

OSA Senate Agenda
April 23, 2019 at 4:45 PM
Reeve Memorial Union, Room 210

- I. Call to Order** – Quorum was not met.
- II. Roll Call** -
- III. Open Forum** –
- IV. Approval of the Agenda** –
- V. Approval of the Minutes** –
- VI. Club/Org Recognition** –
- VII. Guest Speakers** –

Rob Babcock, Director of Residence Life – Juniors Living in Residence Halls

Rob Babcock: One thing I have noticed is that we have only 67 juniors living in our residence halls this year. In talking with students, I have learned some things. Students feel that they have to leave the residence halls after two years and that there are a lot of problems with landlords in this area. I am working with many different folks around campus to come up with an initiative to keep students on campus for more than two years. As you all probably know, the landlords are very aggressive with their advertising beginning right away in the beginning of the school year. I have been asking students for ideas about how to keep students on campus and some of the things that have come up are not requiring a meal plan, a junior only living community, and guaranteed parking permits for juniors. The parking thing is something we can work to do and so is a junior only living community. The meal plan thing is a little more complicated, but we are working on coming up with maybe a discounted meal plan for upperclassmen.

Senator Dinse: I came from UW Milwaukee and they have the four towers there. One of the towers was only for upperclassmen which seemed to make a lot of people stay.

Vice President PT Korb: I am actually going to be a junior living on campus next year and I like what you are saying. Another idea I have is maybe making single rooms a little more affordable for upperclassmen.

President Howard: I am thinking that juniors are a little put out by CAs because they are older than their CAs. And another thing is security. A lot of juniors work and security station can sometimes be a bit of a hassle.

Rob Babcock: One thing that I want to create is a counternarrative. I don't necessarily want to put landlords in a bad light, but I want to let people know that you don't have to worry about being on a 12 month lease versus an academic year contract.

Senator Dahse: I think that the stuff you brought up about the new food contract is really good stuff. A lot of people I've talked to want to leave campus because of Sodexo so A'viands should help

President Howard: I think a lot of people who like living off campus like not having to move if they signed a lease in the same place for multiple years.

Vice President PT Korb: That is something that I would like. I am more involved in the community here so I would appreciate being able to stay in Oshkosh for the summer.

Ricky Johnson: The summertime was one of the times when I had on campus employment and trying to find someplace to sublet for the summer was hard. So if students could stay on campus for the summer that would help students out a lot.

Jacob Banfield: So you said 67 juniors live in the residence halls, how many seniors live there?

Rob Babcock: Somewhere around 40 or so.

Vice President PT Korb: How quickly would these changes be implemented?

Rob Babcock: It would probably happen for 2020-21 since everything is pretty set for the next academic year. I will be putting together a proposal in the next few months and I will share it with your advisors once it's finished.

Ricky Johnson – Complaint and Grievance Policy

Ricky Johnson: I have a couple policies coming around on campus. The two policies I have are the University Staff Complaint and Grievances policies. Because they affect multiple people, we want to share them with everyone before we change them outright. The major changes are adding language to encompass the access campuses to cover the staff there. Another of the big changes is formatting because the policies had outdated formatting. Originally these policies were combined into one policy and now we have split them.

VIII. Officer Reports –

- a. Speaker Pro-Tempore – (Shane – osaspeakerpt@uwosh.edu) –
- b. Speaker of the Assembly – (Ellen – osaspeaker@uwosh.edu) –
- c. Chief of Staff – (Colin – osacos@uwosh.edu) –
- d. Vice President Pro-Tempore – (Coleman – osavppt@uwosh.edu) –
- e. Vice President – (Stephanie – osavp@uwosh.edu) –
- f. President – (Ronisha – osapres@uwosh.edu) –

- g. OSA Office Manager – (Kyla Brown – brownk31@uwosh.edu) –
- h. OSA Advisor – (Dr. Art Munin – munina@uwosh.edu) –
- i. OSA Academic Liaison – (Thomas – wolft@uwosh.edu) –
- j. OSA Directors and Ambassadors –

IX. Presidential Appointments –

X. Unfinished Business –

XI. New Business –

OSA 18-031

WHEREAS: The Oshkosh Student Association (OSA), including the OSA Senate and current Executive Board, completely condemn the homophobic, racist, and utterly detestable incident that took place during the OSA General Election of 2019 on social media; and

WHEREAS: OSA lacks an institutionalized mechanism to address further incidents of a similar nature among students; and

WHEREAS: The need to protect and serve the entire student population, no matter their sex, religion, race, gender, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, nationality, ethnicity, background, or any intersectionality as this is enshrined in the duties of OSA;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: OSA Senate establishes an OSA committee entitled, “Diversity & Inclusivity Action”; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That this committee will meet once (1) a month during the academic year and comprise of membership as follows:

- Faculty/Staff Advisor: Dean of Students
- Chair: OSA Inclusivity Director
- One (1) Student Representative from the OSA Executive Board
- Two (2) OSA Senate Student Representatives
- Three (3) Faculty/Academic Staff/University Staff Senate Representatives
- One (1) representative from each student organization who would like to take part in fostering diversity and inclusion among students and other organizations
- One (1) Faculty/Staff Representative from the Center for Equity and Diversity
- One (1) Faculty/Staff Representative from the Women’s Center
- One (1) Faculty/Staff Representative from the LGBTQ+ Center
- One (1) Staff Representative from the Counseling Center
- One (1) Staff Representative from the Department of Residence Life
- Any Other Faculty/Staff who would like to be involved on an as needed basis; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the purpose of this committee will be for students to review, discuss, and take action, along with the support and expertise of all relevant Faculty/Staff and resources on campus (representatives above), on relevant incidents presented by the Dean of

Students on behalf of administration, involving students and their right to non-discrimination, as well as to review all relevant Diversity and Inclusion reports published by administration; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED: That, upon passage of this resolution, it be sent to Chancellor Andrew Leavitt; Acting Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Art Munin, OSA Advisor; Faculty Senate; Senate of Academic Staff; University Staff Senate; the Center for Equity and Diversity; the Women’s Center; the LGBTQ+ Center; the Counseling Center; the Department of Residence Life.

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Dahse: We’ve talked about this before but basically Dr. Munin had talked about making the reports to the Dean of Students office more transparent for everyone. I had and listed people who I thought could sit on this committee. A lot of them are students because we want this to be student led action, but others could be there to help facilitate conversation.

XII. Committee Reports –

XIII. Discussion –

XIV. Announcements –

XV. Adjourn –