

Oakland University Student Congress Minutes

Monday, June 18, 2007

In room Lake Michigan

- I. Call to Order
 - a. The meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m.
- II. Roll Call
 - a. Absent
 - Kristen Gura
 - Nina Lavelanet
 - Nick Myzuick
 - Frank Norton
 - J.L. Ricks
 - Ben Spedoske
 - Ben Vereecke
- III. **Operating without any rules of quorum
- IV. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Postponed
- V. Confirmation of Committee Members
 - a. Postponed
- VI. Confirmation of SPB members
 - a. Postponed
- VII. Discussion topics
 - a. New Legislator Recruitment
 - Rob Meyer: We are losing two people from our current legislature. We'll be recruiting during the orientations mostly at the overnight program.
 - Jameelah Muhammed: Take up a project for a mentoring program that Aaron Kochenderfer has been working on. If we can get this program vamp, then we can recruit more legislators. Someone can make legislature packets which include the by-laws and constitution to say "Hey welcome to congress".
 - Phyllicia Jackson: Try and get the Honors College involved because they need to be heavily involved.
 - Aaron Kochenderfer: We should have a committee solely to publicize and recruit everyone.
 - Jordan Twardy: PR and the PR committee can recruit and publicize.
 - Different ways to recruit

- Have people sign in when they come into the office
 - Attach a small paper of interest to each scantron
- b. Future trips to Lansing
- Rob Meyer: Meeting next Tuesday in Lansing with the President's council about high education funding.
 - Jameelah Muhammed: Send an email about the higher education funding that was promised but not granted.
 - Phillicia Jackson: Thinks that OUSC can go further with the trip to Lansing. Letting people know we still care and the OU still matters as well as the other schools in Michigan.
 - Jean Szura: Make personal contact to the representatives
 - Mark Medaugh: Have a constant amount of people make a trip to Lansing.

VIII. Reports

- a. Rob Meyer- Student Body President
- Want a perspective of what the student expects from the Oakland Center and what type of things we want to see within that center.
 - Trying to get Kaplan and Princeton Review to recruit on campus. If we can allow them to be on campus the students can get a discount from registering on Oakland University's campus.
 - Mark Medaugh: Let them compete for prices.
 - Mural update is as followed
 - they can't get the pictures off the cd but he's working on it.
 - The office will be complete by fall semester
 - Been meeting with the deans
 - Dean Frick wants a designated area for the engineering majors.
 - Making OU smoke free
 - They need our support. Doesn't think the smoke free will work but a designated area could work.
 - It would be a hug media attraction if this were to pass.
 - Working with Jameelah Muhammed to get the recruit together

- Talking to Chartwells again within a forum.
- b. Jameelah Muhammed- Student Body Vice President
 - Report been written and circulated so she's not going to go over everything.
 - If anyone wants to attend the conference let her know via email.
 - Working with Karen Lloyd talking about OUSC.
 - Have a commission that will have a program or service that they can keep up for the entire year. Something that isn't permanent in the by-laws
 - Readership program has taken off. Been talking to different deans to have the newspapers within certain buildings.
 - Orientation sign up sheet make a start or note for voter registration.
- c. Danielle Fallis- Student Activities Funding Board Chair
 - Postponed
- d. Tamara Kukuk- Student Programming Board
 - Postponed
- e. Marc Griffin- Financial Affairs Director
 - Financially doing well. We have over \$50,000 including the minimum balance and the office renovation.
- f. Jordan Twardy- Student Services Director
 - Project for this summer is to provide a student employment data base. Will designate people to go out and find information on every position within the campus.
 - Planning for hearings and writing down hearing questions.
- g. Phillicia Jackson- Legislative and Multicultural Affairs Director
 - Voter Mobilization has been one of her focuses and need volunteers for the orientation tables.
- h. Amanda Vanderford- Publicity Technology Coordinator
 - Everything will be in by the 27th of June for the orientation tables.
 - Want to plan everything for OUSC kickoff with Crystal Merrell

IX. Updates

- a. Nina Lavelanet
 - Postponed

- b. Aaron Kochenderfer
 - Renovating plans for the OC
 - Wants to research about the construction on campus
 - Wants to do something big for the 50th anniversary
 - Wants to create binder to help the next R&R chair
- c. Mark Medaugh
 - Report written and circulated
- d. Joshua Miller
 - Report is on the back of the Agenda

X. Comments from the Gallery

- a. Jean Ann Miller
 - The focus is on the 2020 and the 2010 is no longer the focus
 - A lot of 50th anniversary appreciation celebrations will be going on.
 - OUSC is invited to participate in the planning committee for the 50th anniversary.

XI. Announcements

- a. The next meetings will be July 16, 2007, August 13, 2007 and August 27, 2007 at 5:00 p.m.

XII. Adjournment

- a. Meeting was adjourned at 6:27 p.m.