

# Minutes

Oakland University Student Congress  
McGuinness/Caver Administration  
Legislative Body Meeting Agenda  
Oakland Room, Oakland Center  
Monday, January 9, 2005  
4:00 P.M.

- I. **Call to Order**  
4:06 PM
- II. **Roll Call**  
Quorum: Met
- III. **Approval of Minutes from December 5, 2006**  
Corrections:  
Josh Rotarius: Part III Putansu: “consistencies” should be  
“Inconsistencies”  
Part IX c. “approved” should be “improved”  
g. Rotarius: should read “she is on my Student Program Board  
Tech Committee”  
*Minutes: Approved with Corrections*
- IV. **Legislator of the Month Announcement**  
Allison Cummings–Stuckman
- V. **Student of the Month Parking Spot Drawing**  
Candice Meeks
- VI. **Confirmation of New Legislators**
  - a. **Dan Kubicek**  
Panchenko: Is in office everyday, expresses his want to be a legislator  
Kubicek: freshman, Student Services Committee, Association of  
Michigan Universities, help out in office  
M. Miller: As a member of OUSC would you be positive and give  
constructive criticism?  
Kubicek: try to find the positive in everything, always constructive  
criticism  
M. Miller: Represent students accurately appropriately  
Kubicek: It’s not appropriate to intentionally misrepresent anyone.  
McGuinness: Have ideas of possible resolutions or bills as incoming  
legislator?  
Kubicek: Possibility but still wants to do research  
Redmond: What sparked your interest with OUSC?  
Kubicek: Been in leadership through High School Career, and around the  
office a lot  
Kubicek-Approved
  - b. **Mark Ewing**  
Panchenko: At all meetings, and great public speaker.

**Ewing:** Don't like the petition process, elections would be held in real world, hold me accountable for issues, ask questions. I want to focus around students, university can do better must do better for students, financial aid, new policies regarding dances and large events (does not protect university from law suits, and does not deal with nonviolence on campus); OUSC Constitution is a major concern as well.

**M Miller:** Understanding constructive criticism will you make attempt to represent students positively

**Ewing:** Yes

**M. Miller:** Would you intentionally misrepresent any student?

**Ewing:** Not in support intentional misrepresentation

**McGuinness:** What were previous achievements as OUSC member and student leadership positions?

**Ewing:** Survey for students on financial Aid, President of Gay Straight Alliance, House Policy Committee, WXOU Board of Directors, SAFE Advisory Board

**McGuinness:** Will you be Proactive with legislation?

**Ewing:** Amendments to past Constitution <More students now than in 1996> illogical

**Mersol-Barg:** Why did you leave OUSC?

**Ewing:** Focus on Academics, couldn't give all the time needed of me

**Mersol-Barg:** How can experience with OU students help the body?

**Ewing:** 3<sup>rd</sup> year student, great deal of experience at OU, was on the body and gallery member

**Evans:** no cohesion within the body, do you see any solutions?

**Ewing:** Abrasiveness serves as an advantage, respect is important aspect to group, genuine passion for improving student body.

*Ewing- Approved*

## **VII. Comments form the Gallery**

### **VIII. Approval of Committee Members**

#### **a. Mia C. Evans- Legislative and Multicultural Affairs**

**Evans:** Been on committee last year, interests in pursuing a law career

**McGuinness:** Conclusion of last year's experience

**Evans:** More involved in planning events

**M. Miller:** New component with the "Multicultural" addition to legislative, what can Congress do?

**Evans:** There has been promotion of different cultures at OU, education, and experience

*Evans: Approved*

#### **b. Dan Kubicek- Legislative and Multicultural Affairs**

**Kubicek:** History & Political Science Major, attending Multicultural Roundtable can help with these projects

**K. Miller:** Highlight intense work with SSC to show your asset with Leg and Multicultural Affairs

**Kubicek:** Did lots to deal with Multicultural affairs

*Kubicek: Approved*

**c. Stelanie Marshall- Legislative and Multicultural Affairs**

Marshall: Approved

**IX. Discussion Topics**

**a. Selection of next Discussion Topic of the Week**

**Ewing: Dance and Major Events Policies (14)**

**Evans: Questions students may have about policies**

**McGuinness:** How students will commemorate the MLK Day (1)  
Celebration (relevance)

**b. OUSC Constitution**

**Vitale:** Frustration with Constitution not being passed; will not be on Board of Trustees' agenda, miscommunication is not understood, voted on by students, not controversial, doesn't require funding, no answer why it is not on agenda... yield to Ewing

**Ewing:** Timeline, why were so many people left out of the loop, telling it was done but it wasn't; sent memo to dean of Students on October 25 with no reply, need someone from student affairs to explain why. Memo from Dean of Students, how complicated is this?

**McGuinness:** Vice President Caver and I have been requested to meet with individuals of student affairs, and we have been redirected

**Mersol-Barg:** Yield to Gammicchia

**Gammicchia:** Don't know what's going on gave Feb.17 deadline, on Mr. Zambardi's desk and approved by Vice President, will be on March agenda

**Ewing:** Motion to suspend rules (on asking questions)

**Motion: Approved**

**Ewing:** What were his (Zambardi) thoughts about the Constitution?

**Gammicchia:** His message was he won't take stand if someone else didn't get job done, I have no proof of who's right or wrong

**Ewing:** Is there no way that it will be on Calendar for January?

**Gammicchia:** No, not for January, or February

**Nahas:** We are not important to them?

**Gammicchia:** Don't know

**McGuinness:** Has the additional items that come before the Board of Trustees agenda ever been utilized?

**Gammicchia:** Not to my knowledge, but it is written...Mr. Nahas, it was never said and he was very explanatory

**McGuinness:** How pissed off will they be if we did that in a working session

**Gammicchia:** I don't know

**M. Miller:** Jean Ann Miller said that it would be in the February agenda, and Mr. Zambardi said it won't be, what is it?

**Ewing:** Giant brick wall of communication, let's get officials and have a meeting, we need a more streamline process for the students who voted for how can we look them in the eye and ask them to trust us?

**Vitale:** Formality, additional items has never been done, Maybe Vice Presidents can contribute

**Evans:** It may not have the results we want but it is due to miscommunications, if there's much opposition they need to see that it is truly an issue. Make a big deal about it at the meeting.

**Gammicchia:** I wouldn't say at the BOT Meeting, it may be a fire you don't want to start. It should go through Mr. Zambardi first.

**Evans:** Does it have to be so dramatic or can it just be brought to their attention

**Gammicchia:** We have been operating under a 1996 Constitution for the last 8 months, would another month kill us?

**Hardenburgh:** You should present a very strong statement, and all the steps were taken months ago

**McGuinness:** I could use a comment card at the Board of Trustees Meeting, what does the body feel about that?

**Michael go in person (8), Draft a letter and deliver it directly (2), procedural route**

**Vitale:** The problem is not with the Board of Trustees, it is with the process, it will backfire; the document will still have to be done the way they want it done.

**J. Miller:** Mr. Zambardi said that he wouldn't sign off for it?

**Gammicchia:** Not if Mary Beth didn't go through proper procedure, Jean Ann Miller must approve, Dean McIntosh, Mr. Zambardi then the Board of trustees must approve.

**J. Miller:** I admire your dedication.

**Ewing:** Suggestion to submit a memo, if they are hearing about this all of a sudden will inquire on information.

**M. Miller:** Yield to Danielle Fallis

**Fallis:** Motion to Close Discussion

**DISCUSSION CLOSED**

**Motion to Reinstate Rules**

**Rules REINSTATED**

**c. Additional discussion topics related to Guest Speakers, Comments from the Gallery, & submitted Statements of Student Concern**

**K.Miller:** We have gotten a lot Statements of Student Concerns from the financial aid office, from the first day back.

**Vitale:** I asked Ms. Hermsen to return to OUSC to address these concerns.

**McGuinness:** Legislative body did pass a resolution asking for changes that were going to be made with the financial aid office, and we haven't seen any documentation yet.

**Ewing:** There is a new way they have been doing things, but three hours or more is ridiculous; people shouldn't have to breast feed their children in line. We should spend some time thinking of what the underlying problems are. One is the unavailability of information. We should offer a recommendation.

**Vitale:** When Cindy came she answered all the questions asked and more

**J. Miller:** We need to make sure this is still being thought about, and make sure things don't stay the same.

**K. Miller:** Students are contacted about the statement of student concern, and thanks for the ideas

**Redmond:** Amend agenda to say special scholarship awards.

**Rotarius:** Can you explain what that is.

**Redmond:** Yield to Allen

**Allen:** Earlier in the year \$25 gift cards to the bookstore were awarded to students who entered and were pulled from a drawing; some students didn't pick them up after a second deadline, therefore we are trying to reissue them.

**Amendment: Approved**

**X. Special Scholarship Awards**  
Emily Corbishdale

**XI. Reports**

- a. Michael McGuinness- Student Body President
- b. Kori Caver- Student Body Vice President
- c. Brendan J. Stevens- Financial Affairs Director
- d. Lindsay McCullough- Student Activities Funding Board Chair
- e. Madalyn Miller- Student Program Board Chair
- f. Katie Miller- Student Services Director
- g. Saman Waquad-Legislative and Multicultural Affairs Director
- h. Crystal Allen, Administrative Assistant
- i. Krupa Ujla- Public Relations Agent

**XII. Updates**

- a. Montrell Porter, Disciplinary Chair
- b. Adam Panchenko, research and Review Chair
- c. Allison Cummings-Stuckman, Scholarship Chair
- d. Joshua Miller, Steering Committee Chair
- e. Michelle Bailey, RHC Representative  
Bailey: Thank you adding us on the agenda. I would like to ask that the report until the next meeting.

**XIII. Comments from the Gallery**

**Tim Atwood:** Must you resubmit operational funds?

**McCullough:** Yes, every semester.

**Candice Meeks:** Who do I see to get my Parking Thing?

**Caver:** See Katie Miller.

**Justin Zatkoff:** College Republican and Democrats will be hosting an Affirmative Action Panel on February 1.

**Gammicchia:** Board of Trustees' working session Jan. 11

**XIV. Announcements**

- a. The Voting Reform Commission will be holding open meetings Jan. 10, 17, and 24 (all Tuesdays) from 8:30 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. in Room 125 of the Oakland Center.
- b. Today is Board of Trustees Student Liaison Jim Gammicchia's birthday!

- c. Legislator Meghan Redmond's birthday is Saturday, January 14!
- d. SPB Open House (with OUSC partnership) is Thursday, Jan. 12 from 11 A.M. to 1 P.M.
- e. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day is next Monday, Jan. 16 from 11:30 A.M. to Noon
- f. ABS March from Vandenberg to the OC
- g. Film Director Spike Lee will be here Monday, Jan. 16 from noon to 1 pm in the Banquet Rooms
- h. African-American Celebration 2006 Opening Ceremonies, Monday, Jan. 16 from 1 P.M. to 2 P.M. in the Fireside Lounge
- i. ABS "Where do we go from here: Chaos or Community" Mon Jan. 16 from 2 pm to 5 pm in the Lake Superior B Room
- j. Lyricist Lounge is tonight from 7 pm to 9 pm in the Pioneer Food Court.
- k. Lighthouse invites you to attend "Confessions" Friday Jan 13 at 8 pm in the Oakland Center.

**XV. Adjournment**  
**6:07 PM**