

# Minutes

**Oakland University Student Congress  
McGuinness/Caver Administration  
Legislative Body Meeting Agenda  
Oakland Room, Oakland Center  
Monday March 20, 2006  
4:00 P.M.**

- I. Call to Order**  
4:05 pm
- II. Roll Call**  
Absent: Michelle D. Bailey, Dan Kubicek, Stelanie Marshall, Stephanie Mungo, George Nahas, Montrell Porter, Derrick Putansu  
**Quorum: Met**
- III. Approval of Minutes from March 6, 2006 and March 13, 2006**  
**Minutes: Approved**
- IV. Confirmation of New Legislator**
  - a. Jordan Twardy**  
**Twardy:** Political Science and History Major, sophomore, Commuter, want to get more involved, lots to contribute, leadership experience from High School.  
**McGuinness:** Involvement on campus, what are your issues do you see as a student?  
**Twardy:** No organizations yet, Honors' College, Campus Life pertaining to commuters, educate commuters more, incentive to stay on campus. Fill up gallery at OUSC meetings.  
**Panchenko:** Twardy's application still pending; motion to postpone approval until March 27<sup>th</sup> meeting.  
**Motion: Approved**  
*Point of Personal Privilege: Panchenko*  
**Fallis:** Motion to amend agenda to add Kayla Burton to Student Services Committee under approval of committee members.  
**Motion: Approved**
- V. Approval of Committee members**
  - a. Emily Corbishdale – Research and Review Committee**  
Corbishdale: Approved
  - b. Aaron Kochenderfer – Research and Review Committee**  
Kochenderfer: Approved
  - c. Kayla Burton – Student Services Committee**  
Burton: Approved
- VI. Comments form the Gallery**  
*None*
- VII. Old Business**
  - a. C.B. 06-14 (Budget Amendment, third Reading, previously postponed)**

**Mersol-Barg:** Two Resolves struck last week, alcohol awareness & Spring Summer Initiative. Motion to add a resolve that states \$400 be subtracted from PR Agent.

**Stevens:** No way public Relations Agent could make that money now; good idea to spend dead money.

**Fallis:** Had asked if money for candy had been used for scantrons; will we put a new Public relation's Agent in place. Yield to Stevens

**Stevens:** Ms. Ujla didn't complete all hours, somebody new can't make up those hours. Don't remember what the bill said for the scantrons.

**Motion: Passed**

**Fallis:** Seeing that there is \$3000 from PR Agent that will not be spent, why can't we take all money from that?

**McGuinness:** Think this is an appropriate time to discuss how this money will be spent.

**Ewing:** I like that there aren't a lot of details on what the program will be. This is the reason I support it; I want the committee's ideas to shine through.

**Allen:** What is the total amount that you are trying to get approved for this program? Yield to Mersol-Barg

**Mersol-Barg:** \$700 for the program itself; Oakland Post Advertising. Want to give Ms. Waquad free range to do what she feels is correct.

**K. Miller:** As someone who has done programming with this body, I would like to know how you guys will support the program. Yield to Waquad.

**Waquad:** Lack of support from legislative body is frustrating. I was not waiting for a piece of legislation to put on a program.

**M. Miller:** Knowing that there is less than a month left in the semester, how will we do this? Room reservations are difficult to get; give us an idea what will be done with the money. Yield to Waquad.

**Waquad:** I have contacted offices to help deal with Affirmative Action. I did not ask for this money. Wasn't planning on an extravagant event. Unless we were getting a speaker, and the speaker probably won't charge.

**Mersol-barg:** Left for advertising \$1,080. I don't expect to use it all; want to be safe. I will be supporting this more than just words. I think its feasible still to put something on. Do what you need to do to make program successful.

**Evans:** What will happen with the money if it's not used? Yield to Mersol-Barg.

**Mersol-Barg:** I don't expect all of it to be used. We could say what was unused would go back to where they came.

**Rotarius:** Are there any other funds set aside by Legislative and Multicultural Affairs for special programming? Yield to Waquad

**Waquad:** That's where offices come into play. \$700 is a lot of money for food. The program is for education not to eat.

**M. Miller:** If this money is taken away from these items, if it were left there it wouldn't be spent anyway? Yield to Allen.

**Allen:** For a suggestion, since there is a lot of money to be used, lets encourage students to come to the program and do a question & answer type of thing to give out scholarships. This way we will know that there were students that were educated about the program.

**Brendan:** Right now the money is dead, so I don't mind putting it somewhere else. It's happened before...going under budget.

**Panchenko:** If this went through, why wouldn't we pay someone to come and speak?

**Waquad:** The committee decided that we wanted speakers to come in that they would listen to. We had speakers come form outside; we want students to listen to people from Oakland. We want students to be influenced by the speaker.

**Ewing:** The money is coming from line items on the budget not being used, why is there so much debate about this? If they don't use all the money, they don't use all money. This doesn't close doors, it opens them. Yield to Stevens

**Stevens:** We could still spend money on the events that money is being removed from. We should take all money out of the dead money.

**Waquad:** There is so much debate because it has been on the table for so long.

**Evans:** Call to question

**Motion: Fails**

**McGuinness:** We have smaller line items for committee facilitations cost, \$250.

**Rotarius:** Motion to amend to make entire \$700 come from PR Agent Pay Roll.

**Motion: Passes**

**Vitale:** Motion to call to question

**Motion: Approved**

**Atwood: A**

**Burton: Y**

**Corbishdale: Y**

**Evans: Y**

**Ewing: Y**

**Fallis: Y**

**Feys: Y**

**Kochenderfer: Y**

**Mersol-Barg: Y**

**Miller: Y**

**Panchenko: Y**

**Proffett: Y**

**Redmond: Y**

**Rotarius: Y**

**Sawicki: Y**

**Vitale: Y**

**Resolution: Passes**

## VIII. Discussion Topics

### a. Discussion Topic of the Week – Financial Aid Concerns (from 13 February 2006)

**McGuinness:** Have touched base with Cindy Hermson, office and policy changes impacting financial aid office. Have had various conversations with students regarding the issue.

**K. Miller:** Spoke with several students. Number has declined for scholarships for freshman. Anyone have any thoughts. Several Students have left residence halls.

**M. Miller:**

**Hardenberg:** You should go to Jean Ann Miller to get that done, she could help with that.

**K. Miller:** Maybe we can take more dead money for scholarships.

**J. Miller:** We have two meetings left so if they would like to do that get on it.

### b. Selection of next Discussion Topic of the Week

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

## 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
- f. Katie Miller- Student Services Director
- g. Saman Waquad-Legislative and Multicultural Affairs Director

## X. Updates

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

## XI. Comments from the Gallery

**Katie Miller:** Community Service RHC, Carnival for Change, looking for orgs to sponsor tables, prizes: x-box, digital cameras

**Feys:** What day

**Miller:** March 28, 9-12

**Fallis:** What time to set-up tables

**Allen:** What time does Carnival for Change begin again?

**Miller:** 9:00 PM

**Lindsay McCullough:** Academia Mania, meet with advisors this Thursday in West Vandenberg Hall

**M. Miller:** Is it true that SPB has an event this week, Chinua Hawk?

**McCullough:** If you're saying it, I'm assuming, yes.

**Renee Blackburn:** SIFE Lunch, 12 noon March 30th

**XII. Announcements**

- a. **The WXOU 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday bash is tonight from 7 PM in the Gold Rooms. There will be lots of free food and other goodies, so be sure to check it out!**
- b. **The Presidential and Vice Presidential Q&A Open Forum is this Friday, March 24, from noon to 1 P.M. in the Fireside Lounge.**
- c. **The Elections Commission is looking for poll workers. Contact Crystal Allen for more information.**
- d. **If you are attending the OUSC End-of-Year Luncheon, please RSVP to Crystal Allen by next week. Thank you!**
- e. **All elections info is on the VoteOU website, [www.oakland.edu/voteou](http://www.oakland.edu/voteou)**

**XIII. Adjournment**

**5:16 PM**