

Minutes

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**
4:09 P.M.

II. **Roll Call**
Quorum: Met

III. **Approval of Minutes from October 14, 2005**
Minutes: Approved

IV. **Comments form the Gallery**

Mark Ewing: You have a resolution about the tuition and fees rolling, and I have some suggestions to amend, for another whereas if it does get approved, the student activity fee should be out. Also, there is a lack of steady office hours, and with this I am not suggesting that the E-Board extend those hours, but there are times that E-Board is not in the office during those office hours, post when you can't come in...also legislators should set their own office hour. It's not only the E-Board's responsibility to keep the office open; it is the legislators as well.

V. **Old Business**

a. **C.B. 06-08 (Bylaws Amendment-SAFB Guidelines amendment, second reading)**

Amendment: Approved

Bailey: Motion to amend the agenda to add legislator of the month announcement.

Legislator of the Month

Peter Vitale

VI. **New Business**

a. **C.R. 06-04 (Chartwells Food Service Resolution)**

Feys: This is to address student concerns about Chartwells. This resolution is to say where we stand on this matter.

Porter: I make a motion to change the title of Eleanor Reynolds to her new title Intern Assistant Vice President of Student Affairs.

Motion: Passed

Porter: Motion to add in The Director of Campus Dining Andrew Willows.

Vitale: Keep in mind that if you're asking for healthier food, utilize it because it's not profitable for Chartwells to offer things that they are not selling.

Motion: Approved

K. Miller: Recognize them (Chartwells) a little for the improvements that they have made.

Resolution: Yes: 9, Opposed: 2, Abstaining: 5 Approved

b. C.R. 06-05 (Tuition and Fees Resolution)

J. Miller: I feel that after our meeting last week, there were questions unanswered, and the administration is pushing this plan, therefore I have written this resolution. No one knew that this was even on the table; people still have questions on how it will affect them. Why is so necessary for this to be done right away?

Vitale: On Thursday afternoon, I dropped a letter at Mr. Beaghan's office. Mr. Beaghan was dedicated enough to respond to me on Saturday morning. He has assured me that the student activity fee, which is the current rate times the number of students enrolled. Tuition will be calculated the same way, and after the board approves this, he will work with more binding documents. He said that they've been talking about this for two years. We should educate ourselves on this a little more.

Gammicchia: There will be 56% of the student body will benefit from this. So we should stay positive on that...take a positive approach.

McGuinness: I would like to suggest that the resolution be amended to state:

Whereas, financial aid circumstances for many students will be considerably altered in the middle of the main academic year, causing the potential uncertainty and confusion.

Rotarius: I would like to amend the resolution to add the whereas that president McGuinness made.

Motion: Approved (Unanimous)

Panchenko: I make the motion to add before the 4th Whereas to say that the BOT is trying to do good by students but....

McGuinness: Whereas, Student Congress recognizes the positive intentions of the university's administration and BOT with these proposals.

Amendment: Approved

Evans: What was the opposition to the amendment?

Miller: We're just trying to ask questions, and we're just making this longer and longer.

Evans: Is there something that says that we are not opposed or against the proposal?

Vitale: Yes. Where it states:

Whereas, many members of the University Student Congress and the student body as a whole still have questions about and concerns with the proposal.....let it be therefore Resolved, that the Oakland University Student Congress for the time being opposes the proposed rolling of tuition and fees....

Resolution with changes: Approved

VII. Discussion Topics

a. Discussion Topic of the Week: Rolling of tuition and fees

Panchenko: I not only talked to students, I talked to my parents, and their stance was that people need to know what they are paying for.

Vitale: Again I would like to point out how cooperative Mr. Beaghan was, and if you are strongly against or for his proposal you should attend a BOT Meeting.

Evans: Do you, Josh, or Peter, plan to forward the info you receive.

Vitale: I emailed the info I had through YAHOO! Groups.

Cumming-Stuckman: I know Peter said that they've been talking about this for two years, that's a long time to be talking about something and that's a long time for students not to know anything.

b. Selection of next Discussion Topic of the Week

McGuinness: Next Thursday is the OU Day @ the capitol, but my nomination is "how can OUSC lobby for you in Lansing" (2)

M. Miller: What can we do to promote more cultures, or what can we do to be more diversity friendly. (6)

McCullough: Encourage students to attend the first Men's Basketball Game on Saturday @ 4:00 P.M. (3)

(3 Abstentions)

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

d. Additional Discussion topics to Guest Speakers or Comments from the Gallery

VIII. Reports

- a. Michael McGuinness- Student Body President
- b. Kori Caver- Student Body Vice President
- c. Brendan J. Stevens- Financial Affairs Director (Absent)
- 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 (Absent)
- h. Krupa Ujla- Public Relations Agent (Absent)

IX. 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

X. Comments from the Gallery

M. Ewing: I support additional discussion topics, but I am against them until we learn how to use them productively. Communication prior to the meeting is effective. It's not about being able to discuss, but about effectiveness.

Gammicchia: 2 P.M., The Board of Trustees will meet, and I'm always available if you need me.

XI. Announcements

- a. Happy Halloween!
- b. There is an opening on the Research and Review Committee. Interested legislators should contact Research and Review Chair Kristina Butler.
- c. City elections are Tuesday, November 8.
- d. OU Day at the capitol is Thursday, November 10.
- e. Multicultural Roundtable is Wednesday morning at 8:30 A.M. in the Rec Center.
- f. Board of Trustees meeting is Wednesday, November 2 at 2 P.M. in the Meadowbrook Ballroom. Tuition and Fees will be discussed and likely voted on.

XII. Adjournment

5:47 P.M