

# Agenda

**Oakland University Student Congress**  
**McGuinness/Caver Administration**  
**Legislative Body Meeting Agenda**  
Oakland Room, Oakland Center  
Monday, September 12, 2005  
4:00 P.M.

## **I. Call to order**

4:01 P.M.

## **II. Roll Call**

**Absent:** Kristina Butler, Jilian Key, Bre Kopson, Jeni Schroers

Quorum Met

## **III. Approval of Minutes from August 29, 2005**

Minutes: Approved

## **IV. Speakers**

### **a. Chief Sam Lucido, Oakland University Police Department**

**Lucido:** In 1990 campus police received their jurisdiction from the Oakland County Police Department, the State Legislator changed that and now there has to be an oversight committee with 2 faculty and 2 students. Once a legitimate complaint is received, the chief will approve or disapprove the complaint. To appeal the decision, a document must be submitted to the oversight committee.

**Glatfelter:** Are there any scheduled meetings?

**Lucido:** We don't have a need to have a meeting unless we get any appeals.

**McGuinness:** Is the committee only in charge of the police department or things directly related to personnel?

**Lucido:** I meet with the student or student group that has issues; this committee is specifically related to officers.

## **V. Approval of Student Representatives to the Police Oversight Committee**

**Joshua Miller (9 votes)**

**Alicia Feys (4 votes)**

George Nahas (0 votes)

Chris Goeth (3 votes)

Brandon Glatfelter (0 votes)

Allyson Cumming-Stuckman (1)

## **VI. Comments from the Gallery**

**Mark Ewing:** About the Constitution, I'm failing to see why it has not been approved. This thing was passed in April; you guys are stuck because it's not resolved. Why does this university use three different scantrons for taking tests? Maybe there should be an effort for the university to use just one. I was just notified that the GSC hasn't got a staff. Hopefully there are people among you that some papers go out so that a staff can be selected.

**Jim Gammicchia:** We have a meeting on Wednesday. I spoke with Mary Beth, maybe she didn't realize the necessity that we have for the Constitution. Maybe it is logistical in

formatting. Events this week: Wednesday, September 14 Student Tech Center Ribbon cutting, as well as Vandenberg.

**McGuinness:** What advice would you give if a student has concerns they want to bring to the Board of Trustees.

**Gammicchia:** Contact me by email, it's on the Board of trustees' website...student liaison page. Going through Mike and Kori may be easier.

**McGuinness:** Do you think that Student Congress' presence at the Board Of Trustees meeting was effective?

**Gammicchia:** I think it was great, you were very professional, and I was very impressed.

## VII. Old Business

- a. C.B. 06-04 (Bylaws Amendment-Archivist Creation Act, second reading)  
(Reading by: Joshua Miller)  
**17 yes 0 No 1 Abstention**

## VIII. New Business

- a. C.B. 06-05 (Bylaws Amendment- Student Service Committee Guidelines amendment, first reading)  
(Reading by Katie Miller)
- b. C.B. 06-06 (Bylaws Amendment-SAFB Guidelines amendment, first reading)  
(Reading by Lindsay McCullough)  
**J. Miller:** If you request operational funding, does it come out of your SAFB as well?  
**McCullough:** Yes
- c. C.R. 06-03 (Approval of Student Services Committee Members)  
**Miller:** Cathy Diponio, Mia C. Evans, matt Sawicki, Adam Panchenko, Dan Kubicek, Christopher Darin, Angela Johnson  
Yes: **18** No: 0 Abstentions: **0**  
**Approved**
- d. Approval of Cathy DiPonio to Steering Committee  
**J. Miller:** the Constitution says that we must have 5 committee members and 1 position is still open. I would like for Cathy to fulfill that position.  
**Approved**

## IX. Discussion Topics

- a. **Financial Aid Concerns and Discussion**  
**McGuinness:** A letter to the editor of the Oakland Post, the complaint was a student and his wife that lives in family housing, they received a certain amount of financial aid, but it was decreased because married housing is not considered as on campus housing.  
**Caver:** I have had several student complaints. Paperwork is not being processed from May 2005. They are short staff, but there will only be a turnover of people who currently work in the office. There will only be one additional staff person hired. Cindy of Financial Aid assured me that this was a University not a financial Aid decision on hiring only one person.

**Evans:** It seems that the people who work in the office currently are not well advised on financial aid. There have been complaints on customer service. If there is a shortage at least have those who work there, be informed of financial aid.

**McGuinness:** They are working how more students can get more bang for their buck by offsetting fees and it may either increase or decrease tuition. There is a question of who gets what and how much.

**b. AMU Conference**

**McGuinness:** For the first time in Oakland's history, we will be hosting the Association of Michigan Universities' Conference. We need to know who will attend.

**Allyson Cummings-Stuckman:** Can we know what rooms it will take place

**McGuinness:** The General Body meeting in the Gold Rooms and the food will be in the Pioneer Rooms of the recreation Center. The Meeting will be in the banquet rooms A and B. These will all be listed.

**c. OUSC/SPB Open House Activities**

**Allen:** We will have a party theme for the open house with streamers, balloons, lights. For food, we'll have subs, along with a few other choices. We are still debating on whether to have the food inside or outside, because when the food is outside, students don't come inside; that is the point of the open house. We also are trying to get WXOU to play music for us. We want our Congress to come out and dance, and have a good time, because it will attract more students. Fun Times!

**McGuinness:** There is an importance for the students to know what we are doing and where we are. We encourage all the legislative body to promote OUSC and draw the students in.

**Mungo:** What time is the open House?

**Caver:** 11-1

**d. Discussion topic of the week**

**Welcome Week**

**Madalyn Miller:** On behalf of SPB thank you all for supporting us.

**Cummings-Stuckman:** I don't think students knew about it as much as they did in previous years.

**McGuinness:** I did stress that in the Welcome Week Committee Meetings. Part of the problem was that we had an abbreviated time. I think we did well with the time we had.

**Allen:** The highlight for me was the togetherness of the student organizations. All the Greek organizations in particular, in my 3 years here at OU, I have not seen them come together as much as they had this year. It's great for the freshmen students to see that togetherness.

**McCullough:** I think that the theme for 2007 should be Welcome Week 007.

**M. Miller:** We should get feedback from students on what they think should be done about discrimination on campus.

**K. Miller:** I think you should ask for the positive and negative experiences of students.

**McGuinness:** There should be promotion; “Do you know what Anti-Hate Week” is Separate the points.

**e. Selection of next Discussion Topic of the Week**

1. Anti-Hate Week

**f. Additional discussion topics**

**Glatfelter:** Currently in the GSC, we have some furniture for the space, and applications aren't out yet for the grad intern and undergrad assistants.

**K. Miller:** The GSC will still open on its scheduled date.

**Allen:** Hurricane Katrina. According to the mayor of New Orleans, the media is making it seem as if things are getting done on behalf of the people, but nothing is getting done. At least not to the extent that the media is making it seem. I just think that we should talk about it, since the government isn't doing anything.

**McGuinness:** Over \$3000 was raised by Oakland University for the Salvation Army and their efforts. I suggest that Congress should draw up a resolution on OUSC's awareness of the Hurricane. A student suggested that we could do some fundraising with wristbands.

**M. Miller:** We have 12 students with full ride scholarships from affected areas. If you are looking for something to do, reach out for one of the students.

**Evans:** This week is Delta Week, and they will be collecting items for families that are in local hotels. Maybe we should have a drop box or something.

**K. Miller:** If I were one of those students, I wouldn't want to be in a big ceremony. It's kind of touchy to me.

**Caver:** There have been students who have talked to others saying that they are from New Orleans. They have been saying that they need certain things, because they don't have anything.

**Nahas:** Aid is getting through. The destruction is great, but it is getting through.

**J. Miller:** The Archivist approval was set assuming that our new By Laws would be in effect. Maybe we could informally nominate a person for that position. When the By Laws are passed, we could formally approve someone.

**X. Reports**

**a. Michael McGuinness-Student Body President (dispersed on the YAHOO! Groups)**

**b. Kori Lynn Caver- Student Body Vice President (dispersed on the YAHOO! Groups)**

**c. Brendan J. Stevens- Financial Affairs Director (dispersed on the YAHOO! Groups)**

**d. Lindsay McCullough- Student Activities Funding Board Director (dispersed on YAHOO! Groups)**

- e. **Madalyn Miller- Student program Board Chair (dispersed on YAHOO! Groups)**
- f. **Katie Miller- Student Services Director (dispersed on YAHOO! Groups)**
- g. **Saman Waquad- Legislative and Multicultural Affairs Director (dispersed on YAHOO! Groups)**
- h. **Krupa Ujla- Public relations Agent (dispersed on YAHOO! Groups)**

#### **XI. Updates**

- a. **Montrell Porter**, Disciplinary Chair (Written)
- b. **Kristina Butler**, research and Review Chair (Absent)
- c. **Allison Cummings-Stuckman**, Scholarship Chair (Written)
- d. **Joshua Miller**, Steering Chair (Written)

#### **XII. Announcements**

- a. September 7 was Financial Affairs Director Brendan J. Stevens' birthday!
- b. Tuesday, September 13 is the OUSC/SPB Open House.
- c. Tuesday, September 13 the GSA will be hosting a screening of the Sundance Channel documentary "Transgeneration" at 6:30 P.M in Gold Room A!
- d. Next week is Anti-Hate Week!

#### **XIII. Comments from the Gallery**

#### **XIV. Adjournment**

**5:56 P.M.**