

Agenda

Oakland University Student Congress

McGuinness/Caver Administration

Legislative Body Meeting Agenda

Oakland Room, Oakland Center

Monday, October 3, 2005

4:00 P.M.

I. Call to Order

4:07 P.M.

II. Roll Call

Absent: Jillian Key, Derrick Putansu

Quorum: Met

III. Approval of Minutes from September 26, 2005 (Postponed until October 10, 2005)

IV. Confirmation of New Legislator

a. Aaron Kochenderfer

McGuinness: Aaron is a former student congress legislator, and he has kept in touch with student congress and initiatives throughout the summer, and has fulfilled his office hour and attendance of meetings.

Kochenderfer: I know I'll be a great legislator in student congress. I'm focused to do what legislators are supposed to do, and I will do above and beyond that.

Panchenko: Why exactly do you want to be apart of student congress?

Kochenderfer: I have a passion for student leadership, and I think that Student Congress is the place for me.

Allen: Are there any aspects of Congress that may be lacking that you could give positive influence to?

Kochenderfer: I will be more accessible as a student congress member outside of the Congress Office.

Goeth: What were your reasons for leaving Congress before and why did you return?

Kochenderfer: I just thought that there were some things in Congress that I felt that I wasn't interested in, and over the orientation processes I had a change of heart.

Approved (2 abstentions)

V. Comments form the Gallery

Jim Gammicchia: Meeting coming up this Wednesday. They are going over the acceptance of gifts and contracts. There are a few people who are leaving for retirement. Graduate School and Undergraduate Reports, and the final approval of the draft annual schedule and renovation of the North Foundation Hall are what will be upcoming on the agenda.

McGuinness: Can you speak more on the Student Service Center?

Gammicchia: The bathrooms, two lecture halls, 19,400 sq ft. addition.

Porter: Is the renovation including student or career services?

Gammicchia: From what I hear they are trying to make everything so that students may do everything in one place.

McGuinness: Has there been any discussion about the space if they have any plans about offering services to students?

J. Miller: I heard in the states budget that OU would be receiving an increase.

Gammicchia: From what I hear there has been an increase from the state, and it is looking favorable.

Porter: Thank you for coming out, because you have done the best job I've ever seen since I've been here with keeping Congress informed. I tip my hat off to you.

Jean Ann Miller: I'm here to liven up the university next week. There is a theme of Carnaval OU for Welcome Week. I would like to ask OUSC to encourage student participation.

McCullough: What else will be going on at the Old School After Glow?

Jean Ann Miller: There will be Old School Music, dancing and a midnight snacks, and there will be gifts from Great Lakes Crossing.

VI. Approval of Research and Review Committee Members

- a. Legislator Stelanie Marshall

Butler: Stelanie has already been helping me. She is one who could be the backbone non-profit business or committee.

Approved

Butler: Motion to amend the agenda to approve Derek Giordano
2 opposed 2 abstentions **Passed**

Butler: Senior at Oakland, 3.81 GPA and he have been involved in other student government.

Redmond: What can you bring as a legislator?

Giordano: I'm not sure. I have experience in the legislative process with Youth and Government.

9 Yes Approved (Majority Rule)

VII. Discussion Topics

- a. Discussion Topic of the Week: K-16 Ballot Initiative

McGuinness: As a part of AMU there is a statewide initiative that student governments around the State have agreed to take, (ACT: Active Campuses Together) I think with the discussion topic this is appropriate to discuss.

- b. Selection of next Discussion Topic of the Week

McCullough: Will you WOCOU. Just helping Jean Ann to promote WOCOU.

McGuinness: Do you know what WOCOU stands for?

K. Miller: National Coming out Day as a part of WOCOU?

"Will You WOCOU?" APPROVED

- c. Research and Review

Chartwell's Food Pricing Policies

Butler: We've been getting a run around. The biggest part ended with us speaking with Debra Wade in the Housing Office, and Debra Wade

informed the committee member she needs to talk to someone else.
Motion to table the report for one week.

Motion: Approved

Kopson: I motion to reconsider the approval of Derek Giordano.

K. Miller: Some legislators have brought to my attention that they have been sexually harassed by Mr. Giordano.

Evans: If we approve this motion, what is it?

J. Miller: The motion to reconsider is to undo what has been done.

Nahas: I have been apprised of this allegation, and that's what it will be until otherwise. You're innocent until proven guilty.

Porter: I have to agree. I think this is something that should be held more in private. This is something that could ruin him; I think that we should send this to my committee (disciplinary committee).

Cummings-Stuckman: In previous years a similar thing has happened. Derek has also made phone calls saying that he is apart of Congress when he actually is not. He has been breaking rules of Congress all while falsely representing Congress.

Nahas: This is something that should not have been brought out in public, and I am disappointed. This is a human being.

K. Miller: I understand the seriousness of this issue, and this issue has been brought to several Executive Board Members and nothing was done. I'm really concerned that people should not come in and be uncomfortable in their office.

Kopson: If something is making someone uncomfortable, something should be done about it.

Cummings-Stuckman: This issue has been brought to the Executive Board on several occasions.

Butler: As a woman you tend to side with women. On a sense of logic it should have been done differently. When Mr. Nahas was speaking of the disciplinary committee he was speaking on confidentiality. I am mortified as to how this was hung like dirty laundry.

Evans: Motion to call to question. (Close discussion)

Approved

Vote to reconsider

Passed

Butler: Motion to table for a minimum of one week.

Motion: Approved

Porter: Motion to specify that the matter will be tabled for the disciplinary committee?

Motion: Approved

VIII. Reports

- a. Michael McGuinness- Student Body President (Written YAHOO! GROUPS)
- b. Kori Caver- Student Body Vice President (Written YAHOO! GROUPS)
- c. Brendan J. Stevens- Financial Affairs Director (Written)
- d. Lindsay McCullough- Student Activities Funding Board Chair (Written)

- e. Madalyn Miller- Student Program Board Chair (Written/Absent)
- f. Katie Miller- Student Services Director (Written)
- g. Saman Waquad-Legislative and Multicultural Affairs Director (Written/Absent)
- h. Krupa Ujla- Public Relations Agent(Absent)

IX. Discussion Topics

- a. Montrell Porter, Disciplinary Chair (updated by K. Butler)
- b. Kristina Butler, research and Review Chair
- c. Allison Cummings-Stuckman, Scholarship Chair (Absent)
- d. Joshua Miller, Steering Committee Chair (Written w/ technical difficulties)

X. Comments from the Gallery

XI. Announcements

- a. There are two openings on the Steering Committee. Interested legislators should contact Steering Chair Joshua Miller.

XII. Adjournment

5:25 P.M.