I. **Call to Order/Roll-Call/Quorum**
   The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

II. **Swearing in of Senators**
    Victoria Redman was sworn in.

   **President Pro Tempore:** Are there any changes to the agenda? I would like to add in Amelia under new business.

   **Senator Cushing:** I’d like to approve the addition to the agenda.
   A voice vote was taken. The motion to amend the agenda passed.

III. **Singing of the OSU Alma Mater**
    The OSU Alma Mater was sung by everyone present.

IV. **Approval of Minutes from**
    **Tuesday, November 22nd, 2011**
    **Senator Diabat:** Can we do one at a time?
    **President Pro Tempore:** Yes we’ll do November 22 first.
    **Senator Diabat:** I move to approve the minutes from November 22.
    **Senator Vandever:** Second
    A voice vote was taken to approve the minutes. The motion passed.

    **Wednesday, November 30th, 2011**
    **Senator Cushing:** I move to approve the minutes.
    **Senator Diabat:** Dissent
    **Senator Cushing:** You have to dissent after a voice vote.
    Vb That was just a dissent not a dissent to a voice vote.
    **Senator Diabat:** It was changed at the last minute and there was no changing of the time and location.
    **Chris Van Drimmelen:** Point of Order. The president of ASOSU can call a joint session at any time.
Senator Diabat: I did not get it from the president, the change. I didn’t receive a letter to change it.

Chris Van Drimmelen: I was under the impression that’s who called it. Who called it?

Speaker Hatlen: That was the house.

Chris Van Drimmelen: Then we’re cool you can also call it.

President Pro Tempore: Are we legal here?

Chris Van Drimmelen: Well, yes and no.

Senator Cushing: Can we have another trial?

Senator Diabat: What are the other options if we don’t approve it right now?

Chris Van Drimmelen: We’re just approving the minutes right now. You could not approve the minutes but it’s just stating the minutes are accurate.

Senator Diabat: In my opinion this meeting was illegal. I received late notice about changing time and location.

Senator Vandever: The minutes aren’t what we’re discussing.

Senator Diabat: I was opposing a statement this was not administered accordingly and problematic.

Senator Cushing: I would suggest we fail to approve the minutes and then move into committee to resolve the legality.

Senator Vandever: The problem isn’t under the minutes. Sokho, vice president Eath, did most of the talking I’m fine with the minutes if he is.

President Pro Tempore: We need a motion to approve the minutes.

Senator Vandever: I move to approve the minutes.

Senator Boyd: Second but I would like to hear how it was yes and no.

Chris Van Drimmelen: So the joint session part of it is fine. The moving the location and the late notice complaint is legitimate.

Senator Cushing: In the interest in the time of gallery I would like to suggest we pass the minute unless there’s reasonable cause to not pass them.

Senator Diabat: The meeting is not legal. The notice was late I think the same day or the afternoon of senate meeting and after that changing the time and location and there was no emergency and if the meeting is not if we do this every time okay have fun every time.

Senator Cushing: Yield the floor.

Gallery Member: If you pass the minutes doesn’t that make it valid?

Chris Van Drimmelen: That does not. Approving the minutes doesn’t mean if the meeting was legal or not. It’s just a statement that the minutes were accurate. It’s
not if the meeting was legal. The question is if the meeting minutes were accurate. He does bring a point that we should get discussed.

**Senator Vandever:** We should pass the minutes and the issue with the meeting we can establish something under new business.

**President Pro Tempore:** Can we fit you in under new business or senator comments?

**Senator Diabat:** Absolutely. Its not a circus over here. No one can call when they want.

**Senator Vandever:** Question.

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

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

V. **Standing Committee Reports**

**Speaker Hatlen:** Do we have a head for oversight and ethics?

**Senator Vandever:** It was Hans.

**President Pro Tempore:** I need to check the document I have on that.

**Speaker Hatlen:** I believe the chair is able to appoint.

**President Pro Tempore:** I have to check if I put it down.

**Senator Kennemer:** I know I wanted to be chair.

**Senator Diabat:** I’m ready to take the bullet too. I’d also like to be chair.

**President Pro Tempore:** I’ll put that down I’ll decide that at a later time. I’ll speak to both of you after the meeting.

**Senator Boyd:** I have a report for student government. We’re working this term on planning the town hall we discussed last term to open that up to people to weigh in their opinions. I’ve talked to team liberation too. And currently looking on doing that after senate 8-10 p.m. January 24. That’s 2 weeks from now. I’d like to see if that works for everyone here.

**Senator Diabat:** No, I prefer during the day.

**Senator Cushing:** I prefer not during the day please.

**Senator Boyd:** If you’re interested in helping feel free to talk to me after the meeting.

**President Pro Tempore:** I have no objection to that. It’s relevant on time as far as who can make it if you can check before the end of the meeting. But I see no issues.

VI. **Joint Committee Reports**

**Joint Committee of Congressional Correspondence**

**Senator Boyd:** Nothing to report.
Senator Vandever: As far as the committee to investigate the relationship between OSA and ASOSU is concerned, we were unable to meet effectively during the break and we'll have a meeting Wednesday and hopefully give our report to both houses in the next week or so.

VII. Delegate Reports
None
VIII. Old Business & Second Readings
SB-71.03 “Jacob Vandever Legislator Accountability Bill”
Senator Vandever: I have a few amendments I wanted to make.
Chris Van Drimmelen: As a point of order, second readings should begin with a reading by the clerk.
Clerk Wolff:

“WHEREAS ASOSU Senators and Members of the House of Representatives are required by the statues to hold at least 1 hour of office hours a week;

WHEREAS All candidates for legislative office agreed to these standards when choosing to run for election,

WHEREAS There is currently no way to hold legislators accountable for holding their office hours;

WHEREAS There is no current procedure for keeping track of legislators office hours;

WHEREAS The ASOSU Legislative branch should appear to be a professional organization that holds it members to the standards that are set;

WHEREAS Students at OSU should have the opportunity to discuss issues with their legislators during their office hours;

BE IT HEREBY ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS THAT:

Title II Section 2 A Part 5 shall be added to the ASOSU Statues to say:

Office hours of representatives shall be mandatory. Any representative who fails to hold office hours for two consecutive weeks or for three weeks in a single term shall have their office declared vacant by the Speaker of the House. (Excluding week 10 and finals week of each term).
BE IT FURTHER ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS THAT:

Title II Section 3 A Part 5 shall be added to the ASOSU Statues to say:

Office hours of Senators shall be mandatory. Any Senator who fails to hold office hours for two consecutive weeks or for three weeks in a single term shall have their seat declared vacant by the President of the Senate. (Excluding week 10 and finals week of each term).

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS THAT:

Title II Section 3 B part 3 shall be amended to say:

Each Senator shall be required to hold one office hour a week excluding Finals Week. Each Senator shall submit their office hours for the following week to the President Pro Temp and the Legislative Clerk by 4:00pm every Friday (excluding Week 9 and Week 10). The office hours for each senator shall be posted by the clerk no later than 9:30am every Monday. Senators may submit office hours for multiple weeks if their office hours recur at the same time each week. Failure to submit office hours for posting for two consecutive weeks or for any three weeks in a single term will have their seat declared vacant by the President of the Senate.

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS THAT:

Title II Section 2 B part 4 shall be amended to say:

Each Representative shall be required to hold one office hour a week excluding Finals Week. Each Representative shall submit their office hours for the following week to the Speaker of the House and the Legislative Clerk by 4:00pm every Friday (Excluding Week 9 and Week 10). The office hours for each representative shall be posted by the clerk no later than 9:30am every Monday. Representatives may submit office hours for multiple weeks if their office hours recur at the same time each week. Failure to submit office hours for posting for two consecutive weeks or for any three weeks in a single term will have their seat declared vacant by the President of the Senate.

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS THAT:

Title II Section 4, A part 4 shall be added to the ASOSU Statues to say:
The Congressional Clerk shall be required to report all absences from office hours of Senators, and representatives at their corresponding meetings.

**ENACTED THE FIRST DAY OF WINTER TERM 2012 BY THE ASOSU Congress?**

**Senator Cushing:** I have a few friendly amendments. In the title make the word legislator to legislators, add an s to it, change from speaker of the house to president pro temp, and spell out pro temp all the way.

**Chris Van Drimmelen:** Since we’re in second readings it belongs to the floor so you would call if there are objections.

**President Pro Tempore:** Are there any objections to those amendments? Do we have to vote on that?

**Chris Van Drimmelen:** That’s unanimous consent.

**Senator Boyd:** I have discussion. I was wondering if its by week do you post your office hours the president would announce for the term if it would be better week by week for have a set time each week.

**President Pro Tempore:** That would work better if there are changes by the Friday.

**Senator Diabat:** It seems we missed if you’re done with your comments I have another thing.

**Senator Boyd:** I think if we’re going to post them on the website it should be usually correct there are exceptions. So they don’t have to come into the office.

**President Pro Tempore:** Is there further discussion on that point making it at the beginning of the term in relevance to the whole term. Are there objections to that?

**Chris Van Drimmelen:** Was that an amendment?

**President Pro Tempore:** No I’m trying to get a general consensus.

**Senator Vandever:** If I’m reading it right it allows people to set their office hours for the term.

**Senator Boyd:** I think we should point out that its posted on the website and maybe exceptions are posted for up to date information as week by week you could check the sheet that will be posted for the times or whatever.

**President Pro Tempore:** I can see what you’re saying but it says shall submit by 4 p.m. every Friday that’s specifically saying every week Senator Boyd is saying do we need that every week.

**Senator Vandever:** It says may submit multiple week if its recurs at the same time.
Senator Boyd: I think we should put in here a semi permanent fashion on the website.

President Pro Tempore: It’s the objective of what we put on the website that’s what we’re held to do. This is more holding obligation to the senators and representatives to have that time that goes to the clerk to put those up.

Senator Cushing: I would like to move for amendments to strike the underlined portions on the back half and replace with each senator must submit their office hours for the term by the first Friday of that term. If there’s an exception you shouldn’t have an exception every week. There’s legislation on the front saying office hours shall be mandatory any representative that doesn’t keep office hours shall be declared vacant. There shouldn’t be a punishment along with the posting of the congressional clerk.

President Pro Tempore: Repeat the motion.

Senator Cushing: The underlined portion of the back page shall be replaced by each senator shall submit their hours for the term to the president pro tempore and congressional clerk by the first Friday of the term.

Senator Diabat: I have two amendments the first I’d like to ask Senator Vandever to add another section that says these office hours shall not be during anytime of committee of house or senate in order to avoid double count of service hours.

Senator Vandever: They can’t count committee work as office hours.

Senator Diabat: You can’t put that during any standing committee or something. The second amendment was changing the failing to hold office hours as 4 consecutive weeks that 2. Office hours are not more important than the meetings. You’re putting more weight into the office hours than the meeting itself.

Senator Vandever: It’s 4 per term this is 3 consecutive. I’m open for discussion. Senator Cushing: You have 2 consecutive or 3 total.

Senator Diabat: It’s too harsh.

Senator Vandever: What about 3 consecutive weeks and 4 total weeks.

President Pro Tempore: Is there any objections to the amendments by senator Diabat? There are a lot of amendments. If we table this until the next meeting so we can have a formal copy in front of us.

Senator Vandever: I wonder if there are any other concerns.

Senator Redman: Under the fourth whereas it states there’s no procedure to keep track. My concern is where’s the procedure offered in this bill? How will they keep track if there are absences?

Senator Kennemer: There’s a sign in sheet.
President Pro Tempore: That’s another thing to consider. As far as the pro temp puts out sign up sheet it’s also something to suggest in the computer a log in thing.

Senator Vandever: We can look at that and come back next week.

Senator Vandever: I’d like to change enacted the first day of winter term 2012 to be enacted on passage.

Senator Cushing: Is the thing to table it because we don’t have a print out?

Senator Vandever: I’d like to get the ball rolling on this

Chris Van Drimmelen: You have to be recognized by the chair to talk. It’s getting confusing. I can’t follow more than one person talking at a time.

Senator Vandever: I’d like to thank mr. Van Drimmelen for keeping us honest.

President Pro Tempore: Whether we want to talbe this or approve it.

Senator Cushing: I move to approve.

Senator Boyd: We haven’t added the amendment for the keeping accountable.

Senator Cushing: I don’t think we need to write that in legislation. It’s a statue there’s a way to keep us accountable! in the office I don’t think we need a specific sign in sheet this can pass and its underwritten in the legislatioin.

Senator Boyd: Should we remove the fourth whereas that addresses that?

Representative Robb: Maybe an idea that would work that the congressional clerk will keep record of this whichever way so you don’t have to change it. You can have a paper or sign in thing on the computer.

Chris Van Drimmelen: The whereas once this bill passes or doesn’t pass are irrelevant. The only thing that gets written in the statues is below the whereas. If anything other than that just leave it be.

President Pro Tempore: My concern is there are a bunch of amendments I think it would be the best interest to get these written up and changed accordingly and see it in the whole heartedly sense it is.

Senator Diabat: I move to table it until the next meeting.

Senator Vandever: If people could bring these concerns to me after first readings that would be nice.

Senator Diabat: I move to table this.

Senator Boyd: Second

A voice vote was taken to table JB-71.03. The motion passed.

IX. New Business

Amelia’s Presentation
Amelia Harris: I and other people from international student advising services, ISOUS and ASOSU are working on proposing an immigration lawyer for our law offices. I have the proposal and I’m asking for your input and go back and make any changes if you see an amendment as necessary.

Senator Diabat: Would you give us a brief description?

Amelia: We’re working the legal service only offer a lawyer for criminal and civil issues like housing, tenant stuff like that. We have no way to work with international students. ISAS deals with some visas and stuff. With the growing population it’s important to serve these students there are many question about these immigration issues like what’s it to have a dui and your visa. We’ve gotten great response with the survey it’s a lot of information but the numbers are interesting for having support on the issues on campus. Does that give a brief description? I don’t know if you want to give me feedback right now or email me or we can have a meeting I want to know what you’re thinking.

Senator Diabat: How many of senators are international students? None. How many are familiar with issues of international students?

Senator Cushing: I’m some degree familiar.

Senator Diabat: My point is there are lots of information missing that you’ll need the international student affairs to educate the senators a little bit to have sufficient understanding of this need of the lawyer or not including finances and why. Just background I’m international student and internal feedback I’ve had yes and no on this initiative. You can go to the coordinator or director of international student affairs or to me for some questions to finalize your thoughts about it. To support it or not.

Amelia: I don’t have that background so that’s a good point.

Senator Boyd: Is this to be implemented next year?

Amelia: Yes.

Senator Cushing: Will you be able to come in next week if we’ve had a chance to read this?

Amelia: Yeah for sure.

Senator Boyd: How is this survey being distributed?

Amelia: It was sent out to ISAS and the ISOSU listserv.

Senator Boyd: Are all on ISAS website?

Amelia: I believe so.
Bunviseth Chip: It was to international students. I want to mention that I got emails from a couple students and they really supported this. If you’d like to see my emails please let me know.

President Pro Tempore: Senator Diabat brought up some good issues there but this is a step in the right direction. If you can read through this this week and do some research that need to be done too. Come prepared next time so we can talk about it further. The bill will be going to house tomorrow night. This is just to let you know what’s going through the house. The way that its stated is the “stipend”.

Representative Alvarez: I came to see what you thought of it if there are any issues you guys have or want to join as a cosponsor.

Senator Vandever: Is there any way to make it optional if in a severe case there’s any way to make it suspended.

Representative Alvarez: Yeah I’m open to that.

Senator Diabat: Yeah I would like to be a cosponsor of that. That would change it to a joint bill. Let’s have a conversation after this meeting.

Chris Van Drimmelen: You’d have a sponsor from both houses so it would become a joint bill. Which would also be appropriate since it’s altering the statues that would allow it to go forward in the house. It has some minor fiscal implications.

Representative Alvarez: Can’t a bill originate in the house regardless?

Chris Van Drimmelen: Not technically.

President Pro Tempore: Any case Diabat wishes to cosponsor so it would go through house tomorrow and then go to us next week.

Senator Diabat: Let’s talk after the meeting and see if anyone is interested in being in the bill.

President Pro Tempore: I’ll be on as well. Anything else? Awesome thank you.

X. President’s Announcements

Vice President Eath: For the most part to give some background on the international lawyer, one of the big things from last year is looking into whether it is necessary this is a continuation as my work as the multicultural affairs task force director. Another big thing I’d like to point out is the ASOSU budget is about to enter into its proposal phase we need to accomplish the relationship between OSA and ASOSU. I’m glad the meeting is going forward. Its important I spoke at the last hearing on our relationship with that organization with our government affairs team its critical we have that relationship. I’d like to point out all of you sitting through my very boring speech. One of the things I’d like to reiterate is that we have things to do in the short term and the ability to do things in the long term.
ASOSU should look into what we can accomplish now and what we can accomplish in the future. Push it to the student body, I want to thank you for being there whether it was legal we should look into that.

XI. Senator Comments

Senator Vandever: I want to know what kind of timetable to get some new faces?

President Pro Tempore: That is happening this week we have 9 applicants for it. Several are here tonight if you want to meet some you can.

Senator Boyd: Did you send around the office hours thing?

President Pro Tempore: Further senator comments?

Senator Diabat: About the legality of last meeting I’m trying hard to not miss any meeting and receiving an email saying the email 2-3 hours before the meeting itself the time and place was changed I couldn’t make it to the second meeting. It put me in a bad situation its my role to be in the meeting but changes prevented me from fulfilling my duties. Its not ok I’m saying its not a circus not everybody can shuffle things the way he or she wants. I appreciate cooperation to prevent this from happening. The second about the international law situation, the budget, the fees are planned to not increase. So adding funding by ASOSU or by the students from this position is going to put us in a bad situation that we increase the fees and cannot go on with it if its for international students the international students have to be in contact with legal issues with their international advisor from ISAS. So if ISAS needs counseling they should pay by themselves not the students. This is budget wise I hope I explain myself for international student there are more urgent things. The fees go for for instance having help or accountant that helps with tax return is not less important than international lawyer. I hope I explain myself to the ones who were listening.

Senator Cushing: If you could expand on your circus metaphor.

Senator Diabat: In a circus there’s higher entropy.

Senator Cushing: I know what it means scientifically.

Senator Diabat: More chaos.

Senator Vandever: What we’re saying is we’re not happy in the fashion it was conducted. We’re not going to declare it was illegal?

President Pro Tempore: No there has been a point made in respect to those who go to the meeting to respect that.

XII. Gallery Comments

Speaker Hatlen: I wanted to express my interest for all of you to enroll in the congressional leadership class on Wednesday at 5. It’s to get credit for what you do as students. This term will be focusing on budgetary issues it will effect what you work on this term. To give you
insight as what we’ll have in that we’ll write the legislation it’s a good way to further your skills as senators and advise you take to the class it’s a good experience.

Senator Diabat: Repeat the time.

Speaker Hatlen: Its Wednesday at 5 p.m. I have the CRN its 38199.

Senator Diabat: Thank you.

Gallery Member: Are you still looking for people to fill senate seats?

President Pro Tempore: don We’re meeting at the end of the week if you want to, turn in an application just come to me afterwards. There are also two spots in the house as well.

XIII. Adjournment

Senator Boyd: I move to adjourn.

Senator Diabat: Second

Acclamation occurred and the meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.