

## Legislative Body Meeting- Monday March 17 2008

### Meyer/Muhammad Administration

- Roll Call: 4:10pm
- Mr. Fitzsimmons: motion to postpone
- **Amended Fitzsimmons:** Motion to postpone items a-b in Legislative Debate and Questioning of Congressional Court Nominees, Second by Ms. Ray (the motion to amend this has failed)
- **Judiciary Committee Summary of Congressional Court Nominees-** Mr. Matt Berard Nominee. Mr Brown: He has a wealth of experience, has a full time job, unanimously approved this individual as the Chief of Justice. Mr Brown: what responsibilities do you have? Ms. Guralcyk: I don't have that many responsibilities this spring/summer besides working and can do the job. Ms Guralcyk approved. Mr. Hagar: nominee for congressional court. Mr. Brown: what are your responsibilities this summer? Mr Hagar: Helping dad with football, I won't be interning. Mr Brown: I have no further questions. Hagar is approved. Ms. Gura: motion to postpone until Mr. Berard arrives. Unanimously approved.
- **CB 08-18:** Bylaws and Budget Amendment, first reading: this bill is to add 10 hours and training for the last two weeks of the semester. It will be a joint bill to move uncategorized funds to the "newly elected president and vice-president". **Mr. Griffin:** I agree with this and think it's a good job. **Ms. Kukuk:** what about the other executive board positions, has that been considered. Ms Muhammad: what about current members of the executive board? Mr. Brown: we can change the language, but we don't think it is necessary because they already have been budgeted to work certain hours. **Ms. Kukuk:** it is university policy for 20 hours and so we can't add anything in addition to this. Mr. Cruz: repeating what was said by **Ms. Kukuk**, why weren't other e-board members decided? Mr. Brown: a lot of times we are not certain if the e-board members will have been appointed at the time. We don't want a situation where we a lot tons of money that may not get used. As soon as they are appointed CSA takes care of the e-board as far as being put on the payroll. **Ms. Ray:** I think that the bill is good as it stands right now, because if we were to add extra money to be added to uncategorized funds we are hoping that this stands for years to comes. We might need extra money in the future, there is no guarantee about the other e-board members, if they will be filling this positions. **Ms. Szura:** the time frame from when the new presidents take over doesn't really fit into this, so it would be coming out of the spring summer. **Ms. Kukuk:** add a line item, to say that e-board members receive back pay for the hours they worked when they were appointed before they were on payroll. It does take time to get into the payroll system, so back pay might be a way to address this. **Mr. Griffin:** it will roughly be about \$1500 to pay all nine, you can't do back pay across semesters, this is our financial procedures, it affects CSA and payroll when we do this and can become complicated.
- **CB 08-19: Mr. Fitzsimmons:** after talking to Ms. Vanderford, and seeing the condition or the office and e-board computers, I am proposing that we purchase new computers for the PR agent and that we purchase and update computers for the general office space. I have the quotes downstairs, about \$1000 each for the two legislator computers and about a little bit more for the eboard because they need more on these. **Mr. Brown:** I don't see it specifically saying two

computers, and I wanted to know where the 2000 is coming from. Mr. Fittz- the PR agent needs imaging software on the computer so I added an additional amount for her computer. **Mr. Twardy**: one point I wanted to take into account does not need new screens, it seems like we will have some money left over from the \$4000. **Mr Fitzsimmons**: it will be a little more than \$1000 for the legislator's computers, I need to get a rough price and talk to Ann about this. **Ms. Kukuk**: the SPB is replacing three computers, it is definitely that time for us to purchase new ones, the amount might be a little more than what we need, but instead of doing a second amendment the leftover can go into uncategorized funds for what we don't use. **Mr. Brown**: I was unclear on if we are authorized for this? **Mr. Miller**: in the past there is nothing that says that it is specifically set aside for computers. **Mr. Griffin**: once the office technology improvements pass, as long as you remain in the confines of the office technology improvements we should be ok, as long as we stay in budget. After we make the purchases I can let everyone know exactly how the funds were spent.

- **Discussion topics**: No statements of Student Concern
- **Reports**: **Ms. Muhammad**: report has not been written and circulated, I just got back from DC, will take care of this after the meeting. **Ms Kukuk**: written and circulated, T-pain concert canceled and your support is appreciated and I will keep you informed as I find out more information. **Mr. Griffin**: Scantrons were purchased, sign them out please. **Mr. twardy**-TAP finished, working on the book bazaars talked to Debbie ogg, we only have one organization that is interested in having a table, when we get more organizations involved we will be golden, the bookstore wants to get involved, might want to look into helping fund more for buybacks, the TAP individual challenge is coming up, there are a lot of different components, I am excited about everything. **Mr. Miller**: elections are proceeding well, we are in the middle of the campaign period, elections begin at 12:01am next Monday and end next Wednesday, everyone here needs to vote, I will be very cross with you if you do not vote, encourage all of your friends to vote, if turnout can break 1000 that would be great. If anyone has any questions or comments, I am reachable by email if you see something incorrect or in violation of the rules, grievance forms are outside of the Student Congress door and I have posted these so that everyone on campus is able to see them without digging around and they are in one spot so everyone can reference what the rules are.
- **Mr. Berard**: has arrived and we will open the floor to questions from the legislature, **Mr. Brown**: I can assure you that I will do the best job I can, I am confident that I will be able to serve the position as accurately as possible, **Mr. Miller**: Mr Meyer wanted to relay that he has his full confidence in his appointment of Mr. Berard as chief justice and chose him because he believes he is the best person for the job. **Mr. Brown**: problems getting the forms together but I'm working on the office hour forms and there have been people forgetting to sign in, please see me about signing in with the forms so we can make arrangements to get things taken care of. **Mr. Fitzsimmons**: UTS is switching to a gmail based system. Yay no more webmail. **Mr. Miller**: two open spots on the steering committee, don't forget we have two meetings under this administration. If anyone wants to submit any budget or bylaw amendments they have to be in, if there is anything you want to do, they have to be done soon.

- Comments from the Gallery:** Mr. Kochenderfer: first of all happy st patricks day, I have a little BOT update, moved to april 13<sup>th</sup> at 2pm, I hope everyone can make it, I'm not sure what is going on with the agenda, but I will let you know how it goes. We talked about it at the last meeting, we have to meet at June, until we get more information about the budget and that is what they are waiting on with the 4.8 million. **Mr. Twardy:** I was at the meeting, you and Samir did a great job, they seemed determined to sit on the money, have they given any indication of what we are doing with the money do we know what is in store as we build student awareness about the issues? **Mr. Kochenderfer:** I think that a lot of options are on the table, we want something that will affect the daily lives of the students, impact the degree, and I think they also know that this money has to affect the seniors that are graduating, I think a lot of things are on the table and we need to let them know that these issues did not go away. **Mr. Twardy:** what are the options for students who are walking in May, are they going to see something. **Mr. Kochenderfer:** they know there is a need, but I don't know if they will cut a check for it. Ms. Ray: what exactly are they waiting for in June? **Mr Kochenderfer:** they are looking at funding from Lansing to see about tuition in the Fall? **Mr Miller:** this is directed to the Board of Trustees, why do they keep moving their meeting times? Are they trying to hide? **Mr. Kochenderfer:** I'm not exactly sure, I do know that a lot of them are extremely busy, it is tough to get schedule in place. I think they are there for the students, but I am not 100% sure. I think they are open to opinions from students. Mr. Miller: have the discussed what will if we don't get as much money from the state, are they going to use that to keep tuition down, or keep the 4.8 million and leave it down again? Kochenderfer: they talked about this...but Rob said that the seniors are ok. Ms. Kukuk: I used to schedule their meetings, I don't think they are trying to dodge anyone, they have busy schedules, I would advise if you want to send an email, direct it through Aaron and Samir because that is what they are here for, that is their job.
- Comments from the Gallery:** I apologize for taking your time, moving the money for the new computers? How thorough has the investigation been for the money will be buying. It makes sense to have a clear outline, the one computer that will take majority of the funds, also include data storage? Is there going to be a backup data transfer if something changes? What kinds of software and hardware comes with this? The money is moved in as few budget amendments as possible. My name is Janice Stein a graduate student in program at Oakland University, I am considering launching a write-in campaign for legislator. Ms.Kukuk: UTS, we go to them and ask them for a recommendation to meet university requirements, University has a contract with Dell so that is why we used them, we get all the specifics from the technology transfers, we have UTS take care of transfer of data, bring the actual quote to meeting next week, so that we all look at and send it out so that we feel comfortable with this. Miller: generally considered question time, end it with a question. Twardy: it's a two week process, it's a quote process it is very thorough, the fact that he over-budgeted it is a good idea, over budget and we can get specific for when it is actually voted on. What sparked your interest in student congress. Janice: I was involved with student government during my undergraduate degree, and creating a cabinet position for non-traditional liason and I made it my mission to incorporate and involve as many nontraditional students as possible on campus. I want to be involved with government and have a service mindset, I want to help for a year.

- **Announcement:** All weekly meetings will be at 4pm Mondays throughout the remainder of the Winter semester, unless otherwise noted.
- **Meeting adjourned at 5:08pm.**