

Minutes of the Oakland University Student Congress
Legislative Body Meeting
07 April 2008
Gold Room C, Oakland Center

Legislators Present: Mr. Brown, Mr. Costakes, Mr. Cruz, Ms. Dayag, Ms. Ray, Ms. Ring, Mr. Schlaff, Mr. Spedoske, Mr. Thomas

Legislators Absent: Ms. Johnson

Executive Board Present: Mr. Clark, Mr. Evola

Executive Board Absent: None

I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 4:32 P.M.

II. Roll Call

Chair Daniel Evola conducted the call of the roll and all of the members were present except Ms. Johnson of the Legislature.

III. Action Items

Minutes from 31 March 2008 approved by voice vote.

Comments from the Gallery commences.

Ms. Amanda Vanderford offers thanks to the representatives of Student Video Productions for their hard work at OUSC meetings.

Confirmation of Executive Board Members commences.

Motion to amend the agenda by Mr. Spedoske. Seconded. Item b under Section V (Student Program Board – Amanda Vanderford) postponed by voice vote until 14 April 2008.

President Steve Clark gains the floor to introduce Mr. Robert Black for the position of Financial Affairs Director. Mr. Clark yields the floor to Mr. Black, who introduces himself to the body. Debate opens. Mr. Spedoske gains the floor for an inquiry. He asks Mr. Black if he has any potential time conflicts in the Spring/Summer or Fall semesters that will interfere with his duties. Mr. Black responds that he does not and would gladly step down from his other job to continue to fulfill his duties with OUSC. Mr. Cruz gains the floor for an inquiry. He asks what prompted Mr. Black to transfer from Kettering to Oakland. Mr. Black responds that he came to OU because of its superior business program and because there is more opportunity for interaction with people. Mr. Spedoske gains the floor for a second time for another inquiry. He asks Mr. Black if he has had any training for this position. Mr. Black states that he feels his background as treasurer of Sigma Alpha Epsilon will aid him as Financial Affairs Director, but will also be training with outgoing Financial Affairs Director Mr. Marc Griffin. Mr. Cruz gains the floor to point out that Mr. Black has the support of outgoing Student Body President Robert Meyer and Mr. Marc Griffin. There is no further debate.

Mr. Black is approved by voice vote.

Nomination and Selection of Standing Legislative Committees commences.

Mr. Spedoske nominates Mr. Craig Brown for Judiciary Committee Chairman. Mr. Cruz seconds. There are no further nominations. Mr. Brown introduces himself and thanks the body for the nomination. Mr. Brown is approved as Judiciary Committee Chairman.

Mr. Spedoske nominates Mr. Kevin Costakes for Research and Review Committee Chairman. Mr. Cruz seconds. There are no further nominations. Mr. Costakes introduces himself and thanks the body for the nomination. He details the why he would like to be Research and Review Chair. Mr. Costakes is approved as the Research and Review Committee Chairman.

Mrs. Szura nominates Ms. Ray for Scholarship Chairwoman. Ms. Ray declines. Mr. Spedoske nominates Ms. Ring. Ms. Ring declines. Ms. Ray nominates Mr. Thomas. Mr. Thomas declines. Ms. Ray nominates Mr. Spedoske. Mr. Spedoske declines. This section is postponed by voice vote until 14 April 2008.

Mr. Thomas nominates Mr. Spedoske for Steering Committee Chairman. Mr. Cruz seconds. Mr. Spedoske introduces himself and thanks the body for the nomination. There are no further nominations. Mr. Spedoske is approved as the Steering Committee Chairman.

Nomination and Selection of Congressional Archivist commences.

Mr. Spedoske nominates Ms. Ray for the position of Congressional Archivist. Mr. Cruz seconds. Ms. Ray introduces herself and thanks the body for the nomination. There are no further nominations. Ms. Ray is approved by voice vote as the Congressional Archivist.

New Business commences.

C.B. 09-01, Spring/Summer 2008 Budget, first reading.

President Steve Clark gains the floor to introduce the legislation and highlight important areas of the budget. Mr. Brown gains the floor to express his support for the addition of a line item for the Congressional Court. Ms. Ray gains the floor to inquire about how the Campus Improvement money will be distributed, i.e. how will the ping-pong tables that Mr. Clark mentioned be distributed? Ms. Ray yields to Mr. Clark, who explains that it will be a step-by-step process and will have to go a little bit at a time as this money isn't sufficient to cover all buildings at once. Ms. Ray gains the floor for a second time to suggest that Campus Improvement money be directed toward the lobbies of each of the major buildings rather than focusing on each floor in one single building. Ms. Ray yields to Mr. Clark, who agrees with this sentiment. Ms. Ring gains the floor to suggest that if Campus Improvement money is directed especially at areas that house freshmen, that certain floors of Vandenberg that house Honors College freshmen not be neglected. Ms. Ring yields to Mr. Clark, who agrees. Mr. Spedoske gains the floor to inquire what the \$1,200.00 under the Oakland Center mural is for. Mr. Spedoske yields to Mr. Clark, who notes that this is a typo. Mr. Cruz gains the floor and yields to Mr. Clark. Mr. Clark makes his final comments on the budget and says that he looks forward to finalizing the budget next week.

IV. Discussion Items

There are no discussion items.

V. Reports and Updates

Mr. Clark and Mr. Evola of the Executive Board were present to give their reports.

Updates for Legislative Standing Committee chairs will commence on 14 April 2008.

VI. Other Items that May Come Before the Body

Comments from the Gallery commences.

Mr. Robert Meyer, former Student Body President, addresses the body and wishes the new Congress good luck. There are no further comments from the gallery.

VII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:08 P.M.