specifically meant for students for health insurance. College students are the cheapest in the nation to insure. I think it would be negligible to not pass this and I yield the floor to Representative Crews.

Representative Crews: (The resolution) says that this is an endorsement and not just saying that we’re curious, if we support this then we are saying that we want it not to just look in to this.

Representative Winther: (The resolution) says that we’re interested in this, just to look into it. It is just to give an opinion.

Speaker Aljets: You have 1:45 left, would you like to speak further?

Representative Robb: No thank you.

Representative Harvey: That’s ok I don’t remember what I was going to say. I think it’s a very tough question; college students have a difficult situation, most insurance companies will allow you to be on their parents’ insurance while in school. It’s kind of like the university is the employer and we have to ask ourselves is the University supposed to provide us with health insurance the same way an employer does?

Representative Pitzer: My friend who has OSU insurance says it sucks because there is none during summer even if you’re taking classes and there is no dental so if you mess up your teeth, there’s nothing you can do about it with this. I would just like to say, if we vote yes, it’s a big opinion representing many people. In the survey only a handful of people supported this, only 54% approved this which isn’t much of a majority. Another point I don’t like, if this is passed, then money will be taken from federal financial aid, and I don’t like the idea of money being taken away from actual education to cover health insurance. I would be more supportive in the future if this was something that wasn’t completely based off of a survey given by SHS.

A roll call vote was taken and it failed 6-8-2.

X. Other Old Business

Speaker Aljets: Any other old business?

XI. New Business
Representative Van Bossuyt: Point of information; could you remind me what it was called to do something from the floor, like how the Senate did it.

Speaker Aljets: It is called a floor resolution.

Representative Winther: I move to resolve what the Senate moved during their presentation by the Student Health Services, if Mr. Lite can get it for us.

Speaker Aljets: There is a motion and a second.

Winther: I move to recess until Mr. Lite can return with what the Senate said.

Speaker Aljets: There is a motion to recess and a second.

A voice vote was taken and then a hand vote was taken.

Motion passed and the body recessed until Mr. Lite returned.

Speaker Aljets: We are now in order. Senator Albert made the following motion, “I move to endorse the recommendation for a universal health insurance plan at OSU as proposed by SHS.” Do you wish to proceed with this motion?

Representative Winther: I do sir.

Representative Dunn: This is basically just as vague and underdeveloped as the one we didn’t pass, which is why I’m recommending to the body not to approve this.

Speaker Aljets: The question has been called and we will now take a vote.

A roll call vote was taken and the floor resolution failed 5-8-3.

XII. Speaker’s Announcements

Elections Info Sessions

Speaker Aljets: If you are planning on running next year or if you are not graduating or dying in the next six months...

Representative Harvey: We don’t have health insurance.

Speaker Aljets: …there is an info session tomorrow, I don’t know the time and place though.

Representative Hatlen: Point of information; when is the meeting on Monday?

Speaker Aljets: It’s in the elections packet.

Representative Cushing: Is it mandatory?

Speaker Aljets: If you run for an office you have to go to one info session, so that they can say they have your info and you have learned everything, but you should all be experts on this already.

Representative Tucker: The room locations are still not in there.
Speaker Aljets: Only in the updated version, it has them. (Listed off locations and dates for the Representatives present.)
Representative Dunn: How long do these last?
Speaker Aljets: They’re supposed to go for an hour.
Representative Harvey: There is no point for us to come if we’re not running, right?
Speaker Aljets: Correct, only if you are running for a position next year.

Reelection and Speaker Position
Speaker Aljets: What’s sitting in front of you is the eligibility sheet; you are all required to fill this out.
Representative Tucker: If you filled a vacancy and technically weren’t elected, which one are you?
Speaker Aljets: You are considered elected.
Representative Hatlen: Point of information; do proxies fill these out?
Speaker Aljets: No, but I would appreciate it if any proxies would give this to the Representative they are here for.

XIII. House Comments
Representative Winther: Could the parliamentarian please email me the minutes from the meeting with SHS in the senate? And could you please email the minutes to the webmaster?
Secretary Lite: Yes of course, I’m sorry I completely forgot about that.
Representative Crews: I would like to compliment Representative Robb on his use of Latin.
Speaker Aljets: Yes, a lot of people struggle with Latin, but you did pretty well Mr. Robb.
Representative Harvey: I filled (an eligibility form) out earlier in the year.
Speaker Aljets: You need to do one each term. Your grades and classes you take each term change so you need to fill one out each term.
Representative Van Bossuyt: I would like to encourage anyone to fill the position of the Speaker. I really appreciate Speaker Aljets and how he has done his job and we are very lucky to have him. If you know anyone that could and would like to do his job, I strongly recommend running for it.

XIV. Gallery Comments
It was fascinating.

XV. Adjournment
Representative Hatlen: I would like to motion to adjourn.
Speaker Aljets: Please put it in a proper motion.
Representative Hatlen: I move to adjourn.

A voice vote was taken and the motion to adjourn approved at 8:33