



Agenda  
Oakland University Student Congress  
Mishack/Shkoukani Administration  
Lake Michigan Room, Oakland Center  
Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
4:00 P.M.



- I. Call to Order 4:01pm
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call peter, Twal,
- IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes from September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017
  - A. Legislator Fox motioned to make a correction under, Jagtap was present at the meeting as well. that Item 8 new business letter E first bullet, Seconded by Hubbard
  - B. Legislator Gaied's presence was acknowledged at 4:03pm, Show of hands vote, all vote yay
- V. Comments from the Gallery
  - A. The march for daca, thank you for OUSC support. Non partisan because the purpose wasa to engange the oakland Community for the students. It was an amazing experience and people joined after learning what the march was for. There was no negative confrontaitons and the event was positive. Again thank you for your support because it
  - B. Legislator Twals presence was acknowledged at 4:06pm
- VI. Guest Speaker
  - A. Maryanne Swanson, *Director of Graham Health Center*
    - Ms. Swanson She is overwhelmed with appreciation about the support we showed in order to help provide the funds to help students in there medical and mental health needs. It is very important to her was to help serve the under recognized patients. She loved the idea of helping students. They are partially funded by the university but only the salary of the employees. This means that they have to have some sort of income, so they cannot provide free services. Aside from the emergency fund but they only have so much. They are not allowed to accept Medicare and medicade because of regulations, they have discounted services for students that are cheaper. However, if they accept state funded insurances, it is considered as fraud and could cause the licensing to practice could be taken away. If they don't secure the programs such as free STI testing but if they don't use all of them they will have those programs taken away. The same with Flu shots. These are especially important on a college campus. They have a psychiatrist that comes in once a week for four hours because stress, anxiety and depression is the biggest health need on a college campus. What she finds is that they either have medicade or no insurance at all that they try to help with a fund specifically for students who needs this help but doesn't have the means to pay for it. It originally started because of students who missed class because they didn't have the means to take care of sickness like strep health. Since than it has been expanded to include mental health needs because stress, anxiety and depression affect student's classes as well. They still provide full appointments and spend adequate time with each patient to ensure they are properly taken care of. They depend on who needs help based on how they are

trying to take care of themselves and use the honor system and they are always honest about whether they can pay or not. There has never been a question about this until recently when students are coming back for routine visits. They don't bring students back if they don't have to but sometimes they have to and they still cannot pay for themselves. Which is why this help would be such a large help. In previous years they have not had enough money and have had to ask for help because of how many people needed this help. This would help them have the money for themselves without going through others. Due to Hypa they have a lot of restricted information they are not allowed to share but she wants to help us stay in touch about how the money is being used. We could set something up internally, we can say that 25 students used these funds this is how much was spent. We could maybe say if it was for physical or mental health or even birth control. If we give some specifiers she would love to make it work so that you can see these funds are being used in a positive way.

- Director church said he is very grateful MS. Swanson for coming and would recommend have the questions asked know while she is here, rather than later under old business.
- Legislator Fox asked if we would have a way to know the criteria about when a student receives help using this money. As someone who was denied help at the graham health center because of the insurance policy, but he was never told of this fund.
- Ms. Swanson responded with each student who goes to use this fund has to fill out a sheet stating why they are getting help because of the lack of insurance or they don't want their parents to know about why they are visiting. Secondly she needs to hear about these issues because if they don't know there is an issue, she cannot fix it.
- Legislator Fox than asked fi there was a way that he could get a loose commitment about a staff meeting so that they don't just tell a student they don't accept their insurance but depending on the issue suggest the fund that could help them.
- Ms. Swanson said that she promises that she can absolutely bring it up in a meeting.
- Legislator Williamson said that he would just love an accountability update so that we can see that the money is not just sitting in the account.
- Director Nasry echoed what Legislator Williamson saying that if we could have like an update of what the students used it for, how much money monthly.
- Legislator Williamson said maybe even every two months.
- Director Nasry said she believes monthly would be better because that way we can watch the statistics and how large of an issue this is in case we wanted to take it up even higher.
- Ms. Swanson said that if we want monthly we can make it happen. Again one of the issues with getting this money is due to outsourcing and using places like St. Jude and the like so she knows what type of a pressure this is. However Oakland doesn't want to fall to that because they want to keep the focus on the students.

- Legislator Gunn asked if in the future, if she would be interested in pairing with the congress to do fundraising to help get the money for this fund.

- Ms. Swanson said she would absolutely love do this. We could even do surveys or anything to help find out what the students need. Whether it would be for immunizations or even practicing safe sex. She also wants to help get rid of the negative stigma that surrounds going to the health center.

B. Kendra Agee, *Coordinator of Pre-College Programs*

- Ms. Agee is here to talk about DACA and the way it affects the students here at Oakland. She is part of the Gear up program which is grant funded by the state of Michigan. They start from when they were in 7<sup>th</sup> grade and help them throughout their college. A whole lot of them are DACA students. She even started a research project about DACA students and being a dreamer. In the last couple of years she has been working with since the 7<sup>th</sup> grade has been in college. The day that the DACA program was rescinded was devastating to them both. This student felt like all that he had been working for was all just a waste. A lot of these students don't even find out they are DACA students until they get their driver's license when they are told. Not only have they been working since the 7<sup>th</sup> grade but they are taking three classes here and two at OCC and still work so they can pay for their schooling themselves. She thanks the congress for showing their support because of how much these students need it. She would love to, in the future partner with OUSC.

- Legislator Fox thanked Ms. Agee and really liked the context she provided on the topic. From what he understands that DACA students have no criminal background, 91% contribute to the economy and when they turn 18 they pay federal taxes.

- Ms. Agee said that those are all true, these students are working so hard to be here. When she found out that we were a part of the march she was so proud and excited that there are people willing to help. She called the student she mentioned before to tell him that there are students willing to help and show support.

- Director Nasry echoed what Legislator Fox said, and that it is a beautiful and beautiful story. It was good to hear the story of a student who is going through this because we will never truly understand what they are saying. She also asked if there was a percentage of how many of our students are DACA students.

- Ms. Agee said that she does not have the percentage but she would love to find out because she has also been curious.

- Legislator Fox said that he is the sponsor for the bill. They have done some searching. By using the national data, and applying it to the campus, it would be around 50 students.

VII. Old Business

A. C.R. 18-01 DACA Resolution, *Tyler Fox*

- Legislator Fox said that a lot of his talking points have already been said. Director Fox wanted to pass the story on from an encounter with a professor on campus. This professor said that he had a student who was ecstatic hearing that

the congress is willing to show support for the dreamers. Legislator Fox said that the reason they are called dreamers is because they dream of working and going to school and being a part of our country.

- Director Church asked if there were any changes to the language of the bill
- Legislator Gunn said that yes, they changed the wording to gear the resolution more to our students rather than students everywhere as whole in order to try to reduce the a particular partisan..
- Legilator Williamson said that he agrees that our job is to support our students and the change made it more clear.
- Director Church said that his only issue is with the second paragraph because it is more like a jab at the current administration. Otherwise he would support it whole heartidly.
- Legislator Fox made a motion to remove the second paragraph for the sake of simolicity.

a) Seconded by Legilsator Hubbard.

Abstained by legislator Gunn.

Director Church said he would agree with the removal.

Direcotr Nasry said that she would also agree because our main goal is to serve our studntes.

Show of hands vote, Gunn abstained.

Direcotr nasry asked if it would be in the best interest to remove the exact number.

Legislator Fox said yes it would be.

Legislator Williamson made the motion. Seconded by Legislator Fox.

Amended to remove the exact number from the third paragraph.

Show of hands vote, all vote yay

Director Nasry asked if we should remove the fourth paragraph due to redundancy.

Roll call vote, all vote yay

B. C.B. 18-13 Graham Health Center Emergency Fund Bill, *Anushree Jagtap*

- Legislator Jagtap said that there was no change since the last reading and after Ms. Swanson's speech there was clarification. This could be a great stepping stone with the health care on Oakland's Campus.
- Legislator Fox said that he supports this bill and once it is passed, anyone can sit down with Director Church about the how's and what's about the money being spent.
- Legislator Williamson said that he will vote yes to this bill but in the future he will maintain his reservations because he wishes the legislators would have more say on watching this money be used.
- Roll call vote, all vote yay.

VIII. New Business

A. Approval of Legislative Affairs Committee, *Tyler Fox*

- Legislator Fox is speaking on behalf of Director Fox because he was not able to be here. Mr. Roberts being here less than a week and is already getting a

lot of work done. Legilator Williamson is also one of the hardest working legilsators on our legislature.

- Richard Williamson
- Nathan Roberts
  - a) Show of hands vote, they abstained.

B. Approval of Visual Communications Committee, *Derek Queen*

- Direcotr Queen said that Aiden is on the SVP and has some really good work he is impressed by and would love the chance to work with him.
- LLegilator Williamson said that he is roomates with Mr. Schieber and can attest to the work that he can do.

- Aidan Schieber
- Show of hands vote, all vote yay

C. C.B. 18-15 Legislative Initiative Fund Refreshment Bill, *Asianae Gunn*

- Legilator Gunn said that this bill will replenish the Legilator Initiative fund.
- Legilsator Fox clarified that this fund is the closest thing to discretionary that legislators have access too.
- Dorector Queen asked if this money was used to purchase the tshirts for the DACA march. Because he and Legilator Sanders have never seen the case of replenishing the fund.
- Direcotr Kleinshmidt said that the purchase was so quick due to the time frame but pther legislators have ideas to use this money for.
- LLegialtor Fox said that he personally was not here but he does believe there was a case of this before if he belives correctly but the only onces around at the time was Legilator Sanders and President Mishack.
- Legisaltor Sanders said that a similar situation happened two administrations ago.
- Director Arth says that he agrees with the bill now but in the future our money should be divided more carefully.
- Director Church said that he agree with Direcor Patels point.
- Direcotr Nasry asked why are discussing a purchase that already happened when this bill is just emant to replace the funds.
- Legilator Fox said that technically we are only to discuss the bill itself.
- Direcotr Church said that he feels that previous purchase is relevant to this conversation.
- Director Church said that he talked with former student services director saying that when theh fund ran out, it ran out and that was the end of this.
- Legilator Williamson said that he agrees with Direcotr Patel that we should be more careful when allocating our mone.
- Direcotr Nasry said that she compeltey understands what they are saying but due to the time crunch and the lack of being able to have two readings, we were not able to in this case. Maybe in the future we can have a second place where any member can pull from in a quick time of need.
- Vice President Shkoukani said that he completely understands what everyone is saying. This was a fluke situation and hopefully in the future we can work out a better system.

- Legialtor Jagptap said that technically the money was under the Student Services Director which means that ultimately the director has the final say so technically this was legal according to the bylaws. So maybe in the future we can write in clarification.
  - Direcotr Patel said that again he wishes we make sure when there was an allotted amount and we should try not to spend it all at one time.
  - Direcotr Albright said that the word “likely” is concerning to him because we need to make sure we have complete clarity about what this money is being used for.
  - Director Kleinshmidt said that we will definitely have legisaltors using this money later this semester.
  - Direcor Albright asked if we could then remove the word likely.
  - Legislator Jagtap said that it is the first reading so it can be changed before the next reading.
  - Direcotr Church asked where this line item is specifically coming from, like is it specified somewhere.
  - Legislator Fox said that this was just a line item like any other in the budget.
  - Director Church asks than what can be considered and initiative.
  - Director Nasry said that in the most recent case the shirts were worn for the initiative.
  - Legilator Fox said that for clarification no rules were broken in the most recent purchase.
  - Direcotr Church wanted to say that again no one was questioning Director Nasry and Direcotr Kleinshmidt they were just saying for future reference more clarification might be needed.
- D. C.B. 18-16 Executive Definition Bylaw Proposal, *Tyler Fox*
- Legialtor Fox said that this whole change was for clarity because under ELgisalvoie Affairs director one of his tasks says that SAM is one, however we no longer have SAM. Also it would be switching the roll of Grizz Art from student Services to the Visual Communications Director.
  - Director Church ssaid that he suggests changing Grizz art as a whole under his responsibilities and remove the Grizzly record because that may not be continued in the future.
  - Legilator Williamson asked why Grizz art has to be listed in the Bylaws.
  - Legislator Fox said that as of now it requires Director Fox to do SAM although that is not plausible. He has considered removing the esmaples as a whole.
  - Legilator Williamson said that he would like to reccomend the removal of th examples.

## IX. Discussion Topics

## X. Legislative Updates

- A. Residence Hall Association Representative, *Halle Haneckow*
- Legislator Haneckow said that opening week was awesome and several hundred students attended the Block parter and and RHA is hositng a battle of the roomates coming up.

B. Updates related to Legislative Projects and Initiatives

- Legislator Fox said that he has been working on more bylaw changes relating to the RHA and Greek representatives. He also was in contact with the post about having them help get the word out about congress stuff. Lastly, legislator meet up happened this weekend, which resulted in a lot of good ideas, including the missing trash hands, the office medications and other things around campus.

C. Questions related to Legislative Reports

- Director Queen said that with the Oakland Post he would be interested in helping with adding it in the request form and to be sure to budget for the pricing. He also asked what he meant about marketing around OU about like the clock tower.
- Legislator Roberts said that there is nothing really around campus that says we are at OU and he would want to add things around campus that brings about more spirit.
- Director Queen said that he has advice saying that he should get into contact with OU communications and marketing because of restrictions.
- Director Church told him to give up but the restrictions can be a lot to jump through.
- Director Nasry said she loves this idea
- Director Patel said he thinks that it is a super fun idea and would love to talk to him about it.

XI. Executive Reports

A. Student Body President, *Lena Mishack*

- Jousef spoke on her behalf, INSERT THE EBOARD REPORT

B. Student Body Vice President, *Jousef Shkoukani*

- Jousef said that he was not in the office this week because he was taking the LSAT and he is ready to get back to work!

C. OUSC Advisor, *Stephanie Jurva*

D. Updates related to E-board Projects and Initiatives

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- Director Nasry said that her event with Director Kleinschmidt's Post card pals went really well and they had a bigger turn out than they expected. She thanked everyone who helped out. Secondly she thanked everyone who helped with the March for DACA. Lastly her donation drive is continuing through the end of the month as well as actually going out and volunteering at the shelter on September 30<sup>th</sup>.

- Director Queen said that the deadline is coming up for the Grizzly record. It does not have to be long, just a few sentences with all the important information. It will also include pictures of the eboard. Also Grizz art will be starting up soon!

- Director Fox said that as stated the SAFAC open house did turn out really well and he was glad to help. He found a cool program that could help with the congreence. With voter registration has been most helpful when tabling in the OC so they are tabling again tomorrow.

- Director Kleinshcmidt said that finally we got approval for camping on campus. She wants everyone to sign up but without marketing at all 41 spots of 60 are filled. It is September 29<sup>th</sup> and September 30<sup>th</sup>.

E. Questions related to Executive Reports

- Legislator Fox asked Director Fox about the document that he received.
- Director Fox said it is not related to the conference but towards the state funding. It was a compact that would be signed by all five schools. Obviously it will not be signed without approval of the committee. It will be about which schools plan on doing what. The conference call he has been trying to plan should be happening this week. He will have more information in the next couple of weeks.

XII. Comments from the Gallery

- Mr. Thomas wanted to say thank you for taking a stance to support DACA students.

XIII. Announcements

- Legislator Hubbard said that SPB is hosting a speed friending event. There are also tickets for sale for Art Prize this weekend. She asked that if when handing out a legislator packet, they reach out to her.
- Director Church said that Talking Trash is this Thursday 11-2 and our station is at the Elliot Tower.
- Legislator Gunn said that tomorrow her other Org is meeting which is for Love naturally.
- Legislator Fox said that after the meeting the eboard will be giving their presentations

XIV. Adjournment 5:46pm