

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS Session C

General Body Meeting
7:00 pm, Tuesday, October 23, 2018
Devon Hall 120

Session C

Roll Call – 7:01pm

Flag Salute – Representative Kolker

Approval of Minutes

Representative Blank seconded by Representative Schneider

Chair's Report – Your committees are starting to wrap up all the work with elections coming up. A number of you are planning events for the near future, so I encourage you all to work at these events and serve the student body. If you want to write resolutions or bills, please reach out to me or your committee chairs for help. The Presidential Debate is tomorrow at Beard Lounge. This is a good thing to come to and learn about the different platforms and campus.

Vice Chair's Report – Liaison information is out now, so if you have tips or questions about the liaison program, talk to me or your committee chairs.

Secretary's Report – Hey everyone! Make sure that you are looking for those sweet, sweet constituent service opportunities. As a reminder, you can fulfill this requirement by speaking in front of an organization or class about Congress and telling them about things like the funding process, elections, etc. Ask Vice Chair Cordova for more information about that and about being a liaison. When you do this, take a picture of yourself at the meeting or class that you spoke at and submit it on the OrgSync form. I'll send the link out in the email. The other way to fulfill the requirement would be to work at a Congress event! The event I know you can work at this month is the Sustainability Committee's t-shirt event! Emma will talk more about that. If you do this, you don't need to fill out the form because I will receive a list of names of people who worked. If you have questions about this, please talk to me, email me, or text me, and I would be happy to help you out.

Committee Reports-

- **Communications:** We didn't meet, but we are working on the event for the 29th. This will be a congress informational event that promotes the elections. If you are running in an election currently, you can't work at the event. We are also promoting congress things and the suggestion box. The merchandise is coming up soon, and the newsletter will be out soon as well.
- **Congressional Administration:** We saw two bills that both got recs of do pass. They were the appointments of General Counsel and the Election Board. All of the nominees will be there on Tuesday except one individual who was seen by Senate. We are doing the Code Cheat Sheets starting this week. We are also doing redistricting over again and starting from scratch with that bill.
- **External Affairs:** We have three people looking at Higher Education Day. They are looking into who to talk to, what resolutions we may want, etc. We are having a member look at an event that goes along with OU Loves Norman Day that would give individuals information about Norman and where to go in Norman for specific things. Hunter is looking at the City Council situation and how to best incorporate students into that role. Sophie and I are looking at having the Mayor of Norman come speak to students about the role of OU in Norman. I have another member looking at Greek recycling, and he thought that getting them points towards the President's Trophy would be a good way to incentivize this.

- **Human Diversity:** We talked a little bit about CR-100-11 that we passed in the floor last week and congratulated the authors. This resolution motivated everyone to continue working on their own projects. Katy, Sephra, Adam, Bell, Mahak, and Elaina will tackle the menstrual hygiene product project more seriously in the next few days. Sephra continues to work with faculty and staff from the Gibbs College of Architecture to learn more about diversity and inclusion issues in that College. Sephra and I will be writing a resolution on that matter in the next few weeks. Also, we talked about the idea of organizing a mixer with IAC, BSA, and AISA. There is a Global Mixer on October 25th in Farzaneh Hall.
- **Problems and Projects:** November 11th will be the date of Turn Up for Transit, and we will send out a Doodle Poll for people to work at this event. Caroline Sparks updated us about the blue light delay concern that we heard during the general meeting last week. She is not hearing back from OU IT about that. OUPD assured her that they maintain checks on these lights every week, so hopefully that has already been resolved. John is looking at the issue of additional tables and chairs in the union. He is also working on a project for protectors for the sprinklers so they don't break so often. We also discussed the stadium intersection concern, and while we aren't optimistic about the lights, we would like to get a pedestrian sign.
- **Sustainability:** We met with Greg from Recycling at the Recycling Facility. We got a lot of information from that that helps everyone's projects. Sarah is working more on the Green Funding and what can be funded using this program. Hannah is going to do a survey of all of the recycling bins on campus in the pedestrian walkways, which hasn't been done yet. Gina is working on the t-shirt event which we will send out a Doodle Poll for people to work at. Zoe is working with External Affairs on the Greek Recycling project. The Recycling Center said that they would be interested in student volunteers.
- **University Policy:** The course evaluation people talked to the Chair of the Faculty Senate which was very helpful. Savannah is almost done with all of her research for the drug policy.
- **Ways and Means:** We funded seven organizations this week a total of \$2,792 dollars. This leaves us with \$61,643.99 remaining in the budget. We're starting to see repeat Auxiliary Funding applications, which is good for organizations to be aware of.

Liaison Reports

Thompson: Second Wind is having an open mic night hosted by OU Write Club. There is an acapella show from the Crimson Chords on Friday.

Bell: Generation Citizen is hosting an exhibit with free donuts on Friday at the South Oval!

DeAngeli: Green Week is having a fundraiser at Fuzzy's from 5:00pm-8:00pm on Monday.

Special Orders

Student Concerns

Rojas: There is a rumor about the CART halting operations next academic year. Someone asked if it would be possible to have sustainability as a mandatory freshman training. There used to be Coca-Cola funding and RSO's are wondering what happened to that.

OI Hobson: Is the Chair aware that OU is reevaluating its contract with Coca-Cola?

Chair: Yes. There were also some route changes made to CART that would potentially affect the University, but they are not planning on halting the service. I'll have Problems and Projects look into the CART and the Coca-Cola funding. The Sustainability Committee can look into the sustainability training.

Felkner: The "Vote for Stitt" chalking is not compliant with the University's rules. There was some pink chalk when it must be yellow or white. It also doesn't have the name of the entity associated with it.

Chair: I'll have the Executive Committee look into this. I'll ask Student Affairs about that issue.

Begović: The statue that was recently put up has an artist that did some bad things in the past like hanging up a dog and killing it for art. Students do not like that their statue was put up.

Chair: I'll have Problems and Projects look into that.

Blank: We can now have the SoonerCards on our iPhones, but I was unable to use it to get on the bus. Is that function intentionally not covered by the Apple Wallet?

George: The system works through the frequency on the phone.

Blank: The frequency wasn't the issue, just showing the card was the issue.

Chair: George can look into that more.

Nadolski: OU Mental Health is looking into adding a module about mental health for the freshman experience.

Chair: I'll let University Policy look into that.

Swearingin: I had a student concern regarding the student parking permits a few weeks ago, but I haven't heard back from the Problems and Projects Committee.

Chair: I'll have Problems and Projects reach out to you about that.

Old Business

CR-100-11 A Resolution Addressing Sexual Harassment Concerns at OU (Fees/Kolker)

Representative Rojas seconded by Representative Duechting

Fees: This is the exact same resolution that we saw last week but we made it concurrent and added the language to reflect that.

Merchant: Graduate Student Senate was supportive of the resolution. They asked what the influence was to pass the resolution.

Rojas: Melbourne is a scrivener's error, it should be Mewbourne.

Manuel: Are you aware that I'm very proud of you?

Fees: Yes, thank you.

Cordova: Are you accepting co-sponsors on this bill?

Fees: Yes, please.

Passed by unanimous consent

Items to Be Considered

OI Swearingin: Can I get five minutes for author's explanation?

Chair: I am now aware you want that.

AB-100-12 Auxiliary Allocation 08 Act of 2018-2019 (Patton) (WAM → rec of do pass)

Representative Fees seconded by Representative Del Rio

Patton: We saw 7 organizations, funded all of them, and spent \$2,792.

Williams: Did you say how much is left in the budget?

Patton: \$61,643.99

Manuel: What is the Tierra Tinta?

Patton: We funded them for food. They are a student organization in the department of language who hosts speakers to promote the study of languages.

Manuel: Is it a new organization?

Patton: They applied for funding in the past, and they spent 75% of their allocations, which is what they asked for this year.

Felkner: Alpha Sigma Kappa asked for more than they were allocated. Why didn't they get fully funded?

Patton: They had bad fiscal history and no fiscal history in the past few years. We take new leadership into account and they received primary, but they were not in line for an increase

Begović: What is Out Space?

Patton: An educational support group for LGBTQ+ and non-binary students.

Fees: What is the Cooking Society? When do they meet?

Patton: They cook. I don't know when they meet.

Motion to move to a roll call vote

Representative Begović seconded by Representative Williams

Passed by a roll call vote 31-0-1

CB-100-05 General Counsel Appointment Act of 2018 (Shurbaji/Williams) (ConAd rec of do pass)

Representative Blank seconded by Representative Duechting

Williams: This is the appointment of the General Counsel, the person who looks over the Code Annotated, gives opinions about it to interpret it, etc. Taylor was selected to be the General Counsel, and she is currently the interim.

Shurbaji: We received three applications. We thought that Taylor would be the best for this position because she has been the interim, and we consulted SGA leadership about it.

Stovall: I am a third-year student at OU Law and I am from Cleveland, Texas. It's been great to work with students at OU and I'm excited to work with you guys.

Felkner: Why do you like this position?

Stovall: I went to Alabama for my undergraduate degree. They have a history of being problematic. I wanted to participate in the Student Bar Association, and I wanted to get involved on main campus. General Counsel is a good way to keep involved with the legislation.

Manuel: How do you intend to use discretion to address different issues in regards to Student Affairs?

Stovall: When our students go through the Academic Integrity process, we will work hand in hand when they request my assistance. They meet with Will at Academic Integrity and then they meet with me. I get the student file after this to make sure that I act without bias. I want to make sure that students know that this isn't the end of the world, and I work to represent the students.

Blank: What is the most important role you play in this position?

Stovall: Helping students with Student Affairs. Most of the work I do is adjusting the Code Annotated and making sure that it works for everyone else.

Swearengin: In regards to the adjustments to the Code Annotated and your writing of opinions, are you aware that you receive my full endorsement?

Stovall: Yes

Wilson: What qualifies you for this position?

Stovall: Law School requires that you write nonbiased, objective legal opinions. I have experience writing these memos and opinions, and I have written a few here. Probably writing and my ability to work well with everyone are my strengths.

Passed by unanimous consent

CB-100-37 Election Board Appointments Act of 2018 (Williams) (ConAd → rec of do pass)

Representative Fees seconded by Representative Rojas

Williams: This is the Second Election Board Appointment Act. We have chosen five individuals. Traci could not join us, but she was able to make it to GSS to be questioned. I will need friendly amendments to add authors and rename the bill.

Shirallie: I am a Junior and a Finance and Accounting Pre-Law major. I am interested in politics and making sure everything is done fairly and quickly.

Takvar: I have involvement with electoral politics before. I thought this would be a good opportunity to get involved in the election process.

Akunuri: I wanted to get involved on campus and make the election process more fair.

Gay: I wanted to make myself more aware of the process. I have a new understanding and awareness of politics, so I want to be able to provide my unbiased opinions and make everything fair.

Blank: Would you accept friendlies adding "Second" to the title and adding the Shurbaji and Swearengin as co-authors?

Williams: Yes

Fees: How familiar are each of you with the Code Annotated. Have you read it before?

Gay: Not very familiar, but I want to get a better understanding of the Code Annotated and the different political positions. I wasn't as interested before, but I want to get more involved now.

Akunuri: I was not as familiar before this year, but I have read up on it.

Takvar: I have read through the parts of the Code Annotated relating to the Election Board, and I have a good understanding of the election process.

Shirallie: Prior to applying, I read through all of these sections, and I have enough knowledge to do this job effectively.

Blank: What is expected of you?

Gay: I think we need to present our unbiased opinion and making sure everyone is fairly represented.

Akunuri: To make sure that we are following the Code Annotated and making things as fair as possible for candidates.

Takvar: To make the elections fair and to ensure that everyone is treated equally and according to the Code Annotated.

Shirallie: To make sure elections are conducted fairly.

Manuel: I can see that there is a racial balance among you all, but I see that there is a gender inequality. How will you deal with this?

Williams: To clarify, there is another woman on this Board who couldn't be here tonight.

Takvar: It's important that we be understanding and that we be equal in our opinions and understandings of racial, gender, sexual orientation recognition.

Gay: It is important to have different and balanced races and genders on the Board to get equally represented opinions on the Board.

Akunuri: We are all going to communicate and understand each other's differences.

Shirallie: We are going to work together with our differences to find the right solution.

Bouch: How many polling locations will you be able to run?

Swearengin: We have the Union, Dale and the Innovation Hub will be scheduled for Wednesday.

Motion to extend time for questions by 7 minutes

Representative Hobson seconded by Representative Schneider

Swearengin: Couch will be on Wednesday because we only have one tent from SORO. Devon Hall has not gotten back to us, and if they haven't gotten back to us by Friday, I can't do anything about that. That would determine which day would be possible. The Innovation Hub is 12:00pm-9:00pm. The Union is mid-morning to 7:00pm. Dale Hall is 9:00am to sometime in the evening. Couch is 9:00am-8:00pm.

Fees: There have been some changes to the Code Annotated. One of the changes that wasn't put through was about mandatory disqualification for candidates or campaigns. What are your feelings about this?

Takvar: There can be two sides to this, and I think more discussion is needed. Each case should be seen in isolation, and I don't think mandatory disqualification allows for that. I also think that that would allow for transparency, which SGA needs.

Shirallie: I think that candidates should know the rules of campaigning, so I believe that mandatory disqualification would be okay.

Akunuri: I think individual case consideration is important.

Gay: I think that mandatory disqualification is important because we want to make sure that our student leaders are following the rules.

Begović: Do you personally know any of the candidates, and how will you remain unbiased?

Gay: No

Akunuri: I met one who presented to the Oklahoma Group, but I did not know them.

Takvar: No, I do not know them.

Shirallie: I knew Adran from high school, but I will remain objective when considering any grievances about them.

Felkner: Are you aware that I know people who could help you with Devon Hall?

Swearengin: That would be great.

Wilson: What experiences qualify you for this position?

Takvar: I have been involved in New Zealand with Youth Boards who wanted to increase voter turnout. I am also the part of many advocacy groups and groups which help my understanding of how the campus operates.

Akunuri: I have leadership experience in the College of Engineering. I want to get more experience form this side of campus.

Shirallie: I have been the President of the IBC and the Finance Chair of the Alumni Association. This position will help me become a better communicator and understand more about these issues.

Gay: I have been a mentor to middle and high school students and I have been able to build bridges

Motion to go to a roll call vote

Representative Powers seconded by Representative Mohamoud

Passed by a roll call vote of 33-0-0

Follow-Up Reports

Williams: As you all know; my alcohol resolution was passed here. The Senate passed it, the President signed it, and President Gallogly has recommended that the University allow alcohol at sporting events in general. He is meeting with the Regents tomorrow at Cameron University.

Items for Future Agenda

AB-100-13 Auxiliary Allocation 09 Act of 2018-2019 (Quick) → Ways and Means

Announcements and Comments

Thompson: Film Series is putting on the Quiet Place tomorrow for Boomer Night. It has been relocated form the South Oval to the Walker Storm Shelter.

Begovic: Homecoming week is this week. Glowchella was very fun. There will be many more events and the CAC social media has all of the information about them. International Prom is next Friday from 8:00pm-11:30pm. The theme is the Great Masquerade. This will be very fancy and I invite all of you to come. I was nominated for Prom King, and the voting is at the entrance, so please come and vote.

Manuel: Please come to the International Prom. Leading Africa Forum will be having speakers about mining and sustainable development in Africa. We also have two live acts and an African buffet. It is in Headington College, so ask me about RSVP info.

Fees: There is a protest scheduled at the Capitol Plaza for We Will Not Be Erased. There have been some potential changes regarding trans and intersex individuals. If this is something you want to voice your opinion about, let me know and I will send the event in the GroupMe.

Hobson: German Club's Poetry Night was awesome. We had the biggest turnout ever and we had opera singers and violinists.

Del Rio: Vote for the Homecoming Royalty.

Cordova: I have the co-sponsors sheet for the Sexual Harassment Resolution.

DeAngeli: There is a protest on Tuesday starting at 10:30am. This is for the Real Food Challenge which is Uproot Uprising. This is to get real food on campus, fair trade, sustainable. The University backed out of their agreement to do this by 2020, so voice your opinions about this!

Cassidy: There is the presidential debate tomorrow in the Beaird Lounge. I'll be moderating. This is the last time I'll see some of you before your elections, so good luck!

Motion to skip final roll call and adjourn

Representative Powers seconded by Representative Rojas

Final Roll Call

Chair: Thomas Cassidy

Vice Chair: Mackenzie Cordova

Secretary: Richard Holt

Session 100	CR-100-11	AB-100-12	CB-100-05	CB-100-37
Begović, Amer		y		y
Bell, Aspen		y		y
Biškup, Emma		y		y
Blank, Faith		y		y
Bonić, Karla		y		y
Bridwell, Trey		y		y
Cordova, Mackenzie		y		y
DeAngeli, Emma		y		y
Del Rio, Paulina		y		y
Douglas, Zoe		y		y
Duechting, Donald				y
Fees, Elaina		y		y
Felkner, Katy		a		y
Guido, Trinity				
Hart, Harrison		y		y
Haugland, Sara				
Hobson, Sarah		y		y
Holt, Richard		y		y
Khan, Adam		y		y
Kolker, Sephra		y		y
Kuketz, Tim		y		y
Manuel, Pedro		y		y
McClintic, Alex				
Merchant, Mahak		y		y
Mohamoud, Abdifatah		y		y
Nadolski, Karley		y		y
Patterson, Savannah		y		y
Powers, Shayla		y		y
Quick, Samuel				
Rojas, Julio		y		y
Schneider, Caitlin		y		y
Thompson, Gabi		y		y
Vanderford, Elliott		y		y

Wegrzynski, Abbey		y		y
Werdel, Gina		y		y
Williams, Dan		y		y
Wilson, Taylor		y		y
Yes	0	31	0	33
No	0	0	0	0
Abstain	0	1	0	0

Session 100	General
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	x
Fees, Elaina	x
Felkner, Katy	x
Guido, Trinity	ex
Hart, Harrison	x
Haugland, Sara	ex
Hobson, Sarah	x
Holt, Richard	x
Khan, Adam	x
Kolker, Sephra	x
Kuketz, Tim	x
Manuel, Pedro	x
McClintic, Alex	abs
Merchant, Mahak	x
Mohamoud, Abdifatah	x
Nadolski, Karley	x
Patterson, Savannah	x
Powers, Shayla	x
Quick, Samuel	ex
Rojas, Julio	x
Schneider, Caitlin	x
Thompson, Gabi	x
Vanderford, Elliott	x

Wegrzynski, Abbey	x
Werdel, Gina	x
Williams, Dan	x
Wilson, Taylor	x
Present	33
Absent	1
Excused	3