OSA Senate Agenda

May 7, 2019 at 4:45 PM Reeve Memorial Union, Room 202

- I. Call to Order -
- II. Roll Call -
- III. Open Forum –
- IV. Approval of the Agenda -
- V. Approval of the Minutes –
- VI. Club/Org Recognition –
- VII. Guest Speakers –

A'viands – New food service providers

Elly Durand – Green Fund Committee Chair

VIII. Officer Reports -

- a. Speaker Pro-Tempore (Shane osaspeakerpt@uwosh.edu) -
- b. Speaker of the Assembly (Ellen <u>osaspeaker@uwosh.edu</u>) –
- c. Chief of Staff (Colin osacos@uwosh.edu) No report.
- d. Vice President Pro-Tempore (Coleman <u>osavppt@uwosh.edu</u>) No report.
- e. Vice President (Stephanie (<u>osavp@uwosh.edu</u>) There is a lot of new stuff on the agenda today, and we will vote on them next week.
- f. President (Ronisha osapres@uwosh.edu) No report.
- g. OSA Office Manager (Kyla Brown <u>brownk31@uwosh.edu</u>) –
- 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 -

OSA 18-031

WHEREAS during the OSA General Election for the 2019-2020 school year, several social media posts that were made by the same parties contained malicious, harmful, and hateful language directed at individuals comprising two out of the three tickets running for OSA President and Vice President, and the respective classes that they belong to; and

WHEREAS on Thursday, April 25th, photos of a sign created by the same parties that made the previously hateful statements during the election emerged on social media, and that the messages contained in that sign are just as malicious, harmful and hateful to the same classes of people and others not mentioned in either the sign or the social media posts; and

WHEREAS these statements were harmful and slanderous to the individuals targeted; 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 that OSA endorses the utmost of disciplinary action allowable under university policies for the parties responsible for these previously mentioned incidents; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that OSA stands by the people affected by these incidents and the malicious, harmful and hateful language associated with them, as well as encourages all students affected to reach out to campus resources such as listed below but not limited to:

- Dean of Students Office
- Specifically through filling out bias incident reports (link attached): https://uwosh.edu/police/bias-incident-report/
- The University of Wisconsin Oshkosh Police Department
- The Counseling Center
- The Center for Equity and Diversity
- The Department of Residence Life
- The LGBTQ+ Resource Center
- The Women's Center; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that OSA condemns the actions of the parties responsible for these incidents and the language associated with them, and that OSA does not stand for the values and ideas expressed in these incidents, and that OSA is committed to and will continue to be actively involved in efforts aimed at ensuring that hate enjoys no safe harbor here at UWO; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 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.

Authored by: Zoe Dahse, OSA Senator; Anton Sederquist, OSA Senator; Stephanie Liechty, OSA Vice President

Sponsored by: Natalie Britt, OSA Senator; Jacob McCue, OSA Senator; Coleman Korb, OSA VPPT; Ronisha Howard, OSA President; Colin Daniels, OSA Chief of Staff; Matthew Dinse, OSA Senator

OSA 18-032

BE IT RESOLVED that the OSA Senate approves the proposed changes to the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh Green Fund governing documents.

Sponsored by: Mary-Rachel Novak, OSA Student Sustainability Chair; Elly Durand, Green Fund Committee Chair

OSA 18-033

BE IT RESOLVED that the OSA Senate approves the updated University of Wisconsin Oshkosh Veterans Employment Policy.

Sponsored by: Ronisha Howard, OSA President; Patty Schrader, Office of Equal Opportunity, Equity & Affirmative Action

WHEREAS during the OSA senatorial and presidential elections for the 2019-2020 school year, several social media posts that were made by the same parties contained malicious, harmful and hateful language directed at individuals comprising two out of the three tickets running for OSA President and Vice President, and the respective classes that they belong to.

WHEREAS these statements were harmful and slanderous to the individuals targeted.

WHEREAS on Thursday, April 25th, photos of a sign created by the same parties that made the previously hateful statements during the election emerged on social media, and that the messages contained in that sign are just as malicious, harmful and hateful to the same classes of people and others not mentioned in either the sign or the social media posts.

BE IT RESOLVED that OSA recommends and endorses the utmost of disciplinary action up to and including expulsion for the parties responsible for these previously mentioned incidents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that OSA stands by the people affected by these incidents and the malicious, harmful and hateful language associated with them.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that OSA condemns the actions of the parties responsible for these incidents and the language associated with them, and that OSA does not stand for the values and ideas expressed in these incidents, and that OSA is committed to and will continue to be actively involved in efforts aimed at ensuring that hate enjoys no safe harbor here at UWO.

Authored by: Anton Sederquist, OSA Senator

- XI. New Business –
- XII. Committee Reports -
- XIII. Discussion –
- -President Swearing In Ceremony
- -Vice President Swearing In Ceremony
- XIV. Announcements -
- XV. Adjourn -