I. Call to Order/Roll-Call/Quorum

Order was called at 7:00pm with 6 Senators and no proxies.

Senator Struthers: Because we do not have quorum we will wait 5-10 minutes and hope some Senators show up late.

Quorum was later reached with 8 senators at 7:03pm.

II. Swearing in of Senators

No senators were sworn in.

III. Singing of the OSU Alma Mater

Senator Struthers: What was your name again?
Archie: Archie.
Senator Struthers: He will be taking pictures of us during our meeting.

IV. Approval of Minutes from Tuesday, February 16th, 2010

Senator Fletcher: I move to approve the minutes from February 16th, 2010.
Senator Cheney: I second
Senator Struthers: There is a motion and a second, is there any discussion?

A voice vote was taken and the minutes from February 16th, 2010 were approved.

V. Standing Committee Reports

Oversight and Ethics
Senator Barnes: Nothing to report this week.

Student Government
Senator Nichols: Nothing to report this week.

Student Academic and Activities
Senator Silvey: Nothing to report this week.

VI. Special Committee Reports

(Special committee reports were accidentally left on the agenda and there were no special committees made.)

VII. Joint Committee Reports

Joint Committee of Congressional Correspondence
Senator Cheney: We talked about a lot of stuff in our meeting. Would you like me to talk about that now or during new business?
Senator Struthers: Talk about it during new business.

VIII. Executive Reports

Executive Director of Services – Chon Madrigal
Chon Madrigal: This is my second report. The Beaver Bus position is still open, we did receive one applicant and we decided to keep the position open for one more week. We are planning our first Services Awareness for the Executive branch. On top of that I’m working on transition packets for some positions because there hasn’t been any in the past and we’re working on getting that done. Any questions?
Senator Struthers: Are there any questions for Mr. Madrigal? I have one, could you give a report on HSRC and what they’re working on?
Chon Madrigal: I could take up your whole time talking about it, but I’ll shorten it up. I’m looking to incorporate the HSRC into ASOSU services.
Senator Fletcher: How many people were you looking to hire for Beaver Bus and why did you extend it one extra week?
Chon Madrigal: We wanted more than one driver. We were rushed by the city of Corvallis to get those positions hired out, but this time we weren’t rushed so we would like to hire around five people. So if you guys need a job or know anyone that needs one, send them to Snell 149.
Senator Struthers: Any other questions? Hearing none I will say thank you and we look forward to your next report.

IX. Delegate Reports

There were no delegates present.

X. Messages

There were no messages.

XI. Old Business

HB-01.05 “Elections Act of 2010”

Senator Struthers: Last time we chose to forego reading this for the sake of the Clerk so we will not read this again tonight because this was tabled to this week so they could talk about it in Conference Committee. I will ask Senator Cheney to give his report from the Conference Committee on this.

Senator Cheney: Pretty much this is setting out the guidelines for all the elections for 2010. Would you like me to talk about everything or just about the important stuff?

Senator Struthers: Whatever you want and this is for the entire future not just 2010.

Senator Cheney: Right, so it starts out with some definitions and then goes on to positions. I read through the whole thing and nothing really stood out. Under section 20 it says, “Candidates must intend to be enrolled for the entire 2010-2010 academic year at the Corvallis campus of Oregon State University.” So that’s not entirely correct.

Senator Struthers: You’ll need to make a motion to change anything.

Senator Cheney: I motion to...

Senator Struthers: I move

Senator Cheney: Did I actually say that? I move to make this say “2010-2011 academic year.”

Senator Struthers: There is a motion and a second; is there any discussion on the proposed amendment?

Senator Barnes: If this is a statutory change, then this would need to be changed every year. Maybe we could just say the academic year?

Senator Nichols: I was going to say the same thing. What about the title that also says “Elections Act of January 2010?” Would that need to be changed?

Senator Struthers: That’s just a reference title for convenience and filing purposes.
Senator Cheney: Can I change my motion?
Senator Struthers: No it’s already been seconded and repeated. We need to vote on this first. Is there any other discussion on the proposed amendment?

A voice vote was taken and the amendment was not approved.

Senator Cheney: I move to make section 20 say, “Candidates must intend to be enrolled for the entire academic year at the Corvallis campus of Oregon State University.”
Senator Fletcher: I second.
Senator Struthers: There is a motion and a second, is there any discussion?
Senator Nichols: So the academic year is from fall to spring term?
Senator Struthers: Yes, that’s the general idea, any other discussion?

A voice vote was taken and the amendment was approved.

Senator Cheney: The next part is talking about places you can campaign and things you have to do, then it goes to violations and appeals to violations, then it goes into spending limits and financial statement due dates.
Senator Struthers: Since this is still in first reading because it was tabled from last week, we are still only doing questions, are there any questions about this bill? Hearing none we will close first readings unless anyone wants to motion to forego second readings. Okay then we will talk about this next week.

XII. New Business & First Readings
SR-69.03 “Plastic Bag Act”
Senator Struthers: I will ask the secretary to read this bill in its entirety.
Secretary Lite: “SR-69.03 Resolution To Eliminate or Limit the Use of Plastic Bags in University Housing and Dining Services Dining Centers and Stores “Plastic Bag Act”

WHEREAS University Housing and Dining Services uses plastic bags to accommodate students and other customers with their purchases in dining centers and stores.
WHEREAS The cost of living on campus through University Housing and Dining Services has been increasing to a level in which it may become a financial burden to students.
WHEREAS The use of plastic bags in University Housing and Dining Center facilities including, dining centers and stores, are wasteful and does not promote sustainability on campus.
WHEREAS The limitation or removal of plastic bags from University Housing and Dining Services facilities will potentially help decrease costs for students and University Housing and Dining Services.
WHEREAS University Housing and Dining Services employees have shown support for the removal of plastic bags from these facilities.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE ASOSU THAT:
The University Housing and Dining Services conduct an evaluation of the cost for purchasing and the use of plastic bags in all dining facilities and stores.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:
That University Housing and Dining Services can carry a limited amount of plastic bags and charge customers for the use of the plastic bag, resulting in offset cost for these bags.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:
That if there is a revenue from the offset cost from selling plastic bags to customers, that this profit shall be used to reduce the living cost of students and/or allocate this money to reduce the prices of food and other products that these facilities offer.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:
That University Housing and Dining Services look into making sure that all facilities have reusable bags for sale and encourage their customers to limit the use of plastic bags to set an example of sustainability on campus.

Senator Struthers: real quick I passed around a note from UHDS. They did inform me that they were going to have someone here but I don’t see them. Senator Nichols because you are the chief sponsor of this, would you like to speak first? Senator Nichols: I had this idea because I noticed a lot of people used plastic bags for their purchases especially when they only buy one or two items. So let’s say you go into a campus store and buy something, then there will be a small cost for plastic bags. I’ve noticed support from faculty well not faculty but people
that work in the campus stores. The campus looks into sustainability and this is a step into the direction of sustainability

**Senator Struthers:** Are there any questions on this resolution?

**Senator Barnes:** How much does this cost for plastic bags.

**Senator Nichols:** The lady that works in the dining center didn’t know how much it cost to do this, but I do know that cost does add up pretty fast from personally working in a grocery store.

**Senator Silvey:** Who did you talk to about this?

**Senator Nichols:** She runs Cascadia and she’s always there. She said she thought it was a great idea. Student employees didn’t really seem to care because they’re just there to get paid, but other faculty workers said that they would agree in trying to get people to not use so many plastic bags.

**Senator Struthers:** Any other questions? We will carry on with this next week talking about this hopefully with UHDS.

(Continued after representative from UHDS arrived)

**Drew Dasilet:** I am Drew Dasilet the sustainability coordinator for UHDS.

**Senator Struthers:** Questions are open again.

**Senator Fletcher:** Is this a reasonable request/can we do this?

**Drew Dasilet:** I had a chance to look at the resolution today and understand where it comes from. As far as the department goes, we would be giving them a higher economic burden. We are working with a group called Econotech, a group from California; we go through them for forks, lids, cups, and straws. They identified something in the plastic and now we have switched to soy based products. Our plastic bags cost 3.5 cents each and paper costs 10 cents each. At this point it won’t save our customers any money. We had a poll last year about sustainability, and they didn’t talk about plastic bags mainly because only the stores use plastic bags while the others are just food. It’s not our policy to hand out or give out plastic bags.

**Senator Nichols:** I was talking to an employee over at Cascadia and bounced around the idea of charging students a small fee for plastic bags. Could this maybe be an option of paying something like 8 cents per bag, that way to prevent people from using bags?

**Drew Dasilet:** Our stores are smaller and what we carry is limited. If the other stores around Corvallis didn’t do this as well, we foresee our customers going to bigger
stores like Fred Meyer and we see them just not coming to us for convenience, we have looked into this but we don’t see that happening unless other stores implemented that as well.

Senator Fletcher: How many bags per year does UHDS go through and how many people per year use plastic bags?
Drew Dasilet: Less than 1% of customers use plastic bags and less than 1000 bags per year are used.

Senator Nichols: Will it impact the business with the company that we get our plastic bags from if we were to not buy as many plastic bags per year.
Drew Dasilet: Our plastic bags come from Sysco food services.

Senator Struthers: any other questions? Then we will conclude this.

XIII. Other New Business

Senator Struthers: Senator Bailey how did the judicial council go?
Senator Bailey: Well so you want me to just like explain everything?
Senator Struthers: Just the stuff you have been going over this last week. Senator Bailey is our representative to SIFC.

Senator Bailey: We have gone over rec. sports, our little village, the health centers, SHS, CAPS, and I can’t remember the other one off the top of my head. They came up and presented their budgets, most of them are 0 percent increases and we have more next week.

Senator Struthers: Are you Drew from UHDS?
Drew Dasilet: I am.

Senator Struthers: I move that we bring SR-69.03 back off the agenda.
Senator Barnes: Second.

A voice vote was taken and it was approved.

XIV. President’s Announcements

Senator Struthers: Two presentations: one from back core ad hoc committee next week and OSU smoke free campus. They are giving a presentation during spring break about possibly turning our campus into 100% smoke free. Judicial committee comes to us next week which they are required to do according to their by-laws. SIFC has a meeting next week at 5pm in MU 109. This Friday at 9am is the last info session if you plan on running for any position this is your last chance to make a meeting.
XV. Senator Comments

Senator Struthers: I am stepping down from elections committee because I am running for office. Is there anyone not running for a position next year that wants to be on the committee?
Senator Barnes: I will.
Senator Silvey: What are you running for?
Senator Struthers: I will talk about it after the meeting, it is unethical to talk about the position I am running for while chair.

XVI. Gallery Comments

There were no gallery comments.

XVII. Adjournment

Senator Cheney: I move to adjourn.
Senator Nichols: Second.

Acclamation occurred at 7:35pm