

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



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General Body Meeting
7:00 pm, Tuesday, January 26th, 2016
Devon Hall 120

Session XCV

Roll Call: 7:01

Flag Salute: Rep. Grunewald

Approval of Minutes

Kelling sec Byron

Chair's Report- Welcome back! I hope yal had a fantastic first week. We will email out office hours. Also feel free to email us or text me whenever you feel like unless 11pm and 7am. Higher Ed day is coming up, Tuesday, February 16th those apps are due February 5th, you can find those on the SGA Exec OrgSync page, South Oval Office on Groundhog's Day, February 2nd, when making motions throw up your hands and say on a motion. Also I know we have an issue that will go great but is a debatable topic, questions is not a time for information dump, if you have information you want to share can share during debate. On information is a question for the chair, so if you have any question do that.

Vice Chair's Report- Welcome back! Orientation is February 21st attendance is mandatory. Liaison assignments start next week, if you want the same on as last semester email me. Committee meeting times, please get with you chairs get your first and second times. As of last semester it was difficult to get to all the committee that met within the hour and I can't get to all of you and be there all the time so I'm asking for both choices. Newsletters start tonight will be going on the Congress website by 5pm Tuesday. Office hours will be emailed out.

Secretary's Report- Hi guys! I hope you all had a great break and are ready to get back into a great session. This is the last chance for those who have not filled out their bios to fill them out now. If they aren't filled out by tonight at midnight you will get an absence. If you know that you are going to be absent please as usual don't forget to tell me ahead of time. We are working on updating the website right now. Shane, our webmaster is supposed to be uploading all of our new reps to the page, so hopefully that'll be done by tomorrow. So go look for your name on the website! Also, I will send out all of our new office hours tomorrow with the agenda!

Committee Reports-

- **Academic Affairs-** No Report
- **Congressional Administration-** Happy to be back, what we can look forward to this coming week is we are starting putting out applications for congress, everyone in ConAd meet with me after this and Sunday we will get those done.
- **External Affairs-** Higher Ed day is coming up, if you want to go you have to apply and application on OrgSync they are due Feb 5th, Friday. Presidential primaries March 1st, going to do a big PR push on voting importance for millennials. Including but not limited to tabling, social media, etc. Talking with committee about that.

- **Human Diversity-** No Report
- **Problems and Projects-** No Report
- **Public Relations-** I have good news, tomorrow with the minutes you will get link to t-shirts! For 2 weeks from today is the deadline will close at 11:59 in two Tuesdays. Working on paper campaigns
- **Ways and Means-** I am budget chair so any question new members I am on the second floor. Primary applications are due the 25th of Feb. we are open for emergency applications as well.

Liaison Reports- no report

Special Orders

SFC- We are here for our monthly update on SFC, I'm Sean Christiansen and I'm Emma Francois. Sooner Freshman Council is out of exec branch and shows freshman how to get involved with SGA. We had a meeting with Kristen Partridge and meet with Quy and mock congress. Dr. Butterfield came and talked to us and did a jeopardy game with OU History. Also we have paired each SFC member with an older member of SGA so we can get them out there and more involved. Yesterday we planned our community service event going to soup kitchen and for community activity we are going to give out blue books and pencils before finals. Thank you for all of your support they really look up to! WE had a number of SFC members get selected for Exec cabinet.

Student Concerns

Old Business

Items to Be Considered

950401 A Resolution Regarding Syrian Refugees Humanitarian Crisis (Reid)(Rec of do Pass)

Capehart sec Rains

Reid: We are here tonight on a bill that has been a serious topic for the past couple months. Our governor was one of the governors that made comments about the immigration and crisis of Syria refugees. This bill is a statement to those who represent us, our governor has stated things about immigration policy that are outside of her bounds and this is a statement that we at OU and this congress does not support those statements.

Rains: Do you think this bill will polarize students who do not agree with your opinions on ?

Reid: This bill is not about polarizing students, the governor has no power to bar refugees or immigrants from the state.

Kelling: For the second whereas clause, we say it's unconstitutional, can we maybe add something to back that up?

Reid: Yes I would love to hear it.

Kovach: I saw that you are sending this to 31 state governors?

Reid: These are only for the ones who made statements similar to Fallin's.

Rash: Considering what you said, this is a statement to the people who represent us, Governor Fallin, do you think it is irrelevant to send to all the other governors who don't represent us?

Reid: I would be open to striking them; we put them on to make sure this statement was heard. To tell other governors who have said similar to Fallin's statement that we believe it is unconstitutional.

Benjamin: Would you not agree that students from OU who are from out of state, would like all of their governors to see this so it still represents all of our home governors?

Reid: It was a stretch for me to take this position on the bill, if we have a friendly amendment we could mull it over maybe doing a hostile so we could take a vote on it. Just so we could know who supported or striking keeping governors

Meyer: 3rd whereas clause, are you familiar with FBI statement unlike in Iraq US soldiers have not been on the ground collecting information on the ground saying I cant say there is no risk here

Reid: We have done extensive research into this

Pham: There are groups out there that see refugees, they undergo intensive screening and interviews, we do not consider moving them to US for a while just getting the status of refugee then once they pass that test then get refugee status

Reid: they not only have to go past FBI but NSA, homeland security, it is not just a one page application. It is extensive process

Chun: They go through at least four screenings, if anything is suspicious have to start all over.

Klima: Would you accept a friendly amendment to change the wording to: Governor Mary Fallin's position not to accept Syrian refugees?

Reid: Yes

Rains: All amendments have to be written down on an amendment sheet and brought to me please.

Rash: Back to previous comment, I understand that their names are background checked and run through the databases, the FBI director is saying there is no enclimation going against the Syrian government, but we haven't been in Iraq, there isn't any data or very little data to bump their names against. How do you think this is going to affect this?

Motion to move to the end of list Kovach

Objection

Motion to extend time by 5 minutes Elliott sec Capehart

Reid: Common misconceptions that those agencies are only involved in a run through databases there are intensive interviews with these people face to face; you don't just fill out paper work and then judged and are let into the country. There are one on one meetings with these people and that's how you are granted refugee status.

Byron: Regarding whereas clause, if people disagree with this they might disagree with that as something as a whereas clause maybe add something about that out of all of the refugees taken only 3 taken in on terrorist charges?

Reid: Yes as long as we add in that the 3 were arrested and charge were plotting for terrorism and charges were plotting outside of the United States.

James: What exactly is the purpose of this bill, trying to say we don't support what Fallin says because its unconstitutional or because we support Obama's stance on refugees?

Reid: Both

Capehart: This isn't to put out our stance on the subject just that Fallin's overreached in taking a stance on this, I feel it would be problematic gauging the people on their actual opinion for our constituents..

Reid: That's true

Rash: Back to vetting process, if someone has ill intent wouldn't it be easy for them just to lie about involvement in terrorist activities?

Reid: I believe the facts that Byron made stand up for themselves, we have had 14 years of data about these cases and we don't have people coming in with that intent and if they are, they're stopped and not allowed in. There is no reason to doubt the system we have in place

Meyer: Are yal familiar with a poll about Syrian refugee's opinion on ISIS? Does it not go against the whereas clause regarding Syrian refugees and their relation/views on ISIS?

Reid: Just a a shortend version of your question please.

Meyer: Does the poll not go against the whereas clause referring to the refugees not attempting to support ISIS?

Reid: I don't believe it does, I don't think the 23% of Syrian's saying that are not going to be slipping through the net of the 1% allowed in is going to happen

Motion to extend questions by 10 minutes Elwick sec Kelling

Elwick: While I don't disagree with content, I am confused about the whereas clauses, could you maybe reformat your whereas clauses to match the purpose that your sections state? I feel like your sections are saying Fallin didn't have a constitutional right to order they are not allowed in but the others are not about that more about the Syrians

Reid: As we have heard throughout questions, many of the issues are not about the unconstitutionality but about the refugee issue itself. It's tricky because the whereas clauses are to address the concerns of the other questions.

Mee: I think the intent and sections could be improved to show the intent is to combat Islamophobia, create a more safe environment for those students who are Islamic. So I think we could alter sections to show that intent

Moore: Is there any kind of long term plan or project behind this piece?

Reid: Statement itself for now.

Israel: Would you be willing to strike section 2 because it says the student body stands with Obama's decisions with those issues, I don't think we discussed it with our constituents and so it isn't right and doesn't go with the message of against Fallin?

Reid: I would be willing to strike the student body portion of that, but I need to talk with my co-authors before striking entire sections.

Elwick: Would you consider tabling this for a week so we can come to you directly about making amendments and we can revisit it so we can see this bill in a way that more represents everyone's feelings.

Sample: No amendments can be made outside of this meeting room, so they would have to be made in next weeks meetings.

Reid: Possibly, I am thinking about it. Hear some more questions and consider it more seriously.

Williams: Would you be willing to accept amendment adding whereas clause 9: whereas there are substantial reason of national security risks that these risks do not outweigh the moral obligation to help fleeing families?

Reid: Maybe if reworded.

Rash: If you wouldn't be willing to remove statement about Obama, changing the SGA Congress GSS on behalf of the student body of OU since we are elected to represent on behalf of them we do not have polling data.

Reid: Yes

Rash: Amendment to remove the governors except for Fallin?

Reid: No

Byron: It would say whereas Syrian refugees not to spread terror but to avoid violence in their home country, only 3 have been arrested on terrorist charges none of which occurred within the United States

Reid: Yes

Kelling: A Friendly amendment to change the second whereas clause and add a third: The stances taken by fallen have been deemed unconstitutional SCOTUS decision Hines v. Davidowitz which states, "The Supremacy of the National Power in the General Field of Foreign affairs, including power over immigration, naturalization and deportation, is made clear by the constitution" and;

Whereas: Refugees are protected under the refugee act of 1980 which states that the president may admit refugees who face "persecution or a well-founded fear of persecution on account of race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group, or political opinion" into the united states; and

Reid: Yes

Israel: Would you will to accept friendly amendment that does not recognize on half of the student body because once again we did not have this discussion, as this is an opinion when we say we side with Obama administration, which would disagree with student's ideology?

Motion to extend questions to the end of the list Williams sec Cox

Sample: Objection to Mr. Watts asking question?

No objection Watts goes after Kelling

Sample: Objection to Crisp asking a question?

No and No they will go at the end of the list

Israel: Would you accept a friendly amendment to not say on half of the student body because we didn't ask our constituent?

Reid: No with new amendment proposed by Associate Rash it will absolve the issue.

Meyer: Regarding the 7th whereas clause; don't you think that is a little extreme to say for people concerned with National Security?

Reid: This bill is in no way speaking to those concerning national security. Regarding Islamophobic or racist, that portion is stating the people that are, there are various cases where people are in various locations where people are terrorizing mosques and attacking citizens because of the color of there skins. I think it needs to stay because you are not racist or Islamaphobic there are some people that are.

Benjamin: As we stated in not condoning the SAE event of the student body we didn't poll the body, so if we haven't polled before why should we poll on this issue?

Reid: As I stated earlier, I believe that we are representatives elected by the student body and we represent their best interest

Sample: we are getting into the philosophy what it means to be an elected official. My time in congress we have switched back and fourth on issues it is not my place to say what that is, it is yours, it is a personal opinion, you will have to decide.

Williams: Would you accept a friendly amendment to add Whereas Clause 9: There are concerns about national security risk and these risks do not outweigh the moral responsibilities of providing safe sanctuary to thousands of families fleeing a brutal war zone”

Reid: Yes

Rash: Last summer a city in Syria captured by ISIS militants, there was a box of completely clean passports. Which would give ISIS a clean slate to enter this country, does that not concern you?

Debate- Rash

James: It seems like the biggest problem is with all of the wording to do wit the refugees and crisis itself, would you be willing to split this bill? One to work on constitutionality and one to regard the Syrian refugees?

Reid: The two are very closely intertwined because of the fatality of the governor’s statements; you can’t support one without supporting the other, so no.

Kelling: Last page with the list of media, is it an error we didn’t use the OKC affiliate?

Reid: Yes

Watts: Given there are a ton of amendments both accepted and denied, there seems to be a lot of questions regarding the whereas clause, sections and intent, does it seem more viable to table?

Reid: I believe the amendments made are well understood, this certainly has no more amendments than other pieces of legislation and they were passed in one night.

Rash: While I don’t disagree with Rep Byron, there hasn’t been a refugee crisis this large since WWII, is it fair to compare the current refugee state and the extreme militants have and the avenue to get into the country now with WWII?

Reid: Whether or not we should we comparing or we should not be comparing?

Rash: Is it fair to compare it?

Reid: It is a very different situation in terms of the times and the technology, but not a good image to be comparing that on a national stance, but in ways but not at all we have portions of it where the Jewish refugees from WWII were not, you weren’t mixing them up, its so tricky. Yes and No.

Debate

Objection Nigh

Objection: I feel like we have discussed this extensively best if we just voice our opinions through a vote.

M. Williams: If we do go into debate will we vote after?

Sample: Yes we will have a brief recess, you do not have to speak if you do not wish. We will alternate between those who want to speak on the different sides until someone is tired and motions to move to previous questions. Once that has passes the authors will have a brief amount of time for rebuttal then directly to roll call vote. If you object debate we will go straight to debate. Hostile amendments are only in line in debate.

Hand vote- 21 out of 34

Debate

Motion to recess for 5 minutes Kelling sec Elliott

Motion to strike all whereas clauses 3-10/11 and to strike out section 2 Israel sec James

Motion to make a hostile amendment Israel sec James

Israel: I don’t think we need the rest of this because this is mainly to say what she said was unconstitutional the rest of this is just making a political statement, Benjamin talked about the SAE incident which is completely different this is making a political statement that states our personal opinion and ideology that does not represent our constituents, gives the message that we do not believe what she said was correct as it was deemed unconstitutional.

Reid: Do you not agree that Governor Fallin are not solely based in the other Whereas clauses as evidence are they not based on a fear of national security, her belief that there are Syrian refugees attempting to spread terror throughout our country?

Israel: The original statement was just to address the unconstitutionality of her statement the rest of it is author's opinions.

Reid: Would you not agree that her statements are not biased in a reason on a political stance including that Obama's stance/policy to admit refugees into the country in the next year was wrong?

Israel: I would agree her statement was to oppose that statement but I believe that should not be how legislation is done.

Kelling: So I understand your opinion, do you not believe that these other whereas statements that they add more heft than credence to the bill, or do you think it just muddles it? What do you think is wrong with them?

Israel: I feel like they fall in line, they feel very biased. Because we keep talking about a lot of things and the main message is her statement was unconstitutional, she was wrong and we will not support her statements

Mee: When you were explaining this amendment, were you saying that the SAE bill is bad and we don't like that, so I would argue

Debate

Mee: So do you not think that the security of students is kind of the same costs as previous?

Israel: I say that the SAE incident was different because a lot of what we were talking about this bill is Islamophobia, as Islam is not a race but a nationality, so its an entirely different thing, it is about national security and peoples beliefs and ideologies, especially section 2 saying we stand with Obama's administration, I think if we want to pass the rests of the whereas clause, I think it should be brought up at another meeting with another piece of legislation

Williams: Do you not believe that some of these whereas clause; considering we are sending this to the governor, enforce how unconstitutional her statement was?

Israel: I would allow them if they were in contradiction to what she said, backed up by factual evidence but this is not doing that. Which is not in each of these whereas statements

Reid: I think we are perhaps on a difference in ideology in representation, what is the difference between determining the student body wouldn't want to support Obama and my stance that why would?

Israel: By saying they would say they support his administration, striking to not say they don't support but I don't want it to be there to have the option to do polling and then decide. Not striking this means they don't support

Motion to extend time by 5 mins Kelling sec Williams

Benjamin: In your time in being in SGA how many times have used polls to back up a bill?

Sample: Well there have been a few projects that started with survey that gathered enough data to write, after written then poll the body was just impeachment and we used the daily's polling to decide what we wanted to do. On this same argument at that time we decided tabling made sense so we could gather that data to make the appropriate decision.

Benjamin: If you are going to headline this polling, how are you going to do it so it is accurate not biased or will you say it is effect for us to say our own opinions since they elected us?

Israel: You cannot poll and not get a bias response, so saying section 2 provides a biased view. All of those and section 2 are politically biased in favor of Barack Obama and the democratic party which may not be the position of our constituents

Williams: is it possible to table this bill at this current point?

Sample: Yes we can table the bill currently but once we come back we have to start debate then follow up and vote on this hostile amendment and the others then debate then finish debating this legislation then we can vote on the bill as a whole.

Kelling: So I heard you make a few statement that these whereas clauses are all ideological or politically motivated and don't represent the overall belief system of the OU body?

Israel: Yes

Kelling: So you believe that the student body doesn't believe the United States does not uphold the idea of freedom?

Kelling: friendly amendment to add whereas clause 10 back?

Israel: Yes

Nguyen: How do you think that you are not voting for the best interest of your constituents?

Israel: I think that voting in the best interest of constituents is by asking them what their beliefs are. By allowing them the chance to speak on that particular part.

Watts: So it is if you allow me to summarize it is your assumption that the political attribute of this matter don't matter so long as the constitutional requirements are met anything beyond that are unnecessary?

Motion to move questions to the end of the list Rains sec Williams

Watts: So it is if you allow me to summarize it is your assumption that political attribute of this matter don't matter so long as the constitutional requirements are met anything beyond that are unnecessary?

Israel: Yes

Williams: Do you believe that it is feasibly possible to poll the entire OU student body considering we are elected to represent the entire student body?

Israel: It is not impossible, feasibly it could be.

Motion to move to a roll call vote Elwick sec Elliott

14-13-3 this bill does pass this bill is now abbreviated

Motion to allow Associate Rash to say his hostile amendment Williams sec Meyer

Rash: This is to remove all the governors since this is now just referencing Governor Fallin, this whole bill is mainly a statement for the people who represent us, given that is Governor Fallin.

Israel: So it is everyone else except for the other governors?

Rash: Yes

Williams: Considering that we are a student body elected we are representing students that are from other states, all of these other governors did say something that was unconstitutional in relation to Governor Fallin do you not believe these others should be included based on that?

Rash: I am basing that on the original intent Reid said to specifically speak to OU's representative, Governor Fallin

Williams: Was it your intent to only send to Fallin or to all governors who have made an unconstitutional statement?

Reid: It was our intent to send it to the other governors, the part of the bill specifically referring to Governor Fallin was since we are in Oklahoma but I believe we do represent students from other states

Cox: Several of the whereas clauses state "including Governor Fallin", so wouldn't it be acceptable to include all the other governors on the legislation?

Rash: Because this is specifically the University of Oklahoma's representation I think we should just state Governor Fallin.

Elwick: Would you not agree that OU has students from various states so OU's stance on this would include those students who are not from Oklahoma?

Rash: As a student body it would be fair to represent other so I would be open to an amendment.

Reid: What harm do you find on spending a little more money on sending this to other governors?

Rash: I don't find harm in spending money on that. I think it is irrelevant to send it to the other governors since we are in Oklahoma at OU.

Meyer: I am from Illinois, Chicago, my governor is dealing with a budget crisis in my state right now. Don't you agree it would be redundant to send to these governors who probably don't care?

Motion to extend questions to the end of the list Reid sec Elliott

Byron: Would you agree that not agree that these questions are not question but are debate?

Decorum

Williams: Would you be willing to consider a friendly amendment to add the governors back to this list?

Rash: No if you want them on you can vote no at the roll call vote.

Moore: I know everyone has pieced together your opinion but can you say what impact OU's stance will have on other governors should we send it to them?

Rash: I think it would be minimal impact

Israel: Though we may represent students who are from different in your opinion does our work in legislation in this body solely affect the University of Oklahoma and the state of Oklahoma?

Rash: No

Kelling: Elwick asked if you did or did not agree OU has students from other states, and you said you would be open to friendly amendments why did you change your mind?

Rash: Thoughts from other questions

Reid: In your opinion, is a minimal impact not worth the effort?

Rash: No

Watts: According to our standing rules. Rule 3 section 2, are individuals, not members of the body, not able to be granted speaking privileges by a 2/3rd majority vote?

Sample: Yes

Watts: Do you think we should make it our business to monitor the actions of other states as a general policy?

Rash: I think any member of SGA congress is able to submit legislation to pass.

Motion to move to a roll vote Elwick sec Nigh

3-22-4 this amendment fails

Motion to move to previous questions Nigh sec Long

Hand vote: 2/3rd majority

27-1-1 this bill does pass!! YAY

950605 An Act Amending Committee Officers for Session 95 (Sample/Brown/Rains)(Rec of do Pass)

Kelling sec Elliott

Sample: After we had applications open for a month we had 7 applicants after interviews these are who we thought were the best fit for the position. Morgan Williams for Human Diversity Chair, Taylor Kelling for Problems and Projects Chair, Trevor Watts for Academic Affairs Chair.

Williams: Hi, I'm Morgan I will be chair for Human Diversity committee. As human diversity is a new committee, I hope to further establish it on campus. First goal is to talk to RSOs on campus who can come and talk to the committee and let them know we are here for them and any concerns they may have.

Watts: Pending legislation will be Academic Affairs Chair, couple things would like to do, biggest one more integrated forms for certain things, if you have applied for publicity or anything student groups want to do, it is complicated because it is covered by so many different offices, so I would like to start working on consolidating that and making the process easier. Couple of others ideas as well.

Kelling: Main goal this semester is to make sure P&P is not a bottleneck, if we get ideas from students I want to work on them and get them done. As we know from last semester there is a drainage problem on campus, we want to sort that out this semester. Of course, P&P is here for you , to fix anything you guys see on campus. Come see me happy to help with any problems you have.

Israel: Human Diversity Chair, what specifically do you want to accomplish besides just reach out to RSO's?

M. Williams: There are a lot of disjointness between organizations that I want to try to fix. I want to make everyone aware of each organization and let them know that we work as a team because the organizations are here to serve the students not just themselves. Making sure each organization is having events and inviting everyone on campus. Making sure students know that they have these organizations available to them, I know a lot of students feel like maybe they can't go to an event because they are not in that organization so making sure they know they are welcoming and available to all students not just their members.

Motion to move to a roll call vote Elliott sec Pham

35-0-0 bill passes

950606 An Act Appointing Committee Membership for Session 95 (Sample/Brown/Rains)(Rec of do Pass)

Reid sec Nguyen

Sample: Alright, I know several of you have seen your names not in your first choice committee. I had to do that to make the committees even, and everyone has at least their first or second choice. These are your committees and these are your chairs. I will need a friendly amendment or two to remove Liza Marhanka as she has resigned.

Reid: Will you accept a friendly amendment removing Liza Marhanka from the bill?

Sample: Yes

Consent

950701 An Act Appointing SGA Directors (Pae/Crisp/Sample) (Rec of do Pass)

M. Williams sec Nguyen

Pae: I'm Daniel Pae SGA President, Michael and I put a great cabinet together. Department of Exterior, Department of Interior, Department of Inclusivity and the Department of Communications.

Crisp: This legislation is to confirm the appointments of directors. Director of Interior is to deal with anything at OU, Director of the Exterior will work with Higher Ed and the Norman City Council and anything outside of the OU scope. Department of Inclusivity is new this year, and encompasses everything we want to do on this campus. Department of Communications is tasked with putting out the state of SGA advertising for events and south oval offices. Department of Communications is Elizabeth McCready. Department of Inclusivity is Angie Tran. Department of Interior is Jack Schaefer and Department of Exterior is Kim Bishop.

Byron :Department of Inclusivity, substantively, what is change?

Pae: We want to make sure each of them are liaisons for each group on campus, BSA, HASA and LGBTQ, etc. Making sure we are reaching out to student body and listening to their concerns. Discussing having a diversity night inviting student leader's faculty talking about diversity and things such as religion, sexual orientation. Angie Tran will do a great job as a director.

Crisp: Our dept of inclusivity is not solely to focus on diversity but to include the people on campus who have felt that they have been left out by SGA and dealing with the problem of RSOs feeling like they are not being heard.

Byron: Are these nights called inclusivity nights or?

Pae: Yeah open to suggestions

Cramm: Can each of you outline your goals for this semester?

McCready: I am director of communications, I will have two assistances, we have goals of increasing general awareness of SGA because SGA has a huge impact on campus and there are not a large amount of students involved. So by revamping social media strategies and appearance on campus to allow students to interact with us more and their understanding of SGA

Tran: Director of inclusivity. Ask the OU communities what they want to see, next month meeting with organizations, of course funding and publicizing events are important but advocating for policy change or whatever they need is also important so we can make it a more inclusive community. Advocating for the community is my goal.

Schafer: A lot of goals for my department.. In general, the main goal is to improve the quality of life for students and make them more successful, improving the dead week policy. Also, trying to improve mental and physical health. A lot more than that too.

Bishop: Department of Exterior. Working on Higher Ed day is a huge task we are hitting the ground running, We have two weeks till its upon us, beyond that we are working toward tax awareness and seeing if we can get that on the ballot in November, also increasing awareness about primary season, registering to vote for primaries by Tuesday, more political awareness.

Byron: I saw a lot of articles from the OU daily about the dead week reform, what are you guys exactly pushing for?

Crisp: I am heading a lot of that with SFC-er we are going through all of the responses from the dead week survey that we pushed out after finals, we then took that and started reading and comparing what students were saying and what they understand and took that into OU policies. Biggest problem is that students don't know the policy. It is finals prep period. There are some discrepancies that allow professor to give multiple assignments that are worth a majority of the students grade. We want to try to push to get that down to 5% maximum. We also want to get them in the University Policy on the syllabuses and that no new material can be taught during dead week and implementing a system where if you were never given the opportunity to attend office hours to discuss material that was missed over a snow day or something like that then you should not be tested over that. That legislation will come here after taken to the Faculty Senate.

Nguyen: So how can us representative aide in your goal?

Pae: I'll tell you guys my office hours, just stop by our office hours and let us know what problems you want to address on this campus. We want to emphasize the relationship between the exec and legislative branch this semester

Motion to move to a roll call vote Elliot sec Reid

35-0-0 this bill passes!

New Business

Follow-Up Reports

Items for Future Agenda

Cramm: Emergency Allocation 6 WAM 950501

Rains: An Act Expelling Associates Member 950501 ConAd

Reid: A Second Resolution Regarding Syrian Refugees Humanitarian Crisis 950402 EA

Elwick: A resolution regarding AP Test budget cuts 950403 EA

Announcements and Comments

Sample: Speak with chairs

Brown: Meet with your chairs, I need your first and second preference time for meetings so please leave name plates

Byron: I feel like if we actually move to debate instead of moving to debate rather than asking a done of questions, or undermining your point don't do that, say everything you want to say, you probably have more variety in your voter turnout.

Rains: Pre Law Society at 7pm 2nd Floor of the Conoco Texas A&M Law School and Oklahoma Intercollegiate Legislature is Thursday at 8pm if you're interested in doing a lot more of debate and legislating then please please come it is such a great organization and you would all be great at it!

Bishop: If you are applying for Higher Ed day just put maybe you're an member of congress and its an essay question if you can give me a bulleted list don't give me a novel just so I know.

Reid: Follow our social media and thank you for debating this it is an important issue I am bringing it back it will be the other half of this bill. Thank you guys!!

Final Roll Call

Motion to skip final roll call and adjourn Elliott sec Long

Chair: Emily Sample

Vice-Chair: Chelsea Brown

Secretary: Kaylee Rains

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1/31/2016

CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION NO. 950401

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AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution Regarding the Syrian Refugee
Humanitarian Crisis; and Providing for Distribution

- Whereas: Various governors throughout the country, including Oklahoma Governor Mary Fallin, have taken a political stance to not admit any Syrian refugees into their respective states; and
- Whereas: The stances taken by Oklahoma Governor Mary Fallin and various other governors around the country have been deemed unconstitutional by a variety of sources; and
- Whereas: Each refugee undergoes extensive interviewing, security screening, and medical examination prior to admittance as a refugee into the United States; and
- Whereas: Not every qualified refugee is admitted into the United States due to limitation by national regulations; and
- Whereas: The United States screening system of refugees in place is found to be suitably thorough and strict as demonstrated by the demographic description in the U.S. Department of State's "Background Briefing on Refugee Screening and Admissions"; and
- Whereas: Syrian refugees are in dire need of assistance from other countries, including the United States, in the form of safe haven and harbor; and
- Whereas: The current climate of concern over the Syrian refugee crisis has brought about unwarranted racism and Islamophobia that endangers the Muslim citizenry and Syrian refugee communities currently in the United States; and
- Whereas: Syrian refugees are not attempting to come to the United States to spread terror, but rather to flee violence and extremism in their home country; and
- Whereas: The United States is an upholder of the belief of freedom and safety for all and especially those in dire need; and
- Whereas: The political stances and statements of the various aforementioned governors, including Oklahoma Governor Mary Fallin, are not only unconstitutional, but unwarranted and harmful to many people within the United States, Americans, immigrants, and refugees alike;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
AND GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN THAT:

Section 1: The Undergraduate Student Congress, the Graduate Student Senate, and the student body of the University of Oklahoma do not stand nor agree with Governor Mary Fallin's position to not accept Syrian refugees into the state of Oklahoma.

Section 2: The Undergraduate Student Congress, the Graduate Student Senate, and the student body of the University of Oklahoma stand with President Obama and his administration's goal to continue to admit Syrian refugees into the United States at a higher rate during this and following years.

Section 3: Copies of this resolution will be sent to:

- President Barack Obama
- Secretary of State John Kerry
- Secretary of Homeland Security Jeh Johnson
- Director of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Sarah Saldana
- Oklahoma Governor Mary Fallon
- Texas Governor Greg Abbott
- Georgia Governor Nathan Deal
- Alabama Governor Robert Bentley
- Arizona Governor Doug Ducey
- Arkansas Governor Asa Hutchinson
- Florida Governor Rick Scott
- Idaho Governor Butch Otter
- Illinois Governor Bruce Rauner
- Indiana Governor Mike Pence
- Iowa Governor Terry Branstad
- Kansas Governor Sam Brownback
- Louisiana Governor John Edwards
- Maine Governor Paul LePage
- Maryland Governor Larry Hogan
- Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker
- Michigan Governor Rick Snyder
- Mississippi Governor Phil Bryant
- Nebraska Governor Pete Ricketts
- Nevada Governor Brian Sandoval
- New Hampshire Governor Maggie Hassan
- New Jersey Governor Chris Christie
- New Mexico Governor Susana Martinez
- North Carolina Governor Pat McCrory
- North Dakota Governor Jack Dalrymple
- Ohio Governor John Kasich

- South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley
- South Dakota Governor Dennis Daugaard
- Tennessee Governor Bill Haslam
- Wyoming Governor Matt Mead
- Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker
- *CNN News (Dallas Affiliate)*
- *NBC News (Dallas Affiliate: [KXAS-TV](#))*
- *Fox News (Oklahoma affiliates: KOKH & KOKI)*
- *CBS News (Oklahoma affiliates: KWTW & KOTV)*
- *The Oklahoman*
- *The Tulsa World*
- *The Norman Transcript*
- *The OU Daily*
- *The OU Nightly*

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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: _____

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION XCV

January 26, 2016

CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 950605

AS INTRODUCED

An Act of Procedure appointing committee officers
for Session 95; providing short title; and providing for
an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT
ASSOCIATION UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS:

Section 1: This Act shall be known and may be cited as “An Act Amending Committee
Officers for Session 95.”

Section 2: PURPOSE. The Purpose of this Act is inherent in the Title.

Section 3: APPOINTMENT. The Following Persons shall be appointed to Committees and
other positions as follows:

Academic Affairs

Trevor Watts– Chair

**Congressional
Administration**

Ryan Nigh– Chair

External Affairs

Kara Elwick– Chair

Human Diversity

Morgan Williams– Chair

Problems and Projects

Taylor Kelling– Chair

Public Relations

Austin Reid– Chair

Ways and Means

Matthew Cramm– Chair

Section 4: This Act shall become effective when passed in accordance with the SGA Constitution.

Author: Emily Sample, Chair of the Undergraduate Student Congress

Co-Author(s): Chelsea Brown, Vice-Chair of the Undergraduate Student Congress
Kaylee Rains, Secretary of the Undergraduate Student Congress

Submitted on a motion by:

Action taken by Congress:

Verified by Chair: _____ Date: _____

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION XCV

January 26, 2016

CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 950606

AS INTRODUCED

An Act of Procedure amending committee membership for Student Congress Session 95; providing short title; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS:

Section 1: This Act shall be known and may be cited as “An Act Appointing Committee Membership for Session 95.”

Section 2: APPOINTMENT. The Following Persons shall be appointed to committees:

Academic Affairs

Trevor Watts– Chair

Michael Balangué

Jenna Henderson

Akash Bhojwani

Jordan Abney

Kyle Meyer

Nick Morris

Conor Park

Congressional Administration

Ryan Nigh- Chair

Kaylee Rains – *ex officio*

Sarah Steward

Shelby Elliott

Tanner Capehart

Danielle Lewis

Daniel Pham

Maddy Thompson

Logan Penney

External Affairs

Kara Elwick– Chair

Paulius Velesko

Chase Kovach

Connor Moore

Jaclyn DeSanto

John Grunewald

Human Diversity

Morgan Williams– Chair

Liza Marhanka

Dayten Israel

Ali Klima

Emily Mee

Naomee Ryana

Rafael Rengifo

Andi Zahra

Problems and Projects

Taylor Kelling– Chair

Cassie Scott

Madison James

Brian Owings

Reece Cox

Chris Browning

Daniel Williams

Public Relations

Austin Reid– Chair

Morgan Benjamin

Maxell Nguyen

Lillian Trinh

Seoulec Gunvalson

Karlee Marshall

Nick Pappas

Mais Zuaiter

Molly Sparks

Bum Chun

Ways and Means

Matthew Cramm – Chair

Ryan Echols

Tave Wise

Lauren Long

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Alex Byron

Matthew Mullins

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Section 3: This Act shall become effective when passed in accordance with the SGA Constitution.

Author: Emily Sample, Chair of the Undergraduate Student Congress

Co-Author(s): Chelsea Brown, Vice Chair of the Undergraduate Student Congress
Kaylee Rains, Secretary of Undergraduate Student Congress

Submitted on a Motion by:

Action taken by Congress:

Verified by Chair: _____ Date: _____

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION XCV

January 27, 2016

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GS16

January 31, 2016

CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 950701

SENATE BILL NO. GS16-XX

AS INTRODUCED

An act appointing SGA Directors; providing for codification; providing for short title; and providing for an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION:

Section 1: TITLE. This act may be known and shall be cited as the “SGA Directors Appointment Act”

Section 2: PURPOSE. To appoint Directors to their respected SGA departments.

Section 3: In accordance with Title III, chapter 1, section 5, subsection a of the SGACA, “*The President shall appoint Directors with the advice and consent of the Legislative branch,*” the following students shall be appointed as Directors to their respective departments:

- Jack Schaefer | Department of Interior
- Kimberly Bishop | Department of Exterior
- Elizabeth McCready | Department of Communications
- Angie Tran | Department of Inclusivity

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

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Co-Author(s): Tim Crisp, Chief of Staff

Submitted on a Motion by:

Action taken by Congress:

Verified by Chair: _____ Date: _____

Submitted on a Motion by:

Action taken by Senate:

Verified by Chair: _____ Date: _____

Approved by SGA President: _____ Date: _____

Session 95	Committee	General 1-26	950401	950605	950701	Hostile Amendment 1	Hostile Amendment 2
Abney, Jordan	AA	x	y	y	y	n	n
Balangué, Michael	AA	x		y	y		
Benjamin, Morgan	PR	x	y	y	y	n	n
Bhojwani, Akash	AA						
Brown, Chelsea	VC	x	y	y	y	n	n
Browning, Chris	P&P	x	y	y	y	a	n
Byron, Alex	WAM	x	y	y	y	n	a
Capehart, Tanner	ConAd	x	y	y	y	a	n
Chun, Bum Ki	PR	x	y	y	y	n	n
Cox, Reece	P&P	x	y	y	y	y	n
DeSanto, Jaclyn	EA	ex					
Echols, Ryan	WAM						
Elliott, Shelby	ConAd	x	y	y	y	y	n
Elwick, Kara	EA	x	y	y	y	y	n
Grunewald, John	EA	x	y	y	y	n	n
Henderson, Jenna	AA	x		y	y		
Israel, Dayten	HD	x	y	y	y	y	a
James, Madison	P&P	x	y	y	y	y	n
Kelling, Taylor	P&P	x	y	y	y	n	n
Klima, Ali	HD	x	y	y	y	y	n
Kovach, Chase	EA	x	y	y	y	y	y
Lewis, Danielle	ConAd	x	y	y	y	y	n
Long, Lauren	WAM	x	n	y	y	y	a
Mee, Emily	HD	x	y	y	y	n	n
Meyer, Kyle	AA	x	a	y	y	y	y
Morris, Nick	AA	x		y	y		
Mullins, Matthew	WAM	x	y	y	y	n	n
Nguyen, Maxell	PR	x	y	y	y	y	n
Nigh, Ryan	ConAd	x		y	y	y	
Park, Conor	AA	x	y	y	y	n	n
Pham, Daniel	ConAd	x	y	y	y	y	a
Rains, Kaylee	ConAd	x	y	y	y	n	n
Reid, Austin	PR	x		y	y		
Ryana, Naomee	HD	x	y	y	y	y	y
Scott, Cassie	P&P	x					
Sparks, Molly	PR	ex	y	y	y	a	n
Steward, Sarah	ConAd	x					
Trinh, Lillian	PR	ex		y	y		
Thompson, Maddy	ConAd	x					

Velesko, Paulius	EA						
Williams, Dan	P&P	x	y	y	y	n	n
Williams, Morgan	HD	x	y	y	y	n	n
Wise, Tave	WAM						
Zahra, Andi	HD						
Attending		35	27	35	35	14	3
Absent		0	1	0	0	13	22
Excused		3	1	0	0	3	4