

Agenda

Oakland University Student Congress
McGuinness/Caver Administration
Legislative Body Meeting Agenda
Oakland Room, Oakland Center
Monday, 2005
4:00 P.M.

I. Call to Order

4:06 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Absent: Michelle D. Bailey, Shaylin Jones, Cherise Steward

Quorum: Met

III. Approval of Minutes from October 10, 2005

IV. Confirmation of New Legislator

a. Joshua Rotarius

Rotarius: Thank you for this opportunity.

Waquad: I am curious of what you are trying to do as a member of student congress.

Rotarius: One of my goals is to engage uninvolved students.

Kopson: Will your other commitments hinder what your duties as a student congress legislator?

Rotarius: No, I've looked over my time and this fits in pretty well.

K. Miller: What are major Skills that you can bring to Student Congress?

Rotarius: I am a team player, responsible, and I have good leadership skills.

McGuinness: Is this a short term or long term commitment and what committees will you join?

Rotarius: This is a long term commitment, and I am interested in the Steering Committee.

Approved

V. Comments form the Gallery

Meeks: Yesterday, the doors were locked in the Oakland Center at about 11:30, and when I asked what the reasons were for the doors being locked so early

Waquad: Have you tried to contact the professor to see if your times can coincide.

Meeks: No, but I'm not feeling him as a professor so I feel that I should be able to go to other resources since we do have an Academic Skills Center.

McGuinness: What is your email address?

Meeks: clmeeks@oakland.edu

Allen: For whoever takes this matter on, I have talked with Beth Diverna of the Academic Skills Center and she said that for Economic Tutoring there is only one tutor and she has a family therefore her time is limited.

Kopson: I am having the same problem, so thanks for bringing that up.

VI. Approval of Committee Members

a. Steering Committee

J. Miller: *I would like to amend the agenda to approve legislator Josh Rotarius as a member so that I'll have a full committee.*

1. Legislator Peter Vitale

Approved

2. Josh Rotarius.

Approved

Amendment: Approved

b. Scholarship Committee Chair

1. Legislator Stelanie Marshall

Allen: What are your qualifications to be the scholarship committee chair?

Marshall: I work in the admissions office, Academic skills center, and I do scholarships with Girl Scouts.

McGuinness: Do you understand exactly what the commitment is to be the scholarship committee chair?

Marshall: I will need some help to know exactly what my roles are, but I do have lots of ideas.

Approved

Kopson: *I motion to amend the agenda to approve S. Marshall as the new scholarship chair.*

Motion: Approved

VII. Old Business

a. C.B. 06-07 (Bylaws Amendment-Student Program Board Guidelines amendment, second reading)

Amendment: Approved

VIII. Discussion Topics

a. Discussion Topic of the Week: Ideas for the next WOCO.

Proffett: A few students that I've talked to would like to have a homecoming dance.

McGuinness: A lot of students respectfully request that if the student called to win the scholarship is not there that they don't get the scholarship. The After Glow played as a homecoming dance. Some students wanted more interaction. I am curious about the different designs of the shirts that we gave out at Mid Night Madness.

Panchenko: I've talked to students and they enjoyed WOCO but didn't see how it tied into Mid Night Madness. Also the mics in the O'Rena should be more monitored better.

K. Miller: Some students didn't get the theme of "Carnaval" as opposed to "Carnival". The Carnival in the lower level of the OC was great, the Coming Out Day Panel was well attended, and there was nothing but compliments on the Show, it was well organized, and people were certainly not as rude as they were in previous years.

Waquad: If we get a new design and color for the t-shirts we should use that for upcoming years

McGuinness: If we could, can we get feedback/suggestions for the next planning committee?

Allen: I think that it would be good to include a freshman student on the committee for next year, because they know what they and other freshmen students expect for events like Welcome Week and WOCO. They are important in the freshman experience, therefore freshmen should have a say so in what goes on.

Kopson: Possible Theme, Music in the air, 60's, 70's, Punk music

b. Selection of next Discussion Topic of the Week

McGuinness: **Number of discussions on Food Service issues, catering, on campus residents etc. (Food Service Issues) (11)**

Allen: Alcohol Awareness (1)

K. Miller: Academic Awareness (4)

Cummings-Stuckman: Knowing your policies and procedures on this campus (disciplinary and judicial processes) (2)

c. Additional discussion topics

McGuinness: OUSC and CSA held a student rights event and we have this pamphlet from the guest speaker C.L Lindsay.

Evans: I think everyone there were educated, and people actually got food and stayed.

Redmond: Although I got there later I thought it was very informational.

McGuinness: We only spent \$210 on food, so we have more money that we will use to buy C.L Lindsey's document and disperse them to student leaders and committee chairs on campus.

K. Miller: I think we should discuss the discussion topic of the week. We would have a bulletin board on wheels and have the discussion topic written on it and get students' feedback.

Kopson: I think the idea is excellent. We could get students involved who don't have time to come to the meetings on Mondays and express their concerns.

Nahas: Have pads and paper where students could right down then and there what their problems are.

Kochenderfer: Maybe we could put the discussion topics in the Oakland Post.

Cummings-Stuckman: Sometimes its hard to catch someone when they are going and coming from class, because they're in such a rush no matter whether they have somewhere to go or not.

Waquad: I think it's worth a try.

Kopson: I think that we should have multiple locations.

Evans: If we don't vote for something we could still talk about it, and it's our responsibility to talk about everything that goes on in this meeting.

Allen: Earlier this year we sent a letter out to our professors encouraging them to inform students about scantrons, bluebooks, bookswap and Student Congress in general. We don't have expectations for our faculty and staffs to do these sorts of things so have the professors collect

concerns in their classes and we'll go pick them up or have them mailed to the office or something.

Nahas: We should set up a committee whose sole purpose is to get the concerns of the students and bring back to congress.

K. Miller: This I think falls under student services committee and I'm all for it.

McGuinness: Lots of exiting and innovative ideas and thank you for taking part in that.

Martin Mittner (student): Why don't you use facebook, or email?

McGuinness: Facebook is great, but we don't use Oakland's email because we can't. The only people who can send out mass emails to the student body are Mary Beth Snider and Virinder Moudgill.

Kopson: Maybe we could reuse old paper and post flyers in classes on the bulletin or black boards.

Butler: There was a report for research and review topic for the week...Academic Skills Center, can we talk about that?

Panchenko: I talked to an employee at the ASC and this is a policy and they are trying to let students know that they are there to help you and not do your work for you.

Allen: As being a student who writes fairly well, and having had a professor who requested me to get my paper "proofread" and signed by a writing tutor in the academic skills center, they are not giving us what we ask for. Quiet is kept, when I had my paper checked, the tutor didn't even know the meaning of some of the words I had in my paper, and encouraged me to remove those words because they didn't know the meanings just to give an example.

McGuinness: The faculty is not on the same page as other departments of the University, we should maybe go through academic affairs to get the faculty informed about policies in different departments.

Vitale: On the white board I saw that a student requested to have a list of computer labs on campus, and I printed off some info.

McGuinness: From the legislative body, are there enough Computer labs on campus?

Kopson: In our top 10 list for commuters, commuter council, about where computer labs can be found on campus. A lot of students know where computer labs are and they are helpful, but some students don't know where computer labs are.

Rotarius: I think that Oakland is lacking in public usage computer labs; I think Oakland can benefit from more computer labs.

Kopson: We should maybe put some emphasis on what we should use the computer lab printers for, like documents vs. flyers.

Redmond: the computer labs that students have to pay for are very inconvenient.

Danielle Fallis (student): There are laptops in the library and you can't print off of them, and the librarian didn't even know that.

Waquad: The laptops are for students to write papers and/or do research, and there are DVDs you can check out for the library.

Vitale: I'm pretty sure that you can have wireless printing; there is a link for instructions on that.

McCullough: Maybe we could ensure that the librarians are well versed in the services that they provide.

Key: Talk to Eric in the Technical Department in the Library; he should be able to answer any questions in that regard for you.

Martin: maybe we should have a student hotline for the helpdesk

McCullough: The number to the helpdesk in HELP (4357)

Kopson: Some students have been complaining about the hours of the Oakland University Bookstore.

Waquad: The first 6 weeks for freshmen is crucial for retention, we should talk to freshmen that we do know (asking about classes and experiences), and what student congress can provide in that regard.

McGuinness: CMI has the Students First Program

Cummings-Stuckman: Policies and Ordinances on campus and some have been left up for interpretation, maybe we should have Karen Lloyd here one Monday to speak on that.

K. Miller: We should have something to educate the students on these policies and procedures

Evans: Create something that could go along with the College Students' Guide to the Law

Cummings-Stuckman: K.L said that she will be willing to come and educate students on those policies.

McGuinness: There have been issues with the plagiarism and cheating on tests.

K. Miller: Let's see some Resolutions and Bills along with all this discussion.

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 (Absent)
- f. Katie Miller- Student Services Director
- g. Saman Waquad-Legislative and Multicultural Affairs Director (Personal privilege)
- h. Krupa Ujla- Public Relations Agent (Personal Privilege)

X. Discussion Topics

- a. Montrell Porter, Disciplinary Chair

Porter: *Motion to amend the agenda to approve Peter Vitale for Disciplinary Committee.*

Approved

Peter Vitale Disciplinary Committee Member

Approved

- b. Kristina Butler, research and Review Chair
- c. Allison Cummings-Stuckman, Scholarship Chair
- d. Joshua Miller, Steering Committee Chair

XI. Comments from the Gallery

Dan Kubicek: Thank you to the E-Board for allowing me to attend the retreat this weekend;

XII. Announcements

- a. There should now be one opening on the Steering Committee. Interested legislators should contact Steering Chair Joshua Miller. (strike)
- b. There is an opening on the Research and Review Committee. Interested legislators should contact Research and Review Chair Kristina Butler.

XIII. Adjournment

5:46 P.M.