

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS Session C

General Body Meeting
7:00 pm, Tuesday, September 25, 2018
Devon Hall 120

Session C

Roll Call – 7:00pm

Flag Salute

Associate McCans

Approval of Minutes

Representative Rojas seconded by Representative Biškup

Chair's Report – Hey everyone, we've got a somewhat long agenda, but there are some interesting things here that I want to consider. One major announcement that I have is that election filing is next week, October 1st – 4th. I'll email you if you need to file. Basically, if you ran last fall, or just got your seat and want to retain it, you'll need to run in this election. You can do this by filing online, and we will remind you all many times about this. If you're an associate and you want to run, it's possible that a district that you're eligible in has an election, so you can run in that. Reach out to me or our Election Board Chair Brandon Swearingin with questions.

Vice Chair's Report – Thanks for letting me come to your committee meetings. The projects are looking good, and you're all making great progress. As you get into this work, I know that many of you are looking at planning events. If you want to do this, please let me know so I can put them on the Events Calendar and get the logistics figured out. The three of us went to the Big XII Conference this weekend where we learned a lot of cool ideas from the other schools there. Please ask one of us if you need a project idea and we can help you out. If you want to be a liaison, let me know and I can figure that out with you and the organization.

Secretary's Report – Hey everyone! This is the last time I'll see you all as a big group before the end of the month, so I'm going to remind you all again to finish up your office hours and constituent service. Just write this down right now as a reminder to yourself to fill out the member bio form and stop by the office tomorrow and just get it off of your plate. I will be sending out emails this week to those who still have requirements to be completed, and I will have your committee chairs send this out to their members as well to make sure that you all are getting as many reminders as possible. Other than attendance, be on the lookout for constituent service opportunities next month and remember to attend a meeting next month if you are an associate.

Committee Reports-

- **Communications:** I finally have assistants. We are going to do a lot of amazing things this semester. Election filing is coming up and we want a lot of people to file and vote. We are going to make a big push for that. We also have the Voter Registration Drives coming up because it's very important to vote and we want to promote that.

- **Congressional Administration:** This weekend we didn't have anything on our agenda. We talked about our plans for the semester. Next week we have a bunch of things coming, so look out for that. We are doing redistricting this semester, so if you're a Business Representative, please come talk to me about that.
- **External Affairs:** This week we appointed a Vice Chair and Secretary. We also have voter registration drives set up, so come see us to work at those. We have been looking into registering out of state and in state kids to vote in the upcoming elections. We are also reaching out to the University of Texas to collaborate with them on these things. It's also Voter Registration Day, so register to vote. We are trying to register freshmen as many of them have not registered.
- **Human Diversity:** We finally met quorum. We had a great discussion and we have six main projects. One project is about the sexual harassment cases that the OU Daily wrote about. We want to investigate these further and write a resolution on that. We want to show that Congress is concerned about student life and student security on campus.
- **Problems and Projects:** We met and discussed a few projects. We saw CR-100-09. We gave this a rec of do pass. The author ensured us that some fixes would be made before it hit the floor, so please ask him about those. We have Associate Howland looking into the intersection on Elm which has been having issues. We also have a new joint committee with University Policy that will look into housing issues on campus. This Thursday, we'll be doing a light walk which would be constituent service. This is to see which parts of campus are prone to blackouts. Please ask me about this!
- **Sustainability:** We are working on a variety of projects. We have a composting project, a green funding project to give potential discounts for using sustainable materials. We're planning an event for October 24th to take old t-shirts that you can reuse as bags at the grocery store. Give these t-shirts to me or bring them to the event. There is also going to be an event on campus to see what is best for recycling and provide signage for those things. Currently there is not much in the way of signage. There is a Sustainable Food Fair in Walker tomorrow.
- **University Policy:** We had our first round of research updates. We also formed the Joint Housing Committee. We gave Representative William's bill a rec of do not pass. This shows that there was some disagreement, but that's why we're here to discuss it.
- **Ways and Means:** We saw Auxiliary Allocation 4 Act, and we funded 20 organizations.

Liaison Reports

Chair: Let your organizations know about filing for the election.

Bouch: At HCSA we submitted a bid for Best Community for Walker 10 and then Best Program for Couchella. We also talked about a different homecoming idea by having dorms compete against each other.

McClintic: We talked about Harry Potter at Economics Club. This Thursday there is a trivia night with Amazon Snack boxes as prizes, so please come out. This organization has been growing thanks to SGA funding.

Special Orders

- Election Board Chair Report

Swearengin: Last spring when I was confirmed, I agreed to do periodic updates for transparency. That is this week. Next week we will open up filing on the first and it will close the fourth. If you want to continue being in Congress, please file for these elections. After filing there will be a candidate orientation. This is not planned yet, but when I have an Election Board, we will plan these times out. We will have one or two for President and Vice President and one or two for Representatives. We are doing this because I don't believe that the representatives need the entirety of the election presentation. I will be releasing the list of districts with vacancies. Talk to your constituents about this. Encourage them to file. We have had problems in the past with not enough candidates filing. You should also be encouraging people to vote. Elections are October 30th and 31st. The polling locations and times are pending my meeting with the Board and the passage of legislation. Congressional Administration will look at polling locations this Sunday. The appointments are being made next Tuesday. These appointments were passed by Graduate Student Senate and then we will wait for your approval.

Motion to enter Committee of the Whole
Representative Williams seconded by Representative Thompson

- Committee of the Whole
CB-100-24 An Act Amending Committee Membership for Session 100 (Cassidy/Cordova/Holt)
Representative Kuketz seconded by Associate Bouch
Cassidy: Last week we appointed Sephra Kolker to be a Representative in the Architecture District. She preferred the Human Diversity Committee, and we need to put her on a committee.

Motion to give this bill a rec of do pass
Representative Williams seconded by Representative Schneider

Motion to rise from Committee of the Whole
Representative Williams seconded by Representative Thompson

Student Concerns

Swearingin: There is a parking matter I would like to bring up. Two weeks ago, I emailed parking services about parking between Dunham College and the Honors College. The honors side is priority housing parking; the west side is standard housing. Before, this wasn't a problem because upperclassmen students were on the Honors College side of the street, but now most upperclassmen are on the west side. There is a cross-stream of traffic across Asp. I've emailed Parking and I've emailed City Council about a traffic issue. City Council replied, Parking didn't.

Chair: I'll refer that to Problems and Projects.

Fees: What did City Council say?

Swearingin: The issue I reached out to them about was the intersection on Lindsey and Asp and a left turn signal, but they told me that the University was opposed to it. My point was about the response times.

Old Business

CB-100-21 Electoral Impediments & Inconveniences Minimization Act of 2018 (Duechting)

Representative Begović seconded by Representative Thompson

Duechting: I hope you remember everything that I talked about last week. There is a new subsection for section xxi which clarifies the language about the impediments and traffics. In subsection xxii, they shortened the wording to make the subsection simpler. It is now shorter and cleaner; I hope you pass this bill.

Fees: Would you be in favor of an amendment striking the language of section xxii.

Duechting: No

Begović: Did you work with Graduate Student Senate on this?

Duechting: I worked with them on it. We heard that Graduate Student Senate was going to have problems with the standing bill, so we adjusted it before they saw it.

Thompson: Is it in your opinion that section xxii restricts voter knowledge and the ability of candidates to reach voters?

Duechting: No, people take these fliers off their cars and dismiss them.

Thompson: Don't you think these at least reaches a small number of students?

Duechting: I think candidates can find different, more effective ways to campaign.

McClintic: How many points can disqualify a candidate?

Duechting: 5 points

McClintic: Fliers are placed in large groups. Would multiple fliers get multiple offenses?

Duechting: It is up to the Election Board. Any amount of fliers is a violation. The posting on cars would be a first time offense, and then so on.

OI Swearingin: Is the Chair aware that the Election Board is never obligated to disqualify them.

Chair: Yes

Cassidy: Do you think that the rule in section xxii could be interpreted to prevent advertising on personal vehicles of candidates which they consent to?

Duechting: No, Graduate Student Senate wanted this language clarified and that's why we made this amendment.

Cassidy: Would you accept a friendly amendment clarifying this?

Duechting: Yes

Bouch: Can the University and RSOs put advertisements on bikes and cars?

Duechting: This only has to do with elections. Only candidates are prohibited from advertising in this way.

Fees: Should it be the prerogative of the legislative body to restrict how fliers are passed out and how people campaign.

Duechting: I see this as similar to the rule about OUMMs. The same way that people don't consent to the emails, they don't consent to the fliers. This is also a sustainability issue, and there is a significant waste of paper from this. Candidates can find better ways to campaign because of this.

Begović: Are there any regulations in case of an accidental violation of these rules, like if someone falls into the road?

Duechting: That is up to the Election Board.

Cordova: Is the chair aware that grievances can be appealed?

Chair: Yes

Fees: What would be the best way to campaign in your opinion, if not this way?

**Motion to extend time for questions to the end of the list and close the list
Representative Rojas seconded by Representative Begović**

Duechting: The better way would be to have more technology-oriented ways to campaign. Many people on campus have computers and phones. How they do this is up to them, but I have not thought much about it. Fliers are outdated.

Cassidy: Now that you've accepted my friendly, this bill has to go back to Senate, and could not be implemented by before the current election. Would you change the effective date of this to November 10, 2018?

Duechting: Yes

DeAngeli: Are you aware that it takes 5 liters of water to create just once piece of paper?

Duechting: Now I am.

McClintic: If this doesn't pose a problem during this election cycle, or if posting fliers is successful this cycle, would you remove this legislation for the future?

Duechting: Maybe

Manuel: How many people have complained to you about the fliers on cars?

Duechting: At least 20, mostly from Price and Gaylord. I felt that this was a large enough number to bring this legislation.

Debate

Representative Fees

Motion to see a hostile amendment

**Representative Fees seconded by Representative Thompson
Objection Begović**

OI Schneider: How many hostiles?

Chair: One, but potentially more

Motion failed by a hand vote 13-19-0

Motion to rise from Debate

Representative Bonić seconded by Representative Schneider

Duechting: I want to touch on a few points. The Opponency think that fliers show that candidates care about campaigning. This code provides many options for other ways to campaign including putting booths out, going face to face, and social media campaigns. It was also brought up that the voters can vote against candidates who post on their cars. However, this is what many candidates do, so it isn't reasonable to say that you can vote against them when there's no one else to vote for. I think the the wording in section xxii is great, and it's not worth the fliers to keep this campaigning method. You've said that legislatures telling people how to campaign is bad, but I've heard these complaints from my constituents. I've never had a constituent tell me that they like having fliers on their cars.

Passed by a roll call vote 26-7-0

Items to Be Considered

CR-100-09 Alcohol in the Stadium Bill (Williams) (University Policy → rec of do not pass) (Problems and Projects → rec of do pass)

Representative Thompson seconded by Representative Hart

**Amendatory Motion to see CR-100-09 and give 10 minutes for authors explanation
Representative Rojas**

Williams: There are some major changes to this bill that I will accept as amendments. Some of the whereas clauses have been reordered. Another major change is that I've added several citations which I was asked to add by Chair Bonić and her committee. The last big whereas change is that I split one of the whereas clauses into three. In the original, I made a statement about several safety citations. I changed a word in section two to make the language consistent. I also added several names to whom the bill will be distributed. Here in America, I am guaranteed a certain set of rights. I'm 21 years old, so I have the right to free speech, freedom of religion, freedom of assembly, the right to not have soldiers quartered in my home, and the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. But, when I come onto campus, my rights are restricted. I am not allowed to consume alcohol in the stadium. I fully believe that this would improve the enjoyment of the fans and put money in the pockets of the University. I have never had my rights restricted before in this way, but this is because I don't have the money to. You can buy alcohol if you can fork over a lot of money and get put up in the suites. None of our other rights require us to give money for them. I don't need to pay to not have soldiers quartered in my home. There is evidence to suggest that allowing alcohol in the stadium in a controlled way will keep the safety the same, and there won't be an increase in violence or in emergencies. I am asking you for your support today because the President of this University is currently working on this policy himself. I want the Student Government Association to be able to put our voice into this, and I want to give a resolution to the University asking for our rights back.

Cassidy: Would you accept a friendly amendment to section three to add a title to Joe Castiglione.

Williams: Yes

Thompson: Do you believe that this bill is a representation of our right to crack open a cold one with our boys and gals and non-binary pals during the football games?

Williams: Yes

Begović: Would you accept your friendly amendment adding all of the language you wrote?

Williams: Yes

Begović: If you agree with the wealth disparity concerns at the stadium, don't you think we should lower the cost of University Club memberships?

Williams: Absolutely, but I don't want to muddy this bill with things that are less likely to be accomplished.

Fees: Do you know what the infrastructure would be that would be put into place to prevent any more kinds of accidents?

Williams: Joe Castiglione has said that he is looking into this. In terms of what other schools have done, UT has robust alcohol infrastructure. The system is to sell beer and at WVU they cut you off at four. UT cuts you off at three. This discourages being overly drunk at the games. There is also a study being done about

whether allowing alcohol in the stadium actually decreases drunkenness at the games. The theory is that people won't frontload their alcohol by pre-gaming if they can buy inside.

Rojas: Are you accepting co-sponsors?

Williams: Only those who are 21 years or older. We don't want it to seem like underage people are endorsing drinking in the stadium for their own benefit.

Manuel: You said there will be a gain to the University by selling alcohol. How can you assure us that selling alcohol will result in a significant gain, and how would that improve student life?

Williams: The gains of this is that the more stuff you're able to sell, the more money you can make. UT made over \$1 million their first year and over \$3 million the next year. As for the fan enjoyment, I can't say for sure that this improves their experience. However, my research indicates that people are less intoxicated and therefore more focused on the game, which I would argue is a more enjoyable experience. As for the cons, we don't want people drunkenly leaving the stadium and causing trouble. However, we already have a no re-entry policy. When universities have done this in tandem with selling alcohol at the games, there is no increase in arrest rates during games. At UT, the rates actually went down. I can't say whether this is correlation or causation, but it seems significant.

Kuketz: In the 11th whereas clause, you mentioned that there was a 20% decrease in arrests at WVU. Do you think that this was a result of the alcohol sales?

Williams: I looked into this data and their reporting, and I couldn't find any differences between their re-entry policies and other policies from previous years and the years when they began selling alcohol or any other limiting factors which would have caused this decrease. I would say that if there is only one changing variable which results in a change, that is good reason to believe that there is a connection.

**Motion to extend time for questions to the end of the list and close the list
Representative Manuel seconded by Representative Begović**

McClintic: Did all of the amendments you made to the resolution that the committee saw address all of their concerns?

Williams: I emailed my fixed bill to Karla, Tom, Mackenzie, and Richard. They all gave me good feedback about it, so I think that I addressed their concerns.

Fees: Do you have any ideas about the effects of this policy on underage drinking?

Williams: These other universities have Student ID swiping policies which would tell the vendor the age of the person ordering. If we had this policy, it would be unlikely that there could be underage drinkers in the stadium. The policies are typically also to not allow the purchase of more than one drink at once.

**Motion to recess for five minutes to caucus
Representative Hart seconded by Representative Rojas
Objection Representative Manuel**

Passed by a hand vote of 17-9-0

Fees: Who is going to finance the production of alcohol in the stadium and who receives the profits of that?

Williams: If you buy a hot dog, the money earned will be earned by the athletic department. However, the Athletic Department typically gives most of that back to the University. The Athletic Department would put up the money to implement the infrastructure, and then the money earned would be put back into the University.

Nadolski: How do you see the passage of this bill affecting the culture of OU football games, including those individuals bringing their families?

Williams: I got the idea from this bill when I talked to people about their enjoyment at the football games. It became a conversation about convenience. People drink at football games, and if you give them the option to buy alcohol at the football game, this prevents them from having to wait and having an unenjoyable experience at the games. It doesn't necessarily change the level of rowdiness, because people were always drinking before or outside of the games.

Powers: Has OU always been a dry campus?

Williams: I think OU was a wet campus as recently as 2005. There was a death in one of the fraternity houses that caused the University to pursue a dry campus policy, but I think that that culture has changed.

McClintic: Would the author accept a friendly amendment changing the title of the bill to “The Beer Bill”?

William: I want this title to be plain and tame because I want it to be taken seriously, so no.

OI Fees: Is the Chair aware of whether this would legalize all alcohol in the stadium or just beer?

Chair: The bill repeatedly says beer.

Manuel: You’ve talked a lot about enjoyment. Are you implying that students enjoy games more when they drink?

Williams: Alcohol is a depressant, and the games can become very stressful when they are close, so this can help people with that.

Manuel: Are you suggesting that we all respond to alcohol in the same way?

Williams: Of course not. I know that alcohol can make people quite excited. However, generally speaking, alcohol is a depressant and calms people down. What I see is that people who go to the games are calmed by its effects as they relate to stress.

Rojas: With regards to the legislation 792, would there be alcohol of the same percentage as the rest of the state, or a lower number?

Williams: I assume a similar or lower number

Motion to go to a roll call vote

Representative Quick seconded by Powers

Passed by a roll call vote of 25-3-2

AB-100-06 Auxiliary Allocation 4 Act of 2018-2019 (Quick) (WAM → rec of do pass)

Representative Quick seconded by Representative Rojas

Quick: We met and saw this bill during committee. We funded 20 organizations to a total of \$10,829.

Cassidy: Could you explain the funding for the Weitzenhoffer College of Fine Arts Dean’s Advisory Council?

Quick: They are a conduit for the students to the Dean’s office in the College of Fine Arts.

Cassidy: Are they officially affiliated with the Dean’s office? Do they receive funding from the Dean’s office?

Quick: They did not indicate that to us.

Kuketz: What is Spoon University?

Quick: A publication where students can promote sustainability and general awareness of sustainable habits.

Manuel: What are the Black Student Association and the Federal Bar Association doing with that funding?

Wilson: The money is going to our BSA Week. Most of this money is going towards food and things like that.

Quick: The Federal Bar Association is using their funds to host speakers like judges and law clerks as well as Moot Court competitions.

Cordova: Did BSA apply for BSA Week funding during primary?

Wilson: No

Cordova: Why not?

Wilson: It was on our schedule, but we weren’t sure what we’re going to need funding for, so we waited until we had a budget for it.

Fees: What is Second Wind Student Group?

Thompson: I’m a barista at Second Wind Coffee Shop. This is a nonprofit organization which likes to host events for students including open mic, bible studies, intersectional religious studies, etc. It’s a nonprofit run by students.

Bouch: Did the Geographic Information Science Student Organization only request \$67?

Quick: Yes

Bouch: What for?

Quick: Food and eating utensils.

Motion to go to a roll call vote

Secretary Holt seconded by Representative Williams

Passed by a roll call vote of 30-0-0

CB-100-24 An Act Amending Committee Membership for Session 100 (Cassidy/Cordova/Holt)

Representative Kuketz seconded by Representative Nadolski

Cassidy: This is the bill about committees and we saw it in Committee of the Whole.

Passed by unanimous consent

Follow-Up Reports

Items for Future Agenda

AB-100-07 Aux 5 (Quick) → WAM

AB-100-08 Congressional Initiative Funding Bill (Cassidy) → WAM, EA

CB-100-25 Campus Climate Board of Advisors Code Rewrite (Fees) → ConAd

Announcements and Comments

Cordova: Please give me dates and funding estimate for your events.

McClintic: The Voter Registration Drive is happening next Monday!

Kuketz: There will be a Light Walk on Thursday!

Manuel: This Friday at 5:00pm at Headington College is the LightAfrica talk.

Fees: I am meeting with my committee about the Campus Climate Board of Advisors code rewrite. If you don't know what CCBA is, ask me about them. This is a really cool organization, so please reach out if you want to get involved.

Manuel: I'm the Vice President of the International Advisory Council. One of my duties according to our Constitution is to be here at these meetings. IAC is the umbrella organization which oversees the international organizations at OU. Next week, October 4th from 10:00am-5:00pm on South Oval is an event for many of the international organizations on our campus where they table and present themselves.

Secretary Holt: Please do your member bios and office hours. Send Gabi your headshots for the website at sgawebmaster@ou.edu.

Motion to skip final roll call and adjourn

Representative Powers seconded by Representative McClintic

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	ex
Bonić, Karla	x
Bray, Matthew	x
Bridwell, Trey	x
Cordova, Mackenzie	x
DeAngeli, Emma	x
Del Rio, Paulina	ex
Douglas, Zoe	x
Duechting, Donald	x
Fees, Elaina	x
Felkner, Katy	x
Guido, Trinity	x
Hart, Harrison	x
Haugland, Sara	x
Hodžić, Uzeir	ex
Hobson, Sarah	x
Holt, Richard	x
Khan, Adam	x
Kolker, Sephra	x
Kuketz, Tim	x
Lee, Alan	x
Manuel, Pedro	x
McClintic, Alex	x
Merchant, Mahak	ex
Mohamoud, Abdifatah	x
Nadolski, Karley	x
Patterson, Savannah	ex

Powers, Shayla	x
Quick, Samuel	x
Rojas, Julio	x
Schneider, Caitlin	x
Thompson, Gabi	x
Vanderford, Elliott	ex
Wegrzynski, Abbey	ex
Werdel, Gina	x
Williams, Dan	x
Wilson, Taylor	x
Present	33
Absent	0
Excused	7

Session 100	AB-100-06	CB-100-21	CB-100-23	CR-100-09
Begović, Amer		y		
Bell, Aspen	y	y		n
Biškup, Emma	y	y		y
Blank, Faith				
Bonić, Karla	y	y		a
Bray, Matthew	y	y		y
Bridwell, Trey	y	y		y
Cordova, Mackenzie	y	y		y
DeAngeli, Emma	y	y		y
Del Rio, Paulina				
Douglas, Zoe	y	y		y
Duechting, Donald		y		
Fees, Elaina	y	n		y
Felkner, Katy	y	n		y
Guido, Trinity	y	n		y
Hart, Harrison	y	y		y
Haugland, Sara	y	y		n
Hodžić, Uzeir				
Hobson, Sarah	y	y		y
Holt, Richard	y	n		y
Khan, Adam	y	y		y
Kolker, Sephra	y	y		y
Kuketz, Tim	y	y		y
Lee, Alan	y	y		y
Manuel, Pedro	y	y		n
McClintic, Alex	y	y		y
Merchant, Mahak				
Mohamoud, Abdifatah	y	y		y
Nadolski, Karley	y	y		a
Patterson, Savannah				

Powers, Shayla	y	n		y
Quick, Samuel	y	y		y
Rojas, Julio	y	n		y
Schneider, Caitlin	y	y		y
Thompson, Gabi	y	n		y
Vanderford, Elliott				
Wegrzynski, Abbey				
Werdel, Gina		y		
Williams, Dan	y	y		y
Wilson, Taylor	y	y		y
Yes	30	26	0	25
No	0	7	0	3
Abstain	0	0	0	2