

THE STUDENT SENATE OF OBERLIN COLLEGE

40TH STUDENT CONGRESS, *Spring Session.*

MINUTES—PLENARY, MARCH 18, 2007
(APPROVED APRIL 1, 2007)

Agenda

- I. Check Ins
- II. Approve Minutes
- III. Outside Business
- IV. Old Business
 - A. FRPAA
 - B. ResEd Update
 - C. PSC Update
- V. New Business
 - A. Committees
 - B. Charters
 - C. Referendum
- VI. Check Outs

Attendance

Members present: Daniel Abramson, Dave Casserly, Alison Eddy, Louis Grube, Colin Jones, Evan Kittay, Ben Klebanoff, Colin Koffel, Erin Morey, Nancy Nguyen, Anthony Osei, Leah Pine

Members absent: Nick Ferrara, David Huck, Iliana Zamorska

Also present: Linda Gates

Minutes

General feelings on approving the agenda and Nancy Nguyen facilitating this plenary were positive.

Minutes: Approved.

Outside Business: None.

FRPAA: Colin Koffel proposes we support this act and faculty support for it. (Ray English = big supporter) → Colin Koffel, friendly amendment to write a letter in support of it. → stack closed (vote). Approved.

ResEd Update: Alison Eddy, let's get more committee member for housing and dining, also Housing & Dining Committee space in *The Oberlin Review*. Evan Kittay, OH met w. Firelands people say they are satisfied w. re-responding to incident. Alison Eddy: they are not billing the residents and are forming a tenant organization. Louis Grube: is drawing on

walls ever art instead of vandalism. Whiteboards on walls?

Culinary House. ResEd caught "squatter" in their house last year, so ResEd wants to shut it down. Residents of the house feel it is just an excuse to shut them down. Ben Klebanoff: seems that punishment is only temporary, they want them to open after a year.

PSC Update: Colin Koffel: I sent them a letter. We're waiting. (Letter = final process student involvement, Courtney Merrell – how can she meet with us within Code of Conduct?)

Committees: Louis Grube: met with Francis Zlotnick for Housing & Dining (great quotes, she is hilarious). Colin Koffel: in class with her; she is great and enthusiastic. Louis Grube: asked her how she is going to make Housing & Dining like students? She said I can't do that, I can only ask for respect. Approved 12-0-0.

SFC: Colin Jones, two dropped out and we need people. Louis Grube: what about more than one senator in SFC. Others, bad idea.

Charters: Oberlin Burlesque. Dave Casserly: language seemed fine, good organization, events, education. Botany Coop. Dave Casserly: wording fine, reasonable group. Big Parade. Dave Casserly: language fine, JCSC wants it to pass through for now until we make category for once a year orgs. Oberlin Morris and Sword. Dave Casserly: wording fine, fun English folk dances, swords are not sharp or pointy. Oberlin Solidarity With El Salvador. Dave Casserly: great, just strange expiration date included. Dave Casserly: insurance guy recommended liability clause in future charters. Colin Jones: SFC said "no fun trips" or money towards them at least (spring break or winter term). Ben Klebanoff: Why do we look at these charters? Colin Koffel: Because its part of our role provided by the school. Leah Pine: Let's propose something or move on. Ben Klebanoff: proposal to make our only role to be notified of charters, does not have to pass. Colin Jones: What we're doing is fine, I don't see a problem. Erin Morey: Process suggest that we table it until Ben Klebanoff researches it and comes with written proposal. Ben Klebanoff: withdraw my proposal, will come back with written and research.

Proposal to approve the charters of Oberlin Burlesque, Botany Coop, Big Parade, & Oberlin Morris and Sword. Approved 10-1-1

Proposal to approve the charter of Oberlin Solidarity with El Salvador. Approved 8-0-4

Referendum: Colin Jones: let's do it, they're important, ask about spring break and club funding. Colin Koffel: propose a working group to be headed by David Huck (in charge of announcing referendum, how to submit questions, keeping everyone involved and informed). Daniel Abramson: let's word it properly. Colin Koffel: we ask them for topics and write the questions; it's not push polling. Louis Grube: let's tell *The Oberlin Review* so they can write an article about it. Ben Klebanoff: Propose that we create a working group. Colin Jones: emailing the list serve is throwing out the net to far, people who are interested will come to us. Ben Klebanoff: email the list serve just don't abuse it. Colin Koffel: let's not discuss this now, create the group so they can talk. Louis Grube: utilize blackboard for this. Proposal to create a committee on referendum w. Evan Kittay and Colin Jones as chairs. Approved.

McNair Program: Anthony Osei, people came to me upset about the demise of this program. Colin Koffel: There is more information to this, Oberlin is not at fault (the government changed the eligibility requirements for schools)

Administrator Meetings: Erin hands out sheet on our meetings to come. Colin Koffel, add question to Ms. Stuart on how school is dealing with McNair cut. Colin Koffel, let's be inquisitive, not accusatory.

Membership: Colin Jones, concerned about certain people Dave Casserly, people coming early and leaving. David Huck = 13 points, now qualifies for automatic censure as of this meeting. Anthony = 3 points.