Members in attendance: Kevin Schock (President of the Senate), Andrew Struthers (President Pro-Tempore of the Senate), Donald Lite (Congressional Parliamentarian), Kate Faulkner (Congressional Secretary), Megan Slivey, Brian Moran, Dustin Cheney, Matt Baumgartner, Jenna Albert, Kyle Bailey, and Torey Fletcher.

I. Call to Order/Roll-Call/Quorum
The meeting commenced at 7:00pm. Quorum was met with 8 senators.

II. Swearing in of Senators
Senator Fletcher was sworn in.

President Schock: Point of inquiry - how long have you been growing your beard?
Senator Struthers: Early December.

III. Singing of the OSU Alma Mater

IV. Approval of Minutes from Tuesday, December 1st, 2009
Senator Struthers: Has everyone had a chance to look over the minutes?
Senator Moran: I want to bring everyone's attention to the second to last page, read that carefully.
Senator Struthers: Could you please read that.
Senator Moran: "Senator Moran: I move that the Congressional Secretary sings the Alma Mater, loudly." She wrote it down, how could she forget?
President Schock: "Senator Albert: Point of information - why?" Senator Albert, I applaud your questions. This is some witty banter.
Senator Struthers: And she had to type it all. Is there a motion to approve?
Senator Moran: No.
Senator Cheney: I move to approve.
Senator Albert: I second.
Senator Struthers: Is there any further discussion at hand, besides the second to last page that Senator Moran pointed out?

There was no further discussion and a voice vote was taken.
Vote: 8-1; pass.

V. Standing Committee Reports
Oversight and Ethics
Senator Struthers: Senator Barnes is not here, so I will do a quick spiel. The House of Representatives heard the ASOSU Code of Conduct at their last meeting and referred it to committee. I don’t have any exact details yet, it’s still stalled.
Senator Albert: Oversight and Ethics did not meet after the last meeting.

Student Academic and Activities
Senator Silvey: Nada.

Student Government
Senator Struthers: We need to get a new chair.

VI. Joint Committee Reports
Joint Committee on Congressional Correspondence
Senator Cheney: We’re having a meeting on Friday and talking about HB something something and HB something something.

VII. Delegate Reports
There were no delegate reports.

VIII. Old Business
Judicial Council Confirmation
Senator Struthers: At the last meeting we tabled the Judicial Council confirmation of Caleb Leonard, that is you, sir. We will begin the process of confirmation tonight and start with the reading of the job description for Judicial Councilor in the statutes.

Congressional Parliamentarian Lite read the job description for Judicial Councilor.
Senator Struthers: Thank you. Would you like to make any opening remarks?

Caleb Leonard: About myself? I'm Caleb Leonard, a Political Science major. I'd like to get on the Judicial Council because I think it would be something I'd be very good at, doing stuff with law and policy. I'm fairly good at that.

Senator Struthers: Are there any questions from the Senate for Mr. Leonard?

Senator Albert: Have you had any experience in similar roles to what you would serve as on the Judicial Council?

Mr. Leonard: Not any real-life things, but I've taken classes, mock trials and mock, papers, but not outside of the classroom.

Senator Struthers: Are there any other questions? What year are you?

Mr. Leonard: I'm a super senior.

Senator Struthers: I know how that feels.

President Schock: Is there any particular reason you weren't here last week?

Mr. Leonard: I wasn't aware they were meeting last time. I talked to Chris about it, but I was in a boxing ring with a large man and didn't get the phone call.

Senator Struthers: Are there any other questions?

Senator Albert: Since you said you have no real-life experience, how do you feel you can take your classroom learning into on-the-job training? Are you going to ask the other Judicial Councilors?

Mr. Leonard: I will of course ask the others on the Judicial Council how they do it and ask for the guidelines and ask for what precedence is used. I will see what the norm is from the past and will pick it up to apply it to the job I need to apply it to.

Senator Struthers: Are there any other questions? More about personal beliefs and about making decisions pertaining to the constitution, how would your personal beliefs come into play?

President Schock: Point of information - the Vagina Monologue auditions are going on in the background.

Mr. Leonard: It's always a point of debate. There are always politics in law and we're asked not to use our personal beliefs. Generally, it is precedence, unless I'm trying to change something, my political views will have no bearing.

Senator Struthers: Thank you. Are there any other questions?

President Schock: You speak about precedence, but where would you look to determine the precedence you have to rely upon since the Judicial Council is fairly new and this is the first year they have had quorum in awhile?

Mr. Leonard: There’s nothing on file? How far back was it active?
President Schock: Four years ago.

Mr. Leonard: Is there any way to contact alumni?

President Schock: It might be archived, but I don’t know the answer, which is why I asked.

Senator Struthers: Are there any other questions?

Senator Albert: Point of information - did the candidate submit a resume or other qualifications?

Congressional Secretary Faulkner: It was handed out.

Senator Struthers: I’ll give you a minute to read it over. Is there anything else, Senator Albert?

Senator Albert: No.

Mr. Leonard was asked to leave the room for discussion.

Senator Struthers: I open the floor for discussion and/or a motion to confirm Mr. Leonard to the Judicial Council. Is there any discussion?

President Schock: I spoke to Chris before the meeting. Chris was concerned he wasn’t there last time and wanted me to carry out the concern here. He also said he didn’t know a whole lot about him but he came at the request of Crystal. If you have any questions, direct them to Councilor Boyd.

Chairman Boyd: I would recommend him. I believe there was a mix-up last time because he isn’t the kind of person to blow off stuff like this. I worked with him in the Pre-Law Club and he is really responsible and reliable if I need to get something done.

Senator Struthers: Are there any other questions?

Senator Albert: I have a question for Chairman Boyd. Have you had any opportunities to observe him in mock trials or similar?

Chairman Boyd: I haven’t had any classes with him. I’m a sophomore, but I’m not sure what he’s like in class. I’ve seen him in the Pre-Law Club at most and he’s good at representing himself.

Senator Albert: Point of information - how many vacant seats are there on the Judicial Council?

Senator Struthers: If we fill a seat tonight, there will be one open. Is there any other discussion, questions, or concerns for Chairman Boyd? Or a motion to confirm Mr. Leonard to the Judicial Council?

President Schock: Also, any motion has to be made in the positive.

Senator Baumgartner: I move to approve Caleb Leonard to the Judicial Council.
Senator Cheney: I second.

Senator Struthers: Is there any other discussion before we bring Mr. Leonard back for a vote?

There was no other discussion and President Schock retrieved Mr. Leonard back into the room. A roll-call vote was taken to confirm Mr. Leonard to the Judicial Council.

Vote: 7-0-1; pass.

Chairman Boyd confirmed Mr. Leonard by oath.

IX. New Business

Senator Struthers: This came to mind earlier today after the agenda was made, but Question Time with President Van Driemelen. We talked about bringing it back. Is there a specific day we would like to ask him to come? A specific week of the term? Either than or I'll ask him to come when he's available. The House of Representatives is having Question Time tomorrow night.

President Schock: Next week isn’t good, SIFC is going to be here.

Senator Struthers: We will talk about getting him here this month.

Senator Albert: I'm not sure how the student fee-funded issue, where that's going, but after we met I talked to Ed Ray and he said he’d be willing to come to Senate and talk if we’re interested in learning about the issue.

Senator Struthers: After the resolution passed, they went through the process of denying pay cuts that Ed Ray accepted.

President Schock: The issue has been resolved and he respected the student will. If President Ray has indicated a willingness to come talk, it's not an opportunity you want to forgo. I feel proud that we have a university president that respected the will of the students and the fact that he's making himself available is something to take into consideration.

Senator Struthers: I'm not sure how often you talk with President Ray, is there a way to meet up with him?

President Schock: I can forward information to the Secretary.

X. President's Announcements

Senator Struthers: Office hours - the constitution states you have to have one hour a week. Just come in and wait for people to come in, do homework, write legislation, and meet with the Executive Branch. Senate vacancy - we have one vacancy and have
two names currently and are looking to fill the seat early next week. Legislation - get
some. We have some coming from the House next week.

President Schock: I sat on the SCFSP, a subcommittee of SIFC, which stands for Special
Committee on Student Fee Strategic Planning, which I'm going to abbreviate to
"XBOX360." I sat on it last year, too, and the mission statement was to analyze all areas of
student fees and make improvements in order to stimulate and preserve the amount of
student dollars given out. They produced a booklet explaining this and Ryan Mann
requested we get a special session of Congress so the SIFC can come with the XBOX360
and present findings. There's no need for approval since it's a special session. If you're
moved by anything in the XBOX360 manual, you can present it so it can be given to
XBOX360 or consideration.

Senator Struthers: Is there a way to get a copy for the Senate?

President Schock: Absolutely. I wanted to see if next week is too early to call a
Joint
Session? It's kind of short notice, I just got notice today, but the sooner we call that Joint
Session the sooner the findings can be passed on.

Senator Struthers: To clarify, the meeting will be on Wednesday.

President Schock: Senator Albert, you look frustrated.

Senator Struthers: I have something at that time, too, it's ok.

Senator Fletcher: Point of information - we would be meeting Wednesday?

Senator Struthers: We'd have our regular meeting and the Joint Session.

President Schock: That's one way.

Senator Struthers: That's how we did it in the fall.

President Schock: You could also decide to cancel the meeting on Tuesday.

Senator Struthers: I have constitutional issues with that. It says we have to meet within 7
days.

Senator Albert: Why does Joint Session meet during House meeting times?

Senator Struthers: The House holds them.

President Schock: They are a larger body.

Senator Baumgartner: I can't make it, I have a lab.

Senator Struthers: How many can make it? Four? I could make it, but I'd have to talk to
people to get out of stuff. We can talk further on this issue.

President Schock: I could ask Ryan Mann if he'll present individually, but that would be
strenuous on him and the rest. The XBOX360 was made by Mamta Accapadi, Curt Black,
Christian Matheis, Myself, Madison Parker, and a bunch of others. It's a large committee,
all are willing to commit...
The Vagina Monologues auditions were suddenly audible through the wall divider.

**President Schock:** Do I need to call the police??

The President of the Senate and senators broke into a round of applause for the performer.

**President Schock:** All of them can come to next week's meeting, but are not able to also come on Tuesday. But if a larger amount can come on Tuesday and a smaller percent can't make it, that might be a way to go about it. Also, 18-16, Blazers.

**Senator Baumgartner:** I would like to have a smaller percent of the Senate go. I trust them and would rather have that small picture than no picture.

**Senator Struthers:** And we'll get copies of the booklet.

**President Schock:** I will make sure you get it. If you come in to office hours, I encourage you to come and get them from your boxes.

**Senator Albert:** I'm assuming there will be a scribe for the House session as well so we can get the information if we are unclear?

**Senator Struthers:** You mean minutes?

**Senator Albert:** Yes.

**Senator Struthers:** They have public minutes like ours. I'm not sure I want to entertain a motion or just make a straw pull since you can call a Joint Session without calling the House.

**President Schock:** I'm trying to be nice.

**Senator Struthers:** I want to take a straw pull. Yes, we want to have the Joint Session or no, we don't, we want them to come to our own meeting?

**Senator Silvey:** Yes.

**Senator Struthers:** All in favor of having Joint Session next week?

All senators were in favor.

**Senator Struthers:** All of you who are able to make it, do. I will try to clear my schedule. I know it's rough, but thank you.

**President Schock:** I do approve this, so I'll make sure to get those booklets out to you as soon as possible. Don't be confused, it won't say XBOX360 anywhere on it. Is there anything else?
XI. Senator Comments

Senator Albert: The JCCC met for a short meeting before the break to discuss the ASOSU Code of Conduct, about where it was in the House and HR-01.02, in case they do come with a revised version here to Senate. I talked with the Veterans Affairs Taskforce Director and he said he’d be willing to talk to Senate. I also talked to an HHS Instructor, which this resolution is concerned with, and they said they’d be willing to discuss issues as well. Are there any other questions?

President Schock: It has more to do with a budgeting act. SIFC is going to begin holding budgeting hearings in week four. All student-led programs had major budgeting boards and they have to budget for the next fiscal year.

Senator Struthers: That’s this term?

President Schock: Yeah, Douglas Van Bossuyt of Ways and Means is where it comes from. It looks like our body will have to do it since the House is sitting on their thumbs. It will be presented with Van Bossuyt from the House Ways and Means committee and you’ll have to make a decision and if you don’t make a decision it gets vetted with SIFC, but that’s week four and will be in the evening. I will let you know when they are. It’s a unique opportunity to get involved in student budgeting.

Senator Struthers: About CAPS next week, what was that about?

President Schock: University-wide, there’s been a freeze, as you know, in pay. That means any raises based in merit or otherwise, any raises have been frozen. SIFC granted CAPS an equity-based raise as they make 17% less than counterparts nationwide. CAPS has had issues with recruiting and retention if they are hired and their bank account catches up with them and they have to peace out. I talked to Jackie Alvarez about it, about funds that have already been released. Since having that conversation with Jackie, she met with Vice Provost of Student Affairs Larry Roper, and he said to not pursue equity-based raises. It’s not something I’ve been able to follow up on, that happened today at 4:00pm. But just because she can’t follow up, it doesn’t mean SIFC can’t follow up, but CAPS itself is not going to pursue that. It doesn’t mean it’s not going to happen though, I’m not privy to all the details.

Senator Struthers: Do you want something on the agenda for next week?

President Schock: I’m not sure it can be on there now that we have this whole issue. She was going to come next week for a resolution of support, but since she’s backed off, but that’s not going to happen next week.

Senator Struthers: Let me know, it’s up to if she wants to fight the university.
Senator Albert: I have a question for you, President Schock. Do you know by any chance of other departments or branches, what their percentage of how much lower their pay is to the national?

President Schock: No, CAPS is the one budgeting problem. All staff dealing with help are slightly under average. Student doctors are paid 7% less than other institutions, for big schools like UW and Davis, which are similar in size and are land grant institutions. Seventeen percent is the most glaring difference and most of these people have an MS in social work and many have a PhD, but most are only making $55,000 a year. That doesn’t equate to the amount of education it takes to get to where they are. And I’m not sure why Jackie is backing off, but we can’t get to that next week.

Senator Silvey: Regarding this issue, the details are in the air, but as far as a resolution, since the issues are up in the air, do you want us to wait?

President Schock: If you all want to say, “Give CAPS their frickin’ money,” I’m not going to impede your decision to do that. Jackie might not want to do it, but will appreciate the support.

Senator Silvey: Is the situation changing or is it solid? They can’t pursue it themselves, so the situation is not going to change?

President Schock: The situation is not going to change.

Senator Struthers: Getting off topic, and feeling a resolution is needed, since we said student fee-funded faculty don’t have to take furlough days, we might want to say this is our money and this is how we want to spend it.

President Schock: We did similar to the furloughs to say student fee-funded faculty is not the same as faculty paid by general funds because their pay was already funded. Students’ money is being put where we said it would be, but all money given to CAPS is just sitting in a contingency fund and just growing and not going to anything in particular. That’s another piece, one of the things Senate could move forward is the university should be truly respectful of shared governance and leave things left to student government and let the administration take care of academic and curricular issues.

Senator Struthers: Are there any other questions?

President Schock: Did any of you all meet Kate Brown, Oregon Secretary of State?

Senator Albert: We met in August.

President Schock: She’s a nice lady and has a nice, warm, two-handed shake. Sometimes people go for the forearms, but I’m insecure about my forearms and it makes me uncomfortable.

Senator Albert: She was here for the last day of registration.

President Schock: I’m not a roll tonight. ASOSU registered 850 people in the past 2 days.
Senator Struthers: How many total?
President Schock: Over 1500, we doubled that amount.
Senator Struthers: Are there any other questions about CAPS or any other issues?
Senator Moran: Score.
President Schock: 33-30. How did it feel to be in a ring with a guy bigger than you [to Mr. Leonard].
Mr. Leonard: I do it all the time.
Senator Struthers: The floor is open for questions.
Senator Albert: A comment on the issue with CAPS. First of all, try to get from the university the about of money in the contingency fund for that. Figure out how much is put into CAPS and other things. We don’t want to favor CAPS.
President Schock: It’s ok to favor one program other another. It might not be politically wise, but I’m not running next year and most of you might not be coming back next year. Also, T-I was recently released from jail.
Senator Struthers: Who is T-I? We’ll talk later.

XII. Gallery Comments
There were no gallery comments.

XIII. Adjournment
Senator Moran: I move to adjourn.
Senator Albert: I second.

The meeting adjourned at 7:43pm.
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