I. Call to Order/Roll-Call/Quorum

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. Quorum was met with 8 Senators present.

II. Swearing in of Senators

None

III. Singing of the OSU Alma Mater

Boyd I move to forgo singing the Alma Mater.

Ken Second

A voice vote to forgo was taken. The motion passed.

IV. Approval of Minutes from Tuesday, October 18th, 2011

Red I move to approve the minutes from October 18.

Ken Second

A voice vote was taken. The motion passed.

V. Standing Committee Reports

None

VI. Joint Committee Reports

Joint Committee of Congressional Correspondence

Boyd We met on Monday and currently are looking at a new time and that will be made aware. I will yield the floor to Representative Robb so he can fill you in. Representative Robb: The main thing the house the majority of the meeting consisted of the recommendation for the Speaker for what he’ll present to the prosecutor in the impeachment trial. The house voted that the he recommend a censure and with that find Tonga guilty. Then, there was some members wished to do some type of injunction but no representative voted for a full removal from the house. The rest consisted of appointments to the committees.
VII. Delegate Reports

Anderson DuiBoise III: the meeting last night went really well. Great turn out and great responses added in as senators and from the house. Something like that through the year is great. Someone was joking about democratic quorum. I hope we can keep the gallery full so people keep participating and things get done.

VIII. Old Business - Second Readings

HR-03.03 “OSA Funding”

Brett We have representatives from OSA this meeting if you want to come on up. This is the time for questions as far as the funding. I believe they’ll be able to fill that in. One of the questions last week was reinstating funding, what does that mean as future implications? Does that give us a voting right?

Emily I am the executive director of osa., tiffany dollar (brown hair), mario former board chair

Emily: In terms of voting rights you do still have them you’re still full members of the association. Each school gets invoiced for each year. There are no reprimands or taking away of voting rights

Boyd Do we have to reinstate funding to maintain those rights and how soon?

Emily: There’s no set timelines. OSU has traditionally paid three times a year fall winter spring. It depends but you are not going to lose rights for voting.

Boyd If we choose to hold off for fall term for the investigation. Would we still have it in the winter?

Emily: Yes is the answer. It would definitely have a significant financial impact because everyone gives some through out the years so we can do things like visit OSU one thing is to provide staff on campus and thats what we want to do. There would be some concerns budgetwise.

Boyd Do you know the effects if we waited until winter?
Emily: Right now we’ve held off on hiring a communications director because the information we got from ASOSU not paying, not having cash on hand as planned the ASOSU had funded agreed membership this year we haven’t hired a staff person that I think is pretty critical for like putting together hand books and to support you and other campuses.

Diabat It’s the whole subject started that there is an opinion we don’t want to be apart of OSA. Why do we need to be apart? What is your flagship for the year? And how OSU will benefit from it? Its marketing and I hope you can answer that.

Emily: What was the second question?

Diabat What’s your flagship for the year? Your ultimate goal that the university will enjoy the fruits of.

Tiffany: We’re in the middle our issues choosing process but can agree that OSA has some certain goals to increase access of affordability working on issues of tuition and funding the Oregon opportunity grant. As far as additional goals for the year we have a two year kind of process we basically run in the off years the end numbered years. We would spend the even numbered year and deciding what our priority would be. That started in August and have issue briefs brought to us and not just board members but also students at large. We had exhibitions over the weekend and several hour long debate that came to a straw poll. That survey over the past month has gone to our campuses and we’ve collected almost 10,000 over the state. It’s still being collected. The goal was to collect 10% from students on every member campus. So we can look at the issues of that campus we’re looking at that at this weekend and research the feasibility of the most interested items.

Mario: Last year our minimum priority was tuition equity. We prioritized all year and lobbied had events in Salem. Tuition equity guaranteed that students who went through us and graduated in Oregon receive in state tuition not financial aid but
in state tuition to attend college. OSA has been working on this for the past 10 years. We got the further we’ve gotten legislatively just because it didn’t pass doesn’t mean we didn’t succeed. Something that was just passed a law in California and other states have that. Oregon is the one that doesn’t have the same equitable tuition rates for students. We always work on affordability for students. Only 10% of students that are eligible get the Oregon opportunity grant. We worked on restructuring it last year. How many bills were we tracing? Somehwat over 90 bills of the house and senate last year. We worked on things that effect students in the state of Oregon.

Diabat My first question was why do we need it? why does OSU have to stay a member?

Mario: OSA is the only lobby group in the state of or that lobbies for students on a state wide level. These are our only advocates in the building. Collectivley OSA is strongest when we have as any students involved as possible. Without those students our number in our lobbyiing power shrinks. We’re greatest when we have our largest numbers. Its tell the governor or speaker of the house or representatives that we’re advocating for thousands of students behind us that want this bill passed or want funding for their institution like it does in other states.

Diabat How many other universities are thinking about leaving?

Mario: I cant speak on how many are considering to leave.

Diabat I know there are more than one.

Mario: All I know is what I know and I don’t know that.

Boyd You mentioned the issues survey. Where is the status for the OSU one?

Tiffany: It is online at www.orstudents.org. But we did send out our issue choosing survey packet to all the board members of OSA including OSU’s board members. Right now we have about 12 surveys from OSU. Which is kind of sad we wish we had more input.
Boyd: When are they due?

Emily: If you’re a student you should fill out the survey. You can choose issues if they speak to you but you can also write in other issues. We’re going to leave it open, we were going to close it today but I’m happy to leave it open to hear what everyone on this campus has to say. Other reasons to be involved particularly for OSU is one important service is to have staff that works for you. By having two votes you can direct staff to work for you. In OSU the student experience center is up for a decision and we have the opportunity to have your delegates say it should be a priority and if your opinion is different you can voice that. OSU has had a big influence on you could have a legislative director every day working for what OSU wants. We’ll continue to do so as you’re members this year. In 2012 we’re going to have legislative session that will impact tuition levels. The Oregon opportunity grant only goes to 8-10 percent that are eligible to get it. The reason you might not have gotten the opportunity grant. That’s a major issue.

Tiffany: I know it’s contradictory talking about stats it’s 2 out of 10 students get it. 8 out of 10 didn’t get it. I think it’s a huge problem and I’m effected by it personally. I’m eligible but work on the side but I don’t have the W-2 in by time I’m not able to get the Oregon opportunity grant for those reasons.

Emily: And then the last thing is that having staff for student we provide things like trainings. Coming up on November 11-13 is the Oregon Students of Color Conference. We would love to invite you to that. Its another opportunity that staff and experts in non profit gorups or lawyer or professors present workshops for color that aren’t represented in higher education. It’s a great opportunity to take advantage of. What OSA offers, you’re welcome to take advantage of the trainings we offer or specific skill workshops on campus.

David Shumway: I didn’t catch the website address for that survey.

Emily: www.orstudents.org
Sokho We’re working to put out this link for the survey to all the student groups on campus. We’re trying to get that out to the campus that’s one of the things we’re working on ad to get it for the centers in SLI.

Boyd When was the deadline extended to?

Emily: If you could get that out that would be great before Saturday.

Anderson: I’m aware that OSU and I’m sure other schools have students that lobby on a state level just elaborate on the need for OSA that OSU doesn’t already do.

Emily: There are a lot of former board members here. Maybe they can elaborate on that one?

Farbod: What OSA does for us that we can’t do this year we have a 45 day session we all have classes and can’t be at the capitol all those days. We can go there when we can and OSA can go when we’re not at the capitol. I know Emma is there all the days. They need the funding so they can make the trips to the capitol. Say she asks Emma how they feel about the student experience center and we’re not apart of OSA what can she say because she won’t be representing us. They have a say in the capitol when our students won’t be there.

Gina: I got one of two parts. One, there has been debate around the money we do pay OSA I’d like clarification. The other question is I was under the impression there is a certain processing time with those surveys were getting its Tuesday we’re talking Saturday. We have a lot of students if there’s a processing time what is that and because we’re on a short time to get people to move on this survey how much impact will that make even with a small percentage there?

Tiffany: I’ll take the second one. Initially today was our deadline but we want to hear from the OSU students which is why we’re extending our deadline. I wouldn’t worry about giving us extra work we will do what we need to do to make sure
that your voices are heard. I’d appreciate if we can get as many filled out before Saturday so we can hear what is important to you all.

Emily: I’m gonna be honest too. There is a process for handing that out we handed it out in August and I’m sad you haven’t been getting outreach about it we’re happy to take responses. The students on Saturday will review the initial results that’s what staff will go through and start having a big conversation about the priorities by campus I don’t know if that’ll be ready by Saturday. Our next meeting is November 11. That’s where we’ll continue that and the goal is that board members will write policy options and move forward. We can keep in touch and see how many you’ll hand out. The timeline is to start writing those policy options so we can come back in January and have the board make the decision of the top issues. But we have some time. The first question, every single students that is a member pays a $1.15 to be in OSA everyone’s amount your school pays is based on your enrollment. That is based on your tuition. The staff you employ then is a legislative director. We oversee the field team. Part of our conferences in the past has worked with our staff members and they’re the equal rights board and the OSAC board to staff that board and provide trainings on campus. There are additional staff members that pay for their campus organizers you have access to a full staff and folks that specialize in campaigns and teaching about a number of movements in the student movement if you’re trying to put on campaigns and events.

Vd I have a clarification. I have an invoice dated September 8 for membership dues fall 2011. We would get another one of those for winter and spring.

Gina: I have one more question, there’s a lot of talk about this conference I’ve been to a couple and I’ve been able to sit on a couple of the meetings. The conferences are based on student involvement we do the presentation what involvement do you have in that and number two because we’re paying high
number of money for the service and we already are on a short timeline to get our information in that kind of makes me feel like I'm not really convinced. I'm trying to figure out ok you put on conferences and you give us a short timeline, that have slowed down our process well one big thing slowed down the process, but I want clarification. What do you do at the conferences and then how much weight will be given to our issues because we’re talking to the entire year or just one term?

**Emily:** First of all in order to staff a conference it takes a lot of staff members. We do all the behind the scenes work or recruiting the speakers. We have three keynote speakers, it takes 4-5 months prep from staff. I think that important it takes a lot of time to put together the resources and programs and also the staff member gives minimum of 3 workshops and we recruit folks. We bring specialized presentors to those workshops.

**Gina:** We do our surveys how much will it weigh in?

**Emily:** It will weigh in the whole year. Also next year in legislation session. Its important that OSU students take the time to fill out surveys. So Sokho and Robby can take votes this next weekend and know what OSU students told it carries more weight. We can say look this is what OSU students want. It’s an inclusive process. We’ll follow up with more questions afterward.

**Mario:** I wanted to reiterate the surveys have been available since September; the other campuses have been participating and have been collected for 4-5 weeks. They’ve been here but not distributed.

**Ana:** I just met with OSAC on Friday and they left me with one copy and I got refered to the website. They told me to refer students to it. I got information from OSAC today about the conference that’s when I found out about those surveys.

**Emily:** That’s a staff person that came and its the responsibilty of OSAC to do that outreach its just that board members have not been participating. That’s a
decision among yourselves. We’re sad about what you’re dealing with and you have tense and difficult things happening. I would’ve loved for you to have a staff person on campus. I was here in July but because OSU was deciding to not participate we couldn’t force the outreach but unfortunately I’m sorry you didn’t hear about it ahead of time.

Brett Thank you, fortunately there is the opportunity to fill those out this week especially those that are representatives for the resources centers. I’d like to go back to this because we’re on a bill for funding for OSA.

Diabat It’s very obvious that was is not fast in making a decision like our house. We are not in speed. I really want to wait until we discuss that internally and go ahead and decide afterward about what will happen.

Brett There is a meeting this Saturday that will be a big part to how OSU and members feel towards OSA and how that all works out. As brought up if that’s something we want, we can table this until next week and get a report.

Van I move we table HR-03.03.

Cushing Second

Ken I had a quick question from someone from the House. I know there’s an exploratory committee about OSA. Is there a timeframe when we can expect what the findings will be?

Representative Robb: Currently we haven’t met. I forgot to add this when I spoke for JCCC, the meeting is Thursday at 6 pm. in MU 212. You should definitely come, any senator should come to voice their opinion.

Angela Baxter: Can regular students come to this session or only house and senate?

Drew This first meeting is basically from the chair this might not be the best place to put forth those opinions but create the structure of the committee. Future meetings would be better for that. But all committee meetings are open.
vd You can just close discussion.

A voice vote was taken to table HR-03.03. The motion passed.

IX. Other Old Business

None

X. New Business

**Senator Coon’s Letter of Resignation**

Cushing I move to forgo reading the letter.

Boyd Second

A voice vote was taken. Division.

A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed.

XI. President’s Announcements

Sokho We’re sending representatives to the OSA meeting if you have questions, comments, concerns for this meeting please contact me. The office is open to all of you as students, senators and representatives.

Brett Sokho said that if you have issues you’d like to bring forward to Sokho and Robby that they will attend the meeting Saturday please do so.

XII. Senator Comments

Van I’d want to thank everyone of the BCC I thought it went really well even though I’m now a member of the undead.

Diabat Thank you OSA members for answering our questions and sharing your opinions. Its very professional of you, you do our job to pay the dues, you don’t see ya next year.

XIII. Gallery Comments

David Shumway: I don’t want this to become a form of solicitation but the fraternity is putting on a pancake breakfast its like an all you can eat and there’s a raffle too. If you’re interested in eating your pancakes come. Its 9-12 you can have breakfast Saturday before the game.
Patricia: I spoke last week about accommodations and good job, there's a mic. I wanted to thank Senator Vandever who contacted me after the meeting last week asking for more diversity training I applaud you for hitting me up and I wanted to send out an invitation there is going to be an opportunity for the campus. The diversity summit you might've heard about it I encourage those of us in ASOSU, the entire executive branch is going to be there. It would be great to see congress there as well there's a student dialogue for student leaders it's going to help foster community building. Its next week on November 2nd and 3rd after the craziness of the first the first student session will be November 2nd from 4:30-5:30 p.m. and the next session will be the 3rd from 4-5 p.m. There will be food at both of those. I can forward that to all your emails.

Brett I forgot to mention the November 1st is the trial we do have a motion to change room setting from 109 and we’re going to do it in the MU lounge. I’d like to entertain a motion to change our meeting room.

Boyd Have we looked at doing it in the international forum?

Brett I’ve checked everywhere and that's all we have, the ballroom is taken that night as well.

Boyd Is that too open of a space though for a semi sensitive matter?

Brett KBVR wants to be there live taping as well.

Van Where will senate deliberations be held?

Brett MU 110.

Vd The trial has to be open only the deliberations are closed the openness for the space isn't relevant.

Brett There’s enough room in there we wont have to worry about that. We need a motion to move our senate meeting.

Cushing I move to have next week’s senate meeting in the MU Lounge.

Diabat Second
A voice vote was taken to move the meeting location. The motion passed.

XIV.  Adjournment

Ken I move to adjourn.

Swear Second

Brett Acclamation?

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.