

Meeting Minutes

Oakland University Student Congress

Miller/Evans Administration

Legislative Body Meeting Agenda

Oakland Room, Oakland Center

Monday, December 4, 2006

4:00 P.M.

I. Call to Order at 4:00 by Mia Evans

II. Roll Call

III. Approval of Minutes from November 27, 2006

a.) approved

IV. Comments from the Gallery

a.) No Comments

V. Approval of Committee Members

a. Kristen Gura, Student Activities Funding Board

i. approved

b. Nina Lavelanet, Research and Review Committee

i. approved

VI. Old Business

a. C.B. 07-15 (Winter 2007 Budget, second reading [previously postponed])

b. Dmitriy Shapiro-

i.- Jameelah Muhammad -Unaware of Correspondents sent out

1.) Circulated Thursday 11-30-06

c. Eric Ventimiglia-

i. Jameelah Muhammad- \$600 seems like a lot for voter registration. \$200 just on food.

1.) Did not actually spend \$600 on Voter Registration. Combined organizations contributed free material.

d. Samir Hanna- Motion to amend/strike each budget line item under voter registration to \$100 from \$200. Voter registration totaling \$300.

i. Amendment Passes

e. Dmitriy Shapiro-

i. Jameelah Muhammad- No need for voter registration, no elections.

1.) There was a 5% increase in registration. Registrations should remain constant through out the year.

ii.) Jameelah Muhammad- USSA Grassroots and Electoral Training

1.) Explained – student training session on how to get something done. Helps students be organized and more efficient

f. Joshua Miller

i. Jameelah Muhhmad- Grass Roots should not focus on students from high schools more than Oakland University Students.

1.) Ideally for Oakland University students, they would hold majority of the slots available.

ii. Jameelah Muhammad- Not in complete understanding of Diversity Initiative

1.) Increase Awareness of Diversity to Oakland University Students, faculty, and staff. Including workshops for freshman and residence hall life. Developing student base programs to help prevent discrimination and hate crimes. Actively have community participating.

iii. Jameelah Muhammad- Unity Mural did not get finished this past semester. Was that money spent if so why does it require more for this semester?

1.) That money was not spent this semester. There were donations at will. The most expensive thing we will need to purchase is the professional paint. Plan for next semester is to have it out more often for student to participate. Just very hard to carry it alone.

g. Danielle Fallis- How many people actually participated in OU Day at the Capital?

- i. Madayln Miller-
 - 1.) 10 Students actually attended. It use to be a very exciting event, and it has had a slow decline in attendance and excitements. Need to actually meet with Legislatures and make it more exciting for students.
 - 2.) Aaron Kochenderfer- Need to plan for OU Day at the Capital ahead of time.
 - 3.) Yeild to Dmitriy Shapiro- Motion to cut USSA Grass Roots from the Budget.
 - not second
- h. JL Ricks-
 - i.) Jameelah Muhammad- What can we as Legislatures do to help you?
 - 1.) With Grow Day- it needs 4-6 weeks of planning. Will be meeting with representatives over break. Can come and help in the planning.
 - In regards to Voter Registration- Having Legislatures constantly helping with activities and actual registration.
- i. Eric Ventimiglia-
 - i.) Jameelah Muhammad- Breakdown of Grass Roots
 - 1.) The actual training cost more than \$2000, they said they would work with us. Hopefully other orgs will allocate to the program as well. Need to work hard to stay under budget and make the event successful.
 - ii.) Motion to amend/strike the following from Budgets:
 - Multicolored Stress Balls for Unity Mural- strike \$300
 - Voter Registration –strike \$100 for food
 - Day at the Capital –strike \$500 making total \$1000.
 - 1.) Motion to amend the amendment-Strike the strike on Day at the Capital leaving it at \$1500.
 - Amendment to the Amendment Passes
- j. Samir Hanna- Motion to amend the amendment – of the \$300 removed from the Multicolored Stress Ball put \$50 to Unity Mural.
 - second by Aaron Kochenderfer
 - Motion Failed
- k.) Amendment called to a vote by Mia Evans after no further Discussion
 - i. Motion Passed
- l.) Joshua Miller
 - i. Madalyn Miller- Cut meeting expenses for food
 - 1.) Already have been cut, The food is also a incentive for the legislatures.
- m.) Eric Ventimiglia-
 - i.) Jameelah Muhammad- Was that money for travel expenses?
 - 1.) It was for travel for two representatives
- n.) Nina Lavelanet-
 - i.) Jameelah Muhammad- Are we affiliated with AMU?
 - 1.) We are no longer affiliated with Association Michigan Universities.
 - ii.) Motion to Strike money sat aside for AMU
 - second by Joshua Miller
 - amendment passes
- o. Budget Called to Vote:
 - i. Yes- 12
 - ii. No- 0
 - iii. Abstain- 0
 - iv. Motion Passed

VII. New Business

- a. C.B. 07-16 (Bylaws Amendment [SAFAC Bylaws], first reading)

- i.) Joshua Miller- A Bill to amend the University Congress Bylaws to alter the name of the Student Activity Fee Assessment Committee to the Student Activity Fund Assessment Committee to reflect changes in University policy, and establish clear and structured guidelines for that body.
- ii.) Madalyn Miller- I am concerned about the fact that the Special Projects Fund is not included, also I am concerned about the 9/10 approval, lets work on this more

VIII. Discussion Topics

- a. OUSC Vision 2006-2007 – Mr. Ricks
 - i.) What do we want to accomplish by the end of this year?
 - more involvement
 - knowing what students expect
 - Use left over food for students.
- b. Discussion topics related to Guest Speakers, Comments from the Gallery Related to the Business of the Day, & submitted Statements of Student Concern
 - i. Madalyn Miller- Statement of Student Concern- Regarding Academic Probation and Abuse of the system
 - 1.) Had a similar conversation. Students are not immediately expelled.
 - 2.) Tamara Kukuk- Goes through a process
 - 3.) Jameelah Muhammad- sat on committee, students are given option to accept guilt or appeal it

IX. Reports

- a. Madalyn Miller – Student Body President
 - i.) Report written and circulated
- b. Mia Evans – Student Body Vice President
 - i.) Report written and circulated
- c. Michael Mersol-Barg – Student Activities Funding Board Chair
 - i.) Report written and circulated
- d. Jordan Twardy – Student Services Director
 - i.) Report written and circulated
- e. Tamara Kukuk – Student Program Board Chair
 - i.) Report written and circulated
- f. Rob Meyer – Financial Affairs Director
 - i.) Report written and circulated
- g. Jameelah Muhammad – Legislative and Multicultural Affairs Director
 - i.) Report written and circulated
- h. Krista Ketelhut – Publicity and Technology Coordinator
 - i.) Report written and circulated

X. Updates

- a. Danielle Fallis – Disciplinary Chair
- b. Aaron Kochenderfer – Research and Review Chair
 - i.) Chartwells does not have a wide variety of food and high prices. Spoke to them this week.
- c. Lauren Hally – Scholarship Chair
 - i.) Coming up with new ideas!!!!
- d. Joshua Miller – Steering Chair – Update on back of today’s agenda

XI. Comments from the Gallery

- i.) Interesting Semester, looked a little dull for awhile, but you rebound very well, have a great break.

XII. Announcements

- a. To all OUSC members who have a birthday over the holiday break, have a Happy Birthday – SPB Chair Tamara Kukuk, December 7; Student Body Vice President Mia Evans, December 12; Legislator Samir Hanna, December 18.

XIII. Adjournment

