

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS Session CI

General Body Meeting
7:00 pm, Tuesday, January 29, 2019
Devon Hall 120

Session CI

Roll Call – 7:05pm

Flag Salute – Representative McCans

Approval of Minutes

Representative Del Rio seconded by Representative Patterson

Chair's Report – Hey everyone! Welcome back to our old members, and welcome to our new members. We are going to start off the semester quickly. We have orientation this Sunday, and we will be starting all of our work on the projects that motivated you to join. Vice Chair Cordova will be talking about all of that in her report. I am the Chair of Congress, and I have office hours ten hours a week. I run the general meetings, and I am happy to talk to you about how Congress works and any other questions that you may have. We operate under Roberts Rules, so if you have any questions, just raise your hand and yell On Information. Please feel free to do that any time. A lot has happened since we met last week. Two weeks ago, after the initial blackface video, there was a conversation between President Gallogly and other student leaders on campus. We are planning other meetings moving forward, specifically regarding the Student Code of Conduct. If you have thoughts about this, please let me know so that I can voice those concerns. I also spoke to all of the committee chairs, and I know that they have a lot of cool things going on.

Vice Chair's Report - Hi everyone! For those of you who I haven't met yet, my name is Mackenzie and I'm the Vice Chair. As Vice Chair I'm really involved with committees, so you'll see me around pretty often! I also have a variety of other duties like planning Congress orientation, overseeing associates, and being a general Congress resource. If you every have any questions, please reach out to me at my Congress email, text me, or come visit me in my office hours. The first thing I have to tell you tonight is that Orientation will be this Sunday from 12-5 pm in the Molly Shi Boren Ballroom in the Union. For those of you who are new, Orientation is just a chance for you to learn the ropes of Congress and become familiar with the way we operate. You'll also be participating in committee meetings in order to choose the committee you would like to be a member of this session. This is a mandatory requirement, so please do not schedule anything for Sunday afternoon. The set-up will be the same as we had last year with new members staying for the full 5 hours, and old members coming about half way through. I know it isn't the most exciting thing to spend 5 hours out of your weekend training, but I promise we do everything we can to make the process as fun and engaging as possible. Plus, we'll give you snacks all day, so that's a bonus. Second, we normally bring everyone to Hideaway Pizza after, but the Super Bowl starts at 5:30, which is only 30 minutes after Orientation ends. I'm sure many of you want to go to Super Bowl parties and I want to as well, so we won't be going to Hideaway after this semester. I'll just use that money for catering you all food on another occasion! Lastly, weekly reminder to keep PR-ing the liaison program and reaching out to any organizations you may be in to encourage them to apply!

Secretary's Report – Hey everyone! My name is Richard and I am the Secretary of Congress this year. I am the person you should talk to if you are ever unable to make it to a meeting or if you want to talk about long-term scheduling conflicts. At orientation I will be explaining all of your attendance requirements to you, so you won't have to worry about those until then. In the meantime, congratulations on being selected, and I hope to work closely with each of you going forward this semester.

Committee Reports-

- **Communications:** N/A
- **Congressional Administration:** We conducted interviews and we will see the bill in Committee of the Whole.
- **External Affairs:** Higher Education Day is on February 12 according to the President of OSGA. I am putting together a list of Oklahoma representatives for committee members to call next week. We discussed new projects including changing Norman housing rules and hosting the voter registration drives, as well as looking into city council involvement.
- **Human Diversity:** We discussed continuing research into the menstrual hygiene project and potentially publicizing that information so people know where those products are. Congress will have a research role in this project and will likely not provide funding. The meeting discussed continuing projects that did not get finished last semester, and next week we will discuss new projects.
- **Problems and Projects:** This week we will make a Suggestion Box graphic and potentially send students an OUMM. We are also scheduling a light walk through the freshman dorm area. We will also be working with housing and food on dietary restrictions and freedom of speech zones as well as naming all of the buildings to limit confusion.
- **Sustainability:** We are going to do trash walks as a committee this semester, but everyone is welcome. Gina is looking to plan a speaker through Speaker's Bureau for Food Justice. Panhellenic has not responded about Greek recycling, but IFC did, and they were excited. Printing services still hasn't responded to her about green funding. Santana is looking into reusable products around campus and a publicity campaign for people bringing their own cups to restaurants and receiving discounts on drinks. Hannah is starting the recycling survey and giving that info to the Sustainability Officer. There is also a composting project with the External Affairs committee who will reach out to the city officials. Josh Miller is going to come to some of our meetings to plan Bike Week.
- **University Policy:** People who finished projects last semester are going to follow up on those this semester. I want to include the asks in the meetings Tom has with the administration. Our new projects include a mental health training module and presentations of volunteer opportunities for students who want to get involved in the community.
- **Ways and Means:** We funded six organizations a total of \$5,689.20. We gave the Student Legal Services Funding Bill a recommendation of do pass.

Liaison Reports

Cordova: Panhellenic is holding a town hall tomorrow night in the Molly Shi Boren Ballroom from 6:00pm-7:30pm to address the racist videos that surfaced. I can provide more information for those wanting to go and express opinions on the matter.

Motion to suspend the rules and skip Special Orders to move to Student Concerns
Representative Felkner seconded by Representative Stack

Special Orders

Motion to go into Committee of the Whole
Representative Quick seconded by Representative Patterson

- Committee of the Whole
CB-101-15 An Act Appointing Representatives and Associates for Session 101 (Schneider)
Motion to split the question and consider the Engineering Representative separately
Representative Felkner seconded by Representative Quick

Motion passed by acclamation

Motion to consider CB-101-05

Representative Williams seconded by Representative Spangler-Day

Schneider: We did interviews this weekend from 12:00pm-5:00pm. We conducted four-question interviews involving personal characteristics, personal experiences, and ideas for Congress this session. This gave them opportunities to talk about how they've grown in the past and what they bring to Congress. We used a rubric to grade the applications. We first read the online applications and scored those. The applications were graded on ideas, experience, and potential contributions. The interviews were conducted and graded on a scale of 0-9. Content and professionalism in the interviews were considered. We did these interviews with panels of applicants. I am excited for all of the people that we picked. There were a lot of great ideas, and these people are inventive.

Williams: Would you accept a friendly amendment removing Tailah Williams's name from the Earth and Energy District and adding Riddhi Yadav's name as an Associate?

Holt: Yes

Chism: Would you accept a friendly amendment with the right spelling of my name?

Schneider: Yes

Motion to give CB-101-05 a rec of do pass

Representative Bouch seconded by Representative Del Rio

Engineering Representative Appointment (Schneider)

Motion to consider the Engineering Representative Appointment

Representative Felkner seconded by Representative Merchant

Schneider: Shihui went through the same process. I want you all to speak and vote on this issue. There is a reason that these bills come in front of the body, because it is up to you to appoint these members. We were unaware of these issues, but I am glad that it has been brought up, because we should be aware.

Spangler-Day: Would it have influenced your original decision?

Schneider: I don't know what the rest of the panel would have said, but the controversy over it would have been notable. We also have elections later this semester, so no matter what happens, that seat would go up for election and the district could speak for itself.

Bouch: Would we be able to appoint someone else?

Schneider: We can open rolling applications. These people apply and are interviewed at our committee meetings. We would then go through the same process. Or we could wait until elections.

Wilson: Are Associates allowed to vote on this recommendation?

Cordova: Yes

Nadolski: When is the seat in question up for election?

Holt: In the spring.

Schneider: That same semester that it became vacant in.

Motion to refer the question to the Congressional Administration Committee

Representative Quick seconded by Representative Patterson

Objection Representative Powers

Motion fails by a roll call of 18-22-1

Motion to give the question a rec of no rec

Representative Quick seconded by Representative Thompson

**Motion to move out of Committee of the Whole
Representative Bouch seconded by Representative Williams**

**Motion to skip Old Business and move to Items to be Considered
Secretary Holt seconded by Representative Merchant
Objection Representative Williams**

Motion passed by acclamation

- Swearing-In Ceremony

Student Concerns

Fugate: I am voicing a concern on bill CB-101-15. One of the people who is being appointed to Congress does not have the kind of integrity that this position requires. In the Engineering Club we have a constitution, and this constitution was broken repeatedly by this individual. This organization is designed to uphold its own constitution, and the members of this organization should be held to that standard. This person has broken the Engineering Club's constitution in four or five ways, and that should be considered during this appointment process.

Bouch: What is the name of this individual?

Fugate: Shihui Liu

Chism: In what ways was the Engineering Club's constitution broken?

Fugate: A piece of the constitution went missing, and I feel that that piece, which affected that person in their position, constituted a rule being broken. This person wasn't aware of or willing to follow the rules. The piece that went missing was the GPA requirement of that person in that position. The other parts are regarding reading the election procedures before continuing to the elections and winners being declared when a nominee receives the majority. The majority was had clearly in the election, but the votes were run again for no reason.

Patton: Was there a different result?

Fugate: No

Hart: Was the Engineering Club's advisor made aware and was the person removed from their position?

Fugate: Yes, they were removed from being President by the advisor.

**Motion to recess for 10 minutes
Representative Williams seconded by Representative Spangler-Day
Objection Representative Bouch**

Motion passes by a roll call vote of 20-10-3

Liu: Hey everyone, I am Shihui. I am the Representative in question. Last semester I resigned from this representative position to make the Engineering Club my top priority. My concern is that some of the concerns raised about me are not true. This is my side of the story, and I would welcome questions. The constitution part about the GPA requirement is not true. My GPA met this requirement during the entire time I was President. The clause that got left out was human error, and the language was approved by the entire Executive Committee and was up for 8 months before the election occurred. I did not ever notice this error, and I apologize for that. A motion was made to remove me from the position, and this required a 2/3 majority. This majority was not met, but I was removed anyways. I would be happy to take questions on this matter.

Bouch: Can you speak to the other integrity issues?

Liu: I don't recall the other issues.

Fugate: We did not read the constitution and bylaws before the election.

Liu: That was the job of the previous President.

Fugate: It is the responsibility of the current and past presidents.

Liu: I was not aware of this.

Stack: You mentioned that a two thirds majority was not met, but you were taken out anyways. Why?

Liu: My tone of speech may have been mean to some people which was unintentional. They stated that I was embarrassing them because of things that they couldn't do in their positions. I would follow up with them to make sure they were accomplishing their tasks as they were required to do by the nature of their positions.

Wilson: Did they acknowledge their mistakes or your mistakes before voting you out?

Liu: I had people criticize my leadership, so I asked the officers what I could do better. After this, they motioned to remove me, so I had no chance to change these actions.

Bouch: Is the officer's board representative of the Engineering District's opinion of you?

Liu: I do not believe so.

Quick: How large is the Executive Committee?

Liu: About 18 members. On the night of the motion, not all were present.

DeAngeli: Did you show your GPA to clarify the issue?

Liu: Yes

Chism: Given these issues with the Engineering Club, are you still able to represent this district well?

Liu: Yes. Despite this incident being traumatic, I believe I will represent this district well, and I can put aside my personal opinions.

Nadolski: How will this change the way you represent this district?

Liu: Most of the people in leadership of the engineering clubs are not people of color. As a person of color I think I provide other people of color in the district with someone they can be comfortable talking to their problems about.

Hart: Did you have an exit interview with the advisor who removed you, and would they support your integrity?

Liu: I don't think they would question my integrity, but I was not spoken to about this after being removed.

Patton: Can you talk about your past in Congress?

Liu: I liked Congress a lot when I was here. I wanted to bring the Engineering Club into involvement with SGA. When I resigned from Congress, I felt like I would give my seat to someone who would have more time to represent the district while I devoted my time to Engineering Club. In the past I have been on the Ways and Means Committee, and I worked on Primary Funding for over three weeks last year, so I think I can come back and represent my district well.

Spangler-Day: You were unconstitutionally removed?

Liu: Yes

Spangler-Day: Have you spoken to Ms. Fugate about this issue?

Liu: We have spoken through Engineering Club and in outside settings. We are acquaintances.

Gau: Would you be willing to make your GPA public?

Liu: Yes, I am willing to make it public.

Gau: I am just asking to make sure it is the truth of the matter.

Liu: My GPA currently would not meet the requirement because I failed a class at the end of last semester, but that would not matter because I am not the President anymore.

Wilson: You stated that last semester you failed a class. Would you go through a retroactive withdrawal to change that?

Liu: Yes, I have asked the Dean for a retroactive withdrawal because of this incident being the cause of my failure.

Motion to go back in time to Special Orders

Representative Felkner seconded by Representative Thompson

Old Business

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

Secretary Holt seconded by Representative Thompson

Gibbs: Julie Chen is our candidate for the Director of the Department of Interior. She served on Interior last year, and she was highly regarded among the department members. She worked on getting emergency preparedness materials incorporated into our plans at OU.

Chen: My experience in Interior has helped me find different ways to get materials to students who need them. I want to hear a lot from the students about how we can help them.

Gibbs: We are trying to do a Sarkey's Fitness Center improvement project. For this huge project, I wanted someone who understood statistics well and who would have a good handle on the financials and scope of the project, and I think that Julie is an exceptional candidate.

DeAngeli: Will Interior be continuing the Trash2Treasure project?

Chen: I plan on continuing that. This initiative helps to alleviate a lot of costs to students for buying furniture and materials and to the university for having to dispose of them.

Passed by unanimous consent

Items to Be Considered

AB-101-05 Auxiliary Allocation 14 Act of 2018-2019 (Quick) (WAM → rec of do pass)

Representative Quick seconded by Representative Merchant

Quick: We funded \$5,689.20 to six organizations. This leaves us with almost \$36,203.70 in the Auxiliary account.

Hobson: How long does it take for an organization to receive the funds?

Quick: We pass the bill out of our committee, we see the bills in these meetings and then in a Graduate Student Senate meeting once every two weeks. The process is two to three weeks total before disbursement.

Bell: How long does Auxiliary Funding last?

Quick: Until all of the money in the account is gone.

Motion to go to a roll call vote

Representative Powers seconded by Representative Schneider

Passed by a roll call vote of 32-0-0

CB-101-15 An Act Appointing Representatives and Associates for Session 101 (Schneider)

Representative Quick seconded by Representative Nadolski

Schneider: As we said, we used a rubric, and we have gone over everything else. I am excited about everyone here, and we have some great candidates.

Passed by unanimous consent

Engineering Representative Appointment (Schneider)

Schneider: I was just here. I will yield my time.

Nadolski: In the interview process, was there anything that came to light that would have clued you into this issue? Why did you appoint her?

Schneider: She had a really good interview and a good story of overcoming adversity in a sexist partnership. She had a good interview and a good application.

Bouch: Is there anything else you would like to say?

Liu: Before this happened, I was elected by this district to be their representative. I think I do have the integrity to hold this position and represent my district well.

Bonic: Did failing your class affect what the other student brought up?

Liu: No, the failure was because of what happened with this incident.

Motion to go to a roll call vote

Representative Quick seconded by Representative Powers

Objection Representative Felkner

Motion passed by acclamation

Passed by a roll call vote of 20-5-8

Motion to suspend the rules and go back in time to Old Business

Quick seconded by Representative Thompson

Follow-Up Reports

Items for Future Agenda

AB-101-06 Auxiliary Allocation 15 Act of 2018-2019 (Patton) → Ways and Means

Announcements and Comments

Holt: New members and associates, please sign the sheet in the front so that I know you were here!

Cordova: Orientation is at 12:00pm in the Molly Shi Boren Ballroom in the Union. If you cannot attend, please email Secretary Holt to let him know. It is really important for all of the old and the new members to come to this. I hope to see you there. Our emails are CongressVC@ou.edu, Congress@ou.edu, and CongressSec@ou.edu.

Nadolski: When should the old members arrive?

Cordova: I will be sending out the agendas soon for orientation. Old members will come about halfway through.

McCans: The first meeting for Oklahoma Intercollegiate Legislature is this Thursday in Gaylord at 7:30pm. This is a mock legislature, and it is a very fun organization.

Patton: The Panhellenic Town Hall is from 6:00pm-7:30pm.

Motion to skip Final Roll Call and Adjourn

Representative Powers seconded by Representative Bouch

Final Roll Call

Adjourn

Chair: Thomas Cassidy

Vice Chair: Mackenzie Cordova

Secretary: Richard Holt

Session 101	General
Alpert, Lucy	x
Bell, Aspen	x
Biškup, Emma	ex
Bonić, Karla	x
Bouch, Malachi	x
Bridwell, Trey	x
Chism, Hennessey	x
Cordova, Mackenzie	x
DeAngeli, Emma	x
Del Rio, Paulina	x
Douglas, Zoe	x
Felkner, Katy	x
Gau, Dalton	x
Guido, Trinity	ex
Hardt, Peter	x
Hart, Harrison	x
Haugland, Sara	x
Hobson, Sarah	x
Holt, Richard	x
Kim, Jiyeon	x
Kolker, Sephra	x
Kuketz, Tim	x
Liu, Shihui	x
Matthews, Will	ex
Mayes, Mark	x
McCans, Hunter	x
Merchant, Mahak	x
Mosley, Jordan	x
Nadolski, Karley	x
Papanicolaou, Peter	x

Patterson, Savannah	x
Powers, Shayla	x
Quick, Samuel	x
Rojas, Julio	ex
Sallee, Sophie	x
Schneider, Caitlin	x
Spangler-Day, Santana	x
Stack, Hunter	x
Thompson, Gabriela	x
Vanderford, Elliot	x
Wegrzynski, Abbey	x
Williams, Dan	x
Wilson, Taylor	x
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Session 101	AB-101-05	CB-101-06	CB-101-15	Recess	Engineering Rep. Question
Alpert, Lucy	y			n	y
Bell, Aspen	y			y	y
Biškup, Emma					
Bonić, Karla	y			y	y
Bouch, Malachi	y			n	a
Bridwell, Trey	y			y	y
Chism, Hennessey					
Cordova, Mackenzie	y			y	y
DeAngeli, Emma	y			y	y
Del Rio, Paulina	y			a	a
Douglas, Zoe	y			y	a
Felkner, Katy	y			n	n
Gau, Dalton	y			y	a
Guido, Trinity					
Hardt, Peter					
Hart, Harrison				y	y
Haugland, Sara	y			n	a
Hobson, Sarah	y			y	a
Holt, Richard	y			y	y
Kim, Jiyeon					
Kolker, Saphra	y			y	y
Kuketz, Tim	y			y	y
Liu, Shihui					
Matthews, Will					
Mayes, Mark	y			y	y
McCans, Hunter	y			a	y
Merchant, Mahak	y			y	y
Mosley, Jordan					
Nadolski, Karley	y			y	y
Papanicolaou, Peter	y			y	a

Patterson, Savannah	y			y	y
Powers, Shayla	y			n	n
Quick, Samuel	y			n	y
Rojas, Julio					
Sallee, Sophie					
Schneider, Caitlin	y			a	a
Spangler-Day, Santana	y			y	y
Stack, Hunter	y			n	y
Thompson, Gabriela	y			n	n
Vanderford, Elliot	y			n	y
Wegrzynski, Abbey	y			n	y
Williams, Dan	y			y	n
Wilson, Taylor	y			y	n
Yes	32	0	0	20	20
No	0	0	0	10	5
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COTW	Refer to ConAd
Alpert, Lucy	y
Bell, Aspen	y
Biškup, Emma	
Bonić, Karla	n
Bouch, Malachi	y
Bridwell, Trey	n
Chism, Hennessey	
Cordova, Mackenzie	n
DeAngeli, Emma	y
Del Rio, Paulina	y
Douglas, Zoe	y
Felkner, Katy	y
Gau, Dalton	n
Guido, Trinity	
Hardt, Peter	
Hart, Harrison	n
Haugland, Sara	n
Hobson, Sarah	y
Holt, Richard	n
Kim, Jiyeon	
Kolker, Sephra	y
Kuketz, Tim	n
Liu, Shihui	
Matthews, Will	
Mayes, Mark	y
McCans, Hunter	n
Merchant, Mahak	y
Mosley, Jordan	
Nadolski, Karley	n
Papanicolaou, Peter	y

Patterson, Savannah	y
Powers, Shayla	n
Quick, Samuel	y
Rojas, Julio	
Sallee, Sophie	
Schneider, Caitlin	a
Spangler-Day, Santana	y
Stack, Hunter	n
Thompson, Gabriela	n
Vanderford, Elliot	n
Wegrzynski, Abbey	n
Williams, Dan	y
Wilson, Taylor	y
Adhami, Mohamad	
Atkins, Lauren	
Baetz, Elijah	
Barker, Drew	
Boos, Ethan	
Combs, Dy'mond	
De Freitas, Gabriel	
Douglas, Joy	
Emini, Renata	
Fees, Elaina	
Harkins, Shannon	
Heller, Nick	
Hiltonen, John	
Lawson, Phoenix	
Maddy, Ethan	n
Marks, Sullivan	
McDermott, Davis	
Miller, Lauren	n
Moosa, Rayan	
Nelson, Nia	

Ordaz, Selena	
Patton, Lauren	n
Peoples, Josh	y
Power, Molly	
Rondthaler, Hannah	n
Sallee, Sophie	n
Sanders, Raegan	
Sattar, Fizza	
Shabangu, Veli	
Sires, Isaac	
Sparks, Natalee	
Staggs, Abbie	
Stormer, Sam	
Varghese, Thangam	
Vivar, Sabrina	
Werdel, Gina	n
Wilson, Emma	n
Yadav, Riddhi	
Yes	18
No	22
Abstain	1