

Minutes of the Oakland University Student Congress
Legislative Body Meeting
18 February 2008
Oakland Room, Oakland Center

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

Legislators Absent: Mr. Fitzsimmons, Ms. Gura

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

Executive Board Absent: Ms. Kukuk, Mr. Twardy

I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 4:03 P.M.

II. Roll Call

Chair Jameelah Muhammad conducted the call of the roll and all of the members were present except Mr. Fitzsimmons and Ms. Gura of the Legislature and Ms. Kukuk and Mr. Twardy of the Executive Board. Ms. Gura arrived late.

III. Action Items

Minutes from 11 February 2008 approved by voice vote.

Guest speaker: Ms. Kelly Weir, Relay for Life.

Ms. Muhammad yields to Ms. Vanderford to introduce Ms. Weir. Ms. Weir explains her involvement with Relay for Life. Oakland University is one of the sites that hosts Relay for Life. This year there are 18 teams raising money to support cancer research through the American Cancer Society. It is a big event, and it is growing here at OU. Encourages Student Congress to become more involved, either by forming a team, becoming sponsors, etc. This year's event will be held on March 28-29, 2008. Mr. Thomas inquires on what size a team can be. Ms. Weir responds that there is no minimum number. Mr. Spedoske inquires if there is a registration deadline. Ms. Weir responds that there is no real deadline. Team captains who miss the current meetings will be sent the minutes. Mr. Cruz expresses his support for the program, having participated in it for the past two years.

Comments from the Gallery commences.

No Comments from the Gallery.

Judiciary Committee Summary of Congressional Court Nominees commences.

Mr. Miller gains the floor to introduce the nominee and requests both this item and the Legislative Debate and Questioning of the Congressional Court Nominee be postponed until Monday, March 3, 2008. Mr. Spedoske motions to postpone. The motion is seconded. The Summary and the Debate and Questioning are postponed until Monday, March 3, 2008.

Nomination and confirmation of Legislative Standing Committee Chairs commences.

The chair opens the floor to nominations for the position of Judiciary Committee Chair. Mr. Spedoske nominates Mr. Craig Brown. The motion is seconded and Mr. Brown accepts the nomination. There are no further nominations.

Mr. Brown speaks on his nomination and states he wishes to ensure continuity on the Committee with the departure of his predecessor, Mr. Medaugh. There are no questions.

Mr. Brown is confirmed to the position of Judiciary Committee Chairman by voice vote.

Old Business commences.

C.B. 08-16

The chair cannot yield the floor to the bill's sponsor, Mr. Fitzsimmons, because he is not present. Mr. Thomas motions to postpone. Mr. Meyer states that he can speak to the legislation. Motion to postpone withdrawn.

Mr. Spedoske inquires if there will be enough publicity with this amount of money. Mr. Meyer responds that the Alumni Association will be covering publicity, so the portion contributed by the Congress should be adequate. There are no further questions.

Aye: Brown, Costakes, Cruz, Ray, Spedoske, Thomas

Nay: None

Abstain: Dillworth

C.B. 08-17

Ms. Vanderford is excused on a point of personal privilege.

The chair yields the floor to Mr. Meyer, who introduces the legislation.

There are no questions from the body.

Aye: Brown, Costakes, Cruz, Dillworth, Ray, Spedoske, Thomas

Nay: None

Abstain: None

IV. Discussion Items

There are no discussion topics.

V. Reports and Updates

Mr. Spedoske motions to postpone the Special Report on the Student Association of Michigan conference until Mr. Fitzsimmons is present. The motion is seconded. The motion is approved by voice vote.

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

Ms. Dillworth of Scholarship and Mr. Miller of Steering were present to give updates. Mr. Brown provided an update for Judiciary after being approved earlier in the meeting.

VI. Other Items that May Come Before the Body

No comments from the Gallery.

VII. Adjournment

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