

# THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



## UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS Session CII

**General Body Meeting**  
**7:00 pm, Tuesday, November 5th, 2019**  
**Devon Hall 120**

**Roll Call**

**Mission Statement**

**Moment of Silence**

**Approval of Minutes**

**Motion to approve the minutes**

**Representative Papanicolaou seconded by Representative Tucker**

**Chair's Report:** People who were not reelected may leave before the Session 103 meeting. I would love to meet with you if you are leaving! There are academic advisor awards. If you love your advisor or know someone who does, please let me know! There will be two committee chair vacancies: UPol and EA. Please talk to Abbey or Dalton if you are interested in applying. The applications will be on our OrgSync page under "forms." It opens tomorrow morning at 6:00 am and close Monday, November 11th at 11:59 pm. If anybody has trouble accessing the application, please let me know. Thank you all for a wonderful Session 102! It was absolutely my pleasure to be your chair, and I'm looking forward to what's in store!

**Vice Chair's Report –** We are still working on getting merch before the end of the semester. I also have been talking to the Gender and Equality Center for the pronouns templates, so we should have stickers for the nametags soon!

**Secretary's Report –** Hey everyone! Welcome to our last meeting! Thank you all for finally getting back to me about your attendance requirements. Please be on top of those for November. A lot of you are the liaison for clubs you were already a part of, but I do not know when you make those meetings even if they are all the time. So, make sure you send me a quick little email once a month to let me know!

### **Committee Reports-**

- **Campus Outreach, Safety, and Concerns:** We have been making pretty good progress on projects, especially with working on the building and finding out if they are ADA compliant. About half of the buildings on campus do not meet standards. We are also working on a project expanding opportunity for free child care on campus.
- **Congressional Administration:** We saw CB-102-35, originally named the THEM Act but there was a Friendly Amendment to change the name to include inclusivity. We gave this bill a Recommendation of Do Pass. We also saw CB-102-37 which is a constitutional amendment. There was a friendly amendment to change the name of the bill similar to the last one. Finally, we gave it a Recommendation of Do Pass. If we get a 2/3<sup>rd</sup> vote in the both houses, then this amendment will be on the general ballot next spring. We also continued to discuss other projects for the rest of the semester.

- External Affairs: We have a few upcoming events with Mayor Clark, the City Council, and a LGBTQ+ Forum with State Representative Kendra Horn. We will be sending this information out in the Congress GroupMe. We are also continuing to work on Higher-Ed day planning.
- Human Diversity: Thank you to everyone who came out to the International Bazaar. Please continue to spread the word about the International Friendsgiving event on November 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Sustainability: There was a trash walk in Saxon park which was beautiful. Hunter McCans showed up, that was nice of him! We also followed up on the Housing and Food reusable container program for dining services. We have to figure out funding for that. We are also continuing to work on healthy eating education. It is better for the environment and for the body.
- University Policy: All of our projects are going well. We finally had our meeting with Kris Glenn from Parking Services. They cannot change the time that parking gives tickets because that would create a \$120K deficit. But he said that we could look into extending bus services to 10 pm.
- Ways and Means: We did not meet this week. There was only 1 application, so we will be seeing Auxiliary 10 in committee of the whole by his lonesome. You guys will give it a recommendation. Also, auxiliary funding will close November 15<sup>th</sup> at 5pm, because that the last time before the end of Graduate Student Senate meets. If you are a liaison, please alert your club members!

### **Liaison Reports**

Stack: The Bee Club is doing T-shirt sales. We should have the designs out by Friday. The money contribution from the shirts means a lot so reach out to me if you would like to buy one for the bees!

Werdel: I put some information in the GroupMe about the climate strike on Thursday. It will be at 10:15am in front of Dale Hall!

Tucker: Submit poetry and prose to the Aster! Applications close January 31<sup>st</sup>.

### **Special Orders**

Adran Gibbs, Student Government Association President

### **Motion to move into Committee of the Whole Representative Buxton seconded by Representative Tucker**

Committee of the Whole

### **Motion to see bill Associate Bouch seconded by Representative Papanicolaou AB-102-12 Auxiliary Allocation 10 (Patton)**

Patton: We have 1 organization that submitted an auxiliary funding application. It was the Student Leftist Union. They are a new organization which would guarantee them between \$500-\$700 and they have no fiscal, so I decided to grant them \$600. The factors that went into this decision are the fact that they served a good number of students. They also had a very nicely put together budget. Obviously, they asked for a lot more than we were willing to give them, but they detailed explain everything in their the budget.

Patterson: What parameters would have given them \$700 instead of \$600?

Patton: We usually give \$700 for new competition teams. They do serve, not a large portion, but a good number of students. Also, the number of students that come to meetings is different and lower than the number of students who are officially part of the organization. So, if they were a bigger organization or if they were a competition team, that would have pushed them to \$700.

Stack: How many people do they serve?

Patton: There are 100 people registered in the organization. However, only about 40 attend the meetings regularly. It's a good number looking at either. But not huge organization based off monthly attendance.

South: What all did they ask money for?

Patton: Food for meetings, and that's what I funded. They also wanted to raise money for an event but the \$600 was just for food.

**Motion to give bill recommendation of do pass**  
**Chism sec Emini**

**Motion to move out of committee of the whole**  
**Tucker sec Hardt**

**Student Concerns**

**Old Business**

**Items to Be Considered**

**Motion to see bill**

**Representative Buxton seconded by Representative Stormer**

AB-102-12 Auxiliary Allocation 10 (Patton)

Patton: We just saw this. Thanks.

**Motion to see bill**

**Representative Emini seconded by Representative Spangler-Day**

CB-102-35 Inclusivity in the Code Annotated Act (South/Thompson) (Congressional Administration > Recommendation of Do Pass)

South: This bill is basically changing the code to remove gendered pronouns and replacing them with they/them/theirs. There were instances of "he or she" 15 times within the code. This is clunky and non-inclusive of nonbinary students.

**Motion to see bill**

**Representative Tucker seconded by Representative Sertovich**

CB-102-37 Inclusivity in the Constitution Act (South/Thompson) (Congressional Administration > Recommendation of Do Pass)

Thompson: This is the same thing as the last bill we saw replacing gendered pronouns with they/them/theirs but in the constitution. On the ballot in the general election. Recognized in MLA and APA as gender neutral singular pronouns.

Werdel: Is it not grammatically correct?

Thompson: It's not grammatically, but whenever you don't know you say them. It has been recognized by the grammatical overlords.

Marvin: According to the American Press, it is clearer and better to use they/them/theirs

Stack: These pronouns are also recognized as genderless and use it gender neutral sense but recently accepted for nonbinaries peoples as well.

**Follow-Up Reports**

DeAngeli: The joint committee for the blackface resolution met. There will be a piece of legislation looking at that in session 103. Since this is the last meeting of the session there will be no time. But it is here and written and we are going see it.

**Items for Future Agenda**

**Announcements and Comments**

Broadbent: Buxton and I went to a city council meeting tonight. Either the city is going to get sued and someone's going to lose money. Either they will lose tax money or be sued. But whatever happens, there will be a referendum vote on the 12<sup>th</sup>.

Ahmadi: There will be a vote next week for an 1/8<sup>th</sup> percent sales tax increase to fund public transportation.

Broadbent: I was under the impression that that mean the money from that increase would be money to replace money lost from whatever is happening. You all should look into it. The transportation thing also affects us, please vote.

Ahmadi: There is a meeting happening right now. You can stream it if you want to watch it live.

Patton: November 15<sup>th</sup> is when auxiliary applications close for the weekend. You can still apply, we just won't see it until January.

Merchant: Audrey made a graphic about Auxiliary funding, send it out and share it.

Chism: For the secretary, would you want us to email you about the liaison requierments?

Patterson: Yes please.

### **Final Roll Call**

### **Motion to skip final roll call and Adjourn Sine Die Representative Hardt seconded by Representative Emini**

### **Adjourn Sine Die**

Chair: Emma DeAngeli

Vice Chair: Mahak Merchant

Secretary: Savanah Patterson

<b>Session 102</b>	<b>General</b>
Alpert, Lucy	ex
Bell, Aspen	ex
Biškup, Emma	x
Bridwell, Trey	x
Broadbent, Taylor	x
Buxton, Nate	x
Carson, Jada	x
Chism, Hennessey	x
Cowley, Jori	abs
Douglas, Zoe	ex
Emini, Renata	x
Garg, Nishit	x
Gau, Dalton	x
Hardt, Peter	x

Haugland, Sara	abs
Heuser, Audrey	x
Hillis, Foster	x
Kolker, Sephra	x
Mayes, Mark	x
Miller, Lauren	x
Mohamoud, Abdifatah	x
Papanicolaou, Peter	x
Schneider, Caitlin	x
Sertovic, Adia	x
South, Crispin	x
Spangler-Day, Santana	x
Stack, Hunter	x
Stormer, Sam	x
Thompson, Gabbi	x
Tucker, Emily	x
vonHartitzsch, August	x
Wegrzynski, Abbey	x
Werdel, Gina	x
Wilson, Taylor	x
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<b>Session 102</b>	<b>AB-102-12</b>	<b>CB-102-35</b>	<b>CB-102-37</b>
Alpert, Lucy			
Bell, Aspen			
Biškup, Emma	y	y	y
Bridwell, Trey	y	y	y
Broadbent, Taylor	a	y	y

Buckston, Nate	y	y	y
Carson, Jada	y	y	y
Chism, Hennessey	y	y	y
Cowley, Jori			
Douglas, Zoe			
Emini, Renata	y	y	y
Garg, Nishit	y	y	y
Gau, Dalton	y	y	y
Hardt, Peter	y	a	y
Haugland, Sara			
Heuser, Audrey	y	y	y
Hillis, Foster	y	y	y
Kolker, Sephra	y	a	a
Mayes, Mark	y	y	y
Miller, Lauren	y	y	y
Mohamoud, Abdifatah	y	y	y
Papanicolaou, Peter	y	y	y
Schneider, Caitlin	y		y
Sertovic, Adia	y	y	y
South, Crispin	y	y	y
Spangler-Day, Santana	y	y	y
Stack, Hunter			y
Stormer, Sam	y	y	y
Thompson, Gabbi	y	y	y
Tucker, Emily	y	y	y
vonHartitzsch, August	y	y	y
Wegrzynski, Abbey	y	y	y
Werdel, Gina	y	y	y
Wilson, Taylor	y	y	y
<b>Yes</b>	27	25	28
<b>No</b>	0	0	0
<b>Abstain</b>	1	2	1

