

# THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



## UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS Session CI

**General Body Meeting**  
**7:00 pm, Tuesday, January 22, 2019**  
**Devon Hall 120**

### Session CI

**Roll Call – 7:00pm**

**Flag Salute – Representative Hart**

**Approval of Minutes**

**Representative Del Rio seconded by Representative Rojas**

**Chair's Report** – Welcome back. A lot has been going on recently that I want to address. We are all aware that there was a disgusting video that surfaced on Friday that showed a racist act by two former OU students. I met with leaders of the Black Student Association and other organizations on Saturday and a couple of members of the administration and members of the Executive Branch. This was a good first step in talking about these issues. Acting like these are isolated incidents is wrong. There have been several high profile racist incidents in the several semesters since I've been here, but things like this happen every day at OU that make the student experience very difficult. We talked about many of the steps that OU can take to respond to incidents like these as students, as faculty, and as staff. These are things that happen with faculty and staff as well, so you should report these types of things to the bias hotline. Dr. Irungu handles these matters. I think it's also important to remind ourselves that we, as student leaders, are responsible for enacting this change and for holding the administration responsible. We should be demanding action and results. We will have a new Human Diversity Committee Chair soon in Congress, and I want that committee to be very active this semester. I want them to work with the other organizations on campus on these issues, and I am hopeful that they can improve the experiences of OU students. I also met with IFC and Pan-Hellenic leaders to address issues of racism in the Greek community. We want to be partners with these Greek organizations, and we want to work towards these shared goals. There are applications open to be the Human Diversity and the External Affairs Chairs, and those will be open until Friday. The Student Activity Fee funds have begun the process of being distributed. I spoke in my campaign about holding a town hall for this process, so I will keep you updated on that. There are a lot of projects on the agenda for this semester, and I have heard great things about the things that we accomplished last semester, so I'm excited to get started.

**Vice Chair's Report** – The Liaison program is still getting off of the ground. Please reach out to organizations about applying to get a liaison and ask me any questions that you may have. My office hours are all over the place this semester, so if the hours I have posted don't work for you, please schedule a time to meet with me separately. In light of the recent incidents, if you need someone to talk to or have any questions, please reach out to one of the three of us and we can put you in contact with the right people.

**Secretary's Report** – Hey everyone! Welcome back from break! I will be speaking at orientation about the attendance requirements this semester, so you won't have to worry about the details of those until then. In the meantime, make sure that you are attending your committee meetings and these general meetings, and

please communicate with me if you cannot. My office hours are going to be Monday-Thursday in the middle of the day and on Sundays, but I would be happy to schedule other times to meet with you.

#### **Committee Reports-**

- **Communications:** N/A
- **Congressional Administration:** We have our applications due on Friday at 5:00pm. I just sent the graphic in the big GroupMe, so please put that on your social media. Tell your friends to apply if you think this is something that they would like to do. Word of mouth is great. We saw a lot of bills this weekend. We saw a bloc of cabinet nominations which got recs of do pass and bills reauthorizing all of us which got recs of no rec.
- **External Affairs:** N/A
- **Human Diversity:** N/A
- **Problems and Projects:** Hey all, sorry I can't be here for the report. We had our first meeting where we went over some committee goals for the semester. We did not meet quorum, so it was informal. Our first priority as a committee will be the suggestion box and reaching out to the students.
- **Sustainability:** I was not at the meeting on Sunday because I have been sick. We just reviewed the projects from last semester including the Recycling service and a panel for that, Greek recycling, and other projects.
- **University Policy:** University Policy is going to have some new projects this semester. I'm not sure what those will be yet, but if you have any ideas, please let me know.
- **Ways and Means:** We saw the Auxiliary Funding Bill and the Testing Materials Bill. A Student Legal Services funding bill is coming soon.

#### **Liaison Reports**

##### **Special Orders**

##### **Student Concerns**

Williams: What are we going to do differently this time? We see something like this every semester, and it seems to me that we haven't learned anything. I am not saying that this is SGA's problem alone to fix, but what are we going to do differently this time to make sure that people don't have to see things like this repeat?

Chair: There are some similar goals that include better responses regarding the codes of conduct and improving the general response plans. Individual education needs to be better. Diversity training hasn't been effective and there have been empirical studies that show that these types of training are not effective enough. There also needs to be a culture change. There was a statement made at one of the meetings where a black student was concerned upon entering OU whether or not the campus would accept her as a black woman. This same question should be considered for people who hold these racist views, and we need to ask ourselves whether someone who holds these views will be accepted on this campus. If the case is that they will be accepted, there needs to be a change. We can't always make these changes alone, but I have spoken with other leaders, and I know that Adran has been committed to working on this issue nonstop. We want Human Diversity to be working diligently on this, because you're right, this happens too often.

Williams: Is any response by the university administration going to be undercut by a budget issue? It seems like a lot of the university's abilities to respond to such issues are being undercut by these budget changes that leave the university's mission behind. I know that President Gallogly has talked extensively about maintaining the mission of the university, but I know that all he cares about is balancing the budget.

Chair: No money issues came up during our meetings this past weekend, and I think that if we present it as a huge priority, it won't fall to a budget cut.

Gibbs: President Gallogly understands the circumstances surrounding his position, so all that we can do is hold him accountable. We need a focus group that is composed of students, faculty, and staff that makes sure that he is still committed to these things. We promised to have monthly meetings with him, and I think that these meetings will become these focus groups. He has said that he knows what needs to be done, but if we want institutional change to happen, we have to be committed as well. It is not our responsibility alone, but we do need to be pushing some weight, because students run this university. We can partner with the university to make sure that these things get done. We need to work together to hold him accountable, because it would be very easy for this to die down and get swept under the rug. This type of thing has

happened repeatedly, and as a person of color, I just don't have words for it. All we can do is keep applying pressure to avoid things like this just being a funding issue. From my standpoint, that's what we can do.

Stack: The call to action by former Dean Grillot, what are we doing about that?

Chair: All I have learned about the College of International Studies is from the *OU Daily*, so I would like to know more about what happened in this situation. Human Diversity and Problems and Projects can look more into it, but we need to address this.

Spangler-Day: Would you be able to tell us about any of the concrete changes that would prevent this type of thing in the future?

Chair: We are looking into the code of conduct including changing the hate speech rules. We also want to look at the requirements for enrollment to see if anything there can be changed. Organizations like Pan-Hellenic and IFC are looking into changing the culture in their own organizations as well.

### **Old Business**

#### **Items to Be Considered**

AB-101-02 Testing Materials Accessibility Act of 2019 (Quick) (WAM)

#### **Representative Williams seconded by Representative McCans**

Quick: We were ordering scantrons for students and instead of getting 1,500 scantrons we got 1,500 packets of scantrons. We did not allocate enough money for this, so this bill is to allocate the amount that would balance the Auxiliary Account.

McCans: Can you re-explain?

Quick: We wanted 1,500 scantrons. We got 7,500 (1,500 packages). We need to match the amount that we have to pay the bookstore in our allocation to balance.

Stack: What are we doing with the extras?

Quick: We will give them out.

Spangler-Day: Have these not already been bought?

Quick: They have already been purchased. The Auxiliary Account needs to be balanced, so we need to allocate the additional funds.

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

#### **Representative Williams seconded by Representative Powers**

**Passed by a roll call vote of 34-0-0**

AB-101-03 Auxiliary Allocation 13 Act of 2018-2019 (Quick) (WAM)

#### **Representative Bouch seconded by Representative Patterson**

Quick: This is Auxiliary Funding 13. This is the second one of the semester. All organizations can apply three more times for this semester. We funded six organizations and allocated \$4,020.

*Bouch: Would you accept a friendly amendment adding the organizations and amounts to the bill?*

*Quick: Yes*

Williams: Why was the bill blank?

Quick: The general meeting agenda was sent out before my committee met.

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

#### **Representative Hobson seconded by Representative Del Rio**

**Passed by a roll call vote of 34-0-0**

CB-101-05 SGA Communications Cabinet Director Appointment Act of 2019 (Gibbs/Ridenour) (ConAd)

CB-101-06 SGA Interior Cabinet Director Appointment Act of 2019 (Gibbs/Ridenour) (ConAd)

CB-101-07 SGA Exterior Cabinet Director Appointment Act of 2019 (Gibbs/Ridenour) (ConAd)

CB-101-08 SGA Inclusivity Cabinet Director Appointment Act of 2019 (Gibbs/Ridenour) (ConAd)

**Motion to suspend the rules to see bills (CB-101-05 – CB-101-08) as a bloc with 10 minutes for author's explanation**

## **Representative Williams seconded by Representative Guido**

Gibbs: These are our candidates for our cabinet directors. I want to explain the scoring process for the applications, the interviews, etc. Jamelia and Taylor are the Co-Directors of Inclusivity. Alex is Director of Exterior. Morgan is the Director of Communications. Julie Chen couldn't make it but she is the Director of Interior. Scoring was done from 0-10 and reviewed by the different interviewers. They were all asked the same questions about their personal strengths, their interests on the platform, their leadership styles, their past experiences, and their motivations for applying. There were a couple unique follow-up questions, but the questions were standard. The interviews were completed with a rescore, and we chose from there. Taylor has served with AISA and understands the importance of common goals and teamwork, and he will take advantage of his relationships at the university including with President Gallogly. Jamelia can tackle complex issues and has a history with activism. She is involved with BSA and with the Gallogly College of Energy. Morgan was a strong applicant with a great interview. She is the Vice Chair of Media for Class Council and the Media Coordinator for the Graduation Office. She has the necessary media skills for this position. We want to utilize the SGA Webmaster more with graphics and media. We want to use Communications more as an outreach group for what SGA is and why it's important. Alex is one of the most passionate and genuine leaders on campus. There is no question that he will motivate his team. He has government experience and he will be a successful liaison between OU and the government entities. Julie has served on Interior in the past and did an outstanding job with that role. She handled complex initiatives and helped create the plate size study.

Williams: We have not had a co-director position before. How will that work?

Chiariello: My experience is with the AISA. We want to make sure that we are communicating with each other well and hearing as much of the student body's voice as possible.

Reed: Communication is the most important thing for us, and our different experiences make us better together. The two of us will keep each other in check. I think we will do a good job.

*Cordova: Would you accept friendly amendments adding the names of the candidates to the bills?*

*Gibbs: Yes*

Williams: Inclusivity was created by Daniel Pae as a response to the SAE incident on campus four years ago. What are going to be your specific policies to address the issue?

Gibbs: We have two separate focuses. We have public health initiatives like feminine products being available as one side of the department. The other side is addressing the racial and gender inequalities on campus.

There is no doubt in my mind that when I meet every month with Dr. Irungu, the two of them will be there with me to discuss a way forward. Both of them will be in the focus groups representing their communities and SGA as a whole. They will have a very proactive role.

Reed: We will be splitting Stick it to Stigma down the middle. We play each other to our strengths. Taylor can help me understand the Native American community on campus because that is his expertise. Some things we will have to choose to take the leads on, and that's why this co-director position will be successful. Both of us will be supporting each other.

Williams: Are you familiar with OSGA and their President?

Baron: It's you, and yes.

Williams: OSGA is planning Higher Education Day. Do you have any ideas about that event?

Baron: We have been talking about this process and the different ways that we can work with OSGA. We haven't begun anything concrete, but we hope to soon.

Guido: Can you tell me more about the indigenous land acknowledgements?

Chiariello: Adran was talking about this on his platform. For those who don't know, this university resides on American Indian land. Whenever we have events on this land, we want to be able to acknowledge this land and the history of this land and the people of this land, because it is an integral part of who we are. This will be very important for those students on campus who identify as Native American.

Williams: Can you talk about the housing ordinance?

Gibbs: I used to work on the Norman city code to try to change the laws regarding housing. It is against city code for more than four people to live in a single home. With women in the home, it is considered a brothel. Technically, if you have more than three people in a house, you are out of line with the city code. We have been working in the past to have this changed with people who have been running for office.

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

**Representative Thompson seconded by Representative Bouch**

Cordova: Can you explain the platform for what communications will look like under your leadership?

Rowe: We want to shift away from being PR and more towards outreach. We want to have a tangible relationship with students to be able to address their concerns.

Rojas: In regards to the College of International Studies's budget cuts, what would you tell the international community in terms of your efforts to make sure international students are taking care of.

Reed: We want everyone to be represented at OU, and we will be speaking with administration about what happens next. I was in the room today when the discussion was had about the College of International Studies, but I am not an international student. I want to learn about the struggles of the international students, and I want them to have a seat at the table.

Chiariello: We are going to be listening. We want to communicate, work with Morgan, and give students opportunities to voice their concerns to us so that we can help them feel welcome. We want to build relationships with the international community.

Williams: When you make posts, will you be making them on the official SGA accounts?

Rowe: Yes

**Motion to split the question and table CB-101-06 for one week**

**Representative Williams seconded by Representative Hobson**

**Passed by unanimous consent**

CB-101-10 An Act Reauthorizing the Congressional Administration Chair for Session 101 (Cassidy) (ConAd)

**Representative Williams seconded by Representative Patterson**

Cassidy: At the beginning of the new congressional session we reappoint our chairs. Caitlin has been our Congressional Administration Chair and has done a good job. She has focused on educating our members internally, and we are looking at a lot of projects for this upcoming semester. We are looking at a couple of projects from years past. Congressional Administration has also stuck up recently to the Executive Branch and others for nominations by demanding some more substance during questions.

Schneider: I wanted to spend the past semester educating my new members. We are told to handle appointments and elections, and I wanted to make sure that we all knew what we were doing. I also want to make sure that we are handling anything within SGA. This includes people coming to us with questions about the interworking's of SGA. We are also looking into these old projects, whether they need to be changed, and what we can do to improve them.

**Passed by unanimous consent**

CB-101-11 An Act Reauthorizing the Problems and Projects Chair for Session 101 (Cassidy) (ConAd)

**Representative Merchant seconded by Representative McCans**

Cassidy: Chair Kuketz is one of our more experienced chairs as the past Sustainability Chair and Problems and Projects Chair. Problems and Projects has been undergoing a lot of changes, and they are looking into reevaluating their role within Congress. They have worked well with the Suggestion Box and putting on events for the student body.

Kuketz: I want to focus on the Suggestion Box this semester since we were too busy to focus on it last year. We spent the past semester looking at the joint housing committee to address things like the mold in the towers. I had a lot of new members last semester so we learned the ropes, and I want to spend this semester tackling these projects.

Bouch: What are some of your bigger goals this semester?

Kuketz: I want to push the Suggestion Box to make sure that we are hearing the student concerns. I want to restart the Problems, Projects, and Puppies event and collaborate again with parking services for Turn Up for Transit.

**Passed by unanimous consent**

CB-101-12 An Act Reauthorizing the Sustainability Chair for Session 101 (Cassidy) (ConAd)

**Representative Patterson seconded by Representative Bell**

Cassidy: Emma has been a rock star chairing Sustainability. They have been very active and their members have been very content with their experiences. They have programmed a lot, and Emma has been able to coordinate very well with other organizations on campus including the SEC, and this has helped us build relationships with other organizations on campus.

DeAngeli: This semester I want every member to have a project and feel like they have a purpose within the committee. I think this is what makes us a successful committee.

**Passed by unanimous consent**

CB-101-13 An Act Reauthorizing the University Policy Chair for Session 101 (Cassidy) (ConAd)

**Representative Bell seconded by Representative Stack**

Cassidy: Karla has been University Policy Chair since the committee was created. Karla voted against the creation of the committee, but we have since seen the product of her leadership. The committee has done deep dives into the issues on campus, and they have provided the President and the administration with tangible solutions. Karla has been able to provide her members with skills and provide other committees with ideas as well.

Bonić: I want to pass on my University Policy chairship at the end of the year, so I want to solidify the committee and make sure we are setting a good precedent. We have done that so far with great committee members, so those are my goals.

Bouch: Why did you vote against the committee?

Bonić: There used to be a committee called Academic Affairs, and when it ceased, it was a do-nothing committee. When Tom made this committee, I thought it would be the same, so I voted against it. When it passed, I decided that I would want to be the Chair so that it would not be a do-nothing committee. I was not the only person who voted against it.

**Passed by unanimous consent**

CB-101-14 An Act Reauthorizing the Ways and Means Chair for Session 101 (Cassidy) (ConAd)

**Representative Hobson seconded by Representative Del Rio**

Cassidy: Sam has been chairing since the end of last school year. Sam and Hennessey can attest that the position is a ton of work, and Sam has been great about staying organized. The added challenge is that the university is cutting budgets across campus, so people have been turning to SGA for help. Sam has been in meetings with us finding solutions and sources of funding for these groups including Student Legal Services. We are working together to make sure they can run financially and that they have the necessary infrastructure.

Quick: We are going to start Primary Funding soon.

Bouch: Have the funding standards changed?

Quick: No

Rojas: Are you as excited to do this again?

Quick: Yes

**Passed by unanimous consent**

**Follow-Up Reports**

**Items for Future Agenda**

### **Announcements and Comments**

Cordova: There are experts on this campus for marginalized communities and individuals struggling during this time, so please let us know if you need those resources.

Holt: Associates, talk to me at the end of this meeting.

Rojas: I am running for Mr. International, so come to Meacham for that event!

Ahmadi: There are tons of scantrons, so please take them and tell your friends.

### **Motion to skip Final Roll Call and Adjourn**

**Representative Powers seconded by Representative Quick**

### **Final Roll Call**

Chair: Thomas Cassidy

Vice Chair: Mackenzie Cordova

Secretary: Richard Holt

<b>Session 101</b>	<b>General</b>
Alpert, Lucy	x
Bell, Aspen	x
Biškup, Emma	x
Bonić, Karla	x
Bouch, Malachi	x
Bridwell, Trey	x
Cordova, Mackenzie	x
DeAngeli, Emma	x
Del Rio, Paulina	x
Douglas, Zoe	x
Felkner, Katy	ex
Gau, Dalton	x
Guido, Trinity	x
Hart, Harrison	x
Haugland, Sara	x
Hobson, Sarah	x
Holt, Richard	x
Kolker, Sephra	x
Kuketz, Tim	x
Matthews, Will	ex
Mayes, Mark	x
McCans, Hunter	x
Merchant, Mahak	x
Nadolski, Karley	x
Papanicolaou, Peter	x
Patterson, Savannah	x
Powers, Shayla	x
Quick, Samuel	x
Rojas, Julio	x
Schneider, Caitlin	x





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Patterson, Savanah	y	y								
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