

Agenda
Oakland University Student Congress
McGuinness/Caver Administration
Legislative Body Meeting Agenda
Rooms 128-130, Oakland Center
Monday, August 29, 2005
6:00 P.M.

- I. Call to Order**
6:02 P.M

- II. Roll Call**
Absent: Allison Cummings-Stuckman, Dean Maurer
Quorum: Met

- III. Approval of Minutes from August 22, 2005**

M. Miller: I have been listed as Student Services Director
Allen: It has already been recorded.
Minutes: Approved

- IV. Legislator of The Month Announcement**
None

- V. Comments from the Gallery**

Mark Ewing: Why if the number of students is increasing on campus is the number of student representatives on Congress decreased? Financial aid is like a foreign country! There is no reason that no one had knowledge of anything when I call financial aid! The University must think outside the box. Every time a student has a problem they shouldn't have to drive to campus to get a question answered. Another problem...I understand that there wasn't quorum during the summer. There should be legislators here to get things done.

- VI. Old Business**
 - a. C.B. 06-02 (Bylaws and amendments-SPB Guidelines, second reading)**
M. Miller: Pretty basic, I will accept any questions.
McGuinness: SPB is the entertainment arm of OU. We are in the process of approving the bylaws.
Amendments: Approved

 - a. C.B. 06-03 (Fall/Winter Budget, second reading)**
Stevens: Reads budget. (Written)

McGuinness: This budget and where we dedicate our money sets the course on what we can do for the year. There are specific reasons why we have the things on the budget as we have described. The PAWS program is ran by K. Miller, M. Miller, and L. McCullough. New items, Newspaper readership program. Last time, the price was too much. We are now getting more bang for our buck. With the experience with the then new TAP Program, we now see that we need \$2000 instead of \$8000. Anti-Hate Campaign....NEW! We are also adapting to the new initiatives that the faculty is taking with new scantrons. Financial Aid seminar, CMI is in need of \$100 for this seminar for the program.

K.Miller: Student, Fred Denault asked for some kind of Student employee appreciation.

Glatfelter: I like to amend to strike the line item for USA Today, and move it into uncategorized. Although it is less expensive, I think that it is a bit much. If we strike USA Today, it would be less costly. I don't think we should spend as much just yet. If it works out we should bring in more papers.

McGuinness: We did have a four week trial period, and it worked well last semester at no cost to the students. We can't have one without the other. They are also contributing a couple of hundred dollars for The Association of Michigan Universities as well that could also free up more money.

Stevens: Is the money for AMU contention on us passing this motion?

McGuinness: No conversations have been made on that.

Glatfelter: Withdraw Motion
Withdrawn

Nahas: Propose and amendment of \$100 for the Financial Aid Seminar.

Schroers: I think that scholarship should be increased.

Waquad: Jean Ann has pointed out that OUSC is not an entity for scholarships. We should take that into account.

Nahas' Motion: Approved

Porter: I'm looking at publicity for the Oakland Post is \$2500. That is a large amount. Do we need that much money for publicity with the Post?

McGuinness: A 1/25 ad in the Post is \$40. We may advertise for a meeting, PAWS, multicultural round table, and several other initiatives.

Stevens: To elaborate, OUSC purchased an \$80 ad for an 1/8 of a page ad per week. It is down from last year. With the initiatives the amount is about right.

Kopson: The Student Congress Fall/Winter retreat is \$3000. What is that money going toward, because it seems like a bit much.

K. Miller: I actually asked for a little more. I didn't go to the last year retreat, but I heard it wasn't a positive experience. \$3000 is not that much for 25 people.

McGuinness: That is not just for Fall but also for Winter, so that cut down the per person cost. It contains more than a single retreat.

Porter: Mr. McGuinness, can you explain under environmental awareness, what is the "continuation of Spring/Summer Initiative.

McGuinness: Yield to K. Miller

K. Miller: I don't think I asked for this much. I was thinking about an environmental ice cream social, or something along those lines.

M. Miller: To reiterate on K. Miller, I think that student employee appreciation would be great.

McGuinness: The money for the committees' use to come out of the meeting line item. The committees come up with the ideas, and what decisions to make, what to be voted on.

Waquad: I wanted to touch on the environmental awareness. VP Caver was researching smoking on campus, and her findings weren't as successful as she had hoped. I think it is important that we keep it in the budget.

Kopson: I think that we should set money aside for a student employee appreciation month. Take \$300 from uncatergorized funds.

Waquad: How much of a safety net do we need the uncatergorized funds?

Stevens: That (uncatergorized) is the safety net. We could have \$0 and still have money.

Nahas: How would the student appreciation fund be used?

K. Miller: Since Fred brought the initiative to Madalyn and I, we'll let him plan it. I think he will join the Student Services Committee. It is totally discretionary.

Porter: We don't have enough money to fund every student employee. Why would we have the money to support a few if we could do some.

K. Miller: It's the thought that counts.

Waquad: Employees are in need of appreciation.

Porter: Everyone should feel a part of this. How many people talk pass the banners now, and don't read them.

Jones: I am a student employee, but I would feel more appreciated if my boss did it for me rather than Student Congress.

M. Miller: It sounds contradictory. If you can do a little thing to make someone happy, that's an accomplishment. It's good to make people feel good. \$300 is not that much money.

Kopson: It is the little things. It would obviously be something that would benefit everyone.

McCullogh: We shouldn't take the student employees for granted.

Evans: If all the student employees can't benefit from it, then KNOCK IT.

Hardenburgh: Grand Valley formed a committee formed for student employee appreciation. Employees get a card about the Story of the Star Fish, Then Hot Dog, Raffles and prizes come next, Thursday and Friday, departments are asked to appreciate their employees. This is just a suggestion.

Nahas: I think spreading a little joy is great.

Waquad: It was never an option to support some employees. How can you pick and choose?

Fred Denault (Student): I'm happy with OUSC that they are taking initiative on this particular goal.

Jones: I agree that we should push for the departments. It means more when you are appreciated by someone you have been working for.

Stevens: Students appreciating students is great. We can't expect them to do it.

Allen: One of our problems is we don't expect the department to do certain things when we should. They should appreciate their employees, and if we don't expect it that doesn't say too much about us.

J. Miller: Motion to call to question

Motion: Passes

Glatfelter: I would like to take \$1000 from uncateregized and put \$500 in Fall and \$500 in Winter Semester Scholarships. The tuition has been raised and our purpose is to help students in any way we can. Every little bit that we can give to students is a big help.

Ujla: When we went to Board of Trustees Meeting, they said that with tuition increase, there is a financial aid increase.

Nahas: I'm uncomfortable with the uncateregized funds decreasing, could we spend some funds in future deliberations rather than spend it now. Wait a little while and see how it goes.

Stevens: The uncateregized funds are safe. The more we spend the closer we get is the best way to use the money. The \$5000 in our Master Account is what helps us to be safe.

Porter: According to the Constitution, we must have \$5000 in our account.

Stevens: The only way that I see to set aside money for anything is to increase the President's discretionary fund. Any rollover is not serving the students in the following semesters.

Glatfelter: Scholarships are a helpful thing for students. The higher the fund, the more students we are able to reach.

Porter: I don't feel we should spend all the monies in the uncateregized funds. Things may happen, if we spend it all we will come into problems.

Motion: Fails (11:3)

Budget: Approved 17- yes 1- no 1- abstention

VII. New Business

a. C.B. 06-04 (Bylaws Amendment-Archivist Creation Act, first meeting)

Evans: Would the discretion be left up to the archivist to what is included in the archives.

J. Miller: There are certain things that must be in the archives as said in the guidelines. There will be no committee, just a person.

Waquad: There should be someone who knows library because they do have archives.

Evans: would there be a way for members of Congress to have a say so, I think it is important.

J. Miller: The Congress will have on what goes in the archives.

Allen: I think there should be a committee, because it would make the approval process easier.

J. Miller: We've steered away from a committee to keep from wrangling, which seemed to be the problem before.

Kopson: Is this something that needs a first and second reading?

J. Miller: This is a bylaw so this is our first meeting.

VIII. Discussion Topics

a. Discussion Topic of the Month

b. Selection of next Discussion Topic of the Week

c. Additional discussion topics

J. Miller: I am not calling to order to be mean. It is hard to hear when others are talking across the room.

Panchenko: Does anyone know what the deal is on the Grizz Statue?

McGuinness: There are several steps that needs to be taken to get here to Oakland University. If it all doesn't work out, we will receive our funds back.

Nahas: It was reported that I was against the statue, and there was a retraction in the newspaper. I am for the statue.

McGuinness: We have our publicity T-Shirts

Kopson: I think they are excellent. Thank You!

M. Miller: I would like to give props to Mr. Brandon Svenson who created the logo on the front of the T-Shirt.

Waquad: There should be discussion amongst the Legislators on being present.

Gaval given to steering committee chair J. Miller

IX. Reports

- a. Micheal McGuinness-Student Body President
- b. Kori Lynn 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. Krupa Ujla- Public Relations Agent

X. Updates

- a. Montrell Porter, Disciplinary Chair
- b. Kristina Butler, Research and Review
- c. Allison Cummings-Stuckman, Scholarship Chair
- d. Joshua Miller, Steering Chair

XI. Announcements

- a. Our regular weekly meeting schedule will resume on Monday, September 12. All meetings will be at 4:00 P.M. Monday afternoons.

XII. Comments from the Gallery

Mark Ewing: I hate to say it, but I told you so. We don't know enough about this bear. Either someone should get clarification, or get a refund.

Kwame Everett: I did enjoy the meeting, and I appreciate Congress for what they are doing, but the budget is unrealistic, and the ideas are vague. I think that the amendment should be rethought.

Jim Ghammichia: We have had at 9.23% increase rather than a 15.2% increase. The other 6% is under review. Addresses and names and possibly pictures on the website. Contact myself and LaToya Hearn at anytime.

Nahas: I'm concerned about the bear. I am on the tuition committee, so I'm very interested in any input.

XIII. Adjourned 8:06 P.M.