I. Call to Order/Roll-Call/Quorum

Quorum was met and the meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

II. Swearing in of Representatives

None

III. Singing of the OSU Alma Mater

The Alma Mater was sung by everyone present.

IV. Approval of Minutes from

Wednesday, November 16th, 2011

Representative Van Bossuyt: I move to approve the minutes from November 16.

Representative Brantley: Second

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

Wednesday, November 30th, 2011

Representative Brantley: I move to approve the minutes.

Representative Van Bossuyt: Second

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

V. Standing Committee Reports

Speaker Hatlen: We have a report from the executive branch.

Emily Colvin: I’m the director of accessibility affairs this term. There’s been a good kick off we had our first meeting with our new interns and got a lot more interest working with them the university groups and have some committee meeting in the next week or so.

Representative Alvarez: How many interns?

Emily: There are 47 enrolled in the class.

Representative Alvarez: 47? Awesome.
Representative Van Bossuyt: Ways and Means committee will meet next week following the meeting. We’ll have two items to discuss. I’ll send an email out with the document beforehand.

Representative Struthers: We had a meeting today finishing up details we hope to have presentation to house and senate next week.

Speaker Hatlen: I need two members from the house in the educational activities committee. We’ve had interest so if there’s another representative that would like to join please see me after the meeting they’re starting the budget and their training start. If I don’t get interest I’m going to have to assign somebody.

VI. Joint Committee Reports

Joint Committee of Congressional Correspondence

Representative Robb: The main thing is there currently isn’t a head of oversight and ethics, second reading of SB-71.03 and it was tabled. We’ll probably hear that next week, it’s the office hour bill. It would place into the statutes. A bill up on 3 consecutive weeks you don’t attend office hours or 4 times you miss office hours your office will be declared vacant. Also ISOSU came by to get input on the addition of an immigration lawyer as currently there is not setup for legal advice to international students on immigration issues and green cards anything of those sort. There was a talk about the current bill before us JB-71.01. They talked informally about it and that was what one senator brought the possibility of adding the removal of office upon passage in article of impeachment be optional. It could be stipulated. That one idea that might be relevant.

VII. Delegate Reports

Amelia Harris: You’re going to be getting a packet about the proposed immigration lawyer for the legal offices. In this proposal there is the draft from December 2011 of the proposed budget for the project description. I’m coming to you because I’d like your feedback before we submit it officially for next year. Hopefully I can come back next week and hear some feedback. Also there’s a survey that’s gone out about the need for immigration related visa help its all listed in the packet. The feedback we’ve gotten is that this would be helpful to serve our international student population that we can serve a lot better than we are currently. If you have any comments right now I can get you my email.

Speaker Hatlen: Will you be here next week?

Amelia: Yes

Representative Stuart: Would it be through the law office in Snell?
Amelia: Right now currently we have two lawyers in the law office one does law issues criminal issues and the other deals with landlord tenant. Right now we don’t have anything about immigration. ISAS is on this proposal because they can offer a little help with the visa stuff but they can’t advise on legal issues. That’s why we have lawyers for that. It would be adding a third lawyer to specialize in immigration.

Representative Van Bossuyt: It would nice for next week to have a dollar per student figure to see how much it would increase.

Amelia: I don’t have that right now.

Representative Van Bossuyt: The INTO students, would this be available to them as well and do they pay fees?

Bunviseth Chip: They pay fees.

Representative Van Bossuyt: This would be available to them?

Amelia: Yes there was a miscommunication yesterday its open to all students.

Representative Van Bossuyt: 15-20 hours a week? How did we figured the budget based on flexible hours

Amelia: We came to 15-20 hours looking at how many are referred to immigration lawyers per week as the number of students projected that would be interested. We set it at that we thought about 10 hours where the lawyer would come in once a week but that wouldn’t provide the support necessary. Its similar to the current position for the criminal issues lawyer. We modeled it similar to that. If that’s too much time let me know.

Representative Van Bossuyt: The survey this was given just to international students?

Amelia: It was the students on ISAS listserv and also it was sent out of ISOSU listserv.

Representative Van Bossuyt: It might be good to send that out as well.

Dick Is this lawyer going to require an interpreter on top of that? My mom had exchange students and they aren’t entirely proficient with English.

Amelia: I think we would have to have someone on top of that. It would be wonderful but I don’t know if it’s feasible to get a broad demographic of people in the position. We can look into getting translators.

Dick Is that accounted for in the budget or is that another thing?

Amelia: I can look into that on top of it.

Bunviseth: The translation we have ASOSU has an intern that already deals with international students also. That might hire if really extreme situation we can hire one more. But myself international student can help with that.

Representative Alvarez: Do the other lawyers work fulltime or are they half time?
Amelia: They are independent contractors. They’re not faculty with the university. Their contract is renewed every year. Our criminal lawyer works 15-20 hours a week and our civil lawyer works 34 hours a week.

Representative Alvarez: Would it be kind of the same?

Amelia: Yes.

Representative Powell: Would the interns be work study positions?

Amelia: ASOSU does provide some workstudy positions. But I don’t know.

Chris Van Drimmelen: Almost all existing are workstudy including the interns in the legal offices.

Amelia: It’s hourly instead of the stipend.

Bunviseth: If you hire international students they don’t qualify for work study.

Chris Van Drimmelen: I’m not well versed in international students to answer that.

Speaker Hatlen: Read through this for constructive comments for next week.

VIII. Old Business

None

IX. New Business

HR-03.03 “OSA Membership Funds”

Speaker Hatlen: Under article 3 subsection 6 any vetoed bills need to go back to the house they originate and those bills can be overridden by 2/3 of the body of congress.

Speaker Pro Tempore: I move to table this resolution until the committee presents their findings.

Clerk Wolff:

Speaker Pro Tempore: I move to table HR-03.03 until the committee presents their findings to congress.

Representative Brantley: When will that be?

Representative Struthers: Hopefully that will be next week.

Representative Walters: Second

Speaker Pro Tempore: No comment.

Representative Van Bossuyt: If its actually going to come out next week I don’t see any reason to vote on it tonight.

Representative Robb: Actually that’s quite reasonable.

Representative Alvarez: When did the veto happen?

Speaker Hatlen: I’m not sure the dates of that.

Vice President Eath: It was signed before school ended about a week before.
Speaker Hatlen: I’ll look into that we have the signed hard copy. It might have been pocket approved.

Representative Alvarez: What’s the specific question?

Speaker Hatlen: When it was vetoed or when it was presented to the president.

Chris Van Drimmelen: Is there a record of when it was presented?

Representative Robb: Doesn’t the date start immediately after passage?

Chris Van Drimmelen: No, it’s directly after it was presented.

Representative Van Bossuyt: I call for a standing vote.

Speaker Pro Tempore: Dissent.

Speaker Hatlen: Do I ask for dissent?

Chris Van Drimmelen: Yeah, you ask if there’s any dissent after vote.

Speaker Hatlen: As there’s dissent we’ll do a voice vote for tabling HR-03.03. A voice vote took place. The motion passed.

HR-03.03 was tabled.

JB-71.01

Clerk Wolff: WHEREAS In Title VI, Section 1, Subsection B, the ASOSU Statutes state “Upon passage of “Articles of Impeachment”, the Speaker of the House shall notify the Impeached Individual, Vice-President, President, Judicial Council Chair, and the Executive Director of Finance that the person has been impeached and they are suspended from their duties and position Stipend.”

WHEREAS In Title VI, Section 2, Subsection D, the ASOSU Statutes state “During the time in which “Articles of Impeachment” have passed in the House and the Trial in the Senate has resolved, the impeached individual shall be suspended from their duties and shall not have authority in their position nor shall the individual be paid for the duration of the suspension.”

WHEREAS The U.S. federal government does not suspend the official under articles of impeachment, and the official only loses authority and pay if convicted and removed by the Senate. Article II Section 4 of the U.S. Constitution states, “The President, Vice President and all civil Officers of the United States, shall be removed from Office on Impeachment for, and Conviction of, Treason, Bribery, or other high Crimes and Misdemeanors.”

WHEREAS It is the legal right of the accused to be considered innocent until proven guilty by the principle of presumption of innocence.

WHEREAS Until proven guilty of the charges brought against them, the impeached individual should not receive any sanctions as this goes against the spirit of the ASOSU.
BE IT HEREBY ENACTED BY THE ASOSU THAT:
In Title VI, Section 1, Subsection B, of the ASOSU Statutes, the words “and they are suspended from their duties and position Stipend.” shall be struck from the statutes. The new subsection shall read, “Upon passage of “Articles of Impeachment”, the Speaker of the House shall notify the Impeached Individual, Vice-President, President, Judicial Council Chair, and the Executive Director of Finance that the person has been impeached”.

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED BY THE ASOSU THAT:
Title VI, Section 2, Subsection D, of the ASOSU Statutes, shall be struck from the statutes in its entirety.

Representative Alvarez: I wrote this because I think its unnecessary and wrong that someone whose been impeached by the house should be penalized in the form of their removal from their office and don’t get paid anymore. I just thing that’s wrong and a couple people agreed. Its cosponsored by Brian Powell and Mousa Diabat and senate pro temp Brett Deedon. I just think that part was looked over when it was written into the statutes.

Representative Van Bossuyt: Would you be willing to take an amendment that Representative Robb: reported where the option be given but not required so a future house could choose in the severity.

Representative Alvarez: I talked to Brett about that but there aren’t too many scenarios that that would be necessary and if it is necessary it should be dealt with by OSU. Its not really the house’s issue it shouldn’t even be allowed.

Representative Robb: Speaking on the issue of possibly adding in something I wanted feedback of possibly that option having requirements upon that. As you said above that for the US President it must be treason high crimes misdemeanors. Something of greater severity that would warrant immediate removal.

Representative Alvarez: I see immediate removal that would be dealt with like the police I guess. I was thinking about that and me and Brett talked about it. Its just not necessarily something the house will deal with. I don’t know its something I want to think about. And do any of you want to join as a cosponsor?

Representative Van Bossuyt: I would join if the wording was changed.

Representative Alvarez: If we were to add that I would like what do you think the requirements would be?

Representative Van Bossuyt: Maybe a 2/3rd and it would be fiduciary and misconduct.
Representative Alvarez: I think it would need to be a littler higher. That would be the requirements for impeachment.

Representative Van Bossuyt: Maybe put a dollar amount on it. There’s the belief that it may continue.

Representative Struthers: If they’ve been arrested on charges.

Speaker Hatlen: I recommend you meet outside to mend out those kinks.

X. Speaker’s Announcements

Speaker Hatlen: As per usually I’m going to give my plug of the leadership class. Its meeting Wednesdays at 5 p.m. in STAG 310 its for you to receive credit for the time you put in for being a representative. We have 3 reps and a student at large that’s in it right now. If you’d like to do that come talk to me we’re going to be talking mostly about budgeting as this is the budgeting cycle and for student governemnt and the university as a whole. Its 5 p.m. on Wednesdays. Again, I need two committee members. I’m being hounded by the educational activities committee for the houses’s participation in that committee. Come talk to me at the end of the meeting if you’re interested. Welcome back good luck on a fresh term. I passed out a house meeting schedule for winter 2012 I also included fall. We have two changes of location for this term that we need to vote and pass to meet this term. One is week 2 and week 5 we’ll meet in the MU international forum. The reason is that this room is being occupied by the pharmacy fair and they have it for the whole week.

Representative Van Bossuyt: I move to approve the room change.

Representative Walters: Second

Speaker Pro Tempore: I move for a standing vote.

Representative Van Bossuyt: Second

A voice vote was taken to have a standing vote. The motion passed.

Speaker Pro Tempore: Division

A hand vote was taken to have a standing vote. The motion failed to have a standing vote.

A voice vote to change the room location was taken. The motion passed.

XI. House Comments

Representative Van Bossuyt: Is there a room worked out for another state of the student?

Speaker Hatlen: I haven’t heard of that yet.

Vice President Eath: It hasn’t been called yet.
Representative Alvarez: We aren’t having it week 5 I thought that’s why we were in the international forum.

Speaker Hatlen: No that’s just because it’s the only one available.

Representative Phou: There’s one on main motions if there’s not discussion on the motion, it passes. It thought we could practice that maybe sometimes there’s dead space.

Chris Van Drimmelen Typically the chair would call for dissent.

Speaker Hatlen: We might start practiciing that.

Chris Van Drimmelen I don’t recommend doing that when it has to do with money.

Representative Robb: It’s in our standing rules with a bill its roll call but any real bill would be fine by me.

Representative Alvarez: How do veots work as in them notifying us when it gets vetoed?

Speaker Hatlen: Its submitted to the clerk after being signed or vetoed.

Representative Robb: Another question upon that is there a time requirement placed upon voting on a veto override.

Speaker Hatlen: Not as per our constitution.

XII. Gallery Comments

Vice President Eath: Thank you for sitting through my long boring speech I’m having problems speaking English because I’ve been speaking Cambodian all break. I think there are things we can accomplish in the short term and long term to keep us accountable and sustainable. I want to thank everyone and sorry for my stuttering.

XIII. Adjournment

Representative Brantley: I move to adjourn.

Representative Van Bossuyt: Second

Acclamation occurred and the meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.