

Minutes of the Oakland University Student Congress
Legislative Body Meeting
24 March 2008
Oakland Room, Oakland Center

Legislators Present: Mr. Brown, Mr. Costakes, Mr. Cruz, Ms. Dillworth, Mr. Fitzsimmons, Ms. Gura,, Mr. Miller, Ms. Ray, Mr. Spedoske, Mr. Thomas

Legislators Absent:

Executive Board Present: Ms. Dayag, Ms. Fallis, Mr. Griffin, Ms. Muhammad, Mr. Meyer, Mr. Twardy, Ms. Vanderford

Executive Board Absent: Ms. Kukuk

I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 4:05 P.M.

II. Roll Call

Chair Jameelah Muhammad conducted the call of the roll and all of the members were present except Ms. Kukuk of the Executive Board.

III. Action Items

Minutes from 17 March 2008 postponed by voice vote for one week.

Guest speakers, Alpha Sigma Tau: Related to a Greek organization on campus, here to encourage students to attend career and leadership development meetings they will be holding on campus. Hosting various meetings, and tables in the OC during lunchtime. Thank you for having us here today.

Comments from the Gallery commences.

There are no Comments from the Gallery.

Legislative Debate and Questioning of Congressional Court Nominees commences.

Motion to postpone hearing for Mr. Matt Berard until he arrives approved by voice vote.

Old Business commences.

C.B. 08-18, Omnibus Bylaws and Budget Amendment, second reading.

Mr. Brown, sponsor of the legislation, introduces the question.

Mr. Spedoske, Commuter Council Representative, gains the floor for a question. Yields to Mr. Meyer for specific reasoning behind the legislation. Mr. Meyer responds that he believes that a new Student Body President and Vice President need an orientation session; he did not have one, and believes that this would have been beneficial. Mr. Cruz, legislator, gains the floor to inquire if there is a way that a bonus could be paid later on once a new Student Body President and Vice President have proven their commitment. He yields to Mr. Meyer, who replies that this does not seem to be a wise idea. Ms. Fallis, SAFB Chair, gains the floor to

express that though she has some concerns about the legislation, especially since this would not allow the other executive board positions to receive training, she ultimately supports this legislation as it will be beneficial to future incoming administrations.

Yea: Brown, Costakes, Cruz, Dillworth, Fitzsimmons, Gura, Ray, Spedoske, Thomas

Nay: None

Abstain: None

C.B. 08-19, a Budget Amendment, second reading.

Mr. Fitzsimmons, sponsor of the legislation, introduces the question.

Mr. Spedoske, CC Rep, gains the floor to inquire if there are specific quotes for these new computers, either through CSA or Student Technology Center. Yields to Mr. Fitzsimmons, who replies that, no, this amendment is just to make the money available. Ms. Vanderford, Publicity and Technology Coordinator, gains the floor to state that she does not feel her position needs a new computer. Yields to Mr. Fitzsimmons. Mr. Fitzsimmons then motions to postpone for one week to plan changes to the legislation.

Legislation postponed until 31 March 2008.

IV. Discussion Items

Mr. Twardy speaks on Statements of Student Concern. There is a pending statement regarding smoking on campus, but no others. Mr. Meyer will be looking into the issue. There is no discussion on the statement.

V. Reports and Updates

Mr. Meyer, Ms. Muhammad, Ms. Fallis, Mr. Griffin, Mr. Twardy, Ms. Dayag, and Mr. Miller of the Executive Board were present to give their reports.

Mr. Brown of Judiciary, Mr. Fitzsimmons of Research and Review, Ms. Dillworth of Scholarship and Mr. Miller of Steering were present to give their updates.

Motion to recess until Mr. Matt Berard arrives for his hearing. Motion approved by voice vote. Meeting in recess at 4:32 P.M.

Meeting comes to order at 4:50 P.M. Quorum established.

Legislative Debate and Questioning of Congressional Court Nominees commences.

Mr. Matt Berard, 2nd Session. Mr. Berard gains the floor and thanks the body for waiting. Mr. Fitzsimmons gains the floor for a question and inquires what Mr. Berard's time commitments are. Mr. Berard replies that he has a full-time job from 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. as well as class in the evenings. He states that he can wake up early, has his lunch hour from 12:00 to 1:30 P.M., evenings before class, and weekends free for activities related to the Court. Mr. Brown gains the floor to inquire if Mr. Berard has made contact with the Associate Justices. He states that he has. Ms. Ray, RHC representative, gains the floor to inquire if Mr. Berard's job has any flexibility in its time requirements. Mr. Berard replies that generally it does not. Ms. Ray asks a follow-up question, inquiring if the other justices would be "okay" with meeting mostly in the evenings. Mrs. Szura, OUSC Advisor, gains the floor to inquire what aspects of his job at the Circuit Court does Mr. Berard believe will benefit him in the position of Chief

Justice. Mr. Berard replies that the procedural and scheduling abilities he has gained, as well as the ability to remain impartial, will benefit him the most.

VI. Other Items that May Come Before the Body

No comments from the Gallery.

VII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:57 P.M.