

Agenda

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

- I. **Call to Order**
4:05 P.M.
- II. **Roll Call**
Quorum: Met
- III. **Approval of Minutes from September 26, 2005, and October 3, 2005**
Approved
- IV. **Legislator of the Month Announcement**
Alicia Feys
- V. **Disciplinary Committee Findings: Presented by Disciplinary Chair Montrell Porter**
Feys: I make a motion to table until Disciplinary Committee is available.
Approved
Porter: After deliberation, the disciplinary committee has suspicions of Mr. Giordano meeting all the requirements to become an Oakland University Student Congress Legislator. For this he was found guilty. On the charge of misrepresentation of an Oakland University Student Congress legislator, we also find Mr. Giordano guilty. Therefore, the disciplinary committee recommends that Mr. Giordano be removed from the Oakland University Student Congress. This does not exclude him from again applying to be a legislator and fulfilling all requirements needed to be a legislator.
Waquad: What criteria did he not meet?
Porter: He did not attend enough meetings.
McCullough: Does Research and Review keep attendance of perspective legislators and if so how many did he attend?
Butler: No, we have never done that. When the position was passed down to me, I wasn't told to keep that attendance.
J. Miller: Motion to amend agenda to read "Removal of Derek Giordano."
Passed
Vitale: Wasn't there a vote last week that he was removed?
McCullough: The vote was to reconsider Mr. Giordano as a legislator, but that didn't remove him; it just put him up for removal.
J. Miller: It was sent to the disciplinary committee as well.
Motion to remove: 15 yes: Approved
- VI. **Confirmation of New Legislator**
Peter Vitale
Kopson: Motion to table until Butler can return.
Approved

Vitale: I would like to be on OUSC, because I am now a sophomore, my 1st year was purely academic and I would like to get more involved. My major goal is seeking students' opinions on issues and bringing them to the body.

McGuinness: What are your long term plans with the organization?

Vitale: I would like to be with the organization for a long time.

Allen: What negative things pertaining to Congress do you think should be changed?

Vitale: I'm not sure about Congress, but with the University as a whole, I would like to make a change Financial Aid. I understand that they are 8 people understaffed. This is a very important issue to me.

Approved

VII. Comments form the Gallery

VIII. New Business

(C.B. 06-07 Bylaws Amendments to change the SPB Mission Statement First Reading)

M. Miller: SPB had about 85 mission statement, and we thought it a good idea to create only one.

McGuinness: I hope that you will come out to this weeks events among many other so that if you approve it, you will also support it.

IX. Discussion Topics

a. Discussion Topic of the Week: Will you WOCOU?

McGuinness: Our students are stoked. We will be giving away 1000 T-Shirts @ Mid-night Madness. There will also be one male and one female scholarship given out, complements of Mr. Gary Russi. We also need legislators to pass out T-Shirts.

Allen: The upperclassmen are really excited about WOCOU this year, and that in turn is allowing the freshmen students to be excited. I'm excited.

McCullough: I think we should get our professors involved because this is not only for us it's for them.

Goeth: A lot of people knew it was Matilda Wilson's birthday.

McGuinness: The ABS/SPB WOCOU Talent Show this Thursday.

b. Selection of next Discussion Topic of the Week

Goeth: *Nominations for next years WOCOU (7)*

Allen: Alcohol Awareness (0)

K. Miller: The Grand Opening of the new GSC and the STC...what do you think of them, and how do you plan to utilize them (2)

McCullough: Academic Advising (2)

McGuinness: Shuttle on Campus (2)

c. Research and Review: Chartwell's Food Pricing Policies

Motion to table until K. Butler is present

Approved

Butler: **We had 4 complaints:**

The combo meals during extended hours (monitored food) Committee

Waquad: We were not told that the store would be closed, and the food that they serve is not healthy because they serve fried food every night. (Findings written and will be circulated)

Cummings-Stuckman: I was a RHC rep and they never informed us that the convenience store wouldn't there.

Key: The contract has been extended until 2010, because they paid for all the renovations in the cafeteria.

d. Additional discussion topics

Putansu: I am concerned about the discussion topics. We need more that are worth while.

McGuinness: It's good to have a targeted question for the week. The discussion topic is what the legislators make it.

M. Miller: It's really important that we remember the idea of the discussion topics. We should talk to more students about the discussion topics.

Cummings-Stuckman: Commuter council can help in the efforts. We talk to a lot of students during good morning commuter in the fishy bowl at South Foundation Hall.

K. Miller: I was wondering if any of the legislative body has any input for the retreat.

Proffett: What time are we meeting, where are we meeting, and what do you have planned so far?

K. Miller: There will be lots of things to do, and there will be an email sent out to you with directions and meeting times. I wanted to make sure that if there was anything special anyone wanted that I could recognize that.

Redmond: I would like to see a certain time slot where I could get to know each and everyone. I would like to increase my bonds.....down time.

M. Miller: I think that it's important that we all come with open minds, good attitudes, and smiling faces.

Proffett: Are we staying over night?

K. Miller: We are, and we are in cabins, not tents. They have heat, and showers, and everything we need.

McGuinness: I'm curious as to how students feel about President Gary Russi.

Proffett: I see him on the daily basis, but I don't see him around campus and I think that we should have something that would allow students the opportunity to meet him.

X. Reports

- a. Michael McGuinness- Student Body President
- b. Kori Caver- Student Body Vice President
- c. Brendan J. Stevens- Financial Affairs Director
- d. Lindsay McCullough- Student Activities Funding Board Chair
- e. Madalyn Miller- Student Program Board Chair
- f. Katie Miller- Student Services Director
- g. Saman Waquad-Legislative and Multicultural Affairs Director
- h. Krupa Ujla- Public Relations Agent

XI. Discussion Topics

- a. Montrell Porter, Disciplinary Chair
- b. Kristina Butler, research and Review Chair
- c. Allison Cummings-Stuckman, Scholarship Chair
- d. Joshua Miller, Steering Committee Chair

XII. Comments from the Gallery

Mark Ewing: The shuttle is a great idea, but how much will we pay for this shuttle. The discussion topic should be something useful. The behavior of the assistant dean of students is “bullshit”. We are the customers of the university, and the students need to stand up and make them understand.

Gammicchia: We had a quick meeting last week. I was told that the constitution would be up in November, but I haven’t seen the November Agenda left. With the shuttle there is an issue of liability and a cost to the students. Why is any individual brought up or brought down for not meeting requirements. That doesn’t look good for the organization. LaToya and I are still trying to get a new letter out to all of the student orgs.

Kwame Everett: A few weeks ago we had a speaker, who came to speak about genocide and hate crimes. There were only three students present and she was heated. Many students didn’t know about this, but everyone knew about Judy Shepard that happened on the same day. I think that OUSC should have proper advertisement especially when you have your name on it. Professors send their students there to get their papers and students who understand the writing process are being told how to write when all they want to do is have their papers edited.

Putansu: Motion to defer to research and review until next week.

Moved

Jean Ann Miller: In conjunction w/OUSC CL Lindsay.

Mike M.: I am the chairperson of the student advocacy board of RHC. Bring any issues to our committee so that we can speak out for the students and their concerns. I am looking for support from Congress, so that voices can be heard on an administrative level.

XIII. Announcements

- a. There are two openings on the Steering Committee. Interested legislators should contact Steering Chair Joshua Miller.
- b. There is an opening on the Research and Review Committee. Interested legislators should contact Research and Review Chair Kristina Butler.
- c. Tomorrow is the grand opening of the Gender and Sexuality Center. 11 A.M.-1 P.M., basement of the Oakland Center.
- d. The GSA will be hosting a speakers’ panel tomorrow from 5:30 P.M. to 6:30 P.M. in Room 126 of the Oakland Center.
- e. SPB Chair Madalyn Miller’s birthday is this Friday, October 14. Happy Birthday!

XIV. Adjournment

5:53 P.M