

Minutes

Oakland University Student Congress
McGuinness/Caver Administration
Legislative Body Meeting Agenda
Oakland Room, Oakland Center
Monday, December 5, 2005
4:00 P.M.

I. Call to Order
4:08 PM

II. Roll Call Absences: None
Quorum: Met

III. Approval of Minutes from November 28, 3005

Pitansu: Minutes are circulated in a belated manner. There is also misspelling and grammatical slang.

Allen: First, I apologized in the email for the tardiness and explained that I knew there were corrections to be made because I rushed through them from being home caring for my sick Grandfather. I also said that if you feel you cannot bring corrections respectfully to the meeting, not to bring them at all. Thank You.

Putansu: Yes, but there has been consistencies of behavior.

Mersol-Barg: Again, I have issues with my remarks, in the minutes, related to previous corrections.

Rotarius: A number of individuals' names were misspelled and should be corrected for the sake of the record.

Evans: Administrative Assistant Crystal Allen is an adult and should be treated with the common courtesy we all deserve. When the minutes were circulated, she encouraged anyone who had corrections to email them to her. On behalf of this body I apologize to Ms. Allen; this is unfair treatment.

Putansu: Point of Order—this is time for corrections related to the minutes, not discussion.

McGuinness: Point of Order—If that is the case, wouldn't a conversation related to the timing of the minutes' circulation likewise be out of order?

Putansu: Yes, it would.

Minutes approved with corrections

IV. Legislator of the Month

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V. Approval of New Legislator

a. Danielle Fallis

Waquad: What is your motivation to get involved?

Fallis: I just want to help students more. I want to get more commuter students like myself involved.

Mersol-Barg: Do you have any suggestions on how to get students more involved?

Fallis: There's really nothing specific, but I hope to help with the committees that I've joined.

K. Miller: She has been very supportive, and has done more of her share of work. Would you be interested in any future roles of Congress?

Fallis: I can't state specifically right now, but I hope to become higher and do a lot more. This is only the beginning.

Fallis- Approved

VI. Comments form the Gallery

Anne Zeilstra- I am secretary of OU Gaming Guild. (History of Gaming Guild) Host the Gaming Convention. Budget deficit. Entry fee, we have not done that before. Could you provide us with more clarity about who came up with the present rules, and is there a way we can litigate them.

McCullough: Any funding?

Zeilstra: No, I was told that we could only get funding for OU Students.

Waquad: Who gave you this info?

Zeilstra: Oakland Center Reservations Office asked me and someone down in the CSA Office, clarification, we have no bad feelings for CSA and Reservations

Waquad: How was it funded in past years?

Zeilstra: SAFB

Waquad: Plus entry Cost?

Zeilstra: Yes

McCullough: Are you aware that SAFB can only fund as long as OU students are not charged?

Zeilstra: Do we think that people will want to come to OU and play games for \$5.

Mark Ewing: With regard to funding the event I understand that SAF should go for student activities. As I saw at their events last week, students do come. We are now starting to see the problems of the new policies, we can't ignore the fact that there are off campus people here all the time. We are not isolated, nor do I think this is the mission of this university is to be isolated. Look at the admission's perspective to have off campus people at these events. These new policies are crippling students.

People pay tax money and we are shutting them out.

Waquad: We are not the only public university with strict dance policies. There have been events where students' lives have been put in danger.

Mark Ewing: The Dance Policy is used to restrict all events. There was marginal student input. I agree we do have concerns that need to be addressed; we are starting to see the opposite of what was intended. I am open for discussion, because I don't have the winning plan in my head right now.

VII. Approval of Committee Members

a. Tim Atwood-SAFB

Atwood: student treasurer of film makers' guild, used to be a member of video production, Motor City's Jugglers, and I am interested in SAFB.

Allyson Cummings-Stuckman: What is your major/minor?

Atwood: I am a communications major, film production minor. After I am a part of SAFB, I would like to be a member of OUSC.

Atwood: Approved, 4 abstentions

b. Crystal Foster-SAFB

McCullough: Sophomore Finance major, and if you have any questions I would try to answer.

McGuinness: Is Miss Foster a member of any other student organizations?

McCullough: not a member of any student organizations, but would like to get a feel for student orgs. She is really eager and excited to join.

Foster: Approved, 12 yes 9 abstentions

VIII. Legislative Standing Committee Chair Nomination & Selection

Panchenko: I was on the Research and Review committee my 1st year on congress, as well as this year. I've done research, as concerning the smoking policies, I have called several law firms, I try to do extensive research and review.

Jones: Would you be available to be Research and Review chair?

Panchenko: Yes

McGuinness: How long have you been active?

Panchenko: It was the first committee I joined back in Stefan Welch days.

Panchenko: Approved: 14 yes, 2 opposition, 3 abstentions

IX. Confirmation of Voting Reform Commission Members

a. Joshua Miller

J. Miller: 3 Abstentions: Approved

b. Peter Vitale

Mersol-Barg: Why do you think you should hold a position on this committee?

Vitale: I did not directly hold a position in the elections last year, and I think that we need to establish more complete guidelines.

McGuinness: Is it true that you are a political science double major?

Vitale: Yes, accounting and political science.

Vitale: Approved

c. Josh Rotarius

Mersol-Barg: Since you were a member of the elections' commission last year that was contested do you think that you should remove yourself from this commission?

Rotarius: The reason why I am joining the commission, I saw what happened, and was a part of what happened and have come up with ideas on what needs to be approved.

McGuinness: Since every election for OUSC is controversial, should we remove everyone; as commission member would you be dealing with one election or every election?

Rotarius: The elections process as a whole; there will always be controversy surrounding the election.

2 abstentions: Approved

d. Krupa Ujla

Approved

e. Mark Ewing

Vitale: What do you think the main goal of the commission is?

Ewing: It would be tough to express the main goals of this commission. I haven't looked at any guidelines, because I don't want to go in with any type of agenda. I have no desire to revisit any former elections.

Porter: The only way that I feel you can improve for the future is to look at the past. All those need to be accounted for and taken into consideration.

Ewing: I don't want to point the committee in a direction of questioning legitimacy.

Mersol-Barg: What are your experiences with the elections?

Ewing: I was present for the proceedings, I was not on the elections' commission, and I can't help but pay attention.

Approved

f. Charity Jones

Approved

g. Elise Hodzen

McGuinness: Ms. Hodzen is a freshman student, she has the unique perspective of not being aware of or involved in past OUSC elections. She can offer the insight of fellow unengaged students.

Rotarius: She's on my tech committee in Student Program Board Tech Committee.

Stevens: How did this person get chosen?

McGuinness: She was in my class, and she was willing to be appointed.

Approved

X. Old Business

a. C.B. 06-10 (Fall/Winter Budget Amendment, second reading)

Bailey: Is this bill for the finals time or for the duration of the school year?

Vitale: Simply from when they arrive until they run out.

McGuinness: Did you speak last week on the usage?

Vitale: Consumption has gone up drastically since last year, because we are doing a good job on publicizing.

Stevens: Do you think it would be appropriate to track the amount of scantrons?

Vitale: I was planning on doing that anyway, but we can put it in the bill if you'd like.

Stevens: We didn't know that they were gone until they were gone.

Vitale: I'm not sure how to do that.

Kochenderfer: Can we estimate how many scantrons will the \$100 give us?

Stevens: 1 extra box; I believe there is about 500 per box.

K. Miller: I think that we should amend it to say that there should be some kind of attachment stating other things Congress does other than scantrons.

McGuinness: Point of Personal Privilege

Steward: Is there already a budget set?

Vitale: There was \$1000

Steward: So are you adding \$1100 or \$100

Vitale: \$1100

Waquad: I agree with Ms. Miller.

Mersol-Barg: Motion to call to question

18: Approved

Unanimous: C.B 06-10: Approved

XI. Discussion Topics

McCullough: The day after we discussed it at our meeting; we had our floor meeting. My floor had a problem with the cut down of floor guests.

Bailey: In regards to this memo at last weeks' RHC meeting, both Deans were present at the meeting, and they explained why the new rules had to be implemented. Students did express their concerns, and they were more understanding that this was to ensure security of our students and that it was on a trial basis.

Caver: I went to talk to plenty of students, and the concerns that I received included that it was a rushed drastic decision. It's causing people to feel uncomfortable in their environment. It is causing them to

K. Miller: I also had the mandatory floor meeting with my residents and they were very upset about the music in the cafeteria. All residents do have to focus on academics.

Mersol-Barg: I'd like to fully support what Ms. Miller said. I am an outraged resident. We are living in a university, not a police state.

Porter: I feel very passionate about this because I am also a Resident Assistant. I wish all of you were there at the RHC meeting.

Evans: My concern is that the things they have enacted does not address the issues.

Redmond: I don't agree with Nightwatch, because the reason I chose the dorm I'm in is because you have your own privacy. It's like an apartment. I don't agree with the music change; if you want to heal the soul, why not change it to Christian music if you want to heal the soul.

Waquad: I understand the need to take urgent steps to ensure safety on campus. Hill House has grown people there. I still don't get the point of it. I would like to know how they were chosen.

Rotarius: I motion to close discussion

Approved

b. Food pricing concerns (2 minute time limit)

Rotarius: (Same as sent memo)

Proffett: Are the cashiers charging you more, or are you getting charged more when you get up register?

Rotarius: When you go to the register.

c. Smoking on Campus-Research and Review Committee

Butler: Is there a state law?

K. Miller: Lindsay found a housing policy that said 25 feet away from the residence halls. That's Oakland's policy.

Marshall: I got an email from someone from Bowling Green, on school grounds smoking is prohibited outside of their most popular buildings. Yield to Jean Ann

JAM: You will need to look for both Rochester Hills and Auburn Hills.

Caver: Students would like to see us do more to install something on campus.

K. Miller: I will forward this info to the student who submitted the statement of student concern.

d. Additional discussion topics related to Guest

Caver: Jean Ann, were you present when the Gaming Guild expressed their concern? With the new dance policy, they were told they would be charged for a room, my concern is why are they being charged as a student organization?

JAM: In the past the Gaming Guild was supposed to be charged. There is an Oakland Center policy that says that if there is a convention, off campus students should be charged.

Allen: Are there any updates on the dance and major events' policies?

JAM: It wasn't finalized.

Porter: What is the hold up for the policies?

JAM: The policy must be written in the correct format.

Porter: What policy?

JAM: Major events policy must be written in the same form as the dance policy.

XII. Reports

- a. Michael McGuinness- Student Body President (Absent)
Point of personal Privilege: Steward
- 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 (Absent)
- f. Katie Miller- Student Services Director
- g. Saman Waquad-Legislative and Multicultural Affairs Director
- h. Krupa Ujla- Public Relations Agent

XIII. 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

XIV. Comments from the Gallery

Mark Ewing: This whole thing regarding the housing memo is horrible. I think it's horrible that there were things brought up in house council meetings that RAs didn't know about. Regarding the presence of administration was a presentation or a consultation. You need to enforce existing policies. Add police presence. How old are we? It's not addressing the concerns appropriately. Saman asked what I would change, I intend to get a hold of

this policy that I wasn't sure existed, and come back before you with recommendations for changes.

K. Miller: We spoke on the issues, what do you think the body should do?

Ewing: Take item by item and change by change and speak on the practicality of the changes. My recommendation for the guests' policy is to suspend the privilege of those who disregard the guests' policy.

Dan Kubicek: When we hosted AMU in September were we charged? Why didn't Administration come to Congress seeing that Congress is the representation of the student body? I looked at my contract and there are legalities in the contract.

Samantha Hardenbergh: Bus trip (OU Basketball trip)

XV. Announcements

- a. Best Wishes to graduating Legislator Kristina Butler
- b. Legislator Butler's birthday was Nov. 28. Legislator Mia Evans' birthday is December 12. Public Relations Agent Krupa Ujla's birthday is December 14.
- c. GSA's Happy Holi-Gays Party is tomorrow at 6:30 P.M. in the Lake Huron Room.

XVI. Adjournment

6:35 P.M