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Devon Hall 120

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**Roll Call – 7:04pm**

**Flag Salute – Vice Chair Cordova**

**Approval of Minutes**

**Representative Merchant seconded by Representative Gau**

**Chair's Report** – This is my last meeting as Chair of Congress. I'm glad that I am not here again this next year and doing elections. This was the most stressful meeting of my life last year. We have Primary Funding and the Student Legal Services bill and then the elections. I would like a suspension of the rules to do the budget presentation and then the SLS bill. Tracey will be here to answer questions for you. Then we will do elections and then the funding bills. The rules tonight are pretty unique, so let me know if you have any questions. The new positions start immediately. You can reach out to them with your future questions, but let us know if you need anything, and we will still be here next week. The new Executive members will be in charge. The next meeting will be the congress recognitions and the awards. We will give the retiring or graduating people the opportunity to give speeches. There will be applications for the next committee chairs after this.

**Vice Chair's Report** – I had a problem with the printer for nametags, so if you are a new representative, your next Vice Chair will take care of that. Thank you for letting me serve as Vice Chair. It has been stressful but great.

**Secretary's Report** – Hey everyone! Thank you for giving me the opportunity to be your Secretary this year. It has been a really rewarding experience, and I am lucky to have been able to serve you in this role. I am confident that the next Secretary will do an even better job than I was able to, and I am looking forward to letting them start to take the minutes for these meetings.

**Liaison Reports**

**Special Orders**

- Budget Presentation  
Quick: Budget Presentation

**Motion to suspend the rules and move to Items To Be Considered  
Merchant second by Chism**

- Elections
  - o Chair  
Nadolski: My name is Karley and I am a Humanities Rep. There are few people in this room who know or care more about this body than Representative Chism. This is one of a few

reasons that I chose to nominate her. She has a vision and goal about the way this body can improve. Her platform includes many important things including transparency and feasibility. Hennessey has made it her goal to improve the learning curve of Congress. Something she has focused on is the actionability of what congress can do. Instead of making big promises, Hennessey is going to make specific, actionable promises about what she will do for our body. It is important that we show the students on this campus that we are a body that matters. I ask you to vote for her and think about what a good chair will do.

Chism: I want to thank Karley for her words. Thank you to the body for giving me this opportunity. I am a junior studying international security and I have been in congress for three years. I started as an associate and have served on the Ways And Means committee ever since. Last year I was the chair of the committee, and I learned a lot about communicating with people, even when they are mad at you. I feel that this position gave me the necessary experience to be in this position. I want to say that the chair is not a magician. I am not, Tom is not, and while people have big sweeping missions for congress, they are often unable to complete them. You can view my platform on your computers. I have actionable goals with a timeline, cost, and implementation for each goal. My biggest goal is to improve inclusivity. I felt it when I got into the body. Talking about big exec can be scary, and even talking to the committee chairs can be intimidating. I want to have meetings with every member of congress to get to know you all and make sure that we are figuring out how you can accomplish your goals. I also want to release an anonymous google form for concerns within congress. With this, I can address things that make members uncomfortable. We have talked about voting with iclickers in the past, and that is something that I want to work in. I want the Human Diversity committee to look at getting the rest of campus involved and incorporating the congressional service requirement in this process. I have many things that I want to do, but I want to work on giving University College Gateway classes an outline of inclusivity information that we could give to freshman. I also want to put together a list of information and resources for people in emergency situations or who need to report issues. There is a lot on the platform, so please look it over.

Gau: I am Dalton, a University College Representative. There is no one more dedicated to this body than Malachi. He went to every meeting as an associate. He is involved in HCSA and in ROTC. He has really done his part to get involved. He is more dedicated than most of the people I know on this campus. When I first talked to him, he talked about how excited he was to devote himself completely to Congress. I think that if anyone can create significant change on this campus, it is Malachi, and he would be a great chair.

Bouch: I am Rep Bouch from Ucol. Most of you probably know me unless you are newly elected. I would like to say to all the new members, congratulations. Thank you for Dalton for your speech. I wanted to talk about my campaign and the leadership I want to bring to congress. I want to be supportive and help the members of the body work on the projects that they want to work with and put them in contact with the people on campus that they need to be in contact with. I don't want to be an inactive chair and I want to address some important issues on campus. I want to go back to addressing diversity and inclusivity on campus over the course of the past five years. Previously, Congress and the administration have thought that we have made progress, but this year we proved that we have not. I want to make OU the kind of campus that deserves awards for diversity. I want to work with the Human Diversity committee on an inclusion forum. I want this to be a conversation about what tangible change would be to improve inclusivity and then write legislation to create this change. I want to set up a new diversity training. In talking to people who have gone through this training, it has not been effective, and it needs to be improved. I want to fix our campaign rules and make them more sustainable. This was a motivation for getting rid of fliers on cars. We did not make the rules as sustainable as we could have with that bill. There are still banners and plastic signs that we could also re-evaluate. I want to talk about other campaign rules including the recall policy. This current policy makes it so that any person on

campus can recall a person from any district. They do not have to be within the district, and I don't believe that is representative. I want to work with the new secretary on the legislative process.

Stack: I nominated Emma DeAngeli because I didn't understand the process, but Gina wrote this. Gina has worked with Emma throughout her time at OU. Emma has chaired the Sustainability committee throughout the past year and has done an amazing job. Our success is on the cards on the table. Emma led trash walks and got every member of the committee involved. She constantly confirmed that members were involved and on the same page, and she made sure that every members' voice was heard. Sustainability meetings were fun, and I enjoyed going because I enjoyed working with her and the other members of the committee, something that I have not been able to find with other members. Emma has done a lot for this university; she is the leadership of many environmental organizations and the Vice President of The Oklahoma Group.

DeAngeli: Thank you Hunter and Gina. Thank you to Gabi for designing the cards in front of you all. I cannot thank you enough for the time and effort. I want to thank every person that I talked to this week for your insight and friendship. [Bit.ly/EmmaPlatform](https://bit.ly/EmmaPlatform) to see my platform. I can't touch on everything here, but I want to focus on a few major things. I want to provide members with a support system that helps members find resources and where I can listen to their input. The following points reflect this feedback. There is no uniform way of operating a committee. I have found that other committee chairs said that there was no structured system in place, and the exec was relied on heavily. I am proposing a committee chair orientation that would give the chairs transitions materials and a uniform system. I want to lay a foundation for a meaningful experience in Congress. Everyone has ideas but making sure that there is a friendly and familiar atmosphere makes sure that everyone will feel that their voice is heard. Congress does not always reflect the makeup of the entire student body, but to be the voices of all students on campus, we need to include as many people as possible. I can only bring my own voice as chair, but we need input from all communities, including marginalized ones, and I want to make sure that we ensure that congress looks like the rest of campus. I also want to see more work done to coordinate with the other branches, including the new position created by CAC to program SGA events. You might be asking why a hippy is qualified to run the body. I use my passion for volunteerism to help others and implement tangible solutions. I want to be able to provide resources for all of you and create a congress that works for everyone.

**Motion for a 2 minutes recess  
DeAngeli second by Chism**

Patterson: What are your qualifications?

Chism: I was the Budget Chair which gave me a lot of experience for this position. Having to chase people around for their allocation information, signing all the transfers, being in the office all the time and communicating efficiently. Just being in the office all the time and working with everything going on in Congress is really important, and it has given me great experience.

Bouch: I have been the national communications coordinator for HCSA for the last semester. My main job is communication with the national and regional affiliates. This is the largest student organization in the country, so the communicative aspect is huge. This is a big part of being chair. They have to communicate with the body as well as being the liaison with the upper level administrators. The chair also advocates for the different projects and ideas, something that I have done inside and outside of SGA. The main qualification has been to have a tactful and flexible approach. If you do this, you can have productive conversations with anyone on campus.

DeAngeli: I have been able to be in the head positions in several environmental organizations, and I fixed the problems that I saw. I was the chair of Sustainability and the SEC which works more with administration. We had lots of meetings with housing and food, different recycling organizations, and other faculty and staff. I also have the tools to problem solve.

Cordova: Chair is stressful and time consuming. How will you deal with that?

Bouch: I have learned that as long as you take care of yourself, you will be okay in regard to your commitments. I had a problem last semester where I over committed myself. I took steps to take care of my grades by limiting my credit hours and limiting my involvement. I am now involved in three executive teams of organizations and ROTC, and then SGA is a large hour requirement. Through this, I have been able to start to organize my time, meet with different advocacy groups, and improve my experience on campus.

DeAngeli: I would use my planner. I probably wrote in it while we met. I have learned where my faults and strengths are in my past experiences. I use the reminders app on my phone. I think it is also really important to delegate to the rest of the body to ensure not only that the workload is manageable, but because trusting the body is important and delegating accomplishes member retention.

Chism: I am graduating next year, and I only have to take 12 hours per semester. When I was the chair of the WAM committee, I had a full schedule and it was a lot of work. This kind of work isn't foreign to me. I have done this amount of work in the past and I can do it better now, because I have fewer classes. I am also a big fan of delegation, something that I was not able to do as much as the WAM chair, so I am excited to be able to do that. I have also provided you all with my platform which has specific timelines for my goals.

### **Motion to extend time for questioning by 10 minutes Alpert second by Spangler-Day**

Gibbs: This past year, Tom and I have had a great working relationship in and outside congress. How will you work with the exec branch, and especially CAC?

DeAngeli: CAC recently voted to create a member of their body that would program with the rest of SGA. Communication will be really important for this. In terms of the executive branch, communication and the proper delegation are important. We just need to determine what needs to be accomplished and who needs to do what.

Chism: There has been confusion in the past about who does what in SGA, and it is easy to alleviate this problem by just dropping in on different meetings. When you do this, and you find similar goals, you can start to figure out how to work together on everything. It is really important to know what each branch is doing, and this is especially true of CAC, since we rarely see each other.

Bouch: One of my jobs is communication and having an open channel of communication would be important. I would want to figure out who you want to have communications run through with Exec and with CAC. It is also important to keep in mind that the different branches handle things in different ways. One thing Tom said to me earlier in the semester is that how the branches will handle the different situations involves different things. There may be times that the different branches take different routes, and we just need to know this.

Stack: Are there any nonacademic extracurriculars that would be important?

Chism: I spent the last semester in Jordan where I was able to do volunteer work. I had the opportunity to help a family with their English skills. This was a great way to learn more about them as people and their lives. The interpersonal communication was one of the most important things that I learned in my life.

Bouch: I have volunteered with the mental health association of Oklahoma, and what I have learned is that what different people need are very different based on the different communities. At the time I was just a kid, but this broadened my horizons in terms of

understanding how different people function, how institutions operate, and how to create change and hold events that help people grow.

DeAngeli: I have done volunteer work with the Norman Animal Welfare organization, and I have been involved in The Oklahoma Group. This sparked my work with nonprofits. We helped a nonprofit with their work by benchmarking their situation against those of nonprofits in other places. I have also been a musician which has helped with teamwork, work ethic, and time management. String instruments require a lot of hours of work, and it is very specific things that you need to perfect. Spending the time doing these little things has taught me a lot, and the communication skills that I have learned from working with others has been very important.

Kuketz: If you could pick one thing on your platform, what would it be?

Bouch: Diversity and inclusion. This has been a huge problem throughout the past five years. It is clear that we haven't made the strides that we should have, and we need to ensure that we are improving this.

### **Motion to extend time by 20 minutes**

#### **Stack second by Kuketz**

DeAngeli: I would agree. Diversity and inclusion have been a disaster on campus, and we need to reform the diversity training, including adding the implicit bias training. I have heard that the diversity training isn't informed by the university, so incorporating them would be important. This should also include more than active listening.

Chism: Diversity and inclusivity are my thing right now re: my position in Panhellenic. I think that we in the body can't do anything on campus until this body is inclusive. We need to be reaching outside of our body to see what other organizations need that we can provide. We have a high turnover rate because people feel isolated and unapproachable, and it is because this body does not always feel inclusive. We need to change this body before trying to change campus.

Bonić: What are some things you could have improved in your committee specifically that you would do as chair?

DeAngeli: I want to provide the chairs different resources to show the chairs how they can incorporate their members, how to select the vice chair and the secretary, and defining those roles better. I would give more deadlines, goals for bills and projects, and there are more on my platform.

Chism: As WAM chair I wish that I could have spent more time following up with the organizations that we funded. There is not enough time for that, and I don't think that we do that enough in congress with funding, bills, and resolutions. I think that this should fall on the authors of bills to do that follow up and ensure that people are continuing to work on the things that they are passionate about. I wish that I had been able to do that more, and I think reporting should be more regular.

Bouch: ConAd works on specifics of the Code, and one of the things I would like to see improved is for the new members to learn about the structure of the organization and the governing documents. I know that a few members don't know the content of these documents. The members should also be briefed on what is in the Code, what it says, and what they should look for in the bylaws. If members want to learn about the procedures, the bylaws are the best place. Education on the committee level is the most important.

Thompson: There were hiccups with timelines at the end of your WAM chair term, Representative Chism, would you like to comment on that?

Chism: The end of the last year was pretty crazy with snow days and not having the SAF distribution to know what we could fund. I did the best I could with that legislation, but there was not much we could do to speed it up. We took our time with the legislation to ensure that it was not compromised for these reasons. We had to post the legislation for

seven days, something that we did not foresee, and that is something I will learn from is to address the different deadlines.

Thompson: As a former committee chair, I struggled getting a hold of what to do, can you talk about what is in the resource packet?

DeAngeli: I want to have specific goal-setting to ensure that committees are being held accountable. I am not saying that we have to prescribe the different things that the committees do, but Green Week does a great job with this kind of framing. I think that just having a plan for when things should be completed is important. I think that maintaining a record of what the past committees have done is important to educate the new committee chairs about what worked and did not work. I would create that over the summer.

Spangler-Day: I enjoyed your committee, what were some of your accomplishments?

DeAngeli: I wanted every member to feel valued, feel like they were working on something that they cared about, and give them that voice. I would ask every member what they wanted to work on and then give them the resources to address that issue. Every week they would update me on the different things that were going on with their projects and then help them get over any roadblocks.

Cordova: We have tried to improve the diversity training process this year, so what concrete ideas do you have about making the training more effective?

Chism: On my platform, I have talked about making implicit bias training for gateway classes. The Gender and Equality Center is super overworked, so we can't just recommend that the GEC or University College do this, but we can do this together with the advising for these things. Many freshmen take gateway classes, so it is really important to have that implicit bias training to ensure that we are all trying to acknowledge and address our implicit biases. Everyone getting involved in this process is going to help us create a university where most people have gone through this process and that we are educating for all people on our campus.

Bouch: I want to work with the Human Diversity committee to host an inclusion forum. This would be an event that anyone on campus would come to to talk to us about what a diverse campus looks like. We would use this information to ensure that we can write legislation that is informed. We need to look at the mandatory training that is currently in place for freshmen, because it is not working. Something that we could involve more in the Diversity Resource Center. Making sure that this organization is more involved in the conversation is ensuring that we are including all groups in diversity and inclusion.

DeAngeli: Adran talked about the Multicultural Advancement Committee that I would like to learn more about. Coming into this, diversity training helped me, but I want to ensure as chair that we are addressing the different diversity issues more directly. These kinds of committees are important, and we want to ensure that we are doing everything we can, especially right now.

**Motion to extend time for questioning until the end of list and close the list**

**Merchant second by McCans**

**Objection by Cordova**

**Passed by verbal acclamation**

Yadav: What was your inspiration to run for chair and what is something in congress that you would like to completely change?

Bouch: I learned that the three of these exec members were retiring and that made me sad. I thought that they were doing a really great job and I did not think about running until I learned that they were all leaving. I have a lot of things that I want to accomplish on campus and chair of congress has the ability to empower everyone in congress from the top down and provide them with resources to succeed. This position comes with a large platform to voice concerns. I would like to eradicate the current recall system that we have in SGA. As I

said, members from any districts can recall representatives from districts that do not represent them.

DeAngeli: I was not going to run for chair, and I was happy with the sustainability committee, but Sam and Tom suggested that I run. I had not considered it before, but when I did, I considered that it would help the different environmental organizations to grow on their own. There were also things that I saw in congress committees that I wanted to change throughout the entire body. My main motivation is to give committees more structure than they currently have.

Chism: I was encouraged by people in this body and people in past bodies. I have just had conversations with members in the past about things that I want to change, and people suggested I run for chair. I have a passion for congress unlike anything else. Many don't study abroad and then come back, but I knew as soon as I came back what I wanted to do. The main thing I want to completely change is the voting system. People are uncomfortable voting one way when everyone else has voted another, and I want to have everyone feel like a valuable member of the body.

Merchant: What does diversity mean to you?

DeAngeli: Diversity and inclusion means respecting everyone around you. Implicit biases are rampant, and by the nature of our society, they are something that we need to address. We need to be open and honest with other people to work with our differences and to solve problems within ourselves. When I did implicit bias training, I found implicit biases that shocked me, and I want to make sure that other people experience these things. We need to be able to have conversations very explicitly about these things and say that racism is bad, sexism is bad, and to be able to talk about those experiences.

Chism: Diversity is not what you typically think of. This is not just women, people of color, or different sexualities. These are religions, ranges of ability, and you need to consider whether you are including all of these groups. I also want to be clear that just having lots of people of color is not in itself diversity. That is just collecting people of color and putting them in a room. We need to be thinking about whether we are getting those voices from different backgrounds, and it is not enough to say that you have collected people from all the different groups.

Bouch: Diversity and inclusion have different meaning. Diversity is having people from lots of different backgrounds and life experiences. Inclusion is when we take all of those differences and have conversations about them and be open and comfortable with them. I don't think of diversity as having lots of people of color or people from the DRC. I think of having people representing all different backgrounds who feel comfortable.

Hardt: Chism has talked about the clicker voting, what is your position?

Bouch: I have not thought about this before, but I think that it is a great system that should be implemented.

DeAngeli: I think this is a good idea, but we should approach the idea of people voicing their opinions differently. I think that making sure that people are comfortable from the outset to express their voice and not feel that they have to do so anonymously is important. I think that that is the kind of culture I want to build first, and if it doesn't work, then I would be open to that more direct change.

Thompson: How will your chairship with WAM reflect on your chairship considering that you missed 14 organizations?

Chism: I would get multiple emails about each organization, one being a notification and one being the application. There was an issue in making sure that every organization was seen, but to be honest, things just fell through the cracks. When I left, I made sure that Sam and George knew that anyone who was missed would be seen first in Auxiliary. No one should suffer from the things that SGA did. This is something that is hard to avoid, no one is perfect, and I'm sure that Tom can attest that things happen sometimes.

Cordova: We ran into problems with the iclickers last year, so could you talk about how to make the system work better?

Chism: We tried this a year and a half ago, and the issue we face is that the license for the clicker program is expensive. We want to look into this license to see if it is by class, by department, or university wide. We can then get in on the license and then only have to buy the clickers. There is a backup plan for SGA with an implementation strategy on my platform if you want to look.

Cordova: What are you looking for in your new executive team?

Bouch: My philosophy is to have a group of people with different goals than I do. Hopefully we will be electing a vice chair and secretary that will allow for communication as soon as this election is over. I want to talk about what the different ideas and philosophies about the work are. Then with the staff of chairs, I want to make sure that we are getting chairs with concrete goals about their project ideas, how their secretaries and vice chairs operate, and how they can be a great chair.

DeAngeli: Passion is the biggest thing, because being passionate about the organization means that you will be willing to do the work. Ideas for each of the committees.

Communication is also really important because we want to make sure that nothing falls through the cracks. Finally, organization is not necessary but would be nice.

Chism: I have seen committee chairs come in really excited about their committees with big grand ideas that don't work out because they aren't feasible. I want to see ideas that are backed up with strategy. Ideas are important but making sure that they are ideas that we can follow through on are more important. Passion needs to be there too, because they should be really committed to this organization.

Kuketz: You would be leading this body as chair, so how will you resolve conflicts between other organizations and congress?

DeAngeli: If the conflict occurs in the body, asking them for their opinions. Conflicts are caused by misunderstandings, so sitting people down and asking for whether they knew that this was the way that the process worked to ensure that everyone is on the same page.

Chism: I had a lot of students come to me as the WAM chair that would have questions about congress and who wanted to know why they weren't getting certain things done with SGA. I would always sit those people down to identify what specifically the issue was, understand what was going on on both sides, and then coming to a resolution. Sometimes that meant coming to a compromise. Sometimes we had to acknowledge that mistakes were made, and that people were or weren't at fault, and we have to get those things discussed before moving forward.

Bouch: We need to remember that we are a representative body, so we need to make sure that people are coming to us with their concerns and telling them to us directly. This is the best way to support our relationship with the rest of campus. I think that there is also a huge information gap between the rest of campus and SGA, so that is something that I want to address. I think that when I came into Congress, the budget process specifically and resource availability went way over my head, so I want to be sure that we are getting that information out to everyone. I think we could do this by hosting forums and getting people from around campus to learn about what we do in SGA.

Alpert: What would you change about the Congress meetings specifically?

Chism: I think that we underutilize caucusing. This is something that we haven't done for a while. This is when you have heard the explanation of the bill and you take a break to talk to the different people in the room about the bill. We do not use this process enough, and I would actively recommend this as the chair. I think that far too often we move into the vote or debate without knowing enough about the bill. By caucusing, everyone would know more about what is going on.

Bouch: I think that this body lacks a real legislative process. Submitting bills and resolutions has been very difficult to get in the right format. This is something that I have talked to



Richard about, but I know that he has done a lot of work to get those formats out to people including making hard deadlines and making sure that when the legislation comes in it is not so sloppy, because that work falls on the secretary.

DeAngeli: I think that caucusing is important as well. Something that the chair used to do when I joined when things got tricky in parli pro was to write down everything that was going on on the board. There is also a lovely chart in the new member handbook that walks you through the different parts of parli pro. I would like to have parli pro workshops and encouraging people to ask on information about the things that they do not know. This is all about building a better culture.

Kuketz: As Chair, would you all focus on more external outreach or internal reform?

Bouch: I think that external outreach is the most important thing that Congress can address. Internal reforms are important, but there are more pressing things that we need to consider on this campus. I want committees like HD, External Affairs, Problems and Projects and University Policy need to focus on addressing these issues in their work.

DeAngeli: The relationship between chair and vice chair is important to consider, because the Vice Chair handles most of the internal reforms. I have goals for the structure, but that would be collaborative, so if the rest of exec and the body didn't like it, we would consider that. I think that the outreach and the external parts are the most important, and I have a lot of ideas about programming.

Chism: We can only make change on campus to the degree that we are prepared to do so. We can't make sweeping change across campus unless this body looks and thinks like the rest of the student body. We need to address what we are doing here before we think that we can go do outreach. Outreach is important, but we need to make sure that the members of this body are prepared to conduct that outreach. When we think about big sweeping ideas, we need to remember that maybe only a couple of them will really get done, because the chair is so busy. We need to adjust how we function, and maybe it takes all year, but it is important that we take care of that first.

Nadolski: Do you have any exciting parts of your platforms that you want to talk more about?

DeAngeli: Having ideas and motivations are the most important parts of Congress. When I had people come to Sus, I had people come to me with big ideas that they were excited about that weren't necessarily specific or thought out because they weren't familiar with the administration. I am excited to hear the ideas of all of the members of the body. Most of the change on campus happens in the long term, which is why we need to avoid high turnover in this body. I want to make sure as chair that every person feels like they are doing something. I am excited to work with you all.

Chism: I wish that I had the chance to talk more about transparency. In the past, it was really difficult to get information about what was going on between SGA and the administration. Tom has done a great job making this better. Many of you may not know, but the Chair meets with administration and the other branches every week. I would make it my mission to come into the body to tell you what goes on in those meetings. I also want to address the legislation that comes through, even when they are big. Committees don't always know what is going on between them, and I want to send out executive minutes to make sure that everyone in the body knows what goes on in the other committees.

Bouch: We have a really empty room here. You need about 15 votes to win the chairship in a boy that supports 48 members. I know that for people there are a couple of excuses to be absent, but we need to make sure that we have a full body at all times. I want to make sure that as many people are getting involved as possible. I worked on redistricting in Congressional Administration, and I want to continue filling out seats and making sure that we have as many members as possible. I also want to get associates more involved. I was one of the few associates who would come to every meeting, and I want to increase that number

**Motion to go into executive session**  
**Merchant second by Patterson**

- Executive Session

**Motion to Recess for 5 minutes**  
**Merchant second by Patterson**

**Motion to vote**  
**Merchant second by Stack**

**Motion to enter vice chair elections**  
**Nadolski second by Bouch**

- Vice Chair

Bonić: I am not running for Vice Chair anymore. I have some things coming up next year, and I have senioritis. I think Mahak will be a great Vice Chair, and I'm sorry that you don't have options to vote, but I hope you have faith in your new vice chair. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to be in Congress.

Nadolski: I am still Karley, but now I am talking about Mahak, our only option and a great option. One of my roommates was on the mock trial team, and they would host events at our apartment. My roommates and I didn't think twice about it, but the next day, Mahak delivered handwritten thank you notes to all of us. That is just the kind of person she is. She brings great skillsets to this body including taking advantage of the different things that we have improved upon this semester and improving them even more. Mahak will be a great leader for this body, and I think she will do lots of great things.

Merchant: I am a native American studies and letters major. I have a few initiatives to go through. I want to start an adopt a member program to meet constituents and members of the body. The new members can be taught the ropes, and I am excited about this. I want to continue working on the implicit bias training. I also want to do a resume workshop with the different organizations on campus and get the SGA body out there.

Nadolski: Can you outline some of the parts of your platform?

Merchant: Navigating the body was difficult, but my mentor in SGA was really helpful in learning about the different members of the body.

McCans: How was your day?

Merchant: Well

Stack: Thanks for the note. Thoughts on the election?

Merchant: Eventful.

Cassidy: How do you see yourself working with the chair and ensuring that this relationship stays productive?

Merchant: I had the chance to talk to chair DeAngeli about communicating well, making sure that we communicate well with each other and the other organizations within congress.

**Motion to enter executive session**  
**Holt second by Rojas**

- Executive Session

**Motion to go to a roll call vote**  
**Gau second by McCans**

- Secretary

McCans: I would love to run for secretary, but I have two jobs and if I did this, they would fire me. Savanah would do a great job, so you're welcome.

Schneider: Hi all my name is Caitlin Schneider, and I nominated Representative Savanah Patterson for Secretary. Savanah joined Congress this past year, right when she came to OU. She interviewed, then ran for a University College representative seat. She jumped in head first as a member of Upol and wrote the successful Drug Policy Resolution her first semester. As a freshman and new member, she was not scared to go after the change she wanted to see. With this resolution she asked OU to change some of its long-standing policies, and she worked with OU administration to complete her project. Furthermore, this past semester Savanah served as Upol's secretary. Savanah has truly made the most of her time in Congress and will continue to do so in her future endeavors. Savanah is also very involved elsewhere on campus. She participates in Mock Trial, is on the LGBTQ+ program advisory board, and most recently became a part of Crimson Club. Her diverse interests will make her a representative leader of this body. Secretary is a position where the person is a resource for so many people. They are responsible for our attendance, bills, agendas, and so much more, along with other responsibilities, not so bureaucratic. And guys, taking minutes is so hard. I can't think of a more capable person to take over these responsibilities next year. This person has to be accessible and approachable. We all can rely on Savanah to be this person. She is passionate and dedicated in all her endeavors, and I am incredibly confident in her ability to serve as secretary.

Patterson: I am a University College rep. I have three main goals. One is to retain our members. The second is to streamline the attendance process and give the committee secretaries a job. I want to have a better legislative process.

McCans: How do you stand out compared to your opponents?

Patterson: Considering you cannot see Casper, I'd say I have a very good shot.

Cassidy: What are your words per minutes?

Patterson: 61

Merchant: What is your typing accuracy?

Patterson: 95%

McCans: Would you be willing to take a typing test?

Patterson: The primary bill will be my typing test.

Nadolski: How excited are you to work with the other two?

Patterson: I talked to Emma for the first-time last week and we really clicked. I am glad to be able to work more closely with them. Mahak is my best friend. I am excited to have a very good dynamic.

### **Motion to go into Executive Session**

**Gau second McCans**

- Executive Session

### **Motion to vote**

**Rojas second Gau**

### **Student Concerns**

### **Motions to suspend the rules and skip to items to be considered**

**Dalton sec McCans**

**Old Business**

### **Items to Be Considered**

AB-102-01 Primary Funding Allocation Act of 2019 (Quick) (SGA Budget → rec of do pass)

McCans sec Bouch

Quick: I gave my presentation. The bill has been out for a week.

Cassidy: The Oklahoma Collegiate Legislature, why do they deserve so much money?

Quick: There was no reason to decrease their request despite my personal feelings.

Patton: Why did CAC get less than last year?

Quick: They did not receive that much less, about 600 dollars left. This is the first year UPB applied for funding for the first time. That money CAC didn't get was given to UPB.

Gau: Was SGA allotted last money than previous years to be given to other organizations?

Quick: The SGA congress was given the same as last year, but the executive branch did not because they did not turn in their form.

Gau: Is there any issue with that?

Quick: they will be fine

Bouch: What is the reason for not allocated those extra 2000 dollars?

Quick: We were trying to remain consistent. The organizations that haven't established a good fiscal history were given 100.

Patton: what is the quality of the CAC forms?

Quick: we consider five things, one of them is quality of budget and they did not specify what activities they would be spending this money on.

Cassidy: Hypothetically, is CAC asked by even for budget the WAM committee would be more likely to give them money?

Quick: No. they receive a quarter of our entire budget. They should not get any more money.

**Motion to move to a roll call vote**

**Gau second by Bouch**

**Motion to see AB-102-02**

**Bonic second by Gau**

AB-102-02 Primary Funding Act of 2019 for Governmental Organizations (Quick) (SGA Budget → rec of do pass)

Quick: This is the governmental one.

**Motion to move to a roll call vote**

**Gau second by Holt**

**Chism second by Papanicolaou**

CB-102-01 Student Legal Services Establishment Act (Cassidy) (Exec → rec of do pass)

Cassidy: I told you that Tracey would be here and she will be shortly. This is a year in the making. There have been various drafts with various notes, and there are a lot of stakeholders in this process including student affairs, SGA, Congressional Administration, and other graduate and undergraduates. This takes the SLS bylaws that have been worked on for two years and codifies them. The purpose and the eligibility are the same except that I added that people can come to us for immigration issues. The services offered is a basic description of the program and what we've been able to offer. We codified what has been understood with the rights of the client. In the staff attorney section, we talk about the qualifications of the staff attorney. We hire one for 20 hours per week and they have to be BAR certified and follow the supreme court ethics. We have discussed who should have the hire and fire authority, and it cannot be the SLS committee. I have given that authority to the VP Student Affairs. We are under Student affairs and they have the authority over us.

**Motion to extend Authors explanation by 5 minutes**

**Chism second by Bouch**

Cassidy: The committee is just a codification of what already exists. We want to make sure that the committee is strongly connected to SGA. I decided to make one have to be a high office grad and high office undergrad. I thought about making a bracketed list but there already exists a high office list in the Code. I thought this would be the easiest way to do this. We have three additional students appointed by the president who would serve until they resign or graduate, as well as some staff members. Most of the committee duties stay the same but I added a few. They annually review the salary of the attorney which is not something currently done. With a position like a staff attorney, we need to ensure we are paying a market rate. We require an annual report from the staff attorney, which Tracey already does on request. We ask the committee to create annual goals for the program. We also created the last thing that they are tasked with which is to look for outside funding. We want this program to expand, and the parts that would make this expand are expensive. We want to look for the outside sources to minimize the costs on SGA. The next section tasks the additional students with the marketing of the program. We haven't had anybody in charge of this in the past. The next section regards the voting rules of the committee, and I need an amendment saying that the chair only votes in the case of a tie. This next section goes into the salaries and stipend section which would make the SL's attorney salary go into the primary off the top. Then the office space would fit into all of the other office spaces. The final section puts the SLS attorney salary in the salary section. This is not something we determine internally; this is something that the administration handles externally.

*Merchant: Would you accept the friendly adding the section that the chair votes in a tie?*

*Cassidy: Yes*

Patterson: Would you like to introduce yourself?

Langford: Yes. I am the part-time attorney. I have been here for three years in November. 2017 was our first year and in 2018 our numbers doubled from 35 to 70. There are lots of ways and areas that this program to grow, and I am excited to hear about your interest.

Bouch: Why did you keep the tradition of the students serving as lifetime members?

Cassidy: SLS deals in detail with the program in a way that other SGA areas don't, so keeping the students on the committee is important. Also, with the staff members on the committee, we want to make sure that there isn't a disparity. Also, with the term limits, we want to ensure that since the high officers turn over regularly, we want to have the other students on their longer.

*Chism: Would you accept a friendly striking the language about advisory committee with regards to state law?*

*Cassidy: Yes, and I would like another friendly adding a second section with some explanation.*

*Chism: Second friendly?*

*Cassidy: Yes*

## **Motion to extend time for questioning by 5 minutes**

### **Holt second by Heuser**

Gibbs: How do you think that this will affect the standing of the current bylaws that have not been seen by the committee?

Cassidy: These would be supplanted by the Code. There is the opportunity in the bill for the committee to work on the bylaws. I want to give the program some structure going forward, but there are aspects that require some professional input and dynamism that should change in less than a month that I have left to the bylaws. For example, Tracey is affiliated with a national organization that we may want to change in the future, and that is something I don't want to be a burdensome process. I want to see the scope of practice issue be addressed in the bylaws as well as opposed to the committee structure here.

Gibbs: If the bylaws are being supplanted, how do they still exist? The language may become contradictory.

Cassidy: The advisory committee could discuss this. In many ways we are continuing the old program, but this is also a student affairs program that is becoming an SGA program. They may want to start from scratch. The committee may decide to keep things from the old bylaws or just start fresh, but if there are contradictions, the code carries.

DeAngeli: Would it be important to codify the standards for the appointed students?

Cassidy: There are no qualifications except to be a student at OU. They will go through the advice and consent. That will have to be determined by the president during the appointment process. Codifying that will

maybe make it too concrete when one year we may be looking for certain types of students that are different from other years.

Spangler-Day: What is the precedent for the definition of limited scope?

Langford: This is something that is defined in statutes and state law.

**Motion to extend time for questioning by 5 minutes**

**Chism second by Bouch**

Langford: I define this as me being a real lawyer, my students are clients with entitlements, but that does not extend beyond my office. I am not allowed to represent students in court, so there needs to be a middle ground.

**Motion to move to a roll call**

**Bouch second Schneider**

Passed by a roll call vote of 28-0-0

**Motion to suspend the rules and go back to Special Orders**

**Rojas second by Patterson**

**Follow-Up Reports**

**Items for Future Agenda**

**Announcements and Comments**

**Final Roll Call**

**Motion to suspend the rules and skip to Adjourn**

**Cordova second by Holt**

**Adjourn – 10:27pm**

Chair: Thomas Cassidy

Vice Chair: Mackenzie Cordova

Secretary: Richard Holt

<b>Session 102</b>	<b>General</b>
Alpert, Lucy	x
Bell, Aspen	x
Biškup, Emma	ex
Bonić, Karla	x
Bouch, Malachi	x
Bridwell, Trey	ex
Carson, Jada	x
Chism, Hennessey	x
Cordova, Mackenzie	x
DeAngeli, Emma	x
Douglas, Zoe	x
Gau, Dalton	x
Hardt, Peter	x
Hart, Harrison	ex
Haugland, Sara	x
Heuser, Audrey	x
Holt, Richard	x
Kolker, Sephra	x
Kuketz, Tim	x
Mayes, Mark	x
McCans, Hunter	x
Merchant, Mahak	x
Miles, Andrew	x
Nadolski, Karley	x
Papanicolaou, Peter	x
Patterson, Savannah	x
Rojas, Julio	x
Schneider, Caitlin	x
Spangler-Day, Santana	x
Stack, Hunter	x

Thompson, Gabriela	x	
vonHartitzsch, August	x	
Wegrzynski, Abbey	x	
Werdel, Gina	x	
Wilson, Taylor	ex	
Yadav, Riddhi	x	
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<b>Session 102</b>	<b>AB-102-01</b>	<b>AB-102-02</b>	<b>CB-102-01</b>
Alpert, Lucy	y	y	y
Bell, Aspen	y	y	
Biškup, Emma			
Bonić, Karla	y	y	y
Bouch, Malachi	y	y	y
Bridwell, Trey			
Carson, Jada		y	
Chism, Hennessey			y
Cordova, Mackenzie	y	y	y
DeAngeli, Emma	a	a	y
Douglas, Zoe	y	y	y
Gau, Dalton	y	y	y
Hardt, Peter	y	y	y
Hart, Harrison			
Haugland, Sara			y
Heuser, Audrey	y	y	y
Holt, Richard	y	y	y
Kolker, Sephra	y	y	y
Kuketz, Tim	y	y	y
Mayes, Mark	y	y	y
McCans, Hunter	y	y	
Merchant, Mahak	y	y	y
Miles, Andrew			
Nadolski, Karley	y	y	y
Papanicolaou, Peter	y	y	y
Patterson, Savannah	y	y	y
Rojas, Julio	y	y	y
Schneider, Caitlin	y	y	y
Spangler-Day, Santana			y

Stack, Hunter	y	y	y
Thompson, Gabriela			y
vonHartzitsch, August	y		y
Wegrzynski, Abbey	y	y	y
Werdel, Gina	y	y	y
Wilson, Taylor			
Yadav, Riddhi			y
<b>Yes</b>	24	24	28
<b>No</b>	0	0	0
<b>Abstain</b>	1	1	0

<b>Session 102</b>	<b>Chair</b>	<b>Vice Chair</b>	<b>Secretary</b>
Alpert, Lucy	b	m	p
Bell, Aspen	d	m	p
Biškup, Emma			
Bonić, Karla	c	m	p
Bouch, Malachi	b	m	p
Bridwell, Trey	d		
Carson, Jada	c	m	p
Chism, Hennessey	c	m	
Cordova, Mackenzie	d	m	p
DeAngeli, Emma	d	m	p
Douglas, Zoe	d	m	p
Gau, Dalton	b	m	p
Hardt, Peter	d	m	p
Hart, Harrison			
Haugland, Sara			
Heuser, Audrey	c	m	p
Holt, Richard	d	m	p
Kolker, Sephra	d	m	p
Kuketz, Tim	d	m	p
Mayes, Mark	c	m	p
McCans, Hunter	d	m	p
Merchant, Mahak	d	m	p
Miles, Andrew	b		
Nadolski, Karley	d	m	p
Papanicolaou, Peter	d	m	p
Patterson, Savannah	d	m	p
Rojas, Julio	c	m	p
Schneider, Caitlin	c	m	p
Spangler-Day, Santana			
Stack, Hunter	d		

Thompson, Gabriela	d		
vonHartitzsch, August	d	m	p
Wegrzynski, Abbey	d	m	p
Werdel, Gina	d	m	p
Wilson, Taylor			
Yadav, Riddhi	c		
<b>Chism</b>	8		
<b>Bouch</b>	4		
<b>DeAngeli</b>	19		
<b>Merchant</b>		26	
<b>Patterson</b>			25