

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS Session C

General Body Meeting
7:00 pm, Tuesday, September 4, 2018
Devon Hall 120

Session C

Roll Call – 7:02pm

Flag Salute – Representative Hobson

Approval of Minutes

Representative Rojas seconded by Representative Blank

Chair's Report- Hey everyone, I'm Tom and I'm your Chair. It's great to see everyone! Congrats to all of our new associates and representatives who we'll be appointing today. This meeting is going to be a little weird so I'll explain what we'll be doing. We couldn't post our agenda on Monday like we normally do, so we had to put blank bills on the agenda and post it on Friday. We did this because we had to post the agenda with the bills on it before we saw them in committees. Those committees looked these bills this weekend and gave us the substance to put into the bills. We'll see these bills tonight in the Committee of the Whole, give them a recommendation, and then we'll see them in the regular body. After we see the bills, we'll swear in the new members. After the meeting tonight we're going back to the Conoco to have cookies and cookie cake, so come back and meet everyone and get to know your committee chairs. Orientation is this Sunday from 12pm-5pm. Mackenzie will talk more about that during her report. Tonight you can ask any questions you have about parliamentary procedure by using "on information" and we'll be happy to explain everything.

Vice Chair's Report- Hey everyone, I'm Mackenzie and I'm your Vice Chair. I'm in charge of liaisons which is a program we have for our members to connect Congress to other organizations on campus. I have a list of our current liaisons and I can add you all to that list if you're interested. Let me know what organization you'd be interested in being a liaison for, and I can work that out for you. This is a chance for you to plug your organizations in Congress and vice versa. Orientation is going to be this Sunday from 12pm-5pm. I know this is a long day, but this is a chance for you to learn about Congress and meet everyone you'll be working with. That's going to be in the Conoco on the first and second floors. I'll be sending a schedule out soon. New members need to arrive at 12pm, but old members don't need to arrive until 2:30pm. We will go to Hideaway's for free pizza after at 5pm.

Secretary's Report- Hey everyone! My name is Richard Holt and I'm the Secretary of Congress. I'll get to know you all a lot over the course of the semester because I'll be asking you all the time to complete your office hours and your constituent service hours. You'll hear all of this again at orientation, but I want you all to memorize your requirements, including old members. Representatives have to be at this general meeting every week, their committee meeting every week, and complete one office hour and constituent service hour each month. The office hour must be completed in your Conoco at your convenience, and the constituent service hour can be at anytime, anywhere throughout the month after clearing it with me. Associates have the same requirements except that they only must attend one general meeting per month. Other than that, new

representatives can vote on any bills and make any motions after you've been sworn in. I'll give you my longer speech at orientation, so I can't wait to see you all there!

Committee Reports-

- **Communications:** Hey everyone, welcome to Congress! I'm Amer and I'm the Communications Chair this semester. I've been promoting Congress for the past few weeks, and I'm glad I reached you all so that you can be a part of Congress. I'm going to look for around four assistants to work on the different things I have planned for this year including our SGA retreat. CAC will join us, which is very exciting because they typically don't interact with the rest of SGA that often.
- **Congressional Administration:** Hey everyone I'm Caitlin and I'm the Congressional Administration Chair. We held interviews this past week, so you've probably all seen me or gotten emails from me. My committee did a great job and had a very long day on Sunday. I'm excited to see what this year has to offer, and I'm excited to see you all pursue your ideas.
- **External Affairs:** I'm not the chair of External Affairs, but the Vice Chair chairs committees when they don't have chairs or when the chair is unavailable. This week, External Affairs talked about our new projects for the year including the voter registration drive for the November election. This work will be done with the Carl Albert Center a few times during the semester. We also want to see a liaison go to the city council meetings this year, and we will let you know who that ends up being. We are looking into the Bird scooters on campus because there are a lot of legal issues that students and the administration are worried about, including their apparent lack of liability. Along the same lines, we also want to look into better off campus transportation options and commuting services. This year we want to do another OU loves Norman that is more focused around the students loving Norman than the University. We want to do another Higher Education day that explores a couple of different topics including higher education funding. Next week we will have a different chair for you to vote on.
- **Human Diversity:** Hey everyone, I'm Pedro, and I'm the Human Diversity Chair. This week we didn't meet quorum or have a formal meeting, but we discussed some of our project ideas. We are going to try to focus on projects that can be accomplished and whose results we can see more immediately. My members have approached me about pursuing those projects instead of the long term ones whose effects we don't see for a few years. We are looking forward to getting more members, so new members should think about joining Human Diversity.
- **Problems and Projects:** Hey everyone, I'm Tim, and I'm the Problems and Projects Chair. We deal with concerns that students bring forward about anything on campus including drainage and lighting. Some of the projects we've looked at in the past include the light walks to make sure that the students who walk around late on campus have good lighting. We also did Problems, Projects, and Puppies to bring dogs to campus and bring Congress to students. Also we want to speak more with Kris Glenn and Parking Services about improving the parking situations on campus.
- **Sustainability:** Hey everyone, I'm Emma, and I'm the Sustainability Chair. I'm looking for new members who want to take on a lot of new projects as we will be programming-heavy as opposed to legislation-heavy like some other committees. We will also continue our trash walks from last semester. As for orientation, bring your own containers if you can because the things that we provide can accumulate into a large footprint in our landfills. So, let's do what we can to avoid that!
- **University Policy:** Hey everyone, I'm Karla, and I'm your University Policy Chair. I'm the first Chair of University Policy which is a committee that looks at long term projects on campus. Some things that we're working on this semester are going to be student fees, both being able to predict them and reduce them, and making course evaluations less biased. If you're interested in University Policy let me know because I want a large committee.
- **Ways and Means:** I'm Sam, and I'm your Ways and Means Chair. We funded 20 organizations this past week to a total of about \$12,000. You will learn all about Ways and Means at my budget presentation at orientation. I promise I'm fun even if I don't look like it right now.

Liaison Reports

Rojas: International Advisory Committee is meeting this Friday at 5pm in the Conoco for anyone who wants to reach out to the international community.

Special Orders

Motion to move into Committee of the Whole

Representative Felkner seconded by Representative Duechting

- Committee of the Whole

OI Blank: What is committee of the whole?

Vice Chair: This is for bills that we weren't able to see in actual committees. Usually committees will see legislation and then give recommendations, and then those bills come to the general body floor. When we can't do that process, we do Committee of the Whole, where all of us get to weigh in on the bill to give it a recommendation and then see it in the general body.

OI Bell: Why are you chairing now?

Vice Chair: During Committee of the Whole, the Chair doesn't chair the body, and as the Vice Chair I am the pseudo-chair because I am in all committees.

- CB-100-14 An Act Appointing Representatives and Associates for Session 100 (Schneider)

Representative Begović seconded by Representative Rojas

Schneider: Hey everyone, this is the appointments bill for the members that we interviewed this weekend. I would like to have a friendly amendment adding Shannah Howland to the list of associates.

Blank: Would you accept the friendly amendment adding Shannah Howland to the list of associates?

Schneider: Yes

Manuel: What were the basic requirements that you wanted to see before you admitted these members?

Schneider: We have a pre-determined rubric which weighs the application and the interview answers. We are also looking for people to fill the vacant seats, some districts being more competitive than others.

Motion to give this bill a rec of no rec

Secretary Holt seconded by Representative Begović

OI Cassidy: Please add all of the members to the bill.

Motion to suspend the rules and see CB-100-14 again

Representative Fees seconded by Representative Felkner

Begović: Would you accept a friendly amendment adding all of the names of the new members to the bill?

Schneider: Yes

Motion to give this bill a rec of no rec

Representative Begović seconded by Representative Khan

- AB-100-03 Auxiliary Allocation Act 1 of 2018-2019 (Quick)

Representative Blank seconded by Representative Khan

Quick: This weekend we funded 20 Registered Student Organizations to total about \$12,000.

Blank: Why are RSOs already applying for auxiliary funding?

Quick: A lot of organizations don't apply for primary, and sometimes things come up that they didn't plan for or which weren't funded during primary funding.

Fees: Would you accept a friendly changing the text of the bill to add all of the funding amounts?

Quick: Yes

Manuel: Did you reject any organizations this week?

Quick: No

Rojas: What is the \$1,600 going to for the OU Cycling Club?

Quick: Travel expenses

Motion to give this bill a rec of no rec

Representative Begović seconded by Representative Wilson

OI Rojas: What is a rec of no rec?

Vice Chair: This is a recommendation to see the bill go to the body with no opinion, so that the body can consider it for themselves.

Motion to move out of Committee of the Whole
Representative Thompson seconded by Representative Blank

- Swearing in New Members

Student Concerns

OI Vice Chair: Do you have to be a member of Congress to speak during Student Concerns?

Chair: No, anyone can speak.

Felkner: Things are not good in Cross Neighborhood. We aren't getting the things that we're paying for, and we don't have the things guaranteed in our contracts. I think someone should say something to housing or the administration.

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

OI Begović: Shouldn't this go to HCSA?

Chair: This is something that SGA can consider and give its opinion on.

Old Business

Items to Be Considered

CB-100-14 An Act Appointing Representatives and Associates for Session 100 (Schneider)

Representative Thompson seconded by Representative Bell

Schneider: Hey everyone, this is the same bill that we saw in Committee of the Whole. We are really proud of the people that we got and we want to see what they can do!

Felkner: Do you agree that this is a great class of associates and representatives?

Schneider: 100% yes.

Fees: How did the interviews go; what was the process like?

Schneider: We had around 80 applicants this semester, and we were really impressed by a lot of their ideas. They were extremely smart, and they interviewed well.

Del Rio: Do you have suggestions about next year's application process?

Schneider: Don't do 15 minute interviews; give them more time. We also could have advertised more on social media, because I want to see this turnout again during the winter application process.

Passed by unanimous consent

AB-100-03 Auxiliary Allocation Act 1 of 2018-2019 (Quick)

Representative Williams seconded by Representative Hart

Quick: You have already heard this bill. We have funded 20 RSOs.

Wilson: How were the finances disbursed? Were they even or was there priority?

Quick: There is a process that we go through. The organizations apply with a budget, and they have an information sheet for their organization. We then look at their fiscal history to see if we want to increase or decrease their funding.

Vanderford: Have you spoken to CAC to see if they will need a significant amount of money this year to make up for what they didn't get in Primary Funding?

Quick: They have not contacted me.

Thompson: Are you aware that CAC does not usually apply for Auxiliary Funding because they are a large SGA branch?

Quick: Now I am.

Manuel: Have you informed any RSOs whose requests were not fully funded?

Quick: I will not inform any organizations of their funding until this bill passes both houses.

Womack: Is there any place for the student body to see what specifically the money has been allocated for?

Quick: Yes, Open Records Act allows students to request information on that.

Motion to go to a roll call vote
Representative Kuketz seconded by Representative Schneider

Passed by a roll call vote 37-0-0

Follow-Up Reports

Items for Future Agenda

AB-100-04 Auxiliary Allocation 2 Act of 2018-2019 (Quick) → Ways and Means

Announcements and Comments

Cordova: Orientation is this Sunday from 12pm-5pm. You will check in on the first floor of the Conoco. I will let you know where to meet us, or you can go with us tonight after the meeting to see where the Conoco is. Old members don't have to go until 2:30pm. This is super important for us to be able to teach you things about Congress, and you'll get to know more about all of us and everything we do.

Felkner: ASK Women in Technical Studies Sorority is having a recruitment trivia night tomorrow night at 7pm, so come if you're interested!

Del Rio: Women in Engineering are having a school supply gathering event, so donate if you can!

Cassidy: Come to the Conoco for Cookie Cake after this meeting.

Holt: Sign the attendance sheet if you are an associate so I know that you were here and that you were sworn in.

Fees: Please recycle aluminum cans after you drink out of them tonight. I also work with the Ronald McDonald house, and we collect can pop-tabs to donate and raise money for the nonprofit. We will have boxes in the Conoco for those, and it would mean a lot to me if you could use them.

Begović: You can talk to all of us committee chairs about our committees at this hangout.

Final Roll Call

Chair: Thomas Cassidy

Vice-Chair: Mackenzie Cordova

Secretary: Richard Holt

Session 100	General
Begović, Amer	x
Bell, Aspen	x
Biškup, Emma	x
Blank, Faith	x
Bonić, Karla	x
Bray, Matthew	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	x
Hart, Harrison	x
Haugland, Sara	x
Hodzić, Uzeir	abs
Hobson, Sarah	x
Holt, Richard	x
Khan, Adam	x
Kuketz, Tim	x
Lee, Alan	x
Manohar, Kanjan	abs
Manuel, Pedro	x
McClintic, Alex	abs
Merchant, Mahak	x
Mohamoud, Abdifatah	x
Nadolski, Karley	x
Patterson, Savannah	x

Powers, Shayla	x
Quick, Samuel	x
Rojas, Julio	x
Schneider, Caitlin	x
Smith, Kaitlyn	abs
Thompson, Gabi	x
Vanderford, Elliott	x
Weqrzynski, Abbey	x
Werdel, Gina	x
Williams, Dan	x
Wilson, Taylor	x
Present	37
Absent	4
Excused	0

Session 100	CB-100-14	AB-100-03
Begović, Amer		y
Bell, Aspen		y
Biškup, Emma		y
Blank, Faith		y
Bonić, Karla		y
Bray, Matthew		y
Bridwell, Trey		y
Cordova, Mackenzie		y
DeAngeli, Emma		y
Del Rio, Paulina		y
Douglas, Zoe		y
Duechting, Donald		y
Fees, Elaina		y
Felkner, Katy		y
Guido, Trinity		y
Hart, Harrison		y
Haugland, Sara		y
Hodžić, Uzeir		
Hobson, Sarah		y
Holt, Richard		y
Khan, Adam		y
Kuketz, Tim		y
Lee, Alan		y
Manohar, Kanjan		
Manuel, Pedro		y
McClintic, Alex		
Merchant, Mahak		y
Mohamoud, Abdifatah		y
Nadolski, Karley		y
Patterson, Savannah		y

Powers, Shayla		y
Quick, Samuel		y
Rojas, Julio		y
Schneider, Caitlin		y
Smith, Kaitlyn		
Thompson, Gabi		y
Vanderford, Elliott		y
Wegrzynski, Abbey		y
Werdel, Gina		y
Williams, Dan		y
Wilson, Taylor		y
Yes	0	37
No	0	0
Abstain	0	0