I. Call to Order/Roll-Call/Quorum

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. Quorum was met with 5 Senators present.

II. Swearing in of Senators

None

III. Singing of the OSU Alma Mater

Senator Vandever: I move to forgo singing the Alma Mater.

Senator Redman: Second.

A roll call vote was taken. The motion to forgo singing the Alma Mater passed.

IV. Approval of Minutes from Tuesday, September 27th, 2011

Senator Redman: I move to approve the minutes from Tuesday, September 27, 2011.

Senator Coon: Second

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

V. Standing Committee Reports

Oversight and Ethics

Vice President Eath: Have we been able to meet?

Senator Boyd: Student government is meeting Thursday to review SB-71.01. We will be reviewing this Thursday in MU 212. I sent out an email earlier and invited the student program leaders involved in the bill.

Chris Van Drimmelen: did you send out a final list of the committee members?

Vice President Eath: We should have sent out one when they were assigned?

Senator Redman: Brett added some since the last meeting.

Vice President Eath: We’ll make a point to send out another list of that.
VI. Joint Committee Reports

Joint Committee of Congressional Correspondence

Vice President Eath: If there are any Joint Committee reports. None?

Senator Boyd: Can you also send out an email of who’s on the Joint Committee?

Vice President Eath: Yes we can.

VII. Old Business & Second Readings

JB-71.01 “OSU Student Bill of Rights Special Committee”

Vice President Eath: This was read last week in the House.

Clerk Wolff: “Bill to Establish a Special Committee on Student Bill of Rights “OSU Student Bill of Rights Special Committee”

WHEREAS The United States and State of Oregon has recognized that all citizens have certain protected rights;

WHEREAS Universities and University Student Governments all across the country have recognized and uphold a form of Student Bill of Rights;

WHEREAS The government of the Associated Students of Oregon State University has informally recognized that students of Oregon State University have certain rights and would like to formally recognize those rights;

WHEREAS A committee of Legislators will be able to do the work more efficiently then the whole bodies of Congress to draft and meet with folks across campus;

BE IT HEREBY ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS THAT:

A joint committee of the House of Representatives and Senate shall be created and shall be charged with and follow these guidelines:

1. Charge
   a. To establish a bill that will propose constitutional amendments to add a student bill of rights

2. Name:
   a. Special Committee on Student Rights

3. Membership
   a. 4 Senators appointed by the President of the Senate
   b. 4 Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House
c. 1 Non-Voting Ex-Officio Executive Member appointed by the President

4. Co-Chair/Co-Vice Chair
   a. Co-Chairs and Co-Vice Chairs shall be members of the committee and shall not increase the membership size.
   b. 1 Senator and 1 Representative appointed by the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House respectively shall serve as Co-Chairs. If a vacancy to one of the Co-Chairs, the committee by-laws shall state how to fill vacancy.
   c. 1 Senator and 1 Representative shall be elected by their respective Senators and Representatives before or during the first committee meeting to serve as Vice-Co Chairs.

5. Meetings
   a. The committee shall at least meet every other week starting one week after this bill takes effect.
   b. Meetings shall be posted in the Barometer at least one week for the meeting.

6. Quorum
   a. Quorum for the purpose of voting shall be 3 Senators and 2 Representatives OR 3 Representatives and 2 Senators.
   b. Quorum is not required to conduct a regular or special meeting of the committee.

7. By-laws
   a. The committee shall construct their own by-laws that shall follow these guidelines

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS THAT:

If SB-71.01 becomes law the guideline shall be amended as follows:

2. Membership
   a. 4 elected-Senators appointed by the President of the Senate
   b. 2 delegate-Senators appointed by the President of the Senate
   c. 4 elected-Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House
   d. 2 delegate-Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House
   e. 1 Non-Voting Ex-Officio Executive Member appointed by the President

3. Co-Chair/Co-Vice Chair
   a. 1 elected-Senator and 1 elected-Representative appointed by the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House respectively shall serve as Co-Chairs
   b. 1 elected-Senator and 1 elected-Representative shall be elected by their respective Senators and Representatives before or during the first committee meeting to serve as Vice-Co Chairs

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS THAT:

The amendments shall not be voted on by the ASOSU until the following organizations and groups have had an opportunity to review the amendments and provide feedback:

1. Student and Incidental Fee Committee (SIFC)
2. All major budgeting boards recognized by SIFC
3. Student Events and Activities Center
4. Coalition of Graduate Students
5. Women’s Center
6. Pride Center
7. Lonnie B. Harris Black Cultural Center
8. Native American Longhouse
9. Asian and Pacific Cultural Center
10. Centro Cultural César Chávez
11. Unified Greek Council
12. Inter-Fraternity Council
13. Pan-Hellenic Council
15. Residence Hall Association
16. College of Republicans
17. College of Democrats

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS THAT:

If the amendments contain academic student rights; the amendments shall not be voted on by the ASOSU until the OSU Faculty Senate or designee has been provided an opportunity review the amendments and provide feedback.

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS THAT:

The Special Committee Co-Chairs shall report on its process to the House of Representatives and Senate during committee reports.

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS THAT:

The final version of Legislation out of the Special Committee on Student Rights shall be a Senate Bill as per the Constitution.

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS THAT:

The Special Committee shall have until week 5 of Winter Term to present a bill to the House of Representatives and Senate to amend the Constitution to add a Bill of Rights.

ENACTED THIS DAY BY THE ASOSU Congress

Senator Redman: I have one edit, so for 13 Panhellenic, the hyphen needs to be removed and the h should be lower case. So I move to make that amendment.

Senator Coon: Second.
A roll call vote was taken. The motion to amend JB-71.01 passed.

Senator Diabat: Either the membership I’d like to ask at least one graduate representative either from the House or Senate and in case the senate bill 71-01 got approved I would like to have it add another graduate student. So at least 2 one in the first membership that is 3 and add to have at least one graduate representative appointed by the president.

Senator Redman: Point of Clarification. If this is going to committee are you going to be editing this?

Senator Boyd: We haven’t sent this one this is just pending.

Chris Van Drimmelen: I do want to point out one thing. Just from the House side of things, they sent this to the JCCC because there are a few minor edits that need to be made. Mostly there are things like the college of democrats and republicans. It can be amended here. There are multiple options.

Senator Diabat: What should I do?

Senator Redman: You can send it to JCCC like the House.

Senator Diabat: Once we make this edit do we send it back to the House? And then send it back to the JCCC?

Chris Van Drimmelen: The House has not voted on this bill yet. And they wont until it comes back from JCCC. You can if you want the sure set method to make sure that gets in there is to amend the legislation right now or you could send it to committee but there’s no guarantee that would get included. If it’s not from the committee you can amend it after. I just wanted to point out that it was sent to JCCC.

Senator Diabat: I go back to my motion. I move to add 3 D that at least one graduate student be among the members.
Senator Boyd: Do you want an additional student?

Senator Diabat: At least one should be a graduate student.

Chris Van Drimmelen: And then one more if this becomes a bill.

Senator Coon: The way it's set up under membership section 2 wouldn’t we at least need 2 graduate students to not upset the balance? There it’s evenly split with the no voting to play referee. So far there isn’t an uneven number of voting so if we just add one wouldn’t we need to add 2 to keep it even?

Senator Boyd: It would be one of those students as I understand the edit.

Chris Van Drimmelen: The graduate student wouldn't increase the size. There would be at least one graduate student present.

Speaker Hatlen: To avoid the amendment I can take your recommendation now and make sure one of those representatives would be a graduate since we have both in the House.

Senator Diabat: I would like to make sure that happens every time even when you're not speaker of the house.

Senator Boyd: Second

A voice vote was taken. The amendment to JB-71.01 was passed.

Representative Struthers: I’m in the House and the primary author of this. Senator Boyd was nice enough to sponsor this with me. I do have some changes as Chris mentioned. The House did move this to JCCC and I have met with the speaker of the house and representatives who had changes and have those changes on me, I’m hoping to pass this out and have you vote on it. That way there isn’t that going to the joint committee and then coming back here next week. If you would ok that I pass it out I’d be happy to discuss them with you. The changes you see are strike out. As Chris mentioned the of and the college of republicans and democrats. The other change was in the second Be it Further Enacted changing the membership to say 4 senators appointed by the President of the Senate, 2
delegates from the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate, 4 elected-representatives appointed by the speaker of the house, 2 delegates from the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the house, 1 non-voting ex-officio executive member appointed by the president and 2 graduate students shall be on the committee either from the house of representatives or senate. It wouldn’t make any confusion it cleans up the language. I was ok with it. I was hoping to add that I didn’t do on that one was adding an 18th group its an organization that hasn’t had much recognition. The Able Student Alliance it is an organization that advocate for students with disabilities. As we’re talking about student rights its important to involve them.

Senator Boyd: Were these all the suggestions?

Representative Struthers: Yes, when I approached the ones that wanted to make changes.

Senator Coon: What rights do you feel the students are being denied that they would get?

Representative Struthers: Well from the research some of them have pertained around academic rights when you’re getting your homework done on time and some in the college of business don’t get their homework back. We dont have standards for them to get rights like that. I didn’t memorize every list. Its just outlining that students have the right to organize and voice their opinions on campus. It’s President Ed Ray saying as a student body we do have these rights. By him signing he’s agreeing that we have those rights as a student body as a whole. I’d be happy to share my research and forward you the links.

Senator Coon: I’d appereciate those ideas you were talking about because this is a specific document.

Representative Struthers: I can write a bill of rigths by myself but its not just what I’m thinking about, it’s what I’ve heard from others students as well. Theres one
I’ve always heard from students and working with professors, having access to office hours not always being able to do that with professors. I’ve heard things that professors are held to a standard and aren’t always. Another one was that some graduate students about when it comes to research rights and having their name published and giving them rights to certain research.

Senator Coon: A bunch of the examples sound like faculty code of conduct.

Why is a student bill of rights the best way of going about this? Isn’t it best to address the faculty senate and having them hold their members to a better standard?

Representative Struthers: We have to figure out what it is before approaching them and having that discussion. This isn’t what we want this is a discussion that we need to have.

Senator Redman: I yield the floor to Katie Bullard?

Katie Bullard: Hi, I’m the Panhellenic president. I’m here to tell you how much Panhellenic would appreciate having their voting spot back in senate. We lost our voting rights.

Chris Van Drimmelen: So if I can offer clarification. While we appreciate you being here, we’re not talking about SB-71.01, which is the representation. It’s the student bill of rights and if you have discussion around student bill of rights that would be welcome but SB-71.01 is still in committee.

Representative Struthers: There was research done last year by Kevin Dunn and in the 60s we did have a bill of rights and this has been in discussion for 3-4 years I would really like to see the efforts put into the last year come to flourish.

Senator Vandever: I think this is going to be a lot of work but it would be worth while.

Vice President Eath: Point of Clarification. It would be maybe in the faculty rules. I’m not against a bill of rights I don’t feel we’re being denied many rights I’d like
the goals for this bill of rights to be set out and other avenues to be looked at. 
Maybe look at administrative rules. See if there is any overlap?

Senator Coon: Correct

Senator Boyd: This is a good way to communicate an idea we do have to faculty senate but spending time in JCCC would allow us to research that and find what we want to define.

Senator Coon: Creating this group and writing out a bill of rights without forming a student bill of rights is what I’m gunning for. I’m not against having one but there are institutions in place for our complaints anyways.

Senator Boyd: So maybe we have a committee to see if there is a point of having a bill of rights or pursue other avenues?

Senator Coon: If we just adjust the language to see if we have the necessity of bill of rights.

Vice President Eath: It was referred to the JCCC correct?

Speaker Hatlen: It will be pulled out of committee tomorrow night.

Senator Vandever: I move to amend JB-71.01 and to change the charge to include to determine the necessity.

Senator Redman: Second

A voice vote was taken. The motion passed.

Representative Struthers: You voted on the amendment. I have two grammatical revisions in the fourth Whereas to work more efficiently it should be than with an a.

And in the first Be It Hereby Enacted, instead of saying in 5B that Meetings shall be posted in the Barometer at least one week for the meeting, it should say Meetings shall be posted in the Barometer at least one week before the meeting.

Senator Vandever: I move we adopt those grammatical changes.

Senator Redman: Second

A voice vote was taken. The motion to amend JB-71.01 passed.
Senator Coon: I move to end discussion.

Senator Boyd: Second

A voice vote was taken. The motion to end discussion passed.

Senator Boyd: I move to pass JB-71.01 with the proposed amendments.

Chris Van Drimmelen: Once discussion is closed you immediately go to act to vote on that bill.

Senator Diabat: Didn’t we move to send it to JCCC?

Senator Boyd: We’re going to pass it tonight so it can go to House tomorrow.

A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed.

VIII. Other Old Business

None

IX. New Business

None

X. President’s Announcements

Vice President Eath: Thank you for coming to our second meeting fall term. Office hours should be held. Please be there. I apologize for the room there was a mix up during summer and the president pro tempore not being here so if any parli pro issues come up I’m sorry. Other than that there is a letter sent by the president I would like to call your attention to. Other than that that’s all the announcements I have.

Senator Vandever: My office hours are wed noon to one.

Senator Boyd: I sent out the email to everyone that wanted to be there Thursday for the review of the senate bill. Committee members should be there.

Vice President Eath: What committee would this be?

Senator Boyd: Student Government Committee

XI. Senator Comments

none
XII. Gallery Comments

David Shumway, the Barometer. I’d like to know off the cuff if there is any sort of time estimation on how long until student representation will come to senate again?

Senator Boyd: So far we only have one meeting scheduled and we’ll see how many people show up. We’re hoping to push it through as fast as we can to see it next week.

Katie I’d like to say how much we would like to build this relationship up again. We will be at all the necessary meetings I know that was an issue that was brought up and I’m in charge of choosing the upcoming officers who would be attending these meetings so we would make sure that they’re willing and able to attend the necessary meetings.

Some background information, we have close to 900 members right now on your way in you may have noticed that we’re holding our recruitment right now. We have 650 signed up. That will put us in the range of 14-1600 people that’s a large part of the body. It would be a good way to have us represented on the ASOSU. That’s pretty much all I had to say.

Senator Diabat: Can we have Q and A?

Vice President Eath: Yeah.

Senator Diabat: So one of the issues that came up last week is that if you’re already active in the community why don’t you run for the elections?

Katie We have people in the community in ASOSU and I if feel like having this spot it would provide better representation we can go to the Panhellenic Council and have everyone’s input.

Senator Vandever: Do you feel giving the delegate voting rights would be necessary?

Katie Yes

Senator Coon: No one from Panhellenic brought us any issues before what do you think they would bring now?
Katie: I don’t have any issues now but maybe some issues may be about the anti-tobacco last year they would have more say on that.

Senator Coon: What would you think the advantage of that would be other than talking to some of the senators?

Katie: Going back to having one delegate they would talk to that person and then bringing the point of view.

Senator Redman: The Greek community does represent 10% of the student body. By holding a delegate spot they would be able to represent at the 10% better.

Senator Coon: Yes but you’re in the Greek community.

Senator Redman: But I think I should remain unbiased. That’s their time to bring their specific views.

Senator Coon: The senators should be unbiased and representatives unbiased.

Senator Redman: It would be nice to keep things well rounded.

Chris Van Drimmelen: Point of Clarification. The 18 listed in the joint bill are not the same listed in senate bill. Now is not the time to discuss the SB-71.01. We’re having Q&A with the gallery.

Senator Diabat: Did you have any ASOSU senator or representatives that you supported during the election?

Katie: It’s hard to say. We had people come to our meetings and we definitely send out messages and did what we could to support those people running.

Senator Diabat: Do you see any problem with people in the Greek community and Panhellenic running for ASOSU positions? This group of students can run in the future to be elected.

Katie: Yes the problem with what you were saying is that a lot of students want to run for ASOSU and don’t always have the time so having this position is making sure they get to have a fair share.

Senator Coon: This would require the same time requirements.
Katie: It would only be one person instead of individual members in the Greek community.

Senator Boyd: If this did pass and Panhellenic got a voting delegate would you appoint somebody if we chose to have members but not have voting rights? Would you still delegate somebody?

Katie: Yes, definitely.

Speaker Hatlen: Are you willing to come to Thursday meeting since we’re in gallery comments.

Katie: Right now we’re in the middle of formal recruitment and I have prior obligations.

Speaker Hatlen: You can appoint someone to come to our meetings.

David Del Moro: Isn’t it the student organization’s responsibility to come talk to ASOSU? The student organization to be proactive if they don’t want to participate that’s their loss?

But aren’t you talking about coming to speak at your meetings?

Senator Diabat: What was the question?

Senator Coon: In essence yes.

David: She can come in here and talk whenever she wants why does she have to have a delegated person?

Ezra: I’m the coordinator from the Centro Cultural Cesar Chavez. As a student I can come in here and tell you the issue I have in mind but for having to know somebody I can talk to that encouraging me to come speak.

David: These students are supposed to represent you if you have an issue why don’t you call one of them up and tell them your issues.

Senator Vandever: I’d say this is exactly what we need to address. We need to say that every student is able to come up and talk to all the senators and representatives. We’re open to emails and meetings whenever.

XIII. Adjournment

Senator Diabat: I move to adjourn.
Senator Boyd: Second

A roll call vote was taken. The motion to adjourn passed.