

Minutes

**Oakland University Student Congress
McGuinness/Caver Administration
Legislative Body Meeting Agenda
Oakland Room, Oakland Center
Monday, November 14, 2005
4:00 P.M.**

- I. Call to Order**
4:08 PM
- II. Roll Call**
Absent: Jilian Key, George Nahas
Quorum: Met
- III. Approval of Minutes from**
Miller: During the discussion topics I took a point of personal privilege and returned and it wasn't documented.
Minutes: Approved (With Changes)
- IV. Guest Speaker**
a. Anne Switzer, Kresge Library
- V. Comments form the Gallery**
Justin Zaataoff: Dick Devos, Grand Old Party (Republican) candidate for governor, will be at Big Buck Brewery at 7:00 p.m.
- VI. New Business**
 - a. C.R. 06-07 (WXOU) Read by: Joshua Rotarius**
Waquad: How much will it cost the radio station to get the transmission in the game room?
Frank: We don't know yet.
Allen: Just a suggestion since I've worked in Bumpers before, whether or not the station is changed doesn't always depend on the attendant. If students don't like a certain selection of music they will ask for the station to be changed. Nine times out of ten the attendant will change it. I think we've talked about this before, try to get a survey from students to see what selection from WXOU they like the most.
Resolution: Approved (12 Yes)
 - b. C.R 06-08 (Financial Aid Resolution) Read by: Peter Vitale**
Mersol-Barg: Why slogans involved in your campaign is involved in this and other resolutions?
McGuinness: Financial Aid is a focus for this year. The "whereas" is a perambulatory part, they give background information.
Resolution: Approved (12 Yes)
Panchenko: I would like to amend the agenda to add an approval for a new Student Services Committee Member, Danielle Fallis.
Amendment: Passed
K. Miller: Danielle Fallis is a potential legislator, she's a sophomore, and works for the Oakland Post.

Vitale: Why do you want to join the SSC and so you have any particular goals?

Fallis: I want to get commuters like myself involved.

M. Miller: How did you find out about the SSC?

Fallis: I have been asking questions, and Kori helped me a lot.

McGuinness: When is your birthday?

Fallis: March 4.

Mersol-Barg: Do you have a personal agenda or is it student oriented?

Fallis: Student oriented.

Waquad: What is your major?

Fallis: I am a Political Science/Journalism major.

Approved

VII. Discussion Topics

Discussion Topic of the Week: How do students feel about OUSC; OUSC involvement

Redmond: Most of the students I talked to didn't know who we are, and at least one student said they don't know who legislators are. I feel that we should go to different events and support different programs. I encourage us to get out there. We're a great bunch of people and people should know that.

M. Miller: I think that people know the programs that Congress do, but they don't know that Congress is doing them.

K. Miller: The students that I spoke with were well aware of programs. The publicity has been great. Kudos to Krupa because I think it's looking great.

Mersol-Barg: How about something as simple as Meet Your Congress Day. Putting our faces out there!

M. Miller: Mike makes an excellent point, there are legislators' nametags, and we could wear them at SPB events.

McCullough: Go to the Women's Exhibition game tonight @ 7:00 and Saturday Men's B-Ball @ 6:00, and wear our Congress Shirts and cheer the team on.

K. Miller: Let students know in your classes. Pass out info to your classmates, or ask your professor if you could stand up in class and make an announcement about Congress.

Kochenderfer: Has there been any discussion on the discussion board?

K. Miller: We are waiting for Brendan/Sandy (concerning budgeting).

Allen: I'm an advocate at fixing home first. I think more legislators should be in the office. Students come in and see the same old faces. Legislators should be present in the office more.

Porter: Wear Congress shirts and nametags to events, kind of like a walking billboard.

Selection of next Discussion Topic:

McGuinness: Gathering information on Financial Aid about Financial Aid Package Changes and Financial Aid Assistance. (10)

K. Miller: Discussing Student employment, How do you feel about being a student employee, and how do you feel about student employees. (0)

Bailey: Seeing that there have been some behavioral issues, let's talk to students and ask them for solutions.

M. Miller: Commuters and their involvement (1)

(Point of personal Privilege: Mersol-Barg)

K. Miller: *yield to member of the gallery*

Samir Hannah : have a meeting more open in the OC.

McCullough: I like that idea, and I think that we should have it in the Fireside Lounge.

K. Miller: There are statements of student concern posted outside of the Student Congress Office.

VIII. Reports

- a. Michael McGuinness- Student Body President
Point of Personal Privilege/Gavel given to Joshua Miller steering committee chair
- b. Kori Caver- Student Body Vice President
- c. Brendan J. Stevens- Financial Affairs Director
- d. Lindsay McCullough- Student Activities Funding Board Chair
Gavel yielded back to Caver from J. Miller
- e. Madalyn Miller- Student Program Board Chair
- f. Katie Miller- Student Services Director
- g. Saman Waquad-Legislative and Multicultural Affairs Director
McCullough: Point of personal privilege
- h. Krupa Ujla- Public Relations Agent

IX. Updates

- a. Montrell Porter, Disciplinary Chair
K. Miller: Does tabling count as an office hour, if the legislators work at a table?
Porter: Yes, I've always said that it is fine, but I ask that you please consult with me before you make assumptions that it's ok.
- b. Kristina Butler, research and Review Chair
- c. Stelanie Marshall, Scholarship Chair
- d. Joshua Miller, Steering Committee Chair

X. Special Presentations

a. AMU November Conference Report

McGuinness: A letter writing campaign starting no later than the 1st of the year to get more money from the state for all Public University. Also a resolution was passed discussing the hate group from Neo-Nazi groups and ways that we can avoid it. The next conference is in February 18-19.

Rotarius: In the Academic Affairs Committee, with the tuition and fees rolling, there are 3 universities out of the 15 and for some schools the rec center fee was optional. There has been a buzz on campus that there would only be classes on only two days as opposed to the three day and little on Friday. I got some info on the duration of classes and some of them were shorter.

McGuinness: I would like to yield to Dan Kubicek.

Kubicek: I used this conference as a training session. I will be emailing out press releases about the conference.

b. Student Academic Affairs Committee Report

McGuinness: Is Friday classes something that we want to do away with? Next semester's finals will have a survey concerning this. The Academic Advisor's Mission Statement, and the year in advance registration and that would allow you to register for your entire year of classes rather than per semester.

c. WXOU Board of Directors Report

McGuinness: Myself, and Michelle Bailey are on this committee. There was a transmitter problem when lightning struck it. There was a theft of \$800 worth of equipment stolen from the office. If there are any questions please let me know.

Allen: How did it happen, because if you don't have a key to the office, you must be on a list that the building manager has and they let you into the office.

McGuinness: The footage is being looked at. It was turntables and such things that they rarely use.

XI. Comments from the Gallery

Ewing: There is an impact of class length of students with disabilities. The two day a week classes are not options. Two day may work better.

McGuinness: That wasn't something that came among the board, and I'll make sure that

Waquad: The average attention span for a student is 45 minutes.

Rob Frank: With rolling fees, how will determine what the budget will be for each student organization.

Stevens: We can figure out exactly how much we'll get. It's a matter of checks and balances. It's more so on them than on us. You should still get your percentage.

XII. Announcements

- a. There is an opening on the Research and Review Committee. Interested legislators should contact Research and Review Chair Kristina Butler.
- b. OGL Recruitment is now taking place. If you are interested in becoming an OGL, talk to Adam Panchenko or visit 101 North Foundation Hall.
- c. Legislator and Steering Chair Joshua Miller's birthday is Thursday November 17!
- d. Legislator Joshua Rotarius' birthday is on Saturday, November 19!
- e. Multicultural Roundtable is Wednesday, November 30, at 8:30 in the Rec Center.
- f. Basketball game admission is now FREE!
- g. There is a SAFE on Campus Information Session this Friday from 2-4 P.M. in the Oakland Room. Allies of the GLBTQ Community are all invited to attend!

- h. Donate to the 7 West Toys for Tots Bottle Drive! Make a difference in a child's life!
- i. Next week is Student Employee Appreciation Week!

XIII. Adjournment

5:19 pm