

# 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**  
4:02 P.M.

II. **Roll Call**  
*Quorum: Met*

III. **Approval of Minutes from October 17, 2005**  
*Approved*

IV. **Student of the Month Parking Spot Drawing**

V. **Guest Speakers**

a. Interim Dean Julie Voelck and Reference Librarian Anne Switzer, Kresge Library,

**Voelck:** Library budget is approved, provost Moudgil gave quite a bit of money to the library which renovated rooms, and gained more computers for students (Total of 139 computers). We now have 101 study rooms for students.

**Switzer:** We have book clubs here on campus through the library and the participation has gone up, but Services from the library have been underused, for example the “Virtual Reference Librarian” is underused. The events at the library have been under attended.

**Allen:** What are the criteria for having a book club?

**Switzer:** Just contact me and I’ll take care of everything for you. Books are free for the first year. My email address is [switzer2@oakland.edu](mailto:switzer2@oakland.edu), and my extension is x2475.

**K. Miller:** How many student employees does the library have, and would you be interested in participating in the student employee appreciation week?

**Voelck:** We have 30-35 student employees depending on the budget. Yes, please contact me on that.

**McGuinness:** How do you compare your library to others, and are there any things that you wish for us to help move along? Also, if you have any books in the library would you be interested in supporting our Book Swap?

**Voelck:** We will donate books if we have copies in the library. As far as comparing to other libraries in Michigan, we’re getting better. If you look at our peers, we’re holding our own right now. Our budget is about 65% directly related to electronic resources. In some areas we are not well endowed as other institutions and other areas I believe that we do better.

**McGuinness:** Many students have expressed concerns about extended hours, are there any thoughts or potential future opportunities?

**Voelck:** We do have extended hours during final exam time, and we offer cookies and coffee during those times. We also look at gate counts to know

exactly how many students are coming in at what times and until we get more money in the budget we will have extended hours.

**Porter:** What are your weekend hours?

**Voelck:** Sat: 9-5, Sun Noon-11:30 P.M., Fridays 8-5 P.M.

**Key:** Can we get our actual text books from the library, and if so what is the policy?

**Voelck:** We have a link on our website that would direct you to online sources to purchase textbooks. Sometimes the books are not returned on time, and we have to pay large amounts of dollars to other libraries. We would like to stay on good terms with the larger libraries especially.

**Porter:** I think 5 P.M on a Friday, and Saturday is not good for some students, especially if they have a 3 P.M class.

**Voelck:** The entire university had a series of budget cuts, and looking at the gate counts we saw that there were little students in the library on Fridays and Saturdays...next to nothing. We could try to meet your needs as best we can.

b. Vice President for Finance and Administration John Beaghan

**Beaghan:** I would like to talk about the additional appropriations from Michigan, and we continue to revisit the elimination of fees that we discussed with the board in August. Appropriations: Over the last 3 years we have been having an appropriation decrease, and this year we have had an increase. The Governor, Senate, and the House had their separate budget bills. What you may see is that we have a 3.4 million dollar increase, but this amount is 3.4 million over what the Governor wanted to cut. We're actually getting 2.6 million more as opposed to 3.4 million. We are trying to keep up with the increased population on campus, and we presented 3 priority needs to the Board, and they approved 1, and priorities 2 and 3 was deferred, and will be reconsidered in October. Financial Aid enhancement with fees=\$570,000, (\$692,000) = to hire new faculty and staff to fill the classrooms.

**McCullough:** What are critical needs 2 and 3?

**Beaghan:** (Board of Trustee's Website)

**Vitale:** In the critical needs 2 and 3 is the understaffing in the financial aid addressed?

**Beaghan:** We did a whole reorganization, and I believe that 6 new positions were added this year in the financial aid office, and some have been filled.

**McCullough:** Is any of this money actually coming back to the students?

**Beaghan:** Art gallery, Web CT

**Allen:** Kori and I met with Cindy Hermson of Financial Aid a month or so ago, and we were told that there would be a shift of responsibilities from one department within financial aid to another, are those six new positions the same?

**Beaghan:** Those six positions are new people. There have been concerns for years about tuition bills, some outside financial assistance programs will not pay fees, only tuition (MET ex.). We want to eliminate the fees and roll them into tuition rates. We took it to the Board and they liked the concept, but felt

we weren't fully fleshed about what we were trying to do. To balance it all out, some students will pay more, and more will pay less.

**Allen:** How many students are on these outside financial aid programs?

**Beaghan:** 600 on MET, and as a total about 1200, about 75% of students receive financial aid awards. Financial Aid calculates the cost of attendance, and cannot include rec center fees for example, because they can potentially be waived.

**Vitale:** I've talked to some students, and they were concerned about accountability. What are your takes on that?

**Beaghan:** The tuition wouldn't go up for some students. It would depend on the student. The university is getting zero new money for this.

**McCullough:** Does the \$41 increase go to all students or just students who receive financial aid?

**Beaghan:** It depends on the student. There are some fees that we are not rolling in, nursing course fees, masters and physical therapy, music programs which totals 185,000 dollars per year.

## VI. Comments form the Gallery

**Jim:** I wanted to get feedback in what you think about the information given today. [jvgammic@oakland.edu](mailto:jvgammic@oakland.edu).

**Mark Ewing:** If we can't read our statement and understand how it's going. It's making it more confusing. There has been some talk about the Student Activities Fee.

## VII. Approval of New Committee Members

### a. Student Activities Funding Board

1. Mike Mersol-Barg  
Poli-Sci major

**McGuinness:** What is your philosophy on allocating money to student organizations?

**Mersol-Barg:** It's a case by case thing, and I will listen to everybody.

**Porter:** What led you to want to be involved in this committee?

**Mersol-Barg:** With my major I want to get involved in public service, and I think this is the way to do it.

**McGuinness:** Are you willing to try new funding ventures?

**K. Miller:** Do you see SAFB as a long or short term dedication?

**Mersol-Barg:** At least throughout this year.

**Approved**

### b. Publicity Committee

1. Joseph Thomas  
**Approved**

Bailey: Motion to add Aaron Kochenderfer as a perspective publicity committee member.

**Motion: Approved**

2. Aaron Kochenderfer

**Approved**

- c. Student Services Committee
  - 1. Ashley Markho

**Approved**

- 2. Amanda Rillston

**Approved**

**McGuinness:** Who would they be replacing?

**K. Miller:** Cathy Diponio, and we never really vote on anything, and we never have any more than 7 at a meeting.

**VIII. New Business**

- a. C.B. 06-08 (bylaws Amendment-SAFB Guidelines, first reading)

**IX. Discussion Topics**

- a. Discussion Topic of the Week: Food Services Issues

**McGuinness:** There were conversations of legislators drafting legislation.

- b. Selection of next Discussion Topic of the Week

**McGuinness: Rolling of fees**

- c. Presentation of OUSC Retreat materials by Student Service Director Katie Miller

**J. Miller:** Motion to table

**Motion: Approved**

- d. Additional discussion topics

**K. Miller:** Student Concerns Sheet

**Cummings-Stuckman:** If people are complaining, I fear that it would defeat the purpose of having professors; I don't want to attack the professors.

**McGuinness:** This came from a student complaining about the Financial Aid.

**Allen:** WXOU, and their broadcasting upstairs

**McCullough:** I think it's a great way to get WXOU's name out there, let's do it!

**Panchenko:** From what I've heard they want to get outside contractors.

**McCullough:** I don't like the outside contractors are a good idea, because the Oakland Center is for the students by the students.

**Allen:** I think that having an outside contractor would be good, because they may be able to gain more student involvement, and if that's the case...let's do it!

**Allyson Cummings-Stuckman:** Transfer Student Orientation, some of the transfer students don't know where everything is. They were never introduced to some things.

**McCullough:** There is no tour offered, because of time cut down. Talk to admissions and ask them if they can offer that.

**Cummings-Stuckman:** The commuter council will be offering tours.

**McCullough:** Any student is offered free tours daily 10 and 3.

**Panchenko:** OGL Recruitment is coming up

**Porter:** I spoke with Dean McIntosh today, and we should come up with a student task force to combat the violence on campus.

**K. Miller:** I and the Student Services Committee would be interested

**M. McGuinness:** A friend of mine was robbed at gunpoint just down the way.

**K. Miller:** SSC began discussing student employee appreciation week. Nov. 21-Nov. 25.

**Cummings-Stuckman:** Students have also been student complaints about office hours and there not being able to get scantrons.

**Allen:** I have put office hours up as well as a disclaimer to students saying that we are students as well, and that students should get their scantrons in advance because we won't always be in the office during our office hours. Also we did have trial period of putting scantrons outside when we weren't in the office, and students were taking all of the scantrons we had, so we had to stop so that we would be able to retain scantrons. My philosophy is that the bookstore is sending students to our office to up business, and I feel that the scantrons we've ordered for the entire year are going to run out too soon anyway.

**Vitale:** I think that setting some office hours aside from the E-Board's Office Hours is a great thing.

**Panchenko:** You have two legislators who are over at the radio station all the time. We could take some scantrons and give them to students when no one is in the office.

**Allen:** I think that's a great idea, but I don't want students to always expect that, because what about the times when you aren't in the radio station. We just really want students to get in the habit of coming into the office and getting their scantrons in advance.

## **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. Updates**

- 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**

**Ewing:** Whatever happened with the dance/major events policies?

## **XIII. Announcements**

- a. There is an opening on the research and Review Committee. Interested legislators should contact research and Review Chair Kristina Butler.
- b. Student organizations are still encouraged to complete puzzle pieces.

- c. United Nations Day is today!
- d. Legislator Alicia Feys' birthday is Tuesday, October 25. Happy Birthday!
- e. The new college Libertarians meets Fridays at 4:00 P.M. in the Fireside Lounge.
- f. Actors N' Techies are holding a marquis Façade costume party on Friday night.
- g. Student Congress members are encouraged to wear a costume on October 31st Halloween, at the next legislative body meeting if you would like.
- h. City elections throughout the state take place on Tuesday, November 8. Voting for mayor and city council members, along with particular millages

**XIV. Adjournment  
6:26 P.M.**