

**OSA Assembly Agenda**  
March 31, 2014 at 4:00 PM  
Reeve Memorial Union, Theatre Room 307

**I. Call to Order** – Pledge of Allegiance

**II. Roll Call -**  
**Organizations with Voting Rights:**

Present:

Excused:

Absent:

**III. Open Forum -**

**IV. Approval of the Agenda -**

**V. Approval of the Minutes –**

**VI. Guest Speakers –**

**VII. Officer Reports –**

- a. OSA Directors –
- b. OSA Office Manager – (Rae Ann - [wetzelnr@uwosh.edu](mailto:wetzelnr@uwosh.edu)) – Welcome Back! Titan Tip of the Day Reeve Reservations checking Titan Link
- c. OSA Advisor – (Petra – [roterp@uwosh.edu](mailto:roterp@uwosh.edu)) -
- d. Speaker Pro-Tempore – (Nicole Lehto – [osaspeakerpt@uwosh.edu](mailto:osaspeakerpt@uwosh.edu)) -
- e. Speaker of the Assembly – (Sarah Speigle– [osaspeaker@uwosh.edu](mailto:osaspeaker@uwosh.edu)) –
- f. Vice President Pro-Tempore – (Hallie Turnbull– [osavppt@uwosh.edu](mailto:osavppt@uwosh.edu)) –
- g. Vice President – (Jordan Schettle – [osavp@uwosh.edu](mailto:osavp@uwosh.edu)) -
- h. President – (Ryan Hackbarth- [hackbr00@uwosh.edu](mailto:hackbr00@uwosh.edu)) – Student representatives chosen for the Search and Screen committee for the new Chancellor

**VIII. Presidential Appointments –**

**OSA 13-028**

BE IT RESOLVED: That the OSA Senate and Assembly approved the following Presidential Appointments and/or recommendations:

1. Chase Mitchell, Student Seg Fees Committee

**Sponsored by:** Ryan Hackbarth, OSA president

**OSA 13-029**

BE IT RESOLVED: That the OSA Senate and Assembly approved the following Presidential Appointments and/or recommendations:

2. Zachary Williams, Institutional Animal Care & Use Committee

**Sponsored by:** Ryan Hackbarth, OSA president

**IX. Unfinished Business –**

**OSA 13-023**

WHEREAS the United Council of University of Wisconsin Students, Inc. (UC) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and thus is required by the IRS to file a 990 tax form each year, and to release the latest available 990 tax forms for inspection upon request which they have not done after repeated request from the Oshkosh Student Association (OSA); and

WHEREAS the UC's membership was tied to the Mandatory Refundable Fee which was revoked by 2013 Wisconsin Act 20; ergo, the UC does not have any members, due to a lack of a new definition of membership; and

WHEREAS the UC's Corporate Bylaws state that members of the organization shall be all current dues-paying students attending a University of Wisconsin System campus, who have not had their dues refunded; and

WHEREAS OSA has on multiple occasions - including but not limited to Student Representatives (Student Reps), the December Convening, and meetings with UC executive members in the OSA Office - tried to work with UC to help them reform their structure and budget through diplomatic negotiations, but no reform proposal has been submitted to OSA or Student Reps to date; and

WHEREAS OSA supports the original purpose of United Council as an advocacy group for UW students and their future potential to fulfill that role; and

WHEREAS the United Council structure and leadership, as they currently stand, lack the means for achieving the goals, sustainability, and longevity of the organization; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that OSA reserves the right to not consider cooperation with United Council until they have satisfactorily;

- a) Released all current budget information that is required of them legally,
- b) Defined a membership that is agreed upon at Student Reps,
- c) A reformation proposal that will include the structure, funding, and leadership of the organization, along with purposes and tasks therein; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that, upon the passage of this resolution, a copy of it will be sent to the following: Dr. Richard Wells, Chancellor of UW-Oshkosh; Dr. Petra Roter, Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs; Lamonte Moore, President of the United Council; Nneka Akubeze, Executive Director of the United Council; Jolie Lizotte, Field Director for United Council; The Executive Board of Student Representatives; and all UW-System Student Government Executive Boards.

**Sponsored by:** President Hackbarth, Vice President Schettle, Director Hopper, Director Keelan

**OSA 12-020**

**IN SUPPORT OF THE OSHKOSH STUDENT ASSOCIATION ENCOURAGING THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN OSHKOSH FOUNDATION AND ITS DONORS TO EXAMINE AND PURSUE DIVESTMENT FROM FOSSIL FUEL COMPANIES AND INCREASE INVESTMENT IN SUSTAINABLE ENTERPRISES**

WHEREAS Wisconsin State Statute 36.09(5) empowers university student associations with the primary responsibility for the formulation and review of policies concerning student life, services and interests;

WHEREAS the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh Foundation (UWO Foundation) was created to promote, receive, invest, and disburse gifts to meet the goals of the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh (UW-Oshkosh) and includes being a good corporate citizen as one of its core values;

WHEREAS UW-Oshkosh is a signatory to the American College and University President's Climate Commitment, which encourages universities to take steps in pursuit of climate neutrality;

WHEREAS UW-Oshkosh has endorsed the Earth Charter and its mission to promote the transition to sustainable ways of living and a global society founded on a shared ethical framework that includes respect and care for the community of life and ecological integrity;

WHEREAS UW-Oshkosh is committed to becoming a carbon-neutral institution by 2025 and has already made extraordinary efforts aimed at reaching this goal;

WHEREAS several public and private universities of various sizes, in addition to select cities and other institutions, have committed to or are considering divestment from fossil fuel companies;

WHEREAS multiple financial institutions have concluded that it is possible to divest from fossil fuels without negatively affecting returns and there is clear need to consider the specific investment position of the UWO Foundation and any potential impact on returns when examining methods to divest from fossil fuel companies;

WHEREAS the UWO Foundation and its associated bodies, particularly the Student Managed Endowment Fund, must align their portfolio with donor interests and their investment policy statements and any fossil fuel divestment constraints or green technology over-weighting will require involvement and consideration of donors;

WHEREAS the data made available by the Carbon Tracker Initiative is valuable in making environmentally conscious investment decisions as they seek to bring transparency in terms of the carbon embedded in equity markets;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Oshkosh Student Association (OSA) encourages the UWO Foundation and its donors to consider the sustainability goals and leadership of UW-Oshkosh in addition to the will of the student body when managing investments and issuing investment policy statements;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that OSA encourages the UWO Foundation, in cooperation with its donor partners, to make a plan of action aimed at divesting from those fossil fuel companies specifically identified by the Carbon Tracker Initiative within five years;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that OSA requests that the UWO Foundation prepare a report detailing options for adjusting investment positions such that the positive impact of the Foundation is maximized not only by limiting investment in fossil fuel companies but also by increasing investment sustainable enterprises, including, but not limited to, clean technology, renewable energy, sustainable companies or projects, and sustainable communities;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that OSA encourages the UWO Foundation to, wherever and whenever possible; make efforts to cease new investment in fossil fuel companies and to align their portfolio so that it reflects the values of UW-Oshkosh;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the OSA requests the UWO Foundation to release updates detailing progress made towards fossil fuel divestment and that these updates be made available to the general public;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the OSA supports any and all other efforts, made at any level, to limit actions that negatively impact the environment, including through legislation and innovative methods;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the OSA revisit this resolution in two years examine progress made in meeting the goals herein;

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be delivered to Chancellor Richard Wells; Vice-Chancellor Thomas Sonnleitner; President Rathjen, UWO Foundation; all sitting Board Members and Directors of the UWO Foundation; Kristine L. Beck, Ph.D., Faculty Advisor, Student Managed Endowment Fund; Stephen P. Huffman, Ph.D., CFA, FRM, Faculty Advisor, Student Managed Endowment Fund; David Barnhill, Ph.D., Department Chair, Environmental Studies; and the UW-Oshkosh Campus Sustainability Council.

Sponsors: UW-Oshkosh Change the Climate Campaign; Student Environmental Action Coalition; College Democrats; Political Science Student Association; Senator Dennis, Senator Stepanek, Senator Mitchell, Senator Newhauser; Emily Husar Martin, Scot McCullough

**OSA 13-026**

WHEREAS, Student Tech Fees has been in discussion of limiting printing for the academic year 2014-2015 and onward; and

WHEREAS, UW Oshkosh currently allocates 5,000 sheets per semester, per student for printing; and

WHEREAS, the 5,000 sheet limit is the highest sheet amount allocated to students, per semester in the UW System; and

WHEREAS, currently, only 4 students of our 13,000 have reached and surpassed our current limit; and

WHEREAS, the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh is the 14th most sustainable university campus in the nation and reducing the limit of printing would coincide with our vision of a sustainable future; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the OSA encourages Student Tech Fees to limit each UWO student to 2,500 sheets of printing per year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the OSA encourages Student Tech Fees to allocate 1,000 sheets for the fall term, 1,000 sheets for the spring term and 500 sheets for the summer term. The limits will be strictly enforced and notification of going over will be emailed to their "@uwosh.edu" email. All printing over the limit will be directly billed to the student's account and will be expected to be paid at the end of that specific term; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the OSA encourages Student Tech Fees to give adequate notification, explanation and evaluation of this change. The trial period will be the Summer term of 2014 and the full implementation of this change will start the Fall term of 2014; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the OSA will revisit with Student Tech Fees after the first full year of implementation of this plan to evaluate and make beneficial changes to the plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the OSA encourages the Student Tech Fees to reallocate all saved funding toward improving the campus WiFi; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that upon passage of this resolution will be sent to following: Dr. Richard Wells, Chancellor of UW-Oshkosh, Dr. Petra Roter, Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs, Dr. Lane Earns, Provost, Thomas Sonnleitner, Vice Chancellor of Administrative Services, Lisa Danielson, Registrar, Laura Knaapen, Director of Academic Computing, Greg Wypiszynski, President of Academic Staff, Dr. Kay Neal, President of Faculty Senate.

**Sponsored by:** President Hackbarth, Vice President Schettle, Senator Sparks, Senator Kubis, Senator Geis, Senator Newhauser, Senator Thompson

**X. New Business –**

**OSA 13-030**

**REGARDING THE FINANCIAL SITUATION OF THE ADVANCE TITAN**

WHEREAS Wisconsin State Statute 36.09(5) empowers university student associations with the primary responsibility for the formulation and review of policies concerning student life, services and interests, and

WHEREAS the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh (UW-Oshkosh) implementation plan for State Statute 36.09(5) neither requires an independent media nor recognizes the Advance Titan as an independent organization, and

WHEREAS the Advance Titan covers and is a part of student life at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh (UW-Oshkosh) and has a history of quality journalism, having received Pacemaker Awards from the Associated College Press in 2002 and 2005, and

WHEREAS the Advance Titan maintains near independence from UW-Oshkosh, its journalism department, the Oshkosh Student Association (OSA), and UW-Oshkosh Administration, and

WHEREAS any entities which receive funding from UW-Oshkosh students retain oversight from student governance bodies or student managed committees, and

WHEREAS UW-Oshkosh organizations utilize the Wisconsin Data Mart (WISDM) financial system for accounting and tracking of funds within the University of Wisconsin System, and

WHEREAS the landscape of journalism is continually changing and the Advance Titan has not recorded an annual net positive cash flow in over five years, and

WHEREAS the Advance Titan utilizes WISDM and requests a small portion of its funding from the Student Allocations Committee but is not a recognized student organization and is subject to no financial oversight, and

WHEREAS the Advance titan has demonstrated extreme financial mismanagement and irresponsibility resulting in a negative balance of over \$80,000 in their WISDM account, which is detrimental to UW-Oshkosh and its students, and

WHEREAS the Advance Titan has not produced a concrete plan of action aimed at achieving a positive cash flow without receiving student funds but has expressed its desire to remain wholly independent with no oversight, and

WHEREAS there are many examples of student newspapers which receive student funding and financial oversight while maintaining journalistic independence,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the OSA recognizes the value of a student newspaper in enhancing and reporting on student life and providing practical education and opportunities for students interested in journalism; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the OSA urges the Advance Titan to take immediate steps to further cut costs and increase revenues in order to prevent any increase in debt; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the OSA requests the Advance Titan to submit to the oversight of a student committee whose purpose is to create strategies to gradually reduce and ultimately eliminate their debt and prevent future financial mismanagement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any oversight committee for the Advance Titan will not attempt to influence the content of the Advance Titan and respect editorial independence; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the OSA calls upon the UW-Oshkosh Administration to, should the Advance Titan fail to decrease its debt or submit to oversight by the end of the 2013-2014 academic year, prevent further withdrawals from its WISDM account; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the OSA requests the Advance Titan to create and submit a specific plan of action aimed at improving its financial management, cash flow, and repaying its debt; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the OSA will not condone the use of student funds for subsidizing the Advance Titan prior to effective financial management being demonstrated within the organization and the organization submitting to an effective oversight body or mechanism; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be delivered to Richard Wells, Chancellor; Petra Roter, Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs; Vince Filak, Faculty Advisor, Advance Titan; Jessica Kuderer, Editor in Chief, Advance Titan; Katie Neumann, Managing Editor, Advance Titan; Sarah Spiegle, Chair, Student Allocations Committee; Zachary Dunton, Chair, Differential Tuition Committee; and Katie Keelan, Chair, Segregated Fees Committee.

**Sponsors:** President Hackbarth, Speaker PT of the Assembly Lehto, Director Hopper, Senator Mitchell

**XI. Committee Reports –**

**XII. Discussion –**

**XIII. Announcements –**

**XIV. Adjourn -**