

Oakland University Student Congress Minutes
Meyer/Muhammad Administration
Monday, December 3, 2007
Oakland Room, Oakland Center

I. Call to Order

- a. The meeting was called to order at 4:07 p.m.

II. Roll Call

- a. Absent
- Frank Norton

III. Approval of Minutes from November 26, 2007

- a. Mr. Brown: Motion to postpone the approval of minutes until the corrections have been made.
- Approved with one objection.

IV. Comments from the Gallery

V. Confirmation of New Legislators

- a. Mr. Kevin Costakes
- Thank you for giving me the opportunity to allow me for being on Congress. I'm a junior. There are two reasons why I want to join congress. It gives me a great opportunity and I want to help improve Congress. I'm on the Student Services committee with Jordan, I've been to some meetings and understand what's going on.
 - Mr. Meyer: First thank you for your interest. What improves would you like to see around campus?
 - Mr. Costakes: I want to improve some services like financial aid office because they could be more efficient and chartwells service.
 - Mr. Twardy: He is a great member, he's always Johnny-on-the-spot. He has my full support and he would be a great addition to our team.
 - Mr. Thomas: Do you have any other commitments that are time consuming.
 - Mr. Costakes: Well I have a night class that begins at 6:30p.m., but if you tell me ahead of time I'm happy to be there.
 - Unanimously approved

VI. Confirmation of Committee Members

- a. Ms. Deanna Dillworth-Scholarship Committee
- Unanimously approved

VII. Confirmation of Election Commission Members

- a. Ms. Jessica Knight
 - Mr. Medaugh: Do you have any time commitments that will take up your time?
 - Ms. Knight: I work but it's mostly optional so no really.
 - Mr. Meyer: You have to be unbiased, so if like your friend wants to run will you be unbiased?
 - Ms. Knight: I would let them know that I have to be impartial.
 - Unanimously approved
- b. Mr. Mike Palmer
 - I'm a second year grad student.
 - Mr. Miller: Am I correct by saying that you ran with Mr. Perich and you were told that you were not able to participate in the events as a write-in candidate but you were there. Are you able to follow the rules this time around?
 - Mr. Twardy: What drew you to the elections commission? You have the ability to "draw people in" so what's your strategy to do so?
 - Mr. Palmer: I'm truly a people person with excellent communication skills.
 - Mr. Medaugh: Do you have any time commitments that will conflict with this committee? Are you positive that you can remain impartial?
 - Mr. Palmer: No I don't have any other commitments because I'm a grad student with plenty of time on my hands. And yes I can be impartial.
 - Mr. Spedoske: You say that you definitely want to help people get on the ballot that don't have that experience; wouldn't that mean you will be helping them more and they will get preference?
 - Mr. Palmer: No, they won't get preference; I just help when my help is needed.
 - Approved with two abstaining.
- c. Ms. Marinela Popaj
 - Mr. Fitzsimmons: Isn't it true that you are a petitioning legislator?
 - Ms. Popaj: Yes

- Ms. Muhammad: You are a petitioning legislator, but you can be apart of the committee and be approved after your term as an Elections Commission Committee Member is completed.
 - Unanimously approved
- d. Mr. Eric Sturgis
- Postponed

VIII. Old Business

- a. C.B. 08-11 (bylaws Amendments, second reading)
- Motion to: amend section 4 to add subsection L, which shall read: “Article IV (membership), Section C shall be amended to read: “A member of the Board must be elected by a majority vote of the Board to serve as an Associate Chairperson within two regular Fall semester Board meetings.”
 - Ms. Fallis: This will affect nothing, because they can operate without one ever. I didn’t pick one until a month into the Fall semester because I wanted to see how my members operate and I wanted to get to know them.
 - Mr. Meyer: No student shall be compensated for sitting in on the University Senate. I have a problem with that because I’m required to sit on there and it’s not like I’m there for my entire 20 hours. I just disagree with it, because in the event no one shows up then the other e-board members or I have to step up and be there.
 - Ms. Kukuk: I sit in many meetings because that’s apart of my job duties
 - Mr. Twardy: I understand that sentiment
 - Mr. Meyer: If you can’t make the meetings then I can assign someone else. We are not here for the money, obviously, but we should be recognized and compensated for the duties that we take up beside our own.
 - Mr. Miller: With all due respect, I disagree with your statement.
 - Approved with one objection: Mr. Brown and one abstaining: Ms. Dillworth.
- b. C.B. 08-12 (OUC Winter 2008 Budget, second reading)
- Mr. Medaugh: Motion to add C.A. 08-02 to the amendment the budget.

- Roll Call: Approved with one abstaining: Ms. Dillworth.
- Mr. Spedoske: Motion to amend the Welcome Week amount to \$1,500 with \$1,000 coming from uncategorized funds.
 - Unanimously approved.
- Roll Call: Unanimously approved

IX. 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

X. Reports

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

XI. 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

XII. Comments from the Gallery

XIII. 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.

XIV. Adjournment

a. Adjourned at 5:14 p.m.