I. Call to Order/Roll-Call/Quorum
Quorum was met and the meeting was called to order at 7:18 p.m.

II. Swearing in of Senators
Two proxies were sworn in.

III. Singing of the OSU Alma Mater
Diaat I move to forgo singing the Alma Mater.
Senator Swearingen: Second
Senator Vandever: Give Brandi a nice little treat on the recording.
Hinrichs Second.
A voice vote was taken to forgo singing the Alma Mater.
Division.
A hand vote was taken. The motion failed.
Chris Van Drimmelen: You are allowed to change your vote before the last vote is taken.
So those folks that just raised their hand are legitimate votes.
Senator Swearingen: Diabat gets two votes.
President Pro Tempore: Alright, we will sing the Alma Mater.

IV. Approval of Minutes from Tuesday, January 31, 2012
Senator Kennemer: I move to approve the minutes.
Senator Vandever: Second
A voice vote was taken to approve the minutes. The motion passed.

V. Standing Committee Reports
Student Government Committee
Senator Boyd: We had a successful town hall thank you everyone who participate, we’ll make it a regular thing. The bill is being drafted by Victoria and we will see that soon here and we will do those events once or twice a term.
Senator Diabat: Can we ask questions?
President Pro Tempore: Yes you can.
Senator Diabat: What do you mean by successful?
Senator Boyd: Being there I find successful as having a fair representation of the student body there actively discussing there. I saw a fair amount of people from diverse walks of life. I was transcribing the notes on that and I saw a lot of good suggestions in there. And we should definitely take what we found there seriously and I look positively that we could find a gathering of student to discuss these issues.
President Pro Tempore: I would like to announce that Mousa you are the chair of the ethics committee.

VI. Joint Committee Reports
Joint Committee of Congressional Correspondence
President Pro Tempore: We have nothing for that because Robb is not here.
Senator Vandever: I was there and for part of the meeting they went through lobby training and then I had to leave but they passed an amended version of the legislator accountability act.
President Pro Tempore: That’s going to the committee that we’re discussing later. There are now amendments going to a conference committee.

VII. Delegate Reports
None

VIII. Old Business & Second Readings
SB-71.04 “Office Hour Bill”
Clerk Wolff:
WHEREAS Upon passage of the Jacob Vandever Act, there will be a double standard in the Statutes;
WHEREAS Only the Houses of Congress will have office hours defined;
WHEREAS The Statutes do not define the office hours for members of the Executive Branch;
WHEREAS The office hours for the Speaker of the House has disappeared altogether;
WHEREAS The only member of the Senate that is paid the President Pro-Temp is currently not required to hold extra office hours.

BE IT HERE BY RESOLVED BY THE ASOSU THAT:
Title II Section 2 Letter C Subsection 2 be added to the Statutes stating that:
The Speaker of the House shall be required to work twenty hours a week, ten of which will be held in the ASOSU office excluding Finals Week.
BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE ASOSU THAT:
Title II Section 3 Letter D Subsection 1 Subsection a shall be added to the Statutes:
The President Pro Tempore shall be required to hold five office hours per week excluding finals week

BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE ASOSU THAT:
Title III Section 2 Letter F Subsection 1 shall read:
Executive Officers are upper-management positions, which are subject to confirmation by the Senate. These positions shall work twenty hours per week, ten of which shall be held in the ASOSU office, excluding Finals Week.

BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE ASOSU THAT:
Title III Section 2 Letter F Subsection 2 shall state:
Taskforce and Service Directors are subject-specific service and advocacy officers, which are subject to confirmation by the Senate. These positions shall work twelve hours per week, six of which shall be held in the ASOSU office, excluding Finals Week.

BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE ASOSU THAT:
Title III Section 3 Letter B shall read:
The President shall be required to work twenty hours a week, five of which must be office hours and is strongly encouraged to spend as much time as possible available to students in the ASOSU office, excluding Finals Week.

BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE ASOSU THAT:
Title III Section 4 Letter B shall state:
The Vice-President shall be required to work twenty hours a week, five of which must be office hours and is strongly encouraged to spend as much time as possible available to students in the ASOSU office, excluding Finals Week.

Senator Vandever: I wanted to know what the previous requirements were. What’s this changing?
Senator Kennemer: So originally in the statutes the first two aren’t in the statutes so we’re putting those back in. The speaker of the house office hours weren’t in there. All that’s been changed is that half of those hours must be office hours. In the other sections all that was in there was the hours that the positions were to work. It was originally stated to be office hours. There was interpretation to what those office hours meant.
Chris Van Drimmelen: One of the big contradictions in the first whereas in the Vandever legislation accountability act is that it defines what office hours mean which is working in the ASOSU office. This creates problems with the statutes in the executive cabinet was defined as working twenty office hours a week that would mean that all twenty hours a week that they worked and under the language of the Vandever Cushing bill they would be confined to the ASOSU office.

Senator Vandever: I love that that was said like a presidency.

Chris Van Drimmelen: Well it was. You provided a definition.

President Pro Tempore: Now it has been defined.

President Pro Tempore: Something else to bring up, the executive board meetings take place outside of ASOSU whether it be the president attending faculty senate. That wouldn’t count within those twenty hours right?

Chris Van Drimmelen: The bill defines working hours which can be spent anywhere and office hours that would be spent in the ASOSU office. This is written based on the executive branch policy that they be in the office a certain number of hours. But a lot of the work of officers occurs outside of the office so half of the work would be spent outside of the office.

Senator Kennemer: I was looking back to the last meeting and the amendment isn’t really applied. We amended it to say to work 20 hours a week and it still has the word office in there so that needs to be struck. The amendment we passed would say work 20 hours.

Senator Vandever: So since you’re effected by this how does that play out?

Vice President Eath: This goes along with policies I push for within my own staff it just codifies it.

Senator Vandever: Ok thank you.

Chris Van Drimmelen: It also codifies executive policy that’s been in place for three years now.

President Pro Tempore: The only addition is the pro tempore to hold office hours a week. As much as I want to hang out with you guys, of course accomplishing things.

A roll call vote was taken on SB-71.04. The motion passed.

IX. New Business

Conference Committee

Chris Van Drimmelen: Its three members from each house and that’s the pro tempore and speaker. You need two senators on it.
President Pro Tempore: Oh yipee! I’m on it. I need two more. Are there any abstentions to Jacob and Kathryn?
Senator Vandever: Dan might want to do it.
President Pro Tempore: Dan is not in attendance unfortunately.
President Pro Tempore: Myself, Senator Kennemer and Senator Vandever will serve on the committee.

X. President’s Announcements

Vice President Eath: I returned from Salem for lobbying we are currently in the second week of the February legislative session and the ways and means sub committee to look at the state did not meet today they rescheduled for next Thursday. We weren’t able to testify. Other meetings will be going on the legislative lobby day will be taking people up February 21 and if you are interest in this we will be a united student coalition front at the capitol so dress to impress. Because of that I’d like to call attention to a resolution that is not available to everyone right now but that unites us together that everyone has the opportunity to get involved in. That would be phone banking, voter registration, and voter education. Phone banking is very important this gets you involved in the legislator process. It get you active in the actual process of voter registration. Voter education voters need to know about the bills that effect them. This also shows we’re united as all the branches. I offer another opportunity if you want to get involved Ravi and I testified in front of the student fees committee and we can take up to 8 students to DC. It would be the United State Student Association. I would recommend applying right now to learn about issues effecting us nationally and be in the center of our nation’s government. If you’re interested in this come talk to me or Ravi Patel and that is the end of my announcements.

Senator Kennemer: I have a question about the February 21 trip, what time?
Vice President Eath: It would be all day.
Senator Kennemer: What time leaving?
Vice President Eath: We’re not sure yet. It’s a lot of students.

XI. Senator Comments

Senator Diabat: I spoke about it two weeks ago it seems like this how can I say it in gentle the representative initiative, whatever its called, is false. It shows a couple flaws already for us as senators who represent students and we don’t really represent them because we don’t know what they say. For us senators we do not care about $24 million how it’s spent and what they’re being done by that because none of us attended the meeting for the budget who’s going to use
these student fees. So a positive sentence I encourage you all and see how there are no students attending these open hearings. And you being the ones who ask those questions this is the positive side. The negative side is and I’m repeating myself is that its very pathetic that none of us is there. Its very very frustrating and I’m disappointed, I’m ashamed to be apart of this right now. Theres nobody now, no one knows where our money is going. If you don’t have time I don’t believe it. I’m graduate student and I had my research and I have kid and I still go. I’m the only one that shows up. This community is gone. In ten years I’ll come back and say Vorravallis or OSU use to be good place. Please I encourage you to attend these open hearings.

President Pro Tempore: Thanks Senator Diabet. Has everyone gotten my emails for the hearings and everything?

Senator Khan: You go to these hearings and you just sit there and watch them talk?

President Pro Tempore: Yeah what they do is present their budget and what they’re asking for and based off of what evidence they have they need the funding from the student dollars for it’s listening to that so you have a well rounded idea what these services are for,

Senator Kennemer: I’m not getting any of those emails.

President Pro Tempore: Are you on the senate listserv?

Senator Kennemer: I should be on the senate listserv.

Chris Van Drimmelen: I haven’t gotten any of those emails either.

Vice President Eath: The meetings are also listed on the Barometer.

Chris Van Drimmelen: I recommend going to oregonstate.edu/sifc and going to meeting and they’re all listed right there. The next one is February 9. It will be looks like 6-8 p.m. in the MU Journey room.

Vice President Eath: February 29 is when the entire budget is being presented. So mark your calendars.

XII. Gallery Comments

None

XIII. Adjournment

Senator Swearingen: I move to adjourn.

Senator Diabet: Second

Acclamation occurred and the meeting adjourned.