

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
Session XCIV

General Body Meeting
7:00 pm, Tuesday, October 13th, 2015
Devon Hall 120

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Roll Call – 7:00

Flag Salute

Approval of Minutes

Motion to amend the minutes to strike out remarks made by me after I called for debate Echols sec Reid

Sample: Rains would you accept this?

Rains: I won't except you striking it out but I will accept it if you decide to expand it.

Friendly amendment to amend minutes by Echols, stating that the call to debate is not necessary to the passage of this act.

Hand vote- majority 28 for 2 opposed 2 abstain

Amendment passed

Motion to approve the amended minutes Reid sec Echols

Chair's Report- Filing is ongoing, filing will close at 5 pm on Thursday, I emailed all of you saying what you needed to do and if you needed to file, if you were just appointed you will lose seat because you have to be elected. Filing form says how many seats available per district. After filing closes election chair can answer any questions you have about elections. electionchair@ou.edu

Vice Chair's Report- Please make sure you are checking in with your liaisons, count as your constituent service, if I talked to you over weekend, if you have got an email your good. 6 of you haven't contacted me about your liaison, so if you did not receive an email from me come talk to me after meeting or tomorrow.

Secretary's Report- Great job on office hours! Next one is due at the end of the month; also don't forget to do constituent service.

Committee Reports-

- **Academic Affairs** No meeting last weekend, hope that everyone's projects are going well still.
- **Congressional Administration-** no report, no meeting, will see one bill this Sunday. OU/TX 7:08 Texas is still terrible.
- **External Affairs-** no meeting this weekend, as far as OU votes, all we have for regularly scheduled tabling this Friday and it is full. Democratic debate watch tonight which will have an OU votes table and you can get credit there; take selfie so we know if you went. Starts at 7pm in Tarman basement goes till 10pm
- **Human Diversity-** No meeting, yesterday celebrated Indigenous peoples day, it was a great learning and eye-opening opportunity day for all students

- **Problems and Projects-** no meetings, hope you're still working on projects. Will have joint committee over recognition of veterans that will come this weekend
- **Public Relations-** over weekend we finalized our design for front of t-shirts, going to be a little bit of touch ups to make it more practical for the shirts so not scrapping off. Follow us on social media
- **Ways and Means-** Conducting subsidiary interviews this weekend, 5 more hours tomorrow, 3 hours on Thursday and Sunday 8-9 hours, so we are in middle of that process. Interviewed a lot of international organizations, they are focusing a lot on promoting international awareness and giving students a home at OU, they are reaching out to all students to mix all cultures, for example the Indian Student Association put in a slip n slide at a previous event to outreach other cultures and show they are not just focusing on their own but trying to combine them. I think it is important for us as student leaders to attend these meetings and show our support for these organizations.

Liaison Reports

Scott: Meet with Student Council for Exceptional Children talked about current events, talked about educators and advocates for individuals with special needs and where our place is and how we go about correcting and stepping up for those individual, meeting first Tuesday of the month at 7:00

Crisp: Last chance to speak to me about joining student advising committee, so far outside of AA committee, I have been addressed by Morgan Williams and Chelsea Brown, today is the last day so I can get list to her.

Franzese: Meet with Honors Student Association and talked about budgets, last meeting we approved emergency allocation for them. They were confused about the different funding types so we talked about what they each are and how they differ, it was productive and helpful.

Special Orders

Student Concerns

Old Business

Items to Be Considered

940706 Election Board Appointment Act (Taylor/Thompson)

Echols sec Riley

Taylor: This is my election board and I would like to hear their confirmation.

Abernathy: I am involved in class council and PCS, from Tulsa, Oklahoma and am on the publicity team for election board; SGA is something I wanted to be involved and am excited to join.

Mazeitis: Political Science double major, SFC member, heading up debate of election

Ikpa: I am a senior have been in SGA for 2 years. I was a representative and in cabinet last year and now am working at the Carl Albert Center.

Marcum: Industrial engineering and Spanish major. This is my first SGA position. Focusing on polling sites for elections.

Cramm: What plans do you have to get the word out about elections and filing and to improve voter turnout?

Abernathy: Something that I feel SGA has been missing is a greater social media presence, I filed to run freshman year and I didn't know about it from SGA, I found out from friend so I think we need to do a better job promoting filing, maybe use social media, maybe use cues from pop culture, make filing more fun, explain it better. I think some students aren't aware of what SGA is and what filing entails.

Ikpa: Work with Corey on publicity, work on getting more diversity within filing, many people do not know what or how to file. I think my area will work on getting smaller organizations to know the process and apply more diversity within filing program.

Mazeitis: We have a list of various RSO that we want to target to make sure they are aware of the process and election filing.

Crisp: What qualities will you each bring to election board and process at OU?

Mazeitis: Polysci major so want to make this my life, I have done debate for many years so that is why I want to focus on this, gives voters a chance to look at the candidates plans and gives voters a chance to look and better analyze the candidate. Make people understand how debate works and efficient for voters.

Abernathy: One thing Abbey said to us in our interviews that stuck with me was that "we don't care what you were previously involved in, she cares about our passion" and that is something that I took on myself because I am super passionate about SGA and getting youth more involved in politics.

Ikpa: I have been involved in variety of organizations in my time here and I think I can bring more people in expanding knowledge of election. My passion lies with diversifying election, making sure that every single student on campus knows about it or can file

Marcum: I have similar passions, I think directing and making sure each group has a chance is extremely important, we are all involved in different things and I think that will really benefit us in election and filing process since we have so many different places we can reach.

Echols: Would you briefly describe what selection process you used?

Taylor: It was extremely competitive, we had 25 applications, we originally has 3 spots but I uped it 4 because I just couldn't chose between them. I wanted a board from all different areas and I got that, different grades, Greek and not Greek, instate and out state, we are looking to expanded process, and I think we all work great with each other, this is a very cohesive group. I also asked them questions in the interviews on the spot to make them think on the spot. If they said they had ideas about polling I asked them what kind of ideas? I wanted to have them think on the spot since I know they will have to do that often and I wanted to see how well they could respond to those on the spot questions. They all did a great job!

Cramm: What can we do to help make your job easier and to help promote election?

Ikpa: Tell as many people as possible about filing, working on getting new graphics out there, people just know that filing is happening and don't know how to, so I think that pushing explaining will help a lot.

Kelling: Friendly amendment to change date to today's date?

Taylor: Accept amendment.

Motion to extend time for questions by 5 minutes Crisp sec Long

Owings: What are your plans for the debate?

Mazeitis: As a freshman I am not sure what previous debates were like but now the debate will be between the representatives and the candidates, so they can challenge what the others say. I also want a larger social media presence, since people can't always come to the debates, I want them to be able to tweet in and have candidates respond to those so the students can ask questions and get them answered during debate from the social media.

Williams: Where can we tell others to sign up as of now?

Reid: We just put up the link on our twitter page

Ikpa: sga.ou.edu/elections.

Taylor: Website is the easiest. sga.ou.edu/elections. We like the step by step process there so telling people to go there.

Cramm: Are you planning on having representatives take part in the debate?

Mazeitis: In what context?

Cramm: Congress reps debate in elections?

Mazeitis: Personally I would like everyone to be in debate, if that has been traditionally been done, but if it hasn't been done, then don't want to have a huge shift for the process, but I want to focus on improving the current process.

Sample: Traditionally hasn't occurred

Crisp: You've each discussed on the flaw in students understanding and participation, what are your ideas to tackle that problem?

Taylor: This is something we have talked about, we want elections to be more fun, we are planning on making OU I Voted Sticker, like the little I voted stickers, which are really fun and everyone loves, and we are going to print a lot more stickers this year because we want to have people utilize them. We want to make geotag on snapchats too.

Motion to extend time for questions by 5 minutes Echols sec Crisp

Taylor: Make elections more fun and more exciting, Maggie thought of the geotag idea for snapchat, more specifically at the different polling sites. Think this will make it more fun. Also we are ordering tablecloths and banners for the tables. Making it more visually appealing. Voting is super cool and we want to get that out there

Mazeitis: Also, with contacting RSO we think that will encourage them to filing, and make it more contested

Abernathy: Looking at the CAC chair election just shows that every vote matters. Making that more known that your vote matters, approaching people about SGA, telling them you matter you could file and be a part of SGA and represent your college

Ikpa: Saw a facebook status that CAC Chair and Exec president deal with a lot of money that is coming from our tuition, so that shows it is important to vote

Move to extended question to end of list Crisp sec Kelling

Ikpa: these people are make decisions in our name essentially and letting them know they might as well go out and vote is important.

Halpin: Giving filing closes Thursday do you think you have time to educate students still?

Corey: We had a quick turnaround, we have 4 days to educate students about filing, and I think we have enough time to get the word out there. We have our social media platforms, email lists, RSO's outreach and we have already started. It's a process but we still have a couple days

Marcum: We do have room for improvement for next year since we did have such a fast turnaround but it might be time to go ahead and get the word out there.

Taylor: Also just fyi, we didn't do anything for filing last year, so we are already doing better than last year, we are making improvements and so after this year I know I will tell election chair next year do this even earlier so we can get a better start on all of this.

Williams: Please restate your name and position for us.

Corey Abernathy sophomore working on publicity

Jake Mazeitis debate

Blessing Ikpa senior publicity

Maggie Marcum polling sites

Abbey Taylor election chair

Motion to move to roll call vote Nigh sec Crisp

35-0-0 passed

Sample: GSS seeing this on October 25th

New Business

Follow-Up Reports

Items for Future Agenda

Cramm: Emergency Allocation #5 WAM 940506

Echols: Resolution Regarding Investigative Procedure for Fred Jones Museum of Art's 940302 P&P

Announcements and Comments

Sample: Reminder filing closes at 5pm. Share it on social media and tell everyone you know

Trinh: This week and next week, my sororities philanthropy week, Breast Fest, we are selling raffle tickets and glass jars in class, you could win go pro. Tickets are \$1 each, you will see us next week on south oval pie-ing professors, so if you want to get pied come let me know.

Kebede: International Bizarre this Friday at 10am-4pm, south oval.

Reid: International Bizarre, 10am-4pm on the south oval this Friday. Could PR Meet with me after this

Cramm: Iranian Student Association selling tickets for their festival tomorrow in the union for \$12 per ticket, it is a really great opportunity to see these international organizations and how these funds we distribute get put to use.

Crisp: Thank you to appointees for coming and answering all these questions and thanks to Joy for coming to sit in and listening for her class.

Pae: Next Tuesday morning in Wagner, The Oklahoma Group is having their Open House if you want to come see what it is about please do.

Trinh: Tomorrow from 5-8pm my sorority is having a benefit night at Chipotle and if say you're with my sorority we will get all that donated to our philanthropy

Halpin: Sorry for my phone ringing during the meeting, it won't happen again.

Echols: Ragtime opens this Thursday go see it.

Sample: Committee Chairs don't forget to include anything referred from last week on your agendas and everything from this week since no committee this week. If you came in late please let the secretary know.

Final Roll Call

Motion to suspend the rules and skip final roll call Crisp sec Trinh

Chair: Emily Sample

Vice-Chair: Chelsea Brown

Secretary: Kaylee Rains

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GRADUATE STUDENT
SENATE SESSION GF-14

October 4, 2015

CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 940706

SENATE BILL NO. GF14-XX

AS INTRODUCED

An act appointing members to the SGA Election Board; providing for codification;
providing for a short title; and providing for an effective date

BE IT ENACTED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT ASSOCIATION:

Section 1: TITLE. This act may be known and shall be cited as the Election Board Appointment Act of 2015

Section 2: PURPOSE. To appoint members to the SGA Election Board

Section 3: In accordance with Title VII, chapter 2, section a, subsection ii of the SGACA, "*The Election Chair shall appoint the Election Board with the advice and consent of the Legislative Branch,*" the following students shall be appointed to serve on the SGA Election Board:

- Maggie Marcum
- Jake Mazeitis
- Blessing Ikpa
- Corey Abernathy

Section 4: This act shall become effective, while in accordance with the SGACA, immediately following passage and approval.

Author(s): Abbey Taylor, Election Chair
Nathan Thompson, Legislative Assistant

Co-Author(s):

Submitted on a Motion by:

Action taken by Congress:

Verified by Chair of Congress _____ Date: _____

Submitted on a Motion by:

Action taken by Senate:

Verified by Chair of Senate _____ Date: _____

Approved by SGA President: _____ Date: _____

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Arlan, Jordan	ConAd	abs	
Balangué, Michael	AA	x	y
Benjamin, Morgan	PR	x	y
Bhojwani, Akash	P&P	x	y
Brown, Chelsea	ALL OF EM	x	y
Buxton, Jillian	EA	x	y
Cramm, Matthew	WAM	x	y
Crisp, Timothy	AA	x	y
Droege, Dylan	PR	x	y
Echols, Ryan	WAM	x	y
Elwick, Kara	EA	x	y
Franzese, Jamie	P&P	x	y
Halpin, Sofia	AA	x	y
Henderson, Jenna	HD	x	y
James, Madison	P&P	x	y
Kebede, Hawi Burka	HD	x	y
Kelling, Taylor	P&P	x	y
Kirby, Bryan	P&P	x	y
Kovach, Chase	EA	x	y
Lefler, Brooke	AA	abs	
Lewis, Danielle	ConAd	ex	
Long, Lauren	WAM	x	y
Maier, Jay	ConAd	x	y
Marhanka, Liza	P&P	x	y
Miller, Jordan	AA	x	y
Mills, Sydney	P&P	x	y
Nguyen, Maxell	PR	ex	
Nigh, Ryan	ConAd	x	y
Pae, Daniel	HD	x	y
Park, Conor	P&P	x	y
Rains, Kaylee	ConAd	x	y
Reid, Austin	PR	x	y
Riley, Kendall	AA	x	y
Sample, Emily	Chair	x	
Scott, Cassie	P&P	x	y
Steward, Sarah	P&P	x	y
Trinh, Lillian	PR	x	y

Velesko, Paulius	EA	x	y
Watts, Trevor	ConAd	abs	
Williams, Morgan	HD	x	y
Wise, Tave	WAM	x	y
Attending		36	35
Absent		2	0
Excused		2	0