

Minutes

Oakland University Student Congress
McGuinness/Caver Administration
Legislative Body Meeting Agenda
Oakland Room, Oakland Center
Monday March 6, 2006
4:00 P.M.

- I. **Call to Order**
4:04 pm
- II. **Roll Call**
Absent: Mia C. Evans, Stephanie Mungo, George Nahas, Adam Panchenko, Montrell Porter, Matt Sawicki
Quorum: Met
- III. **Approval of Minutes from February 20, 2006**
Minutes: Approved
- IV. **Legislator of the Month Announcement**
Dan Kubicek
- V. **Comments form the Gallery**
Lindsay McCullough: Phi Significant Pageant, yearly event, 201 Dodge, looking for participants, Applications are available
Gammicchia: Big Board Meeting, Special Formal Meeting to approve agenda item, President and Treasurer report, Meadowbrook theatre, and Meadowbrook ball committee budget report, Constitution is up for first reading, ; approval on April 5th, new degrees, dr. nursing practice, master science and safety management, dr. philosophy and music education, Dr. Snyder requested that student body for names for the old Starbucks
Peggy Cook: Contract expires May 2006 with Barnes & Nobles. We want to improve operations and make improvements financially. Higher commission on sales, every dollar made, there is a percentage that goes back to the university (11 or 13%) 20% at the Grizz Site, \$5,000 textbook scholarships, capital investments for store renovations and a new satellite location at the old Starbucks.
Allen: Will there be more employment opportunities for students and if so how many?
Debbie Ogg: Will need more employees than I already have, but I don't know how many just yet.
McCullough: Is the lowest Price Guarantee is that in play now?
Ogg: Yes, bring receipts from the other store with their prices and we'll beat it.
K. Miller: Elaborate on Book Scholarships please.
Cook: Not worked all out, but when we did it before it was through the Dean of students Office
McGuinness: any written documentation available?
Cook: Website

Allen: Does it include online books?

Ogg: No

VI. Guest Speakers

a. Vice President for Finance and Administration John Beaghan

Beaghan: Did eliminate the student activity fee as promised. \$21 per student for fall and winter and \$10.50 per student Spring and Summer. Were receiving \$21 for on campus students, now there is \$19 for all students. All students are paying a higher tuition rate with lower fees.

Vitale: How many people were exempt from fees, and why are we not receiving \$21 if everyone has to pay the fee?

Beaghan: We took gross revenue and spread it out to more students; there were no exemptions.

Vitale: Do you know about how many?

Beaghan: 13,500 that are exclusively on campus, 1300 mixed on campus, 1100 off campus, 400 dropped courses and failed to continue to be registered.

McGuinness: We were never under the assumption the \$21 per student didn't include off-campus students, is it possible to make that happen, can the financial administration consider that

Beaghan: I wasn't here then so I can't speak that far back. I have no opinion on an increase. This is something that you should suggest to the board. We will help do the calculations on that. 1% is a little over a million dollars.

McGuinness: We want to make sure that everything is crystal clear.

Mersol-Barg: Why didn't the Board of Trustees see fit entertain Student Congress' request, and allow the student body receives more time to review the proposal?

Beaghan: I cannot speak for the board, but will speak for the administration. The tuition and fee committee had been discussing this issue. When we brought the proposal to the board several was in favor, back in August, but some didn't feel they had enough time. They asked to bring it back in October.

Mersol-Barg: The way it was presented to me and others was that we were not receiving the \$21 before due to people not paying their bills, etc. and that rolling fees would guarantee that \$21 per head, yet the reality was that we were only being guaranteed what we were receiving before and that it would appear that we were misled. Was there, perhaps, a communication breakdown in this regard?

Beaghan: We've guaranteed the revenue amount, and also as enrollment increases on and off campus, all students see both sides of that.

Vitale: Will we see \$25 or will we see \$23?

Beaghan: 19 is a reality 21 is for a smaller student body. I would suggest you start with where the budget need is.

VII. Old Business

a. C.B. 06-12 (Bylaws Amendment, second reading)

Kubicek: (See Amendment page sent over Yahoo! Groups)

Miller: I think there is merit to the amendments, taking out personal attacks in this bill is fabulous, to expound on why this is a good idea, if the steering committee creates rules, this is saying that the steering committee controls Congress. Yield to McGuinness

McGuinness: 'whereas' clauses are not necessarily included in past practices.

Vitale: How are the amendments tied into the current Bylaws amendment? Yield to M. Miller

Miller: Riders are added in at the National level even when they have nothing to do with Bills; this is compromising.

Mersol-Barg: I don't like this. I hate riders. I don't buy Ms. Miller's arguments. This has nothing to do with the Bill, and should be addressed separately.

J. Miller: If this amendment is adopted, I will vote against a bill that has my name on it.

Fallis: We would have made it our own bill, but we decided to add them together.

Ewing: I don't like riders, they are sick, don't like it at the National Government and not here. We will have all kinds of hodge podge thrown in.

McGuinness: Keep time in mind; vote on it yield to M. Miller

M. Miller: I don't think this is a bad thing, if you don't like the amendment, don't vote on it.

K. Miller: I thought they were related, because if we sit in alphabetical order, it'll make it easier for you to be recognized. I genuinely see them tied together. What's the big deal? It would resolve both the issues.

Ujla: If the whole point of having a role call vote is to be more professional why not sit alphabetically?

Cummings-Stuckman: Call to Question

Motion: Approved

Amendment voted on: Amendment fails

Cummings-Stuckman: It's against all of our personal privilege. It can be used against a person in some form of political agenda. It is a way of attacking people. I don't think it's necessary.

J. Miller: I'm terrified by the thought that people think that we shouldn't be held accountable. Motion to amend to strike the third whereas. After having conversation with Ms. Caver I realized that this was accidentally overlooked. I apologize.

Mersol-Barg: Motion to also strike second whereas.

Amendment to Amendment: Approved

Vitale: Call to Question

Motion: Approved

Amendment: Passes

Ewing: If someone was going to attack someone they would do it now. I don't want there to be any question on how I vote.

K. Miller: Would this eliminate other kinds of voting? We've tried to do role calls, it's never passed.

Mersol-Barg: Doesn't eliminate other forms of voting just set this as a standard. It's necessary and it's responsible. Call to question

Motion: Passes

Legislation: Passes

b. C.R. 06-14 (Michigan Civil Rights Initiative resolution, previously postponed)

K. Miller: Under first resolve, I think there should be something added in relation to gender because everyone.

Kubicek: Motion to add in the first resolve sexual identity.

Zatkoff: (See attachment)

McGuinness: Fraud in regards to signatures, affidavits have also been collected.

Mersol-Barg: Don't believe that this legislation should be treated as a report and I found Mr. Zatkoff's comments to be particularly aggravating in that it both treated it as a report and made a case in favor of the MCRI when that simply isn't the issue at hand. Though I do not necessarily disagree with the stance taken in the bill. I am not sure if this is appropriate and have concerns regarding the tone of the bill. Yield to Ms. Fallis

Fallis: I wasn't trying to make a tone; it would be appreciated if there were suggestions on how this "tone" may be evened out.

Ewing: This is similar to the Bill passed before. It's seems repetitive. It would be bad for me to educate people, because I would be biased. Yield to Fallis

Fallis: Didn't look at any previously passed Bill

Putansu: Motion to Call to Question

Motion: Passes

Corbishdale: N

Cummings-Stuckman: A

Ewing: N

Fallis: Y

Kochenderfer: N

Kubicek: Y

Marshall: Y

Mersol-Barg: N

J. Miller: A

Putansu: Y

Redmond: A

Rotarius: A

Vitale: N

Zatkoff: N

Resolution: Fails

c. C.R. 06-15 (Course Evaluations resolution, previously postponed)

Cummings-Stuckman: Don't think this is the best idea. We have RateMyProfessors.com. Don't think it's necessary; you will have professors that you don't like. Yield to Katie Miller

Miller: I think this would be beneficial, maybe it can focus more on teaching style.

Putansu: I'm not sure how this would increase instructor's accountability. How would this plan to be implemented. I think professors should have a right to insure that their review(s) remain private.

Vitale: Call to question

Corbishdale: A

Cummings-Stuckman: N

Fallis: Y

Kochenderfer: Y

Kubicek: Y

Marshall: Y

Mersol-Barg: N

J. Miller: N

Putansu: N

Redmond: A

Rotarius: N

Vitale: N

Zatkoff: N

Resolution: Fails

Zatkoff: Motion to amend agenda to move approval of Election's Commission Members

Motion: Passes

VIII. Confirmation of Elections Commission Members

a. Johnny Elkhoury

b. Dina El-Hout

Members: Approved

Vitale: Motion to combine and call after presentation

Motion: Passes

IX. New Business

a. C.B. 06-13 (Office Hours bill)

Ewing: Amendment to add under third resolved (respective offices)

Ewing: Call to question

Motion: Passes

Amendment: Passes

Fallis: Huge problem for me, my schedule changes often. Yield to Mr. Ewing

Ewing: Extenuating Circumstances are understanding, but there are breaks before classes etc.

M. Miller: I can't have office hours posted because of personal, security purposes. Yield to K. Miller

Kochenderfer: I think it's a good idea to test this for about two to three weeks. Yield to Mr. Ewing

Ewing: I would like to postpone until next week, March 13.

Motion: Passes

b. C.B. 06-14 (Budget Amendment, first reading)

Vitale: Motion to postpone until next Monday, March 13

Motion: Passes

c. Student Activities Fee Assessment Committee proposal

Quorum Lost (6:00 pm)