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News briefs from the Oakland University Student Congress

## from the PREZ

### Greetings!

It gives me great pleasure to introduce to you the 1997-98 Oakland University Student Congress.

You will find in this congress an impressive and diverse background with great hopes and ideas for the coming year. The new congress, as well as my cabinet, are all here to serve you. Thus, your constant input and feedback to let us know how we can improve would be greatly appreciated.

We have a great team this year and I am very excited about the contributions we will make to the Oakland University community. It is our goal to make Student Congress the most student friendly office on campus. Please feel free to stop by at any time and check us out. Also, take a minute to visit our homepage at [www.oakland.edu/ousc](http://www.oakland.edu/ousc) or contact by phone at (248) 370-4290.

Once again, thank you for your support and good luck this year!

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Oakland University Student Congress has implemented programs that assist students.

OUSC created student directories with the hope of continuing the communal nature of one of the fastest growing universities in Michigan. This concern has spread into efforts to ensure quality education.

In recent years, OUSC has given students course evaluations and has experimented with a book swap program.

OUSC also funds a variety

of events and competitions for more than 90 student organizations.

Each year in an attempt to increase student participation, OUSC's programming arm, the student program board, provides more than 60 programs that seek to meet a diverse ethnic, economic and social student background. OUSC gives students the opportunity to hear guest lecturers ranging from President Jimmy Carter to talk show host Oprah Winfrey.

OUSC has also presented the Project Face to Face exhibit, and several recreational trips across the nation.

OUSC takes a governmental role in investigating and fighting for student issues. These efforts have resulted in a tuition tax credit, and a student liaison on the board of trustees. OUSC's participation has also included input into the selection of OU faculty and staff, ensuring campus safety and addressing computer and library concerns.

## Working for the student body

Oakland University Student Congress continues to work for the student body.

Not resting on the achievements of the past, OUSC looks for ways to serve the student body better.

Having planned activities for the upcoming semesters, both students and OUSC members await prospective events for the 1997-98 season.

Furthermore, OUSC is currently investigating pivotal issues that affect the student body.

Considering issues such as the move from Division II to Division I, adding sign language to the foreign language general education requirements, and the campus computer networking project are just a few.

## Focusing on the future

Although the Oakland University Student Congress is currently improving past endeavors, its future is bright.

OUSC plans include eliminating taxes on textbooks, having a voting seat on the OU Board of Trustees and analyzing higher education's funding, goals, and role in society.

OUSC also plans to improve civil rights and diversity relations throughout the university. Recognizing that these goals are obtainable with continued student and legislative support, OUSC reinforces the notion that Oakland University is an institution committed to quality education.

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For 27 years, Oakland University Student Congress has remained a resource for the OU student body.

Each year students elect a student body president, student body vice president and a legislative body. Once elected, the president and vice president conduct interviews to appoint the executive cabinet. This cabinet consists of the student services director, administrative assistant, financial assistant, student activities funding board chair, student program board chair and an optional position.

After being confirmed by the legislative body, each director or chair organizes various subcommittees that assist them in addressing the concerns of the students.

Collectively, members strive to continue the pioneering spirit of Oakland University.