

# THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



## UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS Session C

**General Body Meeting**  
**7:00 pm, Tuesday, October 16, 2018**  
**Devon Hall 120**

### Session C

**Roll Call – 7:03pm**

**Flag Salute – Representative Vanderford**

**Approval of Minutes**

**Representative DeAngeli seconded by Representative Biškup**

**Chair’s Report** – No report.

**Vice Chair’s Report** – Liaison emails went out today! You should all have info about those in your inboxes. There are some FAQs about funding that you should let your organizations know the answers to as well as some general things about being a liaison. There is a list of what organization or organizations you are a liaison for. If the list is wrong, please let me know. If you are planning an event, please let me know or let the Communications Committee know so we can plan the logistics. There are a lot of bills tonight, so stick with it and make sure you are always engaged. I know it’s a lot, but it’s important that we are all hearing each other’s voices and getting good input on bills.

**Secretary’s Report** – Hello amazing people. You are all doing a great job with your attendance this month. It is getting to that time of the Session where people can rack up a number of absences even if they don’t notice, so be sure that you are getting all of your requirements done in a timely manner. Make sure you sign my Office Hours Sheet when you do your office hours, because otherwise I won’t know you were there. Also, this semester and next semester we are looking into ways that we can simplify the attendance requirements so that they are easier for people to keep track of and stay on top of. If you have any productive ideas about this, please come talk to me anytime. Also, remember that in a pinch, you are welcome to do your office hour the hour before or after your committee meetings on Sundays. There are also several constituent service opportunities this month including Sustainability’s t-shirt drive, which you are welcome to participate in! Please be sure to fill out the Constituent Service form on OrgSync when you do this. As always, ask me if you have questions about attendance!

### **Committee Reports-**

- **Communications:** My assistants are doing a great job. We are organizing our first event on October 29. Sabrina is doing a great job posting on social media. Josh is redesigning the newsletter to be more attractive. Gabi is ready to make any graphic and is planning the Congress apparel.
- **Congressional Administration:** We saw CB-100-27 about redistricting which got a rec of do pass. CB-100-28 also got a rec of do pass. This just mandates that the polling online should be open for 12 hours, and not closed early. We have also each chosen topics for the Code Cheat Sheets. We have some constitutional amendment ideas from Dan and Gabi as well.

- **External Affairs:** We finished our Voter Registration Drive push from before midterms last week. We talked about finishing the absentee ballot information packets for all 50 states and other countries. We're now working on figuring out what our members want to do next.
- **Human Diversity:** We saw CR-100-11 which was very good but very contentious. We had members with different viewpoints and we saw several amendments in committee. We gave that bill a rec of do pass. I personally presented to NAACP and Black Student Association last week. What I understood from them is that there is a lack of communication between Congress and these groups. I invited them to Congress to express their feelings. I think that they were encouraged by this, so hopefully we see them more often. My members are also working on speaking to different professors about speaking in their classes, and there will be a bill about the Campus Climate Board soon. We will also be working with IAC, NAACP, and BSA on doing mixers.
- **Problems and Projects:** We spoke about our two upcoming events. We pushed Turn Up for Transit to November 7 from 11:00am-1:00pm. Problems, Projects, and Puppies is tentatively scheduled for November 2. Shannah has been in touch with the city about the Lindsey and Elm intersection, and the city's traffic department will get back to her this week. Caroline is going to handle the blue light situation. My Vice Chair made a contact folder for members of Problems and Projects to use in the future.  
OI Williams: Are you aware that November 2<sup>nd</sup> is my birthday?  
Kuketz: Now I am.
- **Sustainability:** My Secretary asked about Greek recycling since it's cheap and they have huge budgets. Josh Miller is still working on the Bike Event, and that will likely be next semester. Gina is still working on her event for October 24, so please bring t-shirts if you have them. Ian Stone thought about more places to put water fountains on campus. We might work with Problems and Projects on this, Hobson is working with OU printing about the green funding for RSOs. Richard came to our meeting today to talk about printing agendas for the general meetings and hopefully wasting less paper. Alan's composting project will be taken over by me, and Matt's project is being handled by Josh.
- **University Policy:** We talked about the course evaluation project and talking to faculty members about the role of evaluating teachers in the educational process. They want to see what these evaluations effect. They are already compiling their data for this resolution. They are looking at the Food Recovery Network and getting an advisor for that student group. They are working in the Department of Environmental Science. I gave them Emma's contact info. They are basing a lot of their policy for this on OSU's food waste policy. They also have the compiled emergency number hotline project which has met a lot of opposition from the administration. The administration wants Trey to poll the idea with students including what situations they would use it, whether they would like it. He also needs to see what the cost would be and what departments' requirements would look like.
- **Ways and Means:** We funded eight organizations and denied one. We spent about \$8,000. We also passed a Congressional Initiative Funding Bill for buying blue books and scantrons, although they want the correct scantrons this time.

### **Liaison Reports**

Fees: Botany Club is having their Fall Plant Sale on October 19<sup>th</sup> in the greenhouses across from the Gaylord Memorial Stadium parking garage. It's from 10:00am-2:00pm and the plants are pretty cheap.

Thompson: Second Wind Student Group is having an open mic on Friday from 7:00pm-9:00pm. Next week they are hosting a Crimson Chords acapella performance.

Hobson: German Club is having their first poetry night this Thursday from 7:00pm-9:00pm in the Frontier Room in the Union with free food.

Hart: Tomorrow the Energy Club was invited by the Young Professionals in Energy to a networking event in OKC. 15 members were also invited on a gas and energy plant tour.

### **Special Orders**

- Sooner Freshman Council Co-Chairs

Moser: I know you all have full agendas so I want to be concise but informative. I want to update you on our progress so far. I want to apologize for Justin not being able to make it. He has other obligations but he would love to be here. I also want to apologize about the concern of us not being able to report and the effort that we were going to be putting into things. We want to be really clear about where SFC is going moving forward. We have been up and going for around a month now. We selected 35 members out of 66 interviewees. We selected our interviewees out of 120 applicants. We had a standardized application grading process and standard interview questions. We are in the process of trying to connect our members to organizations on campus for them to get involved in. We have had a lot of good guest speakers including Dr. Henderson, Quy Nguyen, and Jermaine. We launched the shadowing system recently, so that is going into full swing. We will also be pairing our members with their upperclassmen mentors this next week.

Fees: Are you excited about how things have gone?

Moser: We had 35 members originally, now we have 34. We wanted to have the higher end of 30 so instead of having alternates, we assume that some might drop. We are very excited, and we have a great group.

Williams: Have you read Title 3 Chapter 6 of the Code Annotated?

Moser: No

Williams: These are about SFC. Why have you not read these?

Moser: I assumed that the information given to me by the previous Co-Chairs would be enough. The previous Co-Chairs gave me an extensive document for the transition.

Williams: Will you be updating us every month from now on?

Moser: Yes. Our intention was to give the report a month after we began. That wasn't well-communicated, but that is our intention. Likely it will be just me for this semester, but Justin will attempt to be here next semester.

Williams: Who will your members be shadowing?

Moser: This is outlined in the Code Annotated. They will be shadowing Congress Executives and the President and Vice President among others. We have also thought about the idea of Campus Activities Council Event Chairs because they are also executive members of a branch of SGA.

Williams: So only SGA people will be shadowed?

Moser: Yes

Williams: Will the SFC members be attending any of our Congress meetings this semester?

Moser: They are aware of the requirement to attend one SGA meeting per month with various branches. We are not forcing them to come to these meetings, but they are aware of the options.

Begović: Because of this requirement, do you have a way to monitor this?

Moser: We have a list of peoples' office hours are, and we have outlined the actual SGA meetings that are legitimate and who the people are that they can meet with. We will be checking these when they submit them.

Begovic: One of our main concerns was international student involvement in SGA in the past. How many international members do you have?

Moser: Three, which is the most that SFC has ever had.

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

### **Representative Manuel seconded by Representative Mohamoud**

Williams: Have you been updating the Vice President about SFC?

Moser: Yes

Blank: Can you explain what SFC does?

Moser: It's a little like PCS and PLC for SGA. They aren't the exact same, but it's a way to hone the leadership skills of some freshmen on campus and help them get involved in what they want to be involved in. We have weekly meetings with speakers like Dr. Henderson, Quy, and Jermaine who are great resources. We also take meetings to tour places on campus that they may not be familiar with.

Williams: What's your plan moving forward to keep everyone in SGA informed about SFC?

Moser: We intend to report to you all once a month. We would be happy to share our schedule with you for the rest of the semester if that's something that you're interested in. Hannah and I converse regularly about the operations of the Council and where she believes that the Council needs to go and how we implement that vision.

Manuel: The freshman class tends to have more time to interact with many different groups on campus than upper classmen do. How are you going to take advantage of that and ensure that freshmen are reaching out to people of different backgrounds.

Moser: We are trying to put them in leadership positions and give them the skills to incorporate people of different backgrounds. We also looked to get some diversity from many parts of campus in our membership, and we took that into consideration during the application process.

Powers: Have any members come to Congress meetings yet?

Moser: No

Williams: What are your office hours?

Moser: Mondays from 12:00pm-2:00pm I have office hours by myself. Friday from 1:30pm-3:00pm is when both of us have office hours. Justin also has office hours at different times during the week.

**Motion to extend time for questions by 5 minutes  
Representative Begović seconded by Representative Del Rio**

Williams: Would you please go over the selection process in detail?

Moser: The application opened the Thursday before classes and were left open until 5:30pm on the second Friday of classes. The questions were long response, short response and basic contact information. We were looking for aptitude for wanting to get involved and making an impact on campus and displaying that in high school. The questions were pointed to those areas. We asked about achievements in high school and other similar things like that. Daniel Carpenter designed an anonymous grading system where we graded answers on the applications from 3-15. Justin, myself, Daniel and Chris looked through these. We gave the applications total scores out of 45. We ran statistics to discuss these applications. We cut the number of interviewees off at 66 to do the interview process. The interview panel was me and Justin, Hannah, Daniel, Carly, Emma, Gavin, and a few others. We wanted three interviewers in the room at all times. Justin and I were in every interview. We had everyone provide input. We were also looking for aptitude, unique perspective, and wanting to get involved on campus. Out of the 66 interviewees, we selected 35 members.

Cassidy: You said that this was your highest amount of international students ever. What did you do to reach out to these underrepresented groups?

Moser: It's hard to reach out to incoming freshmen, but we mainly used social media and networking with our old members. We went to the Involvement Fair and spoke to as many organizations as possible in those first two weeks. We also encouraged SFC alumni to get in contact with organizations.

Begović: How did you choose the other SFC alumni who did interviews?

Moser: We sent out a form that asked people to participate and chose based off of their availability.

OI Williams: Can we give recommendations to the Co-Chair?

Chair: There can be time for that after time for questions.

**Motion to suspend the rules and extend time for questions to the end of the list and close the list**

**Representative Williams seconded by Representative Begović**

**Objection**

**Motion fails by a voice vote**

Williams: We have let SFC run in the background without oversight in the past. I think it's important that we have oversight and make sure that we have people in SFC continue on with SGA. I think that the Co-Chairs should read and nearly memorize Title 6 Chapter 3 of the Code Annotated. I

know that the people who wrote it didn't write it for fun. You all update us once a month, and you have said that you could provide us with additional information, and I think that all of us would be very interested in that.

### **Student Concerns**

McClintic: I was walking across Jenkins by Gaylord Memorial Stadium and it was dark and foggy and there was a crosswalk with no lights. There is some kind of implicit rule where you let cars go before crossing at this particular crosswalk. I am hoping that this crosswalk can be made more like the one near Catlett which has lights.

Chair: I'll send that to Problems and Projects

### **Old Business**

Veto Override: CB-100-18 SGA Election Board Appointments Act of 2018 (Shurbaji)

**Motion to suspend the rules to recess for one minute**

**Representative McClintic seconded by Representative Blank**

**Veto Override failed by a roll call vote 1-26-4**

CB-100-23 Polling Location Act of Fall 2018 (Swearengin)

**Representative Williams seconded by Representative Wilson**

Swearengin: Progress has not been made on this issue. As a general update: when you were told that the Election Board would not be busy, you were misled. We have had 7 complaints already, and the Superior Court has not responded to any of my attempts at communication. Everything is in limbo and pending at this time. There is another bill during Items to be Considered which would allow Legislative Branch to establish polling times in the future. That would allow, if passed, another piece of legislation create these polling locations with a different timeline that would keep this legislation and not overwhelm myself and the two designees I have found or the potential Election Board if I get one. I think that we can manage two to three polling locations each day. If you have questions, please ask those before making a motion. You are welcome to table this for another week or indefinitely if you want no polling locations.

Cordova: How would you split up the locations each day?

Swearengin: This is an idea that came to my attention in the past hour, so I haven't been able to think about it. Theoretically, it requires an act of the legislature. Otherwise, I would have to figure it out myself. Not more than two or three per day.

Powers: What happened to the Bizzell location?

Swearengin: That was removed during the Joint Committee. It was a very quick process, and everyone came in knowing what they wanted. It took about 5 minutes.

Blank: In light of all of your issues with a Board and polling locations, what other options are you considering in terms of reaching out to students?

Swearengin: As liaisons, you all have the option to tell your organizations to vote at elections.ou.edu. We can also send a mass email, put up the signs that I created, use social media platforms including the Executive Branch and the Legislative Branch social media accounts. Ultimately, it will be by word of mouth. I wanted, originally, to table events before the elections, but that isn't possible for these elections.

McCans: You mentioned trying to keep two or three open with the help of designees. How did you come across these designees?

Swearengin: I will keep them open to the best of my ability because the polling locations are very important to me. The designees are the power of the Election Board Chair to appoint. Two of the applicants who were automatically disqualified originally were interested in being a designee instead of a member on the Board. This is tentative, and I don't know if they will continue wanting to be involved or what their availability would be. They aren't the best options, but they're all I have.

**Motion to extend time for questions by 3 minutes**

**Representative Manuel seconded by Representative Blank**

OI Bouch: Does Congress interview designees?

Chair: No

Vanderford: What are the two possible outcomes? Can you go through those with us? If you didn't have a Board, how many polling locations would you administer?

Swearengin: I wouldn't want more than three locations per day either way. Even with a three-person Board, especially with the Research Campus location, it would be very difficult to manage the logistics of that. We are looking into getting a golf cart as well, but I would still not want more than three. We will see what happens with the times you all determine, but that is my plan.

Bouch: How will you hold the designees accountable?

Swearengin: That will be a matter of faith. My understanding is that this system was for the case of an emergency and needing help with the elections. You are welcome to reach out and provide your opinions, but legally I am not required to ask you at all.

Fees: Who can be designees?

Swearengin: None of you. I do not want any undue influence from the Legislative Branch.

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

**Representative Hobson seconded by Representative Thompson**

**Objection**

**Motion fails by a voice vote**

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

**Representative Fees seconded by Representative Manuel**

Swearengin: It would be an undue influence to have members of the legislature, even those not up for election, to be working. This would be the legislature running Legislative elections. The purpose of having a designee is to have voter integrity. I would not feel comfortable doing this by having legislators as designees.

Fees: In the past, student organizations have run the booths and legislators not up for elections worked at them. I'm curious about this interpretation. Is that a personal opinion?

Swearengin: It is personal, and since I am the Election Board Chair and I select the designees, it is my decision. I would not want any legislators to work polling locations, even with other organizations. This will be consistent.

**Passed by roll call vote 26-0-5**

### **Items to Be Considered**

AB-100-10 Auxiliary Funding Allocation 7 Act of 2018-2019 (Quick) (WAM → rec of do pass)

**Representative Williams seconded by Representative Bell**

Quick: We saw nine applications and funded eight organizations. We spent \$6,070 and we are left with \$64,435.99.

Patterson: Why are there two spots for Rugby?

Quick: They are allowed to submit two Auxiliary applications at once. We considered them separately.

Bouch: Who was denied, and why?

Quick: Second Wind Student Group was denied and they asked for a fridge. They had bad fiscal history and a bad budget, as well as some other misinformation on the application.

Fees: What is S.A.C.H.N.A.S.?

Quick: Society for Advancement of Chicanos/Hispanics and Native Americans.

Manuel: Is it out of the ordinary to submit two Auxiliary applications?

Quick: It's not out of the ordinary. It's happened before.

Thompson: What's the difference between quality of budget and fiscal history?

Quick: The bad fiscal history is those who have been given money in the past that they didn't spend. To circumvent this, you can say you had a change in leadership. Second Wind did not.

McClintic: How much money did we start with for Auxiliary Funding?

Quick: About \$123,000

McClintic: What measures will be taken to prevent us from running out?

Quick: We've talked about taking a certain percentage to save for the Spring Semester. It wouldn't be large because it is first come first serve, but it could be important to have available funds for the Spring.

**Motion to go to a roll call vote**

**Representative Williams seconded by Representative Guido**

**Passed by a roll call vote of 31-0-0**

AB-100-11 Congressional Initiative Funding Bill 2 of 2018 (Thompson) (WAM → rec of do pass)

**Representative Williams seconded by Representative Del Rio**

Thompson: This bill is about testing materials accessibility. We passed this last year and had all of these supplies available for students to use. We have recently run out of all Green Books, and the last scantrons are the ones in the Conoco and some of them can't be used by some professors.

*Cassidy: Would you accept a friendly amendment changing the totals to 1,500 scantrons throughout the bill and the monetary totals elsewhere to \$1,794.37?*

*Thompson: Yes*

Swearengin: Are we purchasing more of the scantrons that can't be used?

Thompson: No, we are getting the right ones this time.

Manuel: Who uses the scantrons?

Thompson: The scantrons are used by professors who give multiple choice exams.

Manuel: Who can take them from the SGA Office?

Thompson: Anyone can take these. These are free for students to use.

Swearengin: Why is sales tax listed on here, seeing as we are tax exempt?

Thompson: It was on the bill last year.

Swearengin: Can you talk about what companies we are purchasing these from?

Thompson: The OU Bookstore

OI Fees: Do we need to strike the sales tax language?

Chair: If we spend less than what's in the bill, it goes back into the account.

**Motion to go to a roll call vote**

**Representative Powers seconded by Representative Khan**

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

CB-100-27 Redistricting Act of 2018 (Schneider/Williams/Cassidy) (ConAd → rec of do pass)

**Motion to suspend the rule and allow 5 minutes for author's explanation**

**Representative Begović seconded by Representative Del Rio**

Schneider: We added a clause where the Chair is able to put a new major within the districts as they see fit.

This has caused problems in the past, so we fixed that. We put the Biology District back into the Life Sciences District. Before, it was split, and the Life Sciences seats were never filled. Now, more of our seats will be filled. We split the Business District because we need to have 16 districts total. We talked to the Business Representatives and the people in Price College of Business, and they believed that this made sense. There is now the Finance District and the Business District. We removed Human Relations from the Communications District to be put into the Education District to make it more competitive. We also changed this district to be called the Interpersonal Studies District. We put Social Work into this district. We added Library and Information Studies into the Humanities District and removed the Undecided major from this district. We removed Social Work from the Social Sciences District and added the College of Liberal Studies to the Social Sciences District. We added Outreach and Continued Education and Undecided majors to the University College District. We made another amendment to make the Code Annotated consistent with the Bylaws to say that people who are ineligible for their seat must vacate them when they become ineligible.

Cordova: Why did you call the second Business District the Finance District?

Schneider: Finance is a very large major. The Education District was called that because it was the largest major in that district. We thought about Finance Management as a name, but there are other Management majors, so that would be confusing.

Swearingin: Why are Risk Management and Entrepreneurship excluded from both districts?

Schneider: They must not have been on my list. They should be in the Business District. I would accept a friendly amendment fixing that.

Begovic: What majors are in the Finance District?

Williams: Finance, International Business, and General Management.

Fees: *Would you accept a friendly amendment adding Risk Management and Entrepreneurship to the Business District?*

Schneider: *Yes*

Cordova: What is General Management?

Schneider: I can't let you know for sure.

Quick: It's a degree you can choose that has no specific place in the Price College of Business. You take all of the other classes that Business majors take.

Cordova: Why was it not placed in the Business District?

Williams: Because of the numbers of people in the major.

Cordova: Did you intend to have Energy Management instead of Energy?

Schneider: Yes

Cordova: *Would you accept a friendly amendment changing where it says Energy to being Energy Management?*

Schneider: *Yes*

Swearingin: Did you consider putting International Business in the International Studies District?

Schneider: No, we didn't want to split up Price any more. We talked to the Business representatives about this. Even though these majors take International classes, they are still in Price and it would split them from their constituents.

Williams: We typically do the districts by school.

McClintic: What do double majors do?

Schneider: They can choose which district to file in.

Patterson: Why is Accounting not in Finance?

Schneider: They are both large majors. We want to split up the numbers in a way that make the districts easier to fill.

OI Swearingin: As an Accounting major, is the Chair aware that we are distinct from Finance?

Chair: I am aware

Fees: Why did we not just expand the number of the seats in the Business District?

### **Motion to extend time for questions by 6 minutes**

### **Representative Begović seconded by Representative Del Rio**

Williams: We were told to put the Biology District back into the Life Sciences District. We needed to figure out where to get another district to be in line with the Code. Price College gave us numbers regarding each major and this helped us to determine how to split the districts up. We spoke to the Business Representatives about the best way to split this district up. We could have expanded the number of seats, but the districts had to change regardless.

Hobson: Was Economics not added to finance for the same reason?

Schneider: Yes, it is a large major as well.

OI Swearingin: Is the Chair aware that Economics falls under two different districts?

Chair: The Chair is now aware.

OI Del Rio: Can Economics majors run for either district?

Chair: No, they must choose one or the other depending on the school they are enrolled in.

Blank: Were any of our current Business Representatives unseated?

Williams: No. If they have a Finance District major, they would simply move.

Fees: Would you accept a friendly changing "Finance" to another word?



Schneider: I would take a suggestion.

Swearingin: There was an applicant denied during election filing. Are you aware that I'll recommend that they file a lawsuit because this legislation makes them eligible for the seat for which they were rejected?

Cassidy: These don't take effect until next election, so it wouldn't effect this election and they wouldn't have legal grounds in my opinion.

Begović: How can we be sure you didn't make any other mistakes?

Williams: We all make mistakes. I have confidence that this bill didn't leave anyone else out.

**Motion to send the bill back to the Congressional Administration Committee**  
**Representative Fees seconded by Representative Patterson**  
**Objection**

**Debate**

**Motion fails by a roll call vote of 2-21-6**

Cordova: How do you determine the number of people in majors for each district's seats?

Schneider: There is a formula.

Powers: Are you aware that there is no Literature major?

Schneider: I would take a friendly amendment fixing that.

Manuel: How do you intend to let the student body know about these changes?

Schneider: This would go into the districts explanations during the elections.

Williams: I would gladly work with the Communications Committee to write an email to send to the student body about these changes.

*Guido: Would you accept a friendly amendment adding Community Health to the Life Sciences District?*

*Schneider: Yes*

McClintic: Have you considered using the term "Business" in both districts as a way to clarify?

**Motion to extend time for questions by 7 minutes**  
**Representative Hobson seconded by Representative Quick**  
**Objection**  
**Motion fails by a voice vote**

**Motion to extend time for questions to the end of the list and close the list**  
**Representative Powers seconded by Representative Quick**  
**Objection**  
**Motion fails by a voice vote**

**Motion to move to a roll call vote**  
**Representative Quick seconded by Representative Manuel**  
**Objection**  
**Motion fails by a voice vote**

**Motion to recess for one minute**  
**Representative McClintic seconded by Representative Del Rio**

**Motion to extend time for questions by one question**  
**Representative Fees seconded by Representative McClintic**  
**Objection**  
**Motion fails by a voice vote**

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

**Vice Chair Cordova seconded by Representative DeAngeli**

**Objection**

**Motion passed by a voice vote**

Cordova: Since we added two more majors, would the number of seats in the district change?

Schneider: No

*Fees: Would you accept a friendly amendment changing the names of the Business Districts to Business District 1 and Business District 2?*

*Schneider: Yes*

Blank: On the off-chance that we missed another major, could we add them later?

Schneider: Yes, anyone is free to write another bill and amend them onto the Bylaws.

*Powers: Would you accept a friendly amendment striking "Literature"?*

*Schneider: Yes*

Swearengin: Would you consider a friendly from a representative making Business 1 District the name of the larger district?

Schneider: Yes

*Bonié: Would you accept a friendly amendment changing the name of the larger Business District to Business District 1 and the name of the smaller Business District to Business District 2?*

*Schneider: Yes*

Powers: Can you explain the two districts?

Schneider: What was the Finance District is now Business District 2.

Holt: How will those filing for election know the difference?

Schneider: The current Election Board Chair has offered to write descriptions on the form.

**Motion to go to a roll call vote**

**Representative Hobson seconded by Representative Powers**

**Failed by a roll call vote of 22-6-1**

CB-100-28 Polling Clarification Act of 2018 (Schneider) (ConAd → rec of do pass)

**Representative Williams seconded by Representative Douglas**

Schneider: This bill clarifies the polling section of the Code Annotated. A big part is that it clarifies that a two-day election be open from 9:00am-9:00pm. The President requested the numbers from voting information from last year's election during the times of 5:30pm-9:00pm. 560 people voted during this time. We don't want to suppress these votes. People have classes and jobs during the day and they may not have time to vote earlier. This clarifies that.

OI Williams: Do we have a quorum present?

Holt: Yes

*Cordova: Would you accept a friendly amendment in Section 4 changing the words "shall" to "must" and "may" to "must" to clear up ambiguities?*

*Schneider: Yes*

*Cassidy: Would you accept a friendly amendment changing the language in the first paragraph from "voting hours" to "operational hours"?*

*Schneider: Yes*

Swearengin: Are you going to establish operational times for the polling locations?

Schneider: We don't have that much time left before elections, and I haven't thought much on it, so I'm not sure.

**Passed by unanimous consent**

CR-100-11 A Resolution Addressing Sexual Harassment Concerns at OU (Fees/Kolker) (HD → rec of do pass)

**Motion to suspend the rules to allow 5 minutes for author's explanation**

**Representative Fees seconded by Representative Manuel**

Fees: This bill came as the result of incidences that have occurred on campus. Sexual harassment and sexual discrimination have probably always happened at OU, but we want to begin to address them more seriously. There were not a lot of statistics on this, and the only students who there were statistics about were female. This didn't encompass male and non-binary students. There weren't any statistics about the events that we're talking about. There was a sexual assault two years ago on campus and there is a mandate that requires the statistics about events like these to be released. There is a packet that you were probably emailed about these types of things, but I wanted to explain the lack of statistics. We are not attempting to call out anyone specifically, but we think that there should be a conversation about these types of things starting here in Congress. We want the administration to expand the ways in which they exercise their power to address sexual harassment. We cited the responsibilities of the Office of the University Community. We have fleshed out these concerns in the Human Diversity Committee, and we think that the University should exercise these powers more. OU has one of the most robust Title IX policies in the state, but it is not being enforced in the correct way. These clauses also say "should" because we can't mandate anything, but we want to make strong suggestions. I want to give a shoutout to the members of the committee who worked on this. We spent hours on this, and they put a lot of effort into it.

Blank: Could you give a summary of what the intention of this resolution is?

Fees: We are standing with survivors of sexual harassment and gender-based discrimination on campus. We are also giving recommendations to the University on how to deal with these events. The meat is in the resolve section. The whereas clauses are to recognize that these things are happening.

Cordova: Why is this not a Joint Resolution?

Fees; Time constraints. We weren't able to connect with GSS on this in time. We would do something like this in the future with them, because it's important for graduate students as well. There are statistics in here about graduate students being affected as well, and they are pretty significant. It's an issue that faces all of us, but it just wasn't something we weren't able to do in time.

Patterson: How will this be enforced?

Fees: We can't force the University to do anything. There is weight behind a group of people passing this, and the current Administration is looking to the advice of Congress more than the previous President did. I think having this will be important, but we talked in committee about not just passing a piece of paper, but also following up with the Administration about these things. I am in talks with the Chair of It's on Us, so we can do some behind the scenes stuff. It has to be us collectively deciding that this is important to us, and this is the first step. I would love it if you all got involved. It has to be all of us who see that these are real issues.

Patterson: Are there statistics suggesting that the University does not do as much as they should already?

Fees: No, there just aren't many available. Personally, I think that it's an issue. The Human Diversity Committee thinks it is, and people that I've talked to think it is as well. I think that there's a consensus on this.

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

**Representative Manuel seconded by Representative Merchant**

Manuel: Given that this bill addresses very sensitive issues, I want to thank you for being courageous and hard-working. For Sephra, why should each person here vote yes on this bill? Why is it important?

Kolker: Advocacy and standing in solidarity with survivors is extremely important.

Blank: Did you meet with Bobby Mason on this?

Fees: No

Blank: I'm curious about the suggestion to establish a system and protocol, which I've met with him about and am under the impression that we already have.

Fees: I read all of OU's policies, and I didn't read anything relating to more sensitive situations as with donors, tenured professors, and other individuals with higher status. We have not been able to find anything like this.

Blank: Are the authors aware that I am in support of this bill, but I have to leave right now and won't be able to vote.

Fees: Yes

### **Objection to speaking privileges for Brandon Swearengin Consideration to give Brandon Swearengin full floor speaking privileges**

**Passed by a hand vote of 23-3-0**

Swearengin: I have a concern with the language in Section 4. You have logical discontinuity in Section 2. Would you accept a friendly from another representative fixing this?

Fees: No

Swearengin: Why not?

Fees: I don't think that there should be qualifiers for the University extending support to those who have experienced these things.

*Cordova: Would you accept a friendly amendment making this a concurrent resolution?*

Fees: Yes

### **Motion to extend time for questions by 5 minutes Representative Hobson seconded by Representative Powers**

*Merchant: Would you accept a friendly amendment striking the Health Sciences Center Dean from Section 6?*

Fees: Yes. They have their own SGA.

*Powers: Would you accept a friendly amendment adding the Chair of It's on Us to Section 6?*

Fees: Yes

**Passed by unanimous consent**

### **Follow-Up Reports**

#### **Items for Future Agenda**

AB-100-12 Auxiliary Funding Allocation 8 Act of 2018-2019 (Quick) → Ways and Means

AB-100-13 Congressional Funding Bill 3 of 2018 (Fees) → Ways and Means

CR-100-12 A Resolution Regarding Crossroads (McClintic) → Problems and Projects

CB-100-32 A Bill Regarding Associates (McClintic) → Congressional Administration

CB-100-33 A Bill Regarding the Election Board (McClintic) → Congressional Administration

#### **Announcements and Comments**

Cordova: There is a professor looking for research assistants to help with a project involving religion and politics. Let me know if you are interested!

Manuel: On Thursday from 5:30pm-8:30pm the Leading Africa Forum is hosting a talk with OU professors. There will be a free African buffet.

Swearengin: I have scheduled the Presidential Debate for the Presidential candidates next Wednesday at 7:30pm in the Beard Lounge in the Union. There will be a lot of free food. Congress, the *OU Daily* and the Election Board will have representation there to run the Debate.

Fees: The Human Diversity Committee is working on getting menstrual hygiene products for buildings on campus to give out for free. Some buildings already do this. If you know of a program doing this, please come let me know.

Patton: AKO is having our Have a Pie event tomorrow to raise awareness about preventing domestic assault in Norman. The tickets are \$5 if you want to buy one and support the cause!

Swearengin: I have an OrgSync form about the Debate questions. There is a field to put in questions that you want the candidates to be asked. I can't guarantee that your question will be asked, but if you want to put a question in there, please fill out the form.

Cassidy: CASH Applications are open now. This is the easiest way to get scholarships for anything. Fill them out at [cash.ou.edu](http://cash.ou.edu) by February 2<sup>nd</sup> and let your friends know about them.

**Motion to skip final roll call and adjourn**

**Representative Powers seconded by Representative Hobson**

**Final Roll Call**

Chair: Thomas Cassidy

Vice Chair: Mackenzie Cordova

Secretary: Richard Holt

<b>Session 100</b>	<b>General</b>
Begović, Amer	x
Bell, Aspen	x
Biškup, Emma	x
Blank, Faith	x
Bonić, Karla	x
Bridwell, Trey	x
Cordova, Mackenzie	x
DeAngeli, Emma	x
Del Rio, Paulina	x
Douglas, Zoe	x
Duechting, Donald	ex
Fees, Elaina	x
Felkner, Katy	ex
Guido, Trinity	x
Hart, Harrison	x
Haugland, Sara	x
Hodžić, Uzeir	abs
Hobson, Sarah	x
Holt, Richard	x
Khan, Adam	x
Kolker, Sephra	x
Kuketz, Tim	x
Manuel, Pedro	x
McClintic, Alex	x
Merchant, Mahak	x
Mohamoud, Abdifatah	x
Nadolski, Karley	ex
Patterson, Savannah	x
Powers, Shayla	x
Quick, Samuel	x

Rojas, Julio	abs
Schneider, Caitlin	x
Thompson, Gabi	x
Vanderford, Elliott	x
Wegrzynski, Abbey	ex
Werdel, Gina	ex
Williams, Dan	x
Wilson, Taylor	x
<b>Present</b>	31
<b>Absent</b>	2
<b>Excused</b>	5

<b>Session 100</b>	<b>AB- 100-10</b>	<b>AB- 100-11</b>	<b>Veto Override</b>	<b>CB- 100- 23</b>	<b>CB- 100- 27</b>	<b>CB- 100- 28</b>	<b>CR- 100- 11</b>	<b>Motion to send CB-100- 27 back to committee</b>
Begović, Amer	y		a	a				
Bell, Aspen	y	y	n	y	y			n
Biškup, Emma	y	y	a	a	y			n
Blank, Faith	y		n	y	y			n
Bonić, Karla	y	y	n	y	n			a
Bridwell, Trey	y	y	n	y	y			n
Cordova, Mackenzie	y	y	n	a	n			a
DeAngeli, Emma	y	y	n	y	y			n
Del Rio, Paulina	y	y	y	y	y			a
Douglas, Zoe	y	y	n	y	y			n
Duechting, Donald								
Fees, Elaina	y	y	n	y	n			y
Felkner, Katy								
Guido, Trinity	y	y	n	y	y			a
Hart, Harrison	y		a	y				
Haugland, Sara	y	y	n	y	y			n
Hodžić, Uzeir								
Hobson, Sarah	y	y	n	y	y			n
Holt, Richard	y	y	n	y	y			n
Khan, Adam	y	y	n	y	y			n
Kolker, Sephra	y	y	n	y	y			n
Kuketz, Tim	y	y	n	y	n			n
Manuel, Pedro	y	y	n	y	a			n
McClintic, Alex	y	y	n	y	y			a
Merchant, Mahak	y	y	n	y	y			n
Mohamoud, Abdifatah	y	y	a	a	y			n
Nadolski, Karley								



Patterson, Savanah	y	y	n	a	n			y
Powers, Shayla	y	y	n	y	y			n
Quick, Samuel	y	y	n	y	n			a
Rojas, Julio								
Schneider, Caitlin	y	y	n	y	y			n
Thompson, Gabi	y	y	n	y	y			n
Vanderford, Elliott	y	y	n	y	y			n
Wegrzynski, Abbey								
Werdel, Gina								
Williams, Dan	y	y	n	y	y			n
Wilson, Taylor	y	y	n	y	y			n
<b>Yes</b>	31	28	1	26	22	0	0	2
<b>No</b>	0	0	26	0	6	0	0	21
<b>Abstain</b>	0	0	4	5	1	0	0	6