

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
4:00 P.M.

II. Roll Call

Absent: Allison Cummings-Stuckman, Mia C. Evans, Alicia Feys, Jillian Key, Bre Kopson, George Nahas, Montrell Porter

Quorum: Met

III. Approval of Minutes from October 31, 2005

Minutes: Approved

IV. Confirmation of New Legislator

J. Miller: I would like to make a motion to postpone until Kristina Butler arrives.

Motion: Approved

a. Mike Mersol-Barg

McGuinness: What is your comfort level w/ attending all legislative body meetings?

Mersol-Barg: I am comfortable.

K. Miller: Are u aware of the duties of a legislator?

Mersol-Barg: I am already on some committees, and one office hour is nothing, I will probably do more...I think I have it covered.

M. Miller: What do you think you can bring to this body?

Mersol-Barg: I am concerned about what the students are concerned about. I am here to serve the students to the best of my ability.

Waquad: In spite of the negative coverage, what brings you here to Congress?

Mersol-Barg: This is my niche; I've always been involved in stuff like this.

Redmond: How do you think you are qualified for this position, and are you prepared to deal with the controversy?

Mersol-Barg: I am no stranger of controversy; I have no problem stating the facts. I have a lot of experience in this field so I think I can handle it quite fine.

Bailey: What is you role in RHC and how can that contribute to you the student body as a whole.

Mersol-Barg: I am chair of the student advocacy committee, and I think that fits right into the framework.

Approved

V. Comments from the Gallery

VI. Discussion Topics

a. Discussion Topic of the Week: Promoting cultures/how to be diversity friendly

McGuinness: This is a time this week to promote different cultures. CMI Essay Contest. Partner w/CMI to motivate activism in cultural awareness. What is the state of diversity on OU's campus today? If you are a seasoned member, has it progressed? GSC and how does it relate to diversity.

M. Miller: There is a multitude of what culture is. Are there any parts of culture that we didn't hit? I just wanted feedback on that.

Redmond: There has been a significant change since last year's multicultural roundtable discussion. There still is a problem. In the dorms, there is a majority of one race, or sexuality. Although, there is significant improvement, there is still more to come.

K. Miller: I spoke to my residents on the issue, and several residents were excited about the culture of the building and the appreciation of diversity. Sometimes there is a self selection as to where you want to live on campus. If there are any other questions about housing let me know.

M. Miller: In an effort to be more culturally aware, we should step out of our comfort zones.

McCullough: I would like to see again the voluntary segregation program put on by CMI After Hours, and a number of other orgs.

McGuinness: 10% of our student body population stays on campus. We should bring the issue to RHC.

Waquad: With the MRT there have been different student leaders showing up. We've gotten a lot of dialogue w/student orgs. Student Leaders have realized that they do a lot of similar programming and can collaborate with other orgs.

b. Selection of next Discussion Topic of the Week

McGuinness: What was the experience of others who have participated in OU Day @ the Capital and with the Association of Michigan Universities? (1)

Panchenko: What do people really think of student congress? (0)

McCullough: The New Associate Director of Athletics has decided to allow all OU students free entry into games. (0)

Waquad: Active student Leaders...I don't feel that legislators are active enough. (0)

Redmond: To Combine Saman and Adam's discussion topic to see how students feel about us but to see how we can be more involved. (8)

K. Miller: What are student expectations of OUSC? (What do u want from us) (0)

M. Miller: What do students think of the campus media outlets (Oakland Post)? (1)

K. Miller: What do students think of the Oakland Post and do u know that OUSC advertises in the Oakland Post.

McCullough: How do u want to hear about the events OUSC puts on. **(0)**
(3 abstentions)

c. Additional Discussion Topics related to Guest Speakers or Comments from the Gallery

VII. 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

VIII. Updates

- a. Montrell Porter, Disciplinary Chair (**Absent**)
- b. Kristina Butler, research and Review Chair
- c. Stelanie Marshall, Scholarship Chair
- d. Joshua Miller, Steering Committee Chair

IX. Comments from the Gallery

Mark Ewing: You have someone out her wanting to be approved to be a legislator, but you can't get your people out here. I am not putting the blame on Kristina Butler, but that's what they have a committee for. This is what makes people mad.

Gammicchia: Trustee Vaskin made some good points as to why there shouldn't be rolling of fees, unfortunately he was the only one who voted NO. and there was a working session afterward. There is a \$2.2 million to promote student growth.

McGuinness: What are your next moves as being out student Board Of Trustees liaison?

McCullough: I want to suggest that they call it Rollin' with the Grizz.

Waquad: What changes will the SFAC are faced with, with the rolling of fees.

Gammichia: I haven't asked yet, but I will check.

Kwame Everrett: I have a simple complaint about Chartwell's Food Services. There was a lemony taste, and a friend told me that they had just sprayed the area to clean with some lemon disinfectant.

McCullough: Do you think that cleaner will taste a lemon?

Everrett: Yes.

McCullough: Did you express it to Chartwells?

Everrett: I didn't want to have anything to do with it after that, I left.

McGuinness: Was this the dining Center or Food Court, and what day and time.

Everrett: It was the dining area, and it was Thursday evening.

M. Miller: There is a new statement of Student Concern in the Congress Office.

K. Miller: If you could fill one out a form we can go through the stages to get fix the matter; the more we have on file, the more weight we have.

Bailey: On behalf of the Residence Halls Council, we are in constant contact with our director Kristine Engel, and we will be sure to bring this matter among others to her attention.

Mersol-Barg: Can you write a brief description because the more that we have the more weight it carries.

X. Announcements

a. Congrats to the OUSC College Bowl Demo team for their 415-15 victory over the Honors College. The traveling trophy has been retained for another year!

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 on Tuesday, November 8.

d. OU Day at Capitol is Thursday, November 10.

XI. Adjournment

5:05 P.M.