I. Call to Order/Roll-Call/Quorum

Quorum was met and the meeting was called to order at 7:19 p.m.

II. Swearing in of Representatives & Senators

None

III. Singing of the OSU Alma Mater

Everyone present sang the OSU Alma Mater.

IV. Approval of Minutes from

Tuesday, February 21, 2012

President Pro Tempore: I move to approve the minutes.

Senator Hinrichs: Second

A voice vote was taken on approving the minutes. The motion passed.

Wednesday, February 22, 2012

Representative Van Bossuyt: I move to approve the minutes from Wednesday, February 22.

Representative Brantley: Second

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

V. Standing Committee Reports

Oversight and Ethics

Senator Diabat: We had the provocative reading that actually for me was a continuous meeting. The meeting itself was about the process that we’re going for is to establish and understanding of how we can move forward and deal with the challenges we have so far in a positive way that keep the unity of the congress that
executive and legislative branch in ASOSU. We have established an oral, verbal the way you can say it, acknowledgement of what we have so far and we’re reaching to get more to resolve what we have. I don’t have more details for now. I’m sure we’ll all know about it in the right time. Thank you.

**Student Government Committee**

*Senator Vandevey:* We discussed three bills in the last meeting and those three were office hour bill, the town half, and the bill for event attendance. We made some minor corrections for this. We went through the minutes to see why they went to the committee. The house requested two members of the house to be on the committee hopefully we’ll get the two members the house mentioned. We made some changes hopefully we’ll see some other bills tonight.

**Ways and Means**

*Representative Van Bossuyt:* We working with the HSRC to draft a bill to formalize the pending from HSRC from ASOSU. We’ll hear a report tonight from two of our members who went to the ethics and oversight meeting last night. From executive director of finance the pay rates have been fixed. We’ll have a special committee report as well. We’ll look at the SafeRide pay rates to see if there are issues there. From Curt Black the OSA payments haven’t been made yet I expect that to be properly resolved in short order it’s on the OSA side and how to deal with that. Tomorrow is the SIFC meeting and members will be there to help with the ASOSU budget. And the travel approval for LegCon is moving forward I’ve received what my committee is looking for on that. In order to have the sign authority for that purchase can be made. Any questions? We’ll meet after this meeting.

*Representative Setzler:* Wasn’t the money for the LegCon due today?

*Representative Van Bossuyt:* Curt Black said he would let me know as soon as he was ready for my signature.

**Appropriations & Budget**
Representative Robb: We held our meeting last Friday where we came to a recommendation on the CAPS and Diversity and Rec Sports. We'll hold a final meeting to finalize our report for both houses before the next joint meeting next week. We'll meet Friday and all members of the committee will receive an email that determines the time of that meeting.

VI. Joint Committee Reports

Joint Committee of Congressional Correspondence

Representative Robb: Long time no see. In the last house meeting the house passed JB-71.05 the financial accountability act with passage in the senate it is sent to the president. We passed JB-71.06 the account signing authority act. The third bill we passed was JB-71.04. And finally from the floor the house requested all report from the executive meeting relevant to the recent controversy and finally the last motion from the floor was to ask the president to come before us and speak about this which is kind of why we’re here. That is it.

Speaker Hatlen: Thank you very much do we have any other committee reports?

VII. Delegate Reports

Emily Colvin: There’s a bill being introduced with ASOSU and ASA. There should be more information in the following year.

Melanie Bates: As ASOSU president mentioned we’re working on the IPC policy we’re working on the coalition with different culture centers and the women center to make that more inclusive. And working on a women’s empowerment group.

Clayton: I’m working on gender housing. To make sure there is more housing on campus available. As well as pushing for policies to increase the number of gender inclusive restrooms. The single stalls are safer and for visibility access. On that interviewing instructors and candidates for a queer studies instructor position and meeting with a candidate today about the LGDT support position faculty support.
**Chip:** I’m working with Angela Baxter to collaborate to have the students between into students the relationships and the student on campus. Ways will come up in the future.

**Angela Baxter:** I’ve been working on different things. Tonga highlighted some of them. The things not highlighted are that I’m currently working with grad and undergrad on professional development and going to conferences to help them. Institutionalized and how we go about getting a more equity able opportunity specifically at OSU. I’ve been working with the office of equity and inclusive and open forum of grad students of color to assess their needs on campus. There are many other things but I’m not going to bore you with all of them.

**Patricia:** Multicultural affairs Blake couldn’t be here tonight I’ll give you an update for him. Another is that he’s been working with the Oregon student of color coalition and the director Emily Bates and they’ve been representing Oregon State at the OSA board meetings. They’ll go to another board meeting there. They’ll give a presentation about getting a bid for OSU to host the next conference for 2013. My update I think I’ve talked about a few of my campaigns to increase campus wide cultural competency and working with Fraternity and Sorority life and bridge the gap. And also I’m working to develop a student survey system which will allow student employees on campus to give their input to their directors where they don’t currently have a voice. That’s my update and I hope you don’t mind but I wanted to echo what the Representative Van Bossuyt said and I wanted to thank you for saying your speech. Last week at senate I wanted to mention the representatives didn’t hear this. I think that all of you don’t get enough recognition as volunteers on campus. I wanted to give a shoutout to you all and thank you for all you do. I know there’s a disconnect we’ve felt all year and wanted to thank you for all the work you do. Also, please continue to support each other I know a few of your faces and know a fair amount of you and these student positions are stressful. So take care of each other and educate each other and I know in the executive branch we work really hard to take care of
each other. Speaking to representatives it can be intimidating to come into this position there isn’t a lot of training for you. But as long as you ask questions and do not shoot each other down and continue to support each other to do the best work for Oregon State University. Thank you!

VIII. Special Messages

**Speaker Hatlen:** If I could get Mr. Van Bossuyt to introduce the president.

**Representative Van Bossuyt:** Hello members of congress, the judicial branch, executive branch, professional staff and all people from student body at large. For those of you that don’t know me I’m Representative Van Bossuyt, the chairperson of ways and means committee. I’ve been given the privilege to present the president’s address. Mr. speaker I’m pleased to announce the presence of the ASOSU president M. Tonga Hopoi.

**Madam President M. Tonga Hopoi**

**President Hopoi:** Thank you for being here tonight I’m glad to see the large turnout. I’ll start by first going through what I wanted to share with you all. There have been many edits to this speech words that right or wrong in the end but I entered this role to be a leader to my peers someone when they would find strength from. With hardships in life, people and places there will be not to understand you but you must find a way to do the most good. To lead people to work together and write about our happiness.

There are mistakes I’ve done. Not notify the house of our relationship of OSA, not notify the issue of pay raises, and sending funds of LegCon to the ways and means chair.

These are mistakes that I recognize and standing before you today I have lost trust of many. These are mistakes I recognize and work to correct. I’m open to work and move ourselves forward the communication. I can see we all agree its time to be in a positive move to put the campus in a better light, to move our campus towards restoration. As you will all have disagreements, our opinion will differ as leaders, we’ll have different views but to acknowledge the good work we’ve all done and the many who are still here today. For those of us in ASOSU we have a duty to uphold the
statutes and a constitution to standby. Even in the most difficult times, a constitution to stand by. As my days in office I cannot change the views of others yesterday but can always work on today. As my role a president I wish cannot be done but our work together can make the future better. What is needed for a leader is to lead with integrity and unison of bringing together an organization that has gone through many fronts but have one voice. In difficult times there is always hope. I say this in the honor of great work I’ve seen of the task force directors. The accessibilities task force director rebuilding a relationship with the able-bodied student’s alliance. Moving them forward towards changes that need to happen. Melanie Bates working with CAPS and the office of equity, the center of rape and domestic violence. Queers task force director, Clayton the first campaign was to push university housing services for more gender inclusive housing. To provide with a shared housing situation regardless of the sex or gender. Multi-cultural affairs director, Blake reconnecting the culture centers with ASOSU. Working with events on campus and the student color coalition to fight for issues that are important to students in OSU. The nontraditional task force directors. Gone with a running start to improving the recognition for the students on campus and our memorial union. International task force director, Chip working with legal services to provide legal services to our growing international services. Angela Baxter, the second of the two newest positions have helped improve the grad five year plans. Developing a research assistant to graduate students the two international grad force. Directors have been working for the international grad students. Community task force director is part of the first every city of Corvallis collaboration working a four year plan neighborhood mobility transit parking even Laura Jones has been working on the sustainability and act of last week’s event. Carli Olsen working hard on the experience center building. Veterans task force director, Kyle hosted several meetings and a search for veteran affairs working to have tuition for veteran’s on campus. Sita Ping she’s setting up HIV testing. These are the stories that are the people that should be recognized and praised. As I know there are many
in congress going around about accountability. There are many things happening at Oregon State that needs our focus. From my leadership these are what I praise today. I think in closing there’s much work to be done with people who have a piece of the puzzle though. I’m thankful for the collaboration we’ve had with Drew, Vice President Eath, and the ethic and oversight chair Mousa Diabat. Moving ASOSU forward is the only place we should be looking. We’re all going to be here until the end. I thank you for this opportunity.

**SIFC Training**

(A power point presentation was shown)

**IX. Old Business**

None

**X. New Business & First Readings**

**JR-71.03**

Representative Van Bossuyt & Senator Vandeever:

WHEREAS The ASOSU constitution and shared governance agreement enables the student body to assert its interests, through democratic representation, as members of the academic community.

WHEREAS Oregon State University as a recipient of federal financial assistance is required to comply with Section 504 of the National Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

WHEREAS Oregon State University is a federal Land Grant university and is required to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

WHEREAS Oregon State University is a part of the Oregon University System which, as an administrative subdivision of the State, is required to comply Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

WHEREAS Oregon State University is required to comply with Oregon Administrative Rules OAR659A.142A(5)(a).

WHEREAS It is in the interest of the students of Oregon State University that the University comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act to facilitate the integration of students with disabilities as full participants in our Republic.

WHEREAS It is in the interests of all Oregonians for individuals with disabilities to gain the academic training necessary to become productive members of our economy.

WHEREAS It is in the interest of the students of Oregon State University to avoid civil rights litigation against Oregon State University for failure to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the cost of which would adversely impact the financial interests of the student body.
WHEREAS HR-01.03 Resolution to Request Oregon State University's Compliance with the American with Disabilities Act (Crews Act of January 2010) requested that "Facilities Services of Oregon State University conduct a self-evaluation of campus facilities according to current Americans with Disabilities Act standards."

WHEREAS HR-01.03 Resolution to Request Oregon State University's Compliance with the American with Disabilities Act (Crews Act of January 2010) requested that "the findings of the self-evaluation" will be used by Facilities Services to complete "a thorough transition plan for Oregon State University to comply with Americans with Disabilities Act standards by June 30, 2011 that will include: cost, projections, priorities, and funding strategies."

WHEREAS HR-01.03 Resolution to Request Oregon State University's Compliance with the American with Disabilities Act (Crews Act of January 2010) requested that "a taskforce comprised of students, faculty, and staff be formed to oversee both the evaluation, transition plan creation, and transition plan completion."

WHEREAS HR-01.07 Resolution to Call on the OSU Foundation to Develop and Begin Implementation of a Funding Campaign to Pay for Access to Improvements Required by Federal ADA Regulations (Crews Act of March 2010) requested that "the OSU Foundation begin to develop and implement a fundraising campaign to pay for access improvements on Oregon State University's campus, that are required by Americans with Disabilities Act regulations, by June 30, 2011."

WHEREAS In response to the Crews Acts of 2010 the Accessible University Initiative Taskforce (AUITF) was created as a subcommittee of the Commission on the Status of Individuals with Disabilities (COSID) to guide and monitor the compliance efforts of the University.

WHEREAS In a letter dated 20 April 2010, sent to members of the Able Student Alliance dated April 20, 2010 by Margaret Mellinger, Chair of the Commission on the Status of Individuals with Disabilities, the Able Student Alliance was invited to join the Accessible University Initiative Taskforce.

WHEREAS In a letter dated 20 April 2010, sent to members of the Able Student Alliance dated April 20, 2010 by Margaret Mellinger, Chair of the Commission on the Status of Individuals with Disabilities, it was stated that the primary task of the Accessible University Initiative Taskforce is to "reassess Oregon State University's American with Disabilities Act Transition Plan with respect to access programs, services, and activities."

WHEREAS In a letter dated 20 April 2010, sent to members of the Able Student Alliance dated April 20, 2010 by Margaret Mellinger, Chair of the Commission on the Status of Individuals with Disabilities, it was stated that the Accessible University Initiative Taskforce "will identify and make recommendations to improve facilities, services, and infrastructure."

WHEREAS In a letter dated 20 April 2010, sent to members of the Able Student Alliance dated April 20, 2010 by Margaret Mellinger, Chair of the Commission on the Status of Individuals with Disabilities, it was stated that "once the initial assessment of the transition plan is complete, the committee will re-evaluate and update the prioritization plans and submit those to Facilities Services."

WHEREAS In a letter dated 20 April 2010, sent to members of the Able Student Alliance dated April 20, 2010 by Margaret Mellinger, Chair of the Commission on the Status of
Individuals with Disabilities, it was stated that the Accessible University Initiative Taskforce "the composition of the Transition Plan Reassessment Subcommittee [now called the Accessible University Initiative Taskforce] will be as follows:

- Two members of the OSU faculty or staff, with disabilities or with all with expertise in Americans with Disabilities Act design and construction standards. Serve 2 years, renewable terms;
- One member of Access Benton County. Serve 1 year, renewable terms;
- Five student members: 3 from the Able Student Alliance, 1 from ASOSU, and 1 member-at-large. Serve 1 year, renewable terms;
- Ex-officio members from Disabilities Access Services, Facilities Services, and Affirmative Action.

WHEREAS In a letter dated 20 April 2010, sent to members of the Able Student Alliance dated April 20, 2010 by Margaret Mellinger, Chair of the Commission on the Status of Individuals with Disabilities, the voting membership of the committee is guaranteed to have at least six members with disabilities or be well-versed in the ADA out of a total of seven voting members. This assured that 85.7% of the voting members of the Task Force would have disabilities or be well-versed in the requirements of the ADA.

WHEREAS In a letter dated 20 April 2010, sent to members of the Able Student Alliance by Margaret Mellinger, Chair of the Commission on the Status of Individuals with Disabilities, stated that "on behalf of the Commission on the Status of Individuals with Disabilities, I request your input and expertise for this important task. I look forward to hearing favorably from you regarding your participation."

WHEREAS In the minutes from the Commission on the Status of Individuals with Disabilities, approved on December 8, 2010, the membership of the Accessible University Initiative Taskforce was changed. "The membership of the Accessible University Initiative Taskforce shall be led by a Chair appointed by the Commission on the Status of Individuals with Disabilities for a two-year term, and consist of the following members:

1. At least one member of the Commission on the Status of Individuals with Disabilities
2. Up to four Able Student Alliance Members
3. ASOSU Accessibility Affairs Director
4. Up to three additional OSU students
5. Access Benton County member
6. Two OSU Faculty/Staff members
7. Offices to be represented:
   a. Office of Affirmative Action and Equal Opportunities
   b. Facilities Services
   c. Disability Access Services
   d. Memorial Union
   e. University Housing and Dining Services
   f. OSU Athletics

WHEREAS In the minutes of the Accessible University Initiative Taskforce approved on December 8, 2010, the voting membership of the Accessible University Initiative Taskforce was changed to guarantee at least five members of the committee have disabilities or be well-versed in the ADA out of a total of a minimum of 19 voting members. This reduced voting membership of the committee to guarantee at most only 26.3% of the voting members have disabilities or be well-versed in the ADA.
WHEREAS In the minutes from the Accessible University Initiative Taskforce approved on December 8, 2010, the changed membership of the Accessible University Initiative Taskforce increases the percentage of votes held by administrators and individuals that are subject to their administrative control, who are largely responsible for the University’s failure to comply with the aforementioned state and federal statutes, from a maximum potential of 28.6% to a minimum potential of 42.1% and potentially a much higher amount that can be well above 50% depending upon if staff are appointed rather than faculty and how many members of COSID are placed as voting members on the committee.

WHEREAS This change represented an effort to silence members of the Able Student Alliance whose representatives identified ongoing acts of willful and intentional discrimination by the very same bureaucrats who controlled the AUITF after COSID’s action on 8 December 2010.

WHEREAS Accessible University Initiative Taskforce meetings are often held at times that students can be expected to be in class.

WHEREAS The Accessible University Initiative Task Force holds important meetings during the summer, winter and spring academic breaks, times during which most students are not in the Corvallis area and, therefore, unable to attend.

WHEREAS Accessible University Initiative Taskforce meetings are often held in buildings such as Kerr Administration, Weatherford Hall, and other locations that are not compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act and therefore not accessible to persons with disabilities.

WHEREAS In an email dated November 30, 2010 from Dan Larson, Associate Director of University Housing and Dining Services, to Kathryn Magura titled “Agenda Items for the Commission on the Status of Individuals with Disabilities” items were identified for the Accessible University Initiative Taskforce including:

• “Redefining ‘diversity’ to include persons with disabilities”

WHEREAS In an email dated December 6, 2010 from C. Jeffery Evans, President of the Able Student Alliance sent to Kathryn Magura and CCed to Mark McCambridge, Tracy Bently-Townlin, Nataliya Kozlova, Lauren Loeffler, Jordan Meekins, Caili Nance, and Heather Holton, C. Jeffery Evans raised the following issues:

• “I thought we already discussed ASA participation in the programmatic access group --- I was in the process of finalizing the By-Laws language, as I was assigned at our meeting in September when, unbeknownst to me, COSID decided to do it itself --- something about which I learned at the last AUITF meeting.

• I am a bit concerned that COSID is taking a more activist role (thrilled that it is) without somebody discussing it with the ASA. I was rather surprised by this at the last AUITF meeting. Some of my executive committee members have expressed concern that it appears as though some departments are going around us because they can’t get their way at the AUITF. I’m not as concerned with that; I’m pretty comfortable with the belief that you, Gabe, and Margaret won’t let that happen. I am more concerned with the fact that, while expanding student participation on COSID, we weren’t approached to identify any of our members to serve. Since there seems to be
a movement to run AUITF recommendations through COSID, the concern that I voiced last March seems to be prescient.

- When we were discussing our participation on the AUITF, we made as a condition of our participation, that the decisions be made by those who were most impacted by them — students, faculty and staff with disabilities — rather than the department heads who have spent so much time over the last twenty years protecting their feudal turf and ignoring the needs of persons with disabilities. This now seems to be what is occurring — the bureaucrats who screwed up this campus will, through COSID, have veto power over the decisions/recommendations of AUITF where, some of those very departments have been unable to exercise the control they once did. Quite honestly, it increases the chances that these decisions will be taken out of the hands of OSU personnel and placed in the hands of a federal district court judge because, looking at how inaccessible this University is and how it got there, we are losing faith that University officials will accomplish what they should ... or what they have promised. I've always said that there would be efforts to placate disabled students until most of us graduated. Then administrators would return to the old ways of doing things. I'm sure you can see how we might believe that this is what is happening.

- I am being very honest with you and I hope you don't perceive of anything I have said to be a threat of any kind. You do need to understand how recent happenings are being viewed because, as the Chair of COSID, ensuring that my concerns do not become prophetic, falls upon your shoulders. Please notice that this is not one of my 'shots across the bow'; I have only cc'd the members of my Executive Committee and Mark McCambridge (after all, he appoints all of you).

WHEREAS In an email dated January 3, 2011 from C. Jeffery Evans, the president of the Able Student Alliance, sent to Kathryn Magura, and CCed to Tracy Bentley-Townlin, Nataliya Koziolva, Lauren Loeffler, Jordan Meekins, Calli Nance, Heather Holton, Mark McCambridge, the 2010-2011 ASOSU Accessibility Affairs Taskforce Director, Gabriel Merrell, Zach Kline, Margaret Drew, Angelo Gomez, Bruce Marbin, Dan Larson, Jeff McCubbin, Judith Radovsky, Kerri Vanderbom, Margaret Mellinger, and Vincent Martorello, C. Jeffery Evans raised the following concerns:

- The ASA has yet to hear from COSID Re: the COSID By-Laws Revisions as it relates to the AUITF (formerly known as the Transition Plan Reassessment Subcommittee). As I explained in my email of 6 December, any changes that will dilute the impact of the student voice needs to be addressed to the ASA; we agreed to participate in response to an invitation indicating that the voting members would be the three ASA representatives, the at-large student, the ASOSU Accessibility Affairs Taskforce Director, the ABC Representative and the two (each) representatives of staff and the faculty. The latter were to be persons with disabilities or have experience with disability issues. It was understood that those would be the only voting members; that the four administrative representatives and the representative would be non-voting members. I am including a copy of that document.

- The ASA agreed to forgo litigation and participate on the AUITF based on that agreement. Therefore, any alteration of that responsibility structure needs to be discussed with the ASA Executive Committee before prior to adoption.

WHEREAS In an email dated June 16, 2011, from C. Jeffery Evans to Jennifer Gossett and CCed to Tyler Line, Nataliya Koziolva, Michelle Conklin, Nick Snowhill, Tracy Bently-Townlin, Angelo Gomez, and Larry Roper, C. Jeffery Evans stated:

"You wanted a place to start the discussion about the AUITF charge ...
Membership (Voting)
(3) ASA (Selected by the ASA Executive Committee)
(2) At large students with disabilities (Selected by COSID/AAEO)
(1) Access Benton County (Selected by COSID/AAEO)
(2) Two Faculty and Staff with disabilities (To be selected by COSID/Pres, Faculty Senate)
(1) ASOSU Accessibility Affairs Task Force Director (Selected by ASOSU Pres)
(1) Director, AAE
(1) Director, DAS
Total – 11

Membership (Non-Voting)
(1) COSID (Preferably with a disability)
(1) UHDS Designee (Preferably with a disability)
(1) MU Designee (Preferably with a disability)
(1) Athletic Director’s Designee (Preferably with a disability)
(1) Provost’s Designee (Preferably with a disability)
(1) Legislative designee (Gelser/Morse) (Preferably with a disability)
(1) Facilities services Director
Total – 7

Other considerations
Chair must be someone with a disability
Support staff to be assigned
Detailed notes to be taken and draft minutes to be produced within 24 hours of meeting
Chair to establish agenda to be circulated at least three days prior to the meeting
Votes to be taken with motions for every action item
Meeting to be held in an accessible facility
Meetings to be noticed:
- OSU Today
- DAS Listserv
- ASA Listserv
- Barometer
- Gazette-Times, Democrat-Herald, Register Guard, Statesman Journal and Oregonian
- Staff person designated as contact for accommodations

Minutes, agendas, and other documents made accessible
Public meeting to be held each quarter
with appropriate facility and noticing as per above
Broadcast on local cable
Live streamed via internet
Call-in or text-capable
Meeting times and dates give priority to student-member schedules
Items on the agenda to accompany agenda with written reports of materials to be discussed
Agenda to and agenda materials to be accessible
Agenda to and agenda materials to be posted three days prior to meeting

OSU today
DAS website
ASA Website
WHEREAS There is clear evidence of the dilution of membership of the Accessible University Initiative Taskforce.

WHEREAS The current president of the ASOSU in an email sent on April 19, 2011 to the Able Student Alliance during the last election cycle stated:

I was approached by a member of the ASA asking the question: If you were elected ASOSU President; what would you do in your new role for the ASA community? From my current position as ASOSU Executive Director of Diversity Programs, I overlook the well-being and success of the Accessibility Task Force Director. With our time together at ASOSU, a concern we’ve been discussing is the validity and credibility of voting in the committees that represent ASA. One in particular is the AUITF and recent shift in voting members from being acceptable by all parties to where it is now incomparably Administration heavy. **This issue needs to be resolved now. When it comes to adhering to the concerns of the community, there needs to be fair and equal representation in the group passing the policy for that community as AUITF does for ASA, your community.** If elected president, the first act I will do in support of students within governing groups/committees that advocate, create and pass policy is for equal representation in the voting parties requested; that there is equal amounts of students and administration as valid voting members. In order for just policies, there must be fair and equal representation within the groups/committees that create these policies that affect everyday lives. We must all do our part to make this university a safer, cleaner and more accessible environment for everyone. It is "Our Voice, Our Student Government" and your success towards graduation is our priority.

If elected president, this new order will not only apply to the AUITF but is extended to all other governing groups/committees that exemplify this inequality. Only together in the betterment of our community and commitment to graduation can we create an environment that supports people of all backgrounds; physical abilities; life choices and preferences for success.” [Emphasis added]

WHEREAS There has clearly been a usurpation of voting rights of the Accessible University Initiative Taskforce from people with disabilities or those with expertise on the Americans with Disabilities Act.

WHEREAS In a letter dated 20 January 2010, from C. Jeffery Evans to Dan Larson, AUITF convener, the Able Student Alliance withdrew from participation in the Accessible University Initiative task Force.

WHEREAS In a letter dated 20 January 2010, from C. Jeffery Evans to Dan Larson, AUITF convener, the Able Student Alliance stated: “Please be advised that despite our withdrawal from the AUITF, we expect the University, its departments and vendors, to consult with the ASA as is required by the ADA. This includes but, is not limited to:

1) Any project governed by the ADA, ADA Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG), and the Corvallis Land Development Code;
2) Selection of consultants and/or vendors for any project, activity, service, or program subject to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the National Rehabilitation Act of 1973, or the Architectural Barriers Act;
3) Selection of staff whose activities will affect or be affected by items 1 and 2 above.
As such, we expect that our representative will be available for the selection processes for Campus wide ADA Assessment and Transition Plan development process and ADA Project Manager position in the Facilities Services Office.”

**WHEREAS** In an email to the AUITF, dated 3 October 2011, C. Jeffery Evans requested that Lori Fulton of the Office of Facilities Services schedule an appointment with the Able Student Alliance to consult on the OSU Track and Field Complex.

**WHEREAS** The Able Student Alliance received no response.

**WHEREAS** In an email to the AUITF dated 28 September 2011, C. Jeffery Evans requested that Lori Fulton of the Office of Facilities Services schedule an appointment with the Able Student Alliance to consult on the planned Student Experience Center.

**WHEREAS** The Able Student Alliance received no response.

**WHEREAS** In an email to the AUITF dated 28 September 2011, C. Jeffery Evans requested that Lori Fulton of the Office of Facilities Services schedule an appointment with the Able Student Alliance to consult on the planned Student Success Center.

**WHEREAS** The Able Student Alliance received no response.

**WHEREAS** In an email to the AUITF dated 28 September 2011, C. Jeffery Evans requested that Lori Fulton of the Office of Facilities Services schedule an appointment with the Able Student Alliance to consult on the planned OSU Beaver Store relocation.

**WHEREAS** The Able Student Alliance received no response.

**WHEREAS** The University hired SZS Consulting to perform an assessment of the external areas of the campus.

**WHEREAS** In an email dated 16 June 2011 to C. Jeffery Evans from Syroun Sanossian, the senior consultant for SZS Consultants invited Able Student Alliance President, C. Jeffery Evans, to accompany her during her first walkthrough on campus, to get his perspectives on the barriers she might identify.

**WHEREAS** It is common practice for a consultant to determine the best method for involving stakeholders during the course of conducting their study.

**WHEREAS** In an email dated 17 June 2011 to C. Jeffery Evans from Syroun Sanossian, she wrote: “I will not be able to meet with you on Monday during our field investigation process, although your concerns are important to this process. If you want to schedule further meeting time with me or my staff, please contact Mike Blair who is the project manager and our contact on campus. He can forward your request to our firm.”

**WHEREAS** In an email dated 20 September 2011 from Angelo Gomez, Director of the Office of Equity and Inclusion, to C. Jeffery Evans, wrote: “I’ll try to respond to the question you posed to Mike about his authority. He told SZS that they should not work directly with you as part of their work on the consulting contract without arranging that through him. That is the same approach we would take with anyone else as well. It is all about managing the University’s contract with SZS appropriately. The University has not only the right to do that, but the responsibility. The right of interested persons and persons with disabilities to provide input into this process does not include the right to inject yourself into the contractual arrangement to influence the outcome or how the contract is performed without working through the University.”
WHEREAS On 23 June 2011, the AUITF held a public meeting to introduce SZS Consulting, at a time and date students would not be able to attend.

WHEREAS The meeting was noticed only within COSID and the AUITF and Able Student Alliance was not invited to attend.

WHEREAS On 22 December 2011, the AUITF held a public meeting to present SZS Consulting’s preliminary findings, at a time and date students would not be able to attend.

Whereas The meeting was noticed only within COSID and the AUITF and Able Student Alliance was not invited to attend.

WHEREAS In an email dated 9 March 2011 from C. Jeffery Evans to Vincent Martarello, Director, Office of Facilities Services, in reference to construction of an alternative ramp into Milam Hall, Evans writes: “I understand that Facilities Services has submitted a request for approval of the Corvallis Historic Resources Commission to build the Milam Ramp on the Campus Way side of Milam Hall.

I thought that the ASA had made clear that we expected your office to comply with the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act and consult with us prior to making any further applications to the City of Corvallis. Since we have not been presented with a compelling reason justifying construction of this ramp in that location --- our opinion is that the vast majority of persons with disabilities will approach Milam Hall from the Quad (south) side of the building --- it would seem to me that such a request made to the City is premature if not ill-advised.

It appears that your people camped out in their offices again and decided how they wanted persons with disabilities to travel rather than accommodate how we do travel. This is especially a concern because there is little or no parking serving an entrance in that location --- the parking on Memorial Place is already impacted and any new available parking will not meet the ADA requirement that parking be close by the designated accessible entrance.

We have grown tired of your department’s blatant violations of the ADA and its ongoing disrespect for our organization and its members. We must demand that you advise delay the City’s hearing on this matter until you have consulted with the ASA Executive Committee. Failure to do so not only places this University at risk of litigation for civil rights violations but, also, subjects the City of Corvallis to the same risk as well.”

WHEREAS In an email responding to Mr. Evans’, dated 9 March 2011, Vincent Martarello writes: “Thanks for your email. Facilities worked with AUITF during the review of the ramp, and members of AUITF decided on the option for construction. If you have any concerns about the review of the proposed ramp I would encourage you to work with Dan Larson about being placed on the agenda for an upcoming AUITF meeting.

WHEREAS In an email responding to Mr. Martarello dated 9 March 2011, Mr. Evans writes: “Yes, I was at that meeting. Two of our members, myself included, expressed the opinion that this location was inappropriate because it was not along a path-of-travel preferred by persons with disabilities. Is there is a compelling reason for placing it in that location? If so, I do not recall that information having been given to the precoup-d’état AUITF; it was most certainly not provided to the ASA.

Please understand that the existence of the AUITF does not obviate you of your responsibility to consult with the ASA. We are not required to consult within the parameters of your choosing (i.e. the AUITF), especially given the AUITF’s current
illegitimate charge and the Chair’s proclivities for scheduling meetings at times and dates that would necessitate our membership missing important course lectures and/or labs. I am willing to schedule an appointment with our Executive Committee."

WHEREAS In an email responding to Mr. Evans, dated 9 March 2011, Mr. Martarello writes:

“At this point I am not sure how to respond. I would ask that you request this as an agenda item and bring other representatives from ASA with you to review the issues you have with the proposal. Facilities Services is following the direction from AUITF. If you would like AUITF to revisit the question of location, then that needs to be presented to AUITF. Or if you feel there are other issues that have not been effectively reviewed then coming to AUITF would be beneficial to everyone. I am not willing to be in a position in which I am getting direction from one group on campus as opposed to another. I think any question to revisit the issue needs to be heard by the entire AUITF group, rather than just me. My role is merely to put into place what is being recommended by AUITF. How ASA and AUITF coordinate reviews and ADA issues on campus is beyond my role and needs to work out between AUITF and ASA."

Emphasis added

WHEREAS The Office of Facilities Services scheduled a meeting to address the Campus Master Plan at 5:30 PM on 25 May 2010 in the LaSells Center.

WHEREAS In an email to the AUITF date 20 May 2011 from C. Jeffery Evans, Mr. Evans writes:

“Ok, here is my problem ---
Notification and Participation: How was this session announced? Barometer? If yes, then visually impaired individuals received no notification (ADA Violation). DAS Listserv? No. ASA Listserv? No. "All Students Listserv" No. Then persons with disabilities and/or the organizations that advocate for them, were not notified (ADA Violations). It was on the OSU Today website. Is that ADA-compliant? Gabe, correct me if I am wrong but, it isn’t (ADA Violation).
Was the community at large (Corvallis-Albany-Philomath-Lebanon) notified? I don’t think so. Persons with disabilities off campus use this campus for a variety of things and, therefore, have standing under the ADA. I think the answer is, no. (ADA Violation).
The event is scheduled for 1730 (5:30) to 1900 (7:00) or later. The Shuttle stops running at 1830 (6:30). So, students who live on campus must traverse inaccessible paths-of-travel after 6:30. This is a disincentive to participation. This is called “effective” discrimination because it prevents or discourages individuals with disabilities from participating. (ADA Violation). Of course, those of us who drive can parking in the parking structure … except, there is no accessible POT from the parking structure to LeSells. (ADA Violation)
Materials: Dan, you provided a link to the MP on Facilities Services website. Thank you. However, that document is not in an accessible format (Again, Gabe, please correct me if I am wrong) nor is the Facilities Website ADA-compliant. (ADA Violations).
Purpose: The MP is a violation of the ADA. Why is it being presented as an active document? (ADA Violation).
So far, that is eleven separate ADA violations.
Those [sic] is the ASA’s problems with this session. I’m sure, if I really tried, I can find others. It really doesn’t seem as though that particular department is learning anything. To suggest that because this is a yearlong process and that we have plenty of time to comment is to forget that persons with disabilities must be free to attend ALL PUBLIC MEETINGS so that we can hear other points of view, comment on erroneous statements, and give ongoing opinions.”
WHEREAS Mr. Evans and the ASA received no response.

WHEREAS The event was held without modification.

WHEREAS On 7 February 2011, at the behest of OSU President, Ed Ray, efforts were initiated to facilitate reversal of the COSID Coup.

WHEREAS ASA reengagement was addressed by the AUITF and in its Minutes of the AUITF dated 9 June 2011 states that "... at a previous meeting we stated we did not support having Jeffrey as the ASA representative. Dan clarified that he made that clear in the meeting, as well as conveyed that AUITF believed having ASA involvement was a value to the taskforce."

WHEREAS Able Student Alliance Executive Committee member, Nataliya Kozlova, is a Senior in Civil Engineering experienced and knowledgeable with respect to accessible design.

WHEREAS Able Student Alliance Executive Committee member, Michelle Conklin, is a Senior in Housing Studies and Interior Design and has significant training in accessible design.

WHEREAS Able Student Alliance Alum, Lauren Harder, is a graduate with a B.S. in Housing Studies and holds an International Code Council Designation as an Accessibility Plans Examiner and Inspector.

WHEREAS Able Student Alliance Executive Committee member, C. Jeffery Evans, is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners, has created and designed training courses for over 1100 members of the American Institute of Certified Planners, and is recognized by the Federal Court for the District of Northern Nevada and the United States 9th Circuit Court of Appeals as an expert in the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

WHEREAS Inclusion of this level of expertise in the planning and development of Oregon State University is in the interests of all students, present and future.

WHEREAS The Accessible University Initiative Taskforce cannot fairly represent the concerns and issues of people with disabilities on the Oregon State University campus if the voices of people with disabilities or those with expertise on the Americans with Disabilities Act are muted or excluded from the meetings of the Accessible University Initiative Taskforce.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE ASOSU THAT:
The ASOSU requests that the membership and voting rights of the Accessible University Initiative Taskforce be restored to the original charter of the committee as defined by the letter sent to members of the Able Student Alliance dated April 20, 2010, by Margaret Mellinger, Chair of the Commission on the Status of Individuals with Disabilities.

BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE ASOSU THAT:
The ASOSU requests that the administration of Oregon State University shall investigate the actions of members of the Accessible University Initiative Taskforce and the Commission on the Status of Individuals with Disabilities for their roles in the muting and excluding of the voices of disabled students, faculty and staff of Oregon State University.
BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE ASOSU THAT:
If these actions do not occur within two weeks of the passage of this resolution, representatives of ASOSU shall cease to participate on the Accessible University Initiative Taskforce, the Commission on the Status of Individuals with Disabilities, and the University Parking Committee. This situation shall continue until the University implements the required changes.

BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE ASOSU THAT:
The ASOSU looks forward to the restoration of voting rights and membership as defined by the letter sent to members of the Able Student Alliance dated April 20, 2010, by Margaret Mellinger, Chair of the Commission on the Status of Individuals with Disabilities.

BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE ASOSU THAT:
The ASOSU values every member of the Oregon State University community and believes that every student, faculty, and staff member should have full access to campus facilities and resources regardless of disability.

Representative Brantley: I was going to say considering the length of the document and information I think it would be in the best interest to read if for ourselves but read it to come back to either house next week with a little more info.

Representative Van Bossuyt: It will be in two weeks to have us do our due diligence.

Senator Vandever: Feel free to approach us for further questions.

Representative Stuart: What makes you think the administration has spent so many decades of waiting will care if we take students out. If it hadn’t restored the committee and you would pull students why would they care?

Representative Van Bossuyt: They might not but as ASOSU it’s something we can do to bring more pressure on the issues.

Powell I hear bringing litigation from university would suspend federal government pay?

Emily It wouldn’t be a direct effect of the litigate but the request pursuing on would request that to happen so they would handle that quicker. Also beside financial they would ask to bar all student building being renovated or being built on campus which would include the book store and student used buildings.

Sand I’m not sure if I heard this right in the resolution it says how they didn’t agree with what they’re doing.
Representative Van Bossuyt: That’s how I would read the email I would leave it up to you to read over it and talk with the president and executive council to get full understanding but that’s my interpretation of what happens. Sometime we have to work with people we don’t like.

Representative Stuart: Can I ask not saying because you want to wait you have disagreements with this. Can I ask if anyone does have anything against this that you voice their opinions?

Representative Brantley: No I don’t.

Representative Stuart: If we don’t deal with this tonight can we take care of it next week?

Representative Van Bossuyt: The way this has been brought in we cannot vote on it to do that. We would hear it in two weeks due to our regular meetings. Next week is to hear the SIFC budget. This allows us enough time to understand the issues and I’d be happy to able to anyone of course if you have questions.

Powell I move the house and senate do a straw poll to determine if people would vote on yes to pass this tonight if a special motion was to vote on this tonight.

Speaker Hatlen: We’ll do an informal straw poll if folks would be willing to forget the second reading and pass this tonight. If you’d be in favor of that please raise your hand.

Hand vote failed 10-7

Powell How would I word such a motion to forgo second reading.

Speaker Hatlen: You would make a motion to forgo second reading.

Senator Vandever: Is everyone that started the meeting still here?

Speaker Hatlen: No but we still have quorum.

Senator Vandever: I think with the gravity of the resolution it would make a bolder statement almost with everyone all here.

Representative Struthers: Point of order, we would have to suspend the rules to second reading two thirds of the total body.
Speaker Hatlen: And I don’t think we have the two thirds of the total bodies here.

Representative Stuart: I think that if two of the three presenters of the bill don’t want this voted on tonight we should respect that. Their opinions are most important.

Senator Hinrichs: Can we keep point of orders to actual point of orders not to opinions.

Representative Robb: I believe that with the gravity of their resolution if we were to vote on this earlier than in two weeks I believe if possible maybe have this on our next joint session have either at the end of our budgets very quickly and both bodies vote together or we just have it two weeks later. Voting now without the full attendance of the members or at least near full houses it would dilute the importance of this resolution.

Senator Cushing: Since she was mentioned I wanted to yield the floor to Dr. Tracy Bentley- Towlin.

Tracy: There’s a lot of info presented getting more information would be beneficial.

Thanks Dan.

Representative Brantley: I’d like to point out that I’m not for prolonging this any further. I don’t think that more time for people to look it over. The more time we look it over the more time Senator Vandever, Representative Van Bossuyt will have to collect more support for the organization.

Representative Setzler: I have to agree it would be a bad idea there have already been question about the content shows me that people didn’t absorb the full idea of the bill and should look over it some more.

Representative Brantley: Point of Information: Is there anything we can vote on it next week?

Speaker Hatlen: I’d have to verify with our standing rules. I believe we have a set agenda for that joint session. Judging from Mr. Dunn’s head I’m guessing that’s right.

Speaker Pro Tempore: I have further new business I move that we take nomination and vote on the members of the mediation committee.
Representative Robb: Second

Speaker Hatlen: We’ll take nomination for the mediation committee in the event that the SIFC budget does not pass.

Senator Vandeever: Would members have to be present to accept nominations?

Speaker Hatlen: They’ll already be present as members of SIFC.

Representative Struthers: I nominate Representative Dunn.

Speaker Pro Tempore: I nominate Mr. Struthers.

Speaker Hatlen: I’m guessing he says no.

President Pro Tempore: I nominate senator Diabat.

Speaker Pro Tempore: I nominate Mr. Brantley and Mr. Robb.

Representative Struthers: Point of Clarification: Robb is already on the mediation because he’s appropriations and budget chair.

Speaker Hatlen: Mr. Brantley you make sense.

Vice President Eath: I nominate Mr. Deedon.

Speaker Hatlen: Does Mr. Robb count as one of the three?

Representative Struthers: It’s not clear.

Speaker Hatlen: Mr. Robb do you want to do it? Solid.

Senator Kennemer: I nominate Senator Redman.

Representative Stuart: How many women are on that nominee list of ours?

Speaker Hatlen: Just Miss Redman.

Representative Stuart: I’d like to nominate myself if no other women would like to do it.

Vice President Eath: I nominate Senator Kennemer.

Senator Kennemer: Lets add some diversity to this mediation.

Speaker Pro Tempore: I nominate Miss Setzler.

Speaker Hatlen: Mr. Robb you’ll be a part of that as the chair of the budget. We’ll do a vote in the house and senate unless there’s any nominations that want to be
rescinded. There are four in each. We need two in the house so narrow it down by half.

Representative Brantley: I’d like to take my name off the list.

Speaker Pro Tempore: I recede my nomination.

Speaker Hatlen: House is set with Robb, Stuart and Setzler. And senate because Diabat is not here I will remove his name? Objections? So it will be Robb, Stuart, Setzler, Deedon, Redman, and Senator Kennemer: Fantastic.

XI. President’s Announcements

Vice President Eath: Awesome. I’d like to thank everyone who came to the gripe fest it was great showing our collaboration lots of senators and representatives went and listened. ASOSU congress meetings are very long or at least they feel very long but it’s good to see bureaucracy. You can text your gripe in or go to asosu.oregonstate.edu/gripe.

Speaker Hatlen: Good plug.

Vice President Eath: As chair of the elections committee, the elections packet is now up if you weren’t elected as senator last year you’re up for elections you can go to asosu.oregonstate.edu. if you want to look up there the election sessions poster should be coming up on the slideshow.

Speaker Hatlen: Don’t all look at once.

Vice President Eath: That should end my announcements thank you for everyone participating in this the really long meeting. Especially the guy over there staring at the ceiling.

Speaker Hatlen: Called you.

XII. Speaker’s Announcements

Speaker Hatlen: I wanted to thank you the Barometer for being with us throughout the whole meeting and all the coverage we’ve had. We appreciate it even though sometimes it opinionated and controversial. And KBVR, great job tonight. I wanted to leave with a message of we have three months remaining in our positions. I would like to see us make the most of our elected positions as representatives and senators were here to do the work for
student and we should make the most of that time work in good faith and continue the work we’ve been doing all year long to make a positive change for the students at Oregon State University. We have the open hearing for SIFC at 6 pm in the MU ballroom. I encourage you all to attend to get a flavor for what we’ll have next week at the joint session it will be in the MU lounge. I was going to read a letter I wrote to the barometer. It was the message I sent to you all already.

XIII. Senate & House Comments

Representative Setzler: I’m working on the committee of technology and efficiency. To create a bill and to people to be on it.

Representative Van Bossuyt: The ways and means directly following this meet right over here at that table.

Representative Bhatt: So next week March 6 is my birthday feel free to get me presents. I’m a representative in the house I just may have baked goods so you may want to come.

Representative Brantley: I’d like to say I read your letter and it was good, so kudos.

Representative Struthers: I believe after seeing the joint session we should sing to the representative.

Powell I have a speech that will take less than a minute. Is that ok?

Speaker Hatlen: Yes but I’m timing you.

Powell Maybe a minute. Solidarity. Christian Matheis, a friend, a former instructor, and the former ASOSU Student Advocate, once said that solidarity is “a healthy suspicion of anything that seeks to divide us.” Over the past several months, ASOSU has undergone internal turmoil that has threatened the legitimacy, credibility, and solidarity of the ASOSU. The issues that have been going on could be attributed to lack of communication, training, a growing organization, and many factors. I believe that we must move forward. “1900s. In 1900 the first student body organization was unanimously voted into being with subsequent faculty approval. The organization was called the Student Assembly. Charles H. Horner was elected the first president. A new constitution was adopted in 1906 and student fees were not mandatory until 1909. I believe that we face serious issues in higher education. The rising cost
of tuition. Increased class sizes. A growing campus. There was an article in the Barometer today highlighting that enrollment in the Oregon University System has surpassed 100,000 students. Our government has threatened cuts to our education. Federal financial aid, including the Pell Grant has been threatened with cuts. The Oregon opportunity grant has been threatened with cuts as well. I depend on this funding to be able to attend Oregon State University and I know that many others do as well. Our university has continued to build new facilities for research and offices for faculty. Why aren’t we building classrooms? The OSU administration has continued to become more and more centralized, taking power away from faculty and department heads, and giving it to out of touch deans and high administrators. We must ask: what are our universities priorities? Who benefits from these arrangements? I believe that shared governance could be the most important concept we address moving into the future. What does it mean to have shared governance? That is the question that I put to you. What would it look like if all decisions made at our university were in part made by the people that these decisions directly effect. We must more forward as students. We must fight back against threats to our education. We must question and criticize anything that seeks to divide us as students. We must stand in solidarity.

Senator Vandever: I would like to applaud everyone involved in gripe fest also I heard a gripe from an anonymous source that not enough students are liking the Jacob Vandever Facebook page.

Senator Kennemer: I’m waiting for your Facebook page to come up.

Phou I liked the solidarity speech.

President Pro Tempore: As senator Diabat wanted me to reiterate thanks to Tonga, Drew, Representative Van Bossuyt, Representative Setzler, and Representative Robb for attending last night to work on the issues going on and we’ll discuss that tonight and we’re all moving forward in a great direction thanks to the committee members who attended that meeting. Continue in the forward direction.

Vice President Eath: Text your gripes in!

XIV. Gallery Comments
Emily: My name is Emily Colvin and if you have questions about the resolution tonight please address me because I have a lot of context.

XV. Adjournment

Speaker Pro Tempore: I move to adjourn.

Representative Brantley: Second

Acclamation occurred and the meeting adjourned at 9:16 p.m.