

Meeting Minutes
Oakland University Student Congress
Miller/Evans Administration
Legislative Body Meeting Minutes
Oakland Room, Oakland Center
Monday February 5, 2007
4:00PM

- I. Call to Order**
 - a. Meeting called to order at 4:03PM
- II. Roll Call**
- III. Approval of Minutes from January 29, 2007**
 - a. Approved
- IV. Technology Advancement Program Essay Contest Drawing**
 - a. Four Winners of \$100 scholarships through the Bookstore. And Grand prize winner received a laptop.
- V. Comments from the Gallery**
 - a. Brandon Light- Came to meeting today to get support of congress for Higher Education and Winter Elections Campaign. Will be working with Jameelah for the rest of the semester.
- VI. Approval of Elections Commission Members**
 - a. Amanda Saoud [previously postponed]
 - i. Approved.
- VII. Nominations and Selection of Congressional Archivist**
 - a. Dmitriy Shapiro
 - i. Approved
- VIII. Old Business**
 - a. C.B. 07-19 (Proposed Constitutional Amendment, second reading)
 - i. Joshua Miller- Length of confirmation help to see the devotion and responsibility of the individual up for nomination. Undergraduate in turn could stay in office if continuing to graduate school at Oakland. It will again not be transforming the Disciplinary Committee to the Judicial Branch.
 - ii. Samir Hanna- Having no reelection, the individual should serve in other organizations. With the Judicial Board it will divide congress even more. The purpose of congress is to serve the students, and this branch would not benefit students. The Judicial Board will cause a barrier between executive board and Legislators.
 - iii. Danielle Fallis- It would not divide; hopefully it will bring more people in.
 - iv. Madalyn Miller- It is hard to find leaders to serve in just one organization. Leaders are looking to develop, and they cant to that in just one organization. There are only certain positions for e-board and committees having another branch would create opportunity for growth. People who applied and are not given the position might be interested in the judicial position.

- v. Jordan Twardy- Maybe limit that person from serving on issue that belong to organizations he/she are involved in.
- vi. Jameelah Muhammad- Will be a new and exciting possibility for judicial branch
- vii. Yield to Mia Evans- Need more than a disciplinary committee. You do not know what sort of issues there are because they are confidential. Disciplinary Committee conflicts are what cause the conflicts with each other. A judicial branch would stop that.
- viii. Dmitriy Shapiro- Mediating conflicts and constitution will help the student body.
- ix. Mark Medaugh- Yield to Joshua Miller: Add PART III to the entire bill, which reads: Further, Article I, Section A of the University Student Congress Constitution shall be amended to read as follows: Any enrolled student with good academic and disciplinary standing shall be eligible to seek and maintain membership or position in the Legislative, Executive, or Judicial Branches. To maintain such membership or position a student need not be enrolled during Spring or Summer semesters.
- x. Madayln Miller- If a freshman is denied, but later needs to be nominated later because they have gained leadership skills.
- xi. Eric Ventimiglia- Student Body will re-nominate by the same president
- xii. Danielle Fallis- It is a two month Process, someone with no experience will not just coming up and deciding they want this position.
- xiii.** Joshua Miller -Amend Section B, Subsection 3, Part e to read: Should a nominee fail to garner the necessary votes for approval, the Student Body President may re-nominate the same individual once, if the nominee has garnered at least half the votes of the Legislature, or select a new nominee. The process shall then be repeated.
 - 1.** (AMENDMENT APPROVED)
- xiv.** Mark Medaugh- Amend Section B, Subsection 3, Part e to read: Should a nominee fail to garner the necessary votes for approval, the Student Body President may re-nominate the same individual once in each Congressional term, if the nominee has garnered at least half the votes of the Legislature, or select a new nominee. The process shall then be repeated.
 - 1.** (AMENDMENT APPROVED)
- xv. Ben Spedowski- Motion to extend time limit
 - 1.** Failed
- xvi. Amendment called to a Vote
 - 1.** Yes-8
 - 2.** No-2
 - 3.** Abstain- 0
 - 4.** Approved

IX. New Business

- a. 07-20 (Budget Amendment, first reading)
 - i. Jameelah Muhammad- We had only budgeted for 500 dollars for food. We would like to raise that to 2000 dollars.
 - ii. Eric Ventimiglia- Scaled down multicultural round table, removing some from carry over budget.
 - iii. Danielle Fallis- Will this money for the multicultural round tables not be used? If taken all out of uncategorized funds how much would there be left.
 - iv. Rob Meyer-3221.90 from just multicultural un used funds.
 - v. Nina Lavelanet0 Motion to amend bill to read \$1600 will be taken out of uncategorized funds.
 - 1. Approved
 - vi. Eric Ventimiglia Motion to strike removing money not removing money from Publicity and multicultural roundtable
 - vii. Ben Spedowski- changing bill to take money only from uncategorized funds.
 - 1. Approved
- b. C.R. 07-05 To offer support of the University Student Congress to the University Senate on the creation of a university wide Excused Absence Policy.
 - i. Bill called to a vote
 - 1. Yes- 9
 - 2. APPROVED

X. Discussion Topics

- a. OUSC Group Communications- Mr. Medaugh-
 - i. Motion to suspend until next meeting
 - 1. Approved
- b. Voter Registration- Mr. Ricks
 - i. Looking to hold a voter registration meetings with Jameelah through the semester. 47% of all college student that are registered to not actually vote.
 - ii. Krystal Minarik- The vote registration card MUST have the same address as the person's drivers license or Michigan State I.D.
 - iii. Todd- Should be through out the semester, it is hard to organize and very tedious. There needs to be active participation.
- c. OUSC Website Development- Mr. Ricks
 - i. The website currently looks kind of dull, wondering if there would be a way we can find a user friendly website through OU.
 - ii. Krista Ketelhut- Text and Color is set through the university. Not a lot of options.
 - iii. Yield to J.L. Ricks- Make it more "wow" it looks like every other OU main sites.
 - iv. Tamara Kukuk- Communication and Marketing helps, not too much you can do with the format.
 - v. Jameelah Muhammad- Suggests working with Krista

- c. Kirbionne Fletcher- Student Activities Funding Board
 - i. Written and Circulated
- d. Jordan Twardy- Student Services Director-
 - i. Written and Circulated
- e. Tamara Kukuk- Student Program Board Chair
 - i. Written and Circulated
- f. Robert Meyer- Financial Affairs Director
 - i. Written and Circulated
- g. Jameelah Muhammad- Legislative and Multicultural Affair Director-
 - i. Written and Circulated
- h. Krista Ketelhut- Publicity and Technology Coordinator
 - i. Written and Circulated
- i. Krystal Minarik- Elections Commission Chair-
 - i. Written and Circulated

XIII. Updates

- a. Danielle Fallis- Disciplinary Chair
 - i. Written and Circulated
- b. Aaron Kochenderfer- Research and Review
 - i. Written and Circulated
- c. Eric Ventimiglia- Scholarship Chair
 - i. Written and Circulated
- d. Joshua Miller- Steering Committee
 - i. Written and Circulated

XIV. Comments from the Gallery-

- a. Jean Ann Miller- Looking for ideas for revamping the lower level of the Oakland Centers. Let her know if you are interested in helping.

XV. Adjournment