

Minutes

Oakland University Student Congress
McGuinness/Caver Administration
Legislative Body Meeting Agenda
Banquet Room A, Oakland Center
Monday, January 22 2006
4:00 P.M.

- I. **Call to Order**
4:05 PM
- II. **Roll Call**
Absent: Michelle D. Bailey, Mia C. Evans, Stephanie Mungo, Adam Panchenko, & Montrell Porter
QUORUM: Met
- III. **Approval of Minutes from January 9, 2006**
Minutes: Approved
- IV. **Special Scholarship Awards**
***Richard Smith**
***Jason Sharpe**
***Riko Cochran**
- V. **Comments form the Gallery**
Pierre Dukes: Thurs. January 26th, Men's Basketball Team will play Valpo. We would like Student Congress to help get students out antagonize players from the opposing team at 7pm.
M. Miller: Is there free stuff involved?
Dukes: Scholarship Give Away, Dunk Contest, \$500 deposit, All students get in free, win/win situation.
Gammicchia: Constitution is to Dean McIntosh for approval, plan to get to general council's office by 21st, if approved I will get to Board (Board of Trustees) by March.
- VI. **Guest Speakers**
 - a. Jean Ann Miller- Director, Center for Student Activities (Dance & Major Events Policies)
Joshua Miller: Motion to postpone until Miller returns from airport.
Motion: approved
- VII. **Approval of Committee members**
 - a. Samir Hanna- Legislative and Multicultural Affairs
Hanna: Have been attending OUSC meetings regularly, Political Science/English Major, Legislative and Multicultural Affairs affects entire student body, would like to help.
McGuinness: Future intentions with Congress (long-term)
Hanna: Not sure, signed up to shadow a legislator
Hanna- Approved
- VIII. **Discussion Topics**
 - a. Discussion Topic of the Week- Dance and Major Events Policy

M. Miller: sat on committee over the Summer, we proposed an extensive amount of things, it was relayed that changes were not added to the policy; they were too complicated or not acceptable. Upset... we need to address the fact of not having a policy.

Ewing: I'm having difficulties obtaining the text, how are student organizations planning events without getting it? I see loopholes in what organizations are allowed to do and what organizations are. The university talks about student life but tramples events, did very little to solve problems but protect university from lawsuits. We should ensure that everything will be the same for all orgs. Yield to M. Miller.

M. Miller: True with people being exempt from the policy. For example, the 112 concert we didn't have metal detectors when committee said that we would. The student body should be protected at all events, it is unfair. It should be written that all organizations be subject to these policies.

McGuinness: I sent letters to all organizations concerning this topic. What message is being sent to student organizations, James Earl Jones is free and open to everyone; all friends can come. They all come from student and public money (STUDENT ACTIVITIES FEE) We have administration that say that because it's solely from Student Activities Fee, it should only be open to students. Something could happen tomorrow, that is humanity.... It is our world. It's not right.

Ewing: Loopholes for some organizations as opposed to others, James Earl Jones vs. Gaming Guild... prime example. "Ghost Policies" aren't being taken seriously because students don't buy them. Shouldn't close ourselves off to the public; we are closing off alumni, and hindering the progress of the University.

Mersol-Barg: With Gaming Guild nothing has changed; I have kept in contact with the secretary. The university is trying to increase student involvement. Allowing events to be open to public opens more opportunities for the University. Policies are counterproductive.

Waquad: This goes for dance and residence halls policies. Administration doesn't listen to student input. This turns away perspective students.

Cummings-Stuckman: We shouldn't be blocking people, but the dangerous things they bring in. Student Organizations Were sent an email to come and talk about it but weren't given inadequate timing.

Mersol-Barg: We all agree that policies aren't protecting students; we need to focus on solutions.

McGuinness: Jean Ann Miller sent Steering Chair Miller and me a copy of the policy; the issue is the major events policy wasn't solidified. 1 guest per student is allowed previously it was two.

Allen: There are a lot of leaders from student organizations in the gallery. Encourage all of you to place suggestions in the OUSC suggestion box concerning this matter. The more students we have backing us, the better the situation.

Hardenburgh: Dance Policy not final, formatting must be done.

b. Next discussion topic of the week

McGuinness: Human Rights Concerns surrounding Coca Cola Company (0)
K. Miller: Stand up for Change, Change u would like to see on campus (3)
Vitale: Student Activities Assessment, What students feel about the fee (5)
Allen: Dance & major Events Policies (1)

Waquad: In addition, what suggestions they have about stopping violence on campus (5)

c. Additional Discussion Topics

Stevens: Encourage everyone to attend Valpo, looks great for university
McGuinness: A lot of publicity with sports, good for university
Cummings-Stuckman: Student Organizations should adopt a game and give out free stuff; would bring out lots of people.
McCullough: Greek night for this upcoming game, along with pre-game stuff
Ewing: Forward to the publicity committee
K. Miller: Financial Aid Office, Students are unsatisfied, and hate changes, sponsor legislation
McGuinness: **Talked** to Free Press Reporter and I talked to him about Financial Aid, and hopefully we will get coverage
Kubicek: Is there been an action with Cindy Hermson?
Vitale: I have invited Cindy to come.
McGuinness: Vice President Caver has met recently with Cindy Hermson, and fought for students to remain at the University. Helped many students to remain.
Mersol-Barg: I'd be willing of putting together a letter to be put into the Post.
McGuinness: Panchenko would like to get into that, and write letters to get the student body more involved
Ewing: I'm a letter writer, I think we should tread lightly when we haven't given them an opportunity to come here and defend themselves.
McGuinness: It could take a positive angle, and have students who have these complaints write letters to the Post.

IX. 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 (**Departed Early**)
- f. Katie Miller- Student Services Director
- g. Saman Waquad-Legislative and Multicultural Affairs Director
Point of Personal Privilege: Kori Lynn Caver
- h. Krupa Ujla- Public Relations Agent

X. Updates

- a. Montrell Porter, Disciplinary Chair
- b. Adam Panchenko, Research and Review Chair
- c. Stelanie Marshall, Scholarship Chair
- d. Joshua Miller, Steering Committee Chair

XI. Comments from the Gallery

Marina Belyatsky: Since Jean Ann wasn't at this meeting to discuss policies, will she be at the next one?

J. Miller: If it fits into her schedule, yes.

XII. Announcements

a. The Voting Reform Commission will hold its last formal public meeting tomorrow at 8:00 A.M. in Room 125 of the Oakland Center.

XIII. Adjournment

5:19 pm