

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
Session CI

General Body Meeting
7:00 pm, Tuesday, February 12, 2019
Devon Hall 120

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Roll Call – 7:02pm

Flag Salute – Secretary Holt

Approval of Minutes

Representative Hobson seconded by Representative Merchant

Chair's Report – On Monday, Dr. David Surratt is the new Director of Student Affairs and Dean of Students. This is a position that we interact with a lot, so we hope to have him here soon. If you want to know more about him, read the *OU Daily* article and visit him in the Student Affairs Office in the Conoco. Primary Funding applications are open right now. This is the main source of funding that student organizations use for the academic year. These are open until February 22nd at midnight. Reach out to any organizations in your college that you are a part of and to organizations that you know about to apply for this funding. If they have questions, have them email Sam Quick at sgabudget@ou.edu. There is a graphic for this as well, so share that. Next week is when filing opens for the next SGA election. This seems early, but that's apparently when it is. If you ran for your seat last spring or you were appointed a couple of weeks ago, you need to run in this election. I will send an email to everyone whose seats are up soon, but I wanted you to be aware if you need to run in your district again. I have had a lot of people reach out to me about projects relating to the bursar's office as it relates to the international students. The University Policy Committee is working on this, but everyone is welcome to, so let me know if you are interested.

Vice Chair's Report - Hi everyone! First off, all of you who are new Associates and Representatives should have a nametag down here at the front. Please come yours for tonight's meeting if you haven't already, but make sure to bring them back to me before you leave! Also, last year SGA had a group at the Big Event, and I'm gauging interest for that again this year before we create a group. If you'd like to hang out with other members of Congress and SGA while serving the community, please fill out the google form that Richard be sent out in the minutes email later tonight. Lastly, we are seeing a bill tonight that will eliminate the Communications position and transition that work under the Vice Chair position. Richard is going to present that and knows a lot about what that transition will look like, but if you have any vice-chair specific questions, you're welcome to ask Richard to direct your question to me.

Secretary's Report – Hey everyone! If you have not been added to the new GroupMe, please let someone on Exec know so that we can add you to that. All members must also complete their Congressional Service requirements for the month. Higher Education Day today counted for that requirement. There will also be several other events including Light Walks, Trash Walks, and Member Biographies. I will include information about all of that in tonight's email with the minutes.

Committee Reports-

- **Communications:** N/A

- **Congressional Administration:** Redistricting got a rec of do pass. CB-101-18 and CB-101-19 got recs of no rec. The Communications Chair bill got a rec of do pass. The Elections Bill has been tabled until next week when we have our official elections meeting. We are likely going to propose a constitutional amendment in our committee this semester. We are supposed to do a Diversity Training in Congressional Administration, which Mackenzie is working on. The Business representatives saw the Redistricting Bill with us this past week.
- **External Affairs:** Thank you all who came to Higher Education Day! We put forth an effort to call all of the Oklahoma Representatives on our list and meet with the majority of them. We took action to discuss what we'll do after Higher Education Day. The Higher Education Resolutions will be done next week. We are going to look into the other Voter Registration drives and how we can make those more effective. We also have a project for registering people as organ donors.
- **Human Diversity:** We did not meet quorum, but we talked about what projects our members would be interested in doing. One thing we hope to accomplish soon is a resolution concerning the students facing deportation over bursar bills and putting together a leadership workshop for underrepresented students.
- **Problems and Projects:** The Suggestion Box is being rolled out this week. We have a Light Walk this Thursday at 8:00pm, and we want to do as much as possible of campus. We are looking into the deportation worries for international students. We are looking into the Problems, Projects, and Puppies event for the end of the semester in April.
- **Sustainability:** Zoe is continuing with Greek Recycling and is meeting with OU Recycling about cost. Sarah is working on the printing services and green funding. I am going to handle the recycling survey for next week because I know a lot about the standards. Hannah is looking into a composting resolution, and she is digging around in the Norman composting history. Elijah Baetz from External Affairs came to the meeting to talk about doing a sustainable plants project. We are also doing a general composting project which Hannah is leading with the research on the resolution.
- **University Policy:** We are interested in doing additional mandatory modules for freshmen. Karley is going to take over asking people in charge of that about mental health and suicide prevention and then STI awareness. Abbey is doing peer advocacy programs. Trey is working on volunteer opportunities. Ethan, Abbie and Fizza are looking into Hate Speech Policy. Lucy wants to do food labelling in the Caf and at other campus eateries for people with dietary restrictions. Sully wants to do vaccine awareness, specifically on the HPV vaccine.
- **Ways and Means:** We saw Auxiliary 16, and we funded \$4,969 to 10 organizations. Primary Funding applications close in twelve days on the February 22nd. Tell everyone you know about Primary funding because it is really important.

Liaison Reports
Special Orders

Motion to go into Committee of the Whole

Representative Bouch seconded by Representative McCans

- Committee of the Whole
CB-101-21 An Act Amending Committee Membership for 2019 (Cassidy)

Representative Bouch seconded by Representative Patterson

Cassidy: I left Nia Nelson off of the bill last week. This puts her on the Human Diversity Committee which was her first choice.

Motion to give CB-101-21 a rec of do pass

Representative Thompson seconded by Representative Patterson

Motion to move out of Committee of the Whole

Representative Del Rio seconded by Representative Hobson

Student Concerns

Old Business

Items to Be Considered

AB-101-07 Auxiliary Allocation 16 Act of 2018-2019 (Quick) (WAM → rec of do pass)

Representative Merchant seconded by Representative Rojas

Patton: We funded 10 organizations almost \$5,000.

Motion to go to a roll call vote

Representative Powers seconded by Representative McCans

Passed by a roll call vote 29-0-0

CB-101-09 The Reapportioning Act of 2019 (Schneider/Bouch/Cassidy) (ConAd → rec of do pass)

Motion to table CB-101-09 for a week

Representative Bouch seconded by Representative Patterson

CB-101-18 An Act of Procedure Appointing the External Affairs Committee Chair (Cassidy/Cordova/Holt) (ConAd → rec of no rec)

Representative Bouch seconded by Representative Del Rio

Cordova: This is the legislation to appoint Hunter McCans to the External Affairs Chair. Hunter had great ideas for the External Affairs Committee about how to continue their success from the last semester and some new ideas as well. He just worked with the Executive Branch on a successful Higher Education Day.

Bouch: What are your goals for the semester?

McCans: Last semester, External Affairs had great momentum, so holding onto that is a main goal.

Continuing on the voter registration drives and making guides for foreign countries is another thing that I want to accomplish. I also want to work more closely with City Council.

Spangler-Day: There are two open positions on the Board of Regents. Are you looking to influence that decision?

McCans: Not at this time, but I can look into that. I was not expecting the positions to open up the way that they did. I can do what I can to make sure that the right person gets picked.

Bouch: How did Higher Education Day go?

McCans: Great!

Passed by unanimous consent

CB-101-19 An Act of Procedure Appointing the Human Diversity Committee Chair (Cassidy/Cordova/Holt) (ConAd → rec of no rec)

Representative Patterson seconded by Representative Hobson

Cordova: This is officially appointing Mahak Merchant as our Human Diversity Chair. She has awesome goals for the committee, and she has already dived into her committee. I've been watching how she runs the committee so far which has gone really well.

Merchant: I want to make sure that Human Diversity is a lot more involved on campus this semester. We have had a lot of organizations reach out to us, and we hope to have a few events and workshops.

Del Rio: What are your biggest goals for the committee?

Merchant: It is so important to make sure that students feel like they are being represented equally. We hope to reach out to students through the workshops.

Bouch: Can you talk more about the international students?

Merchant: I haven't had the chance to do too much research, but I will be looking into it soon.

Passed by unanimous consent

CB-101-20 Communications Restructuring Act of 2019 (Holt) (ConAd → rec of do pass)

Representative Bouch seconded by Representative Hobson

Holt: This bill eliminates the Communications Chair position. This used to be a Public Relations Committee, and then it was a Chair position with assistants. I was the Chair two semesters ago. The Communications Chair has to create their own agenda, and they have nothing holding themselves accountable to do their jobs. Mackenzie has been the *de facto* Communications Chair thus far, and there has been no issue. The bill puts the Vice Chair in charge of the Communications responsibilities. Section 13 is new, and it is important with the new attendance requirements. This section requires that the Vice Chair ensure that two Congressional Service events happen each month. Someone needs to do that to ensure that our members have the opportunity to complete these requirements. These kinds of responsibilities fit into the Vice Chairs job nicely. It gives the position structure throughout the semester. Something we have talked about is that it gives the Vice Chair the ability to expand their platform so that they run on what something different than what the Chair runs on. They can still request assistants at times like interviews when the Vice Chair is busy planning orientation.

Spangler-Day: Does this need a two-thirds majority to pass?

Cassidy: Yes

Barker: Would you accept a friendly amendment making it so that the events have to be on two separate days of the week?

Holt: Yes. This amendment will make it so that people can have opportunities to complete their service in a way that fits in with their schedule.

Rojas: The last Communications Chair improved our social media a lot. What will happen to the social media now?

Holt: That success was specific to the person. A large part of the decision in this bill was that the Communications Chair does not have a real role on the Executive Committee. The Webmaster will take over the social media and online account, and social media graphic will be made at the same time that the accounts will be updated. If you are interested you can help by being an assistant.

Del Rio: Does this put too much work on the Vice Chair?

Holt: I don't believe so. You have ups and downs with the Vice Chair position. You have three things throughout the semester with Liaisons, Orientation and now this.

Cordova: I agree. A lot of that stuff I can affectively handle. Since I can bring in assistants as needed and there is a lot of room to make the position your own, it won't be too much.

Holt: The assistants and the Webmaster will be able to take on a lot of the extra work during busy times like when Orientation is being planned.

Motion to extend time for question by 5 minutes

Representative Kuketz seconded by Representative Bouch

Yadav: Are applications open? If so, when are they open until?

Holt: They are not open right now. They are open at the beginning of the semester when Orientation gets planned, which can be a busy time for the semester.

Spangler-Day: Who is the Webmaster?

Holt: The Webmaster position is in the Code Annotated. It is technically a position within Student Affairs. Applications are done through a slightly different Human Relations process. Gabi is the current Webmaster and she is really good with computers. If you are interested, you can look at the strikethroughs to see how vague and unenforceable the Communications Chair position was. This bill makes sure that two paid positions have those responsibilities so that we can hold them accountable.

Hobson: When was the Chair position created?

Holt: Two or three years ago

Motion to go to a roll call vote

Representative Bouch seconded by Representative Merchant

Passed by a roll call vote 31-0-1

CB-101-21 An Act Amending Committee Membership for 2019 (Cassidy)

Representative Bouch seconded by Representative Del Rio

Cassidy: This is the committee bill that we saw earlier.

Passed by unanimous consent

Follow-Up Reports

Patton: Healthy Relationships Week is this week. If you know someone in an unhealthy relationship, learn how you can help them! Alpha Chi Omega is promoting this information this week.

Bouch: One of the big things that got attention was one international student who couldn't enroll because of their Bursar debt. There was an anonymous donation of \$5,000 to this student, and they've worked with the Student Financial Center to graduate in May.

Hobson: There was a successful march today in solidarity with the international students who face deportation due to Bursar debt.

Items for Future Agenda

AB-101-08 Auxiliary Allocation 17 of 2018-2019 (Quick) → WAM

Announcements and Comments

Holt: Sign the attendance sheet if you are an Associate!

Cordova: Fill out the forms for the Big Event if you are interested!

Rojas: There will be an event called Colombia Night with the theme Magical Sunsets of Colombia. Dinner is 5:00pm-7:00pm on February 23rd at St. Joseph's Parish and a performance at Meacham from 8:00pm-9:30pm. Tickets are \$10 for students and \$15 for non-students.

Motion to skip Final Roll Call and Adjourn

Representative Powers seconded by Representative Merchant

Final Roll Call

Adjourn – 7:44pm

Chair: Thomas Cassidy

Vice Chair: Mackenzie Cordova

Secretary: Richard Holt

Session 101	General
Alpert, Lucy	x
Bell, Aspen	x
Biškup, Emma	x
Bonić, Karla	x
Bouch, Malachi	x
Bridwell, Trey	x
Chism, Hennessey	ex
Cordova, Mackenzie	x
DeAngeli, Emma	x
Del Rio, Paulina	x
Douglas, Zoe	ex
Felkner, Katy	x
Gau, Dalton	ex
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	abs
Mayes, Mark	ex
McCans, Hunter	x
Merchant, Mahak	x
Mosley, Jordan	x
Nadolski, Karley	x
Papanicolaou, Peter	ex

Patterson, Savannah	x
Powers, Shayla	x
Quick, Samuel	ex
Rojas, Julio	x
Sallee, Sophie	x
Schneider, Caitlin	x
Spangler-Day, Santana	x
Stack, Hunter	ex
Thompson, Gabriela	x
Vanderford, Elliot	x
Wegrzynski, Abbey	x
Williams, Dan	ex
Wilson, Taylor	ex
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Session 101	AB-101-07	CB-101-09	CB-101-18	CB-101-19	CB-101-20	CB-101-21
Alpert, Lucy	y				y	
Bell, Aspen	y				y	
Biškup, Emma	y				y	
Bonić, Karla	y				y	
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Cordova, Mackenzie	y				y	
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Hobson, Sarah	y				y	
Holt, Richard	y				y	
Kim, Jiyeon	y				y	
Kolker, Sephra	y				y	
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Liu, Shihui					y	
Matthews, Will						
Mayes, Mark						
McCans, Hunter	y				y	
Merchant, Mahak	y				y	
Mosley, Jordan	y				y	
Nadolski, Karley	y				y	
Papanicolaou, Peter						

Patterson, Savannah	y				y	
Powers, Shayla	y				y	
Quick, Samuel						
Rojas, Julio	y				y	
Sallee, Sophie	y				y	
Schneider, Caitlin	y				y	
Spangler-Day, Santana	y				a	
Stack, Hunter						
Thompson, Gabriela	y				y	
Vanderford, Elliot	y				y	
Wegrzynski, Abbey	y				y	
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Wilson, Taylor						
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