

Oakland University Student Congress Minutes
Meyer/Muhammad Administration
Monday, January 14th, 2008
Oakland Room, Oakland Center

I. Call to Order

- a. The meeting was called to order at 4:10 p.m.

II. Roll Call

- a. Absent
- Legislator Norton, Quorum has been established
 - Executive Board- Ms. Merrell(absent), Mr. Twardy(tardy)

III. Approval of Minutes from December 3rd, 2007

- a. **All legislators approve with “yes”, Legislator Cruz abstains**
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 - Mr. Thomas: Do you have any scholarship ideas?
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VII. Old Business

- a. C.B. 08-13 (Budget Amendment, Second Reading)
 - Mr. Fitzsimmons: I propose to add approx \$120 X8=\$1000. What do we think about this, I yield to Ms. Fallis
 - Ms Fallis- I think that after discussing with members of the office we should do this, the conference sounds very nice and we should require that people do a presentation. After we see the carry over we will not have to worry about how this would be covered.
 - Mr Spedoske: can these come from uncategorized
 - Voted on: approved for this
 - Mr Fitzsimmons: I would like to amend the amendment to be \$140 X 8 = \$1600, from uncategorized.
 - Mr Spedoske- lets amend it for \$200 and then put whatever is left over into uncategorized funds.
 - Initial amendment(\$140 was voted no)
 - Mr. Fitzsimmons: (\$ 200 I propose for this amendment coming from uncategorized funds) seconded.
 - Amendment: unanimously approved the amendment, we are back to the original bill. The main motion: Roll Call Vote: Brown(yes), Costakes (yes), Cruz(yes), Dayag(yes), Dilworth(yes), Gura (yes), Spedoske (yes), Medaugh (yes), Ray(yes), Thomas(yes)

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 - Written and circulated
- b. Jameelah Muhammad- Student Body Vice President
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X. Updates

- a. Mark Medaugh- Judiciary Committee Chairman, Judiciary committee updates, Everyone please sign in office hours and keep recording meetings.
- b. Todd Fitzsimmons- Research and Review Chairman, not much going on with the committee. There are 2-3 open positions.
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