

Oakland University Student Congress Minutes
Meyer/Muhammad Administration
Monday, November 26, 2007
Oakland Room, Oakland Center

I. Call to Order

- a. The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m.

II. Roll Call

- a. Absent
- Frank Norton

III. Approval of Minutes from November 19, 2007

- a. Unanimously Approved

IV. Guest Speaker

- a. OU Orientation Office Staff Member
- Adam Panchenko
 - Doing Orientation recruitment and is here today to talk about the great leadership opportunity. Let the students know that they are currently recruiting. Looking for a few good students to come join the team. On the flier is the information on how to apply.

V. Comments from the Gallery

VI. Old Business

- a. C.B. 08-10 (Budget Amendment, second reading, *previously postponed*)
- Mr. Spedoske: Propose to amend the bill in Sub-section C that any left over funds should be placed in uncategorized funds.
 - Unanimously approved
 - Mr. Spedoske: Mr. Meyer pointed out that when we move Ms. Vanderford's office to the current technology center.
 - Roll Call vote
 - Unanimously approved

VII. New Business

- a. C.B. 08-11 (Bylaws Amendments, first reading)
- Mr. Miller: I want to go through the bill section by section to give a general idea of what everything says. Under article three items could only be referred to research and review then given to the proper committee

but this portion is cutting out the entire process. This next section eliminates putting Ms. Vanderford as the co-chair of the Student Services Committee. Add Student Congress retreats to the Student Body President's duties. In section four, Student Board will not fund events held in restaurants. Updated "Fall Fever" to the new updated term: "Welcome Week". A couple of language changes to "free and open to all" to "free and open to all Oakland University Students". Section six says that no compensation will be given to any member of congress that attends the University Senate meetings.

- Mr. Twardy: Just wanted to rid some of the redundancy. This is some of the things that should be done if you
- Ms. Fallis: These changes aren't only in our guideline but also in the CSA guideline. The board is already following these guidelines. Also have people put "free and open to all OU students" Also with Welcome Week instead of "Fall Fever" I've already been enforcing that.
- Mr. Meyer: I just have two concerns with the speakers and the hundred dollars per hour. They are expensive I just don't see that happening.
- Ms. Fallis: there is also a \$200 operational fund that they can use for whatever they want like a speaker. The board votes on a case by case basis and once given a speaker for \$400.
- Mr. Miller: the board has the power to supersede these guidelines, but we are trying to act upon them now to get students used to that. It doesn't just have to be us that fill the University Senate positions.
- Mr. Spedoske: I know the SAFB part about \$4000 for Welcome Week. Lets say you have like \$500 left then you can bring that over to the Fall Semester for Welcome Week.
- Ms. Fallis: Yes you can but the only thing is that it has to be approved by the Welcome Week committee.
- Mr. Spedoske: I know in the past that in the past it should have been called the Legislative Affairs Committee so is it wrong?

b. C.B. 08-10 Budget Amendment (first reading)

- Mr. Meyer: Same as last semester with several new initiatives for this semester.
- Mr. Medaugh: If you have any suggestions for budget amendments then please send me an email and I'll draft one up. Instead of categorizing funds that could be or possibly be, why not just make an amendment for a later budget when it is certain that it will happen.
- Ms. Fallis: Has the newspaper readership program also costs \$12,000?
- Mr. Meyer: yes
- Mr. Miller: I just have a few reservations about some of the items in the budget. Ms. Merrell, I wanted to know what you planned to do for elections. Ms. Vanderford I wanted to know what you generally plan to do for publicity. Mr. Twardy I wanted to know what you plan to do with the Book Bazaar when the Book Swap hasn't been successful. I want to change the perception of OUSC before I leave in four months, so I drafted this OUSC Faculty Outreach Program.
- Mr. Spedoske: I think we need to spend the money, and use people's tuition the way it should be used. Just a couple of basic little things. I didn't know if it was possible to get the Scantron exam books. Are we responsible for helping the tech center? I'm not sure how that's incorporated.
- Mr. Meyer: It's basically an addition to the current program.
- Ms. Merrell: Basically some of the money will be going to make elections a much bigger event this year. To speak for Ms. Vanderford, she is going to help me publicize this.
- Ms. Vanderford: My fund is so general because it is basically contingent upon what needs to be done, case by case bases.
- Mr. Griffin: If you can get me the number then I can look into it.
- Mr. Meyer: It would be good to start an initiative to where the professors can give out the scantrons, but we can pay for them. It's just a thought.

VIII. Discussion topics

- a. Discussion topics related to Guest Speakers, Comments from the Gallery Related to the Business of the Day, & submitted Statements of Student Concern

IX. Reports

- a. Rob Meyer- Student Body President
- b. Jameelah Muhammad- Student Body Vice President
- c. Danielle Fallis- Student Activities Funding Board Chair
- d. Tamara Kukuk- Student Programming Board
- e. Marc Griffin- Financial Affairs Director
- f. Jordan Twardy- Student Services Director
- g. Phillicia Jackson- Legislative and Multicultural Affairs Director
- h. Amanda Vanderford- Publicity Technology Coordinator

X. Updates

- a. Mark Medaugh- Judiciary Committee Chairman
- b. Todd Fitzsimmons- Research and Review Chairman
- c. Mark Medaugh- Scholarship Committee Chairman
- d. Joshua Miller- Steering Committee Chairman

XI. Comments from the Gallery

XII. Announcements

- a. Don't forget that all weekly meetings will be at 4:00 P.M. Mondays throughout the Fall and Winter Semester, unless otherwise noted.

XIII. Adjournment

- a. Adjourned at 5: 26 p.m.