

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS Session XCVI

General Body Meeting
7:00 pm, Tuesday, October 18th, 2016
Devon Hall 120

Session XCVI

Roll Call -

Flag Salute

Representative Steward

Approval of Minutes

Motion to Approve the Minutes Representative Kelling sec Representative Cox

Chair's Report- Hey everyone! Welcome back. Homecoming updates- we a group pomp tomorrow at SigEp. It is also the SGA night for group pomp, so we are providing the food. Also, if any of you are wanting to do any part of Homecoming, please fill out a waiver on OrgSync. I will have Jake send out the link tonight. The parade is going to be awesome and we should support our group. It is a night game that week, so the parade will be between two and three. Night at the Huff is next Tuesday, so please make sure you have the waivers filled out. Elections, they are coming up quick. They will be on November 8th and 9th. There is one tomorrow at 4:30. You will need to go or send a proxy. If you can't arrange for that, please contact the Election Chair. This is for the people that were up for election. Also, a few other events: Unity Symposium which has been an Exec projects (Nov 1st and 2nd from 4-8). Cupcakes and Congress is coming up. A Conoco Trick or Treat will be on Halloween, and there will be a door decorating contest from 5-7 so please stop by. Also, give a big hand to everyone in EA, the voter drive was very successful. Also, please remember to use ParliPro and ask questions if you need to get anything figured out.

Vice Chair's Report- With the Night at the Huff, Exec can't go, so if you want to be involved, please talk to us. We had some issues with some quorum this last weekend, so please make sure that you're talking to your committee chairs so that they have a clear idea of who is coming. We changed the rules to be more flexible in time, so please talk to your chairs. I will be taking down names for our liaison program, so if you'd like to be a liaison to any on-campus organization, please let me know either by e-mail or by phone. Talk to me if you have other question.

Secretary's Report- Hi everyone! Please be sure to get your Constituent Service and Office Hour in for the month of October! We are over half-way done with the semester, so please ensure that you have those requirements met! I will grant Constituent Service for any Homecoming activities that you undertake with SGA. Also, if you have any questions about attendance or whether or not you've met a requirement, please check out the attendance spreadsheet online at bit.ly/Session96 under the General Congress Info folder.

Committee Reports-

- **Academic Affairs-** The academic affairs committee was able to see 960201, the legislation that would offer a survey to the student body about adding 16 new minors. It was given a rec of due pass in the committee
- **Communications-** Cupcakes and Congress will be next Tuesday from 1-4. There will be a Doodle Poll online that you can sign up for. We are only having 4 people at a time so that people aren't intimidated. She will have more information about t-shirts next week
- **Congressional Administration-** We saw 960201, seeing as we had no author or co-author, we won't see it tonight. We reviewed the survey regarding SQ 777 thoroughly and gave it a rec of do pass.
- **External Affairs-** between our two voter drive events, we got over 1% of the total OU student body registered. Look forward to the result of our mock survey to come out soon. We are working on a candidate's forum in the week leading up to the election. We also gave the survey regarding SQ 777 a rec of do pass.
- **Human Diversity-** We discussed a resolution discussing sexual assault.
- **Problems and Projects-** We met and discussed all of our ongoing projects. We got ahold of CART and they are very open to meeting with us. They are excited to meet with the student body and find out what we want. The construction project is including a new part about noise. We don't want construction around the dorms during dead week or finals week. We are hoping they won't be pounding on walls while people study. We are looking into veterans parking issues by their new center.
- **Sustainability-** We talked about projects, one new one was getting more sprinklers that turn off when they face the sidewalks to conserve water. We went over the SQ 777 survey again as well.
- **Ways and Means-** Between some miscommunication and a quorum scare, we canceled our meeting. We will see legislation in GSS next week and the process will be up and running soon.

Liaison Reports

Kelling: Thanks to everyone that got to come out to the SVA Tailgate. All of our tailgates start 4 hours before kick-off and are open to all. Please join!

Special Orders

President Pae

Pae: A lot of people have come up to me saying that whomever succeeds me will have big shoes to fill. Michael has bigger feet than I, so we'll see. I have four updates from Exec about projects:

1. We passed Dead Week Reform by a vote of 19-6 in the Faculty Senate. This forbids exams during pre-finals week, no quizzes worth more than 3% of your grade during pre-finals week, and the policy will be on the University syllabi
2. Student Legal Services- We just wrapped up interviews and will be selecting someone in the next two weeks
3. Bike Share- Had a meeting with Parking Service and are going to be creating a contract with the company we chose in the next few weeks. We should have 75 bikes and 10 racks by Thanksgiving
4. Food Pantry- We met with housing and food and worked out a number of details, including staff and other things.

I'm aware that there are five tickets filed this election cycle. I've never seen this many people file. I want to be clear about a number of things. We should always keep in mind that these leadership positions are not meant for personal glorification. They are meant to advocate for collective action. We are all here to serve the student body because I believe that real leaders are student leaders. Whenever I'm walking on campus, I see all the students, tour groups, etc. and I think about all the changes and how they'll better the lives of students. That's why we're all in SGA. A few things I've learned- Don't change who you are to be successful and don't give up. To those campaigning, good luck! I look forward to reading your platforms and tweets. Good luck and make the odds be ever in your favor.

Student Concerns

Old Business

Items to Be Considered

960303- A Resolution Addressing Sexual Assault (Pavlowsky) (HD- Rec of Do Pass)

Representative Mee sec Representative Alrawi

Pavlowsky: This legislation is urging SGA and the student body to begin tackling the parts of our campus and culture that we don't like. There are a lot of resources on campus that we provide to victims of sexual assault, but there are a number of societal pressures keeping people from seeking those resources. We hope to work with the GEC and Counseling Center to create support groups and address sexual assault, consent., etc. We want to do it at the student level... we aren't saying that the resources aren't there, but we want to work with those offices to make those resources even more open for students.

Echols: Are you accepting co-sponsors?

Mee

Nigh

Chance

Cox

Kuketz

James

Echols

Quick

Buxton

Thompson

Steward

Hillis

Rubio

Kovach

Curley

Huffling

Noble

Rucka
Klima
Ryana
Williams
Elwick
DSilva
Lalani
Davis
Kelling
Capehart
Owings
Reid
Mazeitis

Davis: I've had people ask about the previous bill on mental health... so what does passing this do?

Pavlovsky: We weren't planning to make a committee but we can! We were planning to co-program with the Its On Us campaign. We talked a bit with the GEC about student-led support groups in case students don't want to talk to faculty. Also bringing in a speaker and talking in the residence halls

Davis: What can I say to students?

Pavlovsky: Talk to us if they want to get involved

Kelling: Is there a reporting hotline?

Pavlovsky: Yes

Kelling: Can we add that to the people we are thanking?

Pavlovsky: The office that is housed in is already on the legislation.

Owings: What made you want to write this resolution?

Pavlovsky: The report released regarding sexual assault as well as the general atmosphere in this country. This occurs on college campuses across the country and having numbers to back that up is important in helping to end it.

Bray: Is any of this bill inspired by the protest that took place in Evans?

Pavlovsky: We were writing this before they happened, so no.

Kelling: Can we fund any additional programs or assist with funding?

Pavlovsky: We were intending to start the Its on Us campaign. At this point in time, we want to start a PR push. We are intending to host events, but in the future, I'd love to start an organization. Perhaps we can recruit leadership as the years go on. Because they aren't an RSO, they don't need funding.

Alrawi: Are you trying to raise awareness or support victims?

Pavlovsky: They are intertwined. By providing support and deconstructing culture, we are supporting victims.

Alrawi: Raising awareness is great, but are we meeting every week?

Pavlovsky: This bill is trying to get at stigma regarding sexual assault. The campaign reinforces the idea that victims shouldn't feel ashamed. We are working on both support and advocacy. We have a dedicated group working towards this, but this does not set up a formal group. We are hoping to do that later.

Bray: What specifically will change from today assuming this passes?

Pavlovsky: This would mean a declaration from SGA that we are going to work on reducing sexual assault on our campus.

Motion to Extend Questions by Five Minutes Representative Reid sec Representative Ryana

Bray: Is there any specific actions that are pre-determined by GSS in terms of this bill?

Pavlovsky: We are talking with the Counseling Center and the GEC to get student led support groups. We are also hoping to have a speaker and trying to start the Its on Us campaign.

Rains: We are in the early stages. We meet every week as the authors, so it will progress quickly.

Alrawi: Why form these organizations? Why are we just trying to support this, especially if people disagree with our plans later on? I think there is support and a hotline, so why is there no explanation for what we're voting for?

Pavlovsky: This is a call to action because we're working with other groups and figuring out schedules. This is about seeing a problem and working to fix it. A Senator is talking to the GEC and the Counseling Center.

We are just hoping to set the stage by committing ourselves to combat sexual assault. This is a commitment from SGA.

Reid: So, you would say that this bill is a statement of intent for the future as well as a kickstart to our efforts?

Pavlowksy: Yes. We don't want to wait till its later in the semester. We have momentum in the moment, so I want to start this movement now.

Lewis: When you said for the following year, do you mean the '16-'17 school year or next academic year?

Pavlowksy: We are hoping to create and start these projects this academic year, which hopefully will continue on.

Bray: Can I address the statement that Representative Alrawi had?

Rains: No

Motion to Extend Questions to the End of the List Representative Echols sec Representative Owings

Alrawi: What happened during the protest?

Pavlowksy: The protest had two components- one was the report and the other were the comments that Boren was reported to have made in the paper. The protestors felt that he was victim shaming. This was passed in GSS before the protest, so this legislation is independent of the protest.

Bray: Is anything going to happen in regards to publicity on campus through the Daily or something similar?

Pavlowksy: We intend to publicize through normal SGA means, but we don't have a Daily article. We hope they'll cover our events.

Branch: If there are events that you want the Daily to cover, just let us know. You can e-mail me. Please let me know ahead of time.

Pavlowksy: I will contact them when we have events.

Alrawi: Is this a political move due to the protest? We have nothing organized and there is no committee. If you asked us to start a new committee, that might be better, but this is not. What is the reason?

Pavlowksy: With the report in the Daily, we have tangible numbers to describe the issue of sexual assault, both about assault and the process. We don't have a committee in this legislation, but we do have concrete things we are wanting to work on. My HD Committee would love to meet with Congress'. This isn't a political issue because sexual assault is something that affects people across the nation. I can understand why you might assume that there is a link between the protest and this, but the common link is the report in the Daily. We did not discuss anything with the protesters. We have meetings with the authors, GSS HD meets once every two weeks, we are meeting with the GEC and other organizations. This is a call to action, alerting people, and getting everyone on board. We also have other plans that we're working on. We are attempting to address a problem on campus that we now understand a little better.

Alrawi: Is there a problem with our Congress not being aware of sexual assault? I think that everyone in Congress is aware of sexual assault. Do you have anything specific that we can vote on? Is there a problem with delaying this and actually passing a plan?

Pavlowksy: The hope is that, as we move on, there will be other pieces of legislation that have more concrete plans. 90% of sexual assaults go unreported. The problem isn't what happens when we hear about it, but rather that there is a culture that keeps victims from coming forward which keeps them from the healing process. This intends to commit SGA to work on this. We don't have a concrete plan, but we are going to start working and continue planning to end this problem on campus.

Consent

Objection- Representative Alrawi

Motion to Move to a Roll Call Vote Representative Mee sec Representative Nigh

This Bill Does Pass by a Vote of 33-1-1

960402- An Act Authorizing a Survey on SQ 777 (Chance) (EA/ConAd- Rec of Do Pass)

Representative Owings sec Representative Kelling

Chance: Hey everyone! I'm Kaleigh Chance. I haven't met many of you, so I wanted to introduce myself. We wanted to put out a survey on SQ 777 regarding how OU felt about the question. We've seen a lot of concerned students, tabling, rallies, etc. The Daily had an article about it, so we were wanting to survey the student body to see if they are concerned as well. If they are concerned, we want to write a resolution before election day indicating that there are problems with the question itself. If you are unsure of the implications and concerns, the second page has a "positive and negative implication" chart. The survey is just going to ask how the population feels about the question. We are hoping this will lead students to research this question and other questions. We are also hoping to increase voter turnout. Lastly, please ignore the dates that are on the legislation. It is a scrivener's error.

Kelling: On the survey question 14, it looks like there are single-choice boxes. Those will be checks, correct?

Chance: Those are multiple-choice boxes.

Mazeitis: You designed this survey to be impartial correct?

Chance: Yes, that's why we included the chart and we thoroughly vetted the questions which is why we got two recs of do pass.

Klima: Who did you consult outside your committee?

Mee: Students tabling, including the Sierra Club. Ultimately this isn't us telling people how to vote. We are hoping to stress that there are more decisions to make than just Hilary or Trump.

James: We also spoke with a woman named Christina Owens who is running for office. She showed us both sides of the issue, despite believing that it shouldn't pass. It was very helpful to hear the arguments in favor of the question even though we disagree with it as the SUS Committee.

Chance: The positive implications were designed with her help.

Mee: We really learned a lot because she's a candidate for Congress and has been to a number of meetings on it.

Bray: Do you feel that having a positive and negative split regarding implications adds bias to the bill?

Chance: No, because both are included. We were sure to not include more negative implications than positive and we hoped to ensure that each was as substantial as the other, which is part of our attempt to inform students.

Echols: My understanding is that this is to gauge student opinions, so would you be willing to write a resolution if this survey is positive?

James: We will not as SUS, but anyone is welcome to write the resolution.

Kelling: On Q13, I'm sure this is scrivners, should it read, "I would prefer the question with compelling state interest"

Klima: Regarding this individual that spoke to you, what are some positive implications that this question has?

Motion to Extend Questions to the End of the List Representative Klima sec Representative Lewis

Chance: This positive and negative implications are more hypothetical. We don't know the exact implications if it hasn't happened. A right to farm amendment in two other states have been passed, but those didn't include a "compelling state interest". I think that everyone thinks that it will do the same thing that it did in other states, which is listed on the chart. Less restrictions may lead to a stronger economy, which allows for the free market and the reduction of restrictions. These are again, hypothetical, because other amendments have had lower burdens of proof.

Mee: That's a double-edged sword, because it would be boosting the interests of corporate farmers and not small farmers.

Bray: If I were to feel that preventing legislators from adding restrictions to business, wouldn't that be bias because its listed as a negative?

Mee: This is intended to be the proponency and the opponency.

Chance: This is based on people that we've talked. We want to make sure that people know what would happen.

Owings: With Q15, is there a people who are ineligible to vote in OK could opt out so that people outside of OK aren't skewing the data?

Chance: I agree, because some may not vote. I can't change that, but I'm sure that if a student sees this, a student will put yes if they believe in it or not.

Mee: We want to know how students feel, voting or not.

Chance: We want a resolution that has data as the backbone.

Owings: Do you think you have enough time with the data being back on the 26th that can pass before the vote occurs?

Chance: My plan involves drafting a resolution that assumes students being concerned, then if those aren't the results, I won't present the resolution. We will propose the resolution ahead of time and get the results back on Friday so that it can go through committees and then be seen on Tuesday. It will be sent out before the election.

Consent

Objection-Representative Bray

Motion to Move to a Roll Call Vote Representative Bray sec Representative Owings

This Bill Does Pass by a Vote of 33-2-0

New Business

Follow-Up Reports

Items for Future Agenda

960910- Resolution Thanking the Outgoing Executive (ConAd)

960115- An Act Expelling Members (ConAd)

Announcements and Comments

Echols: The School of Music is opening their opera this weekend. Runs from the 20th-23rd. Go support the arts!

Mee: We haven't formally talked about Identity Evropa, and it's been making people of color feel really uncomfortable. We had a student concern that someone was concerned, so if you want to write the resolution with me, please see me after.

Kelling: They were using hot glue and other adhesives to permanently affix their posters. If you see them, you can call 911 to report vandalism.

Ryana: Student Healthcare Outreach is having its second meeting this Thursday in Dale 107 at 6pm.

Reid: Remember to come see me afterwards if you'd like to be a liaison. Also, the OK Ballet Festival is November 4th-13th. It's a wonderful event with lots of dances (like the Firebird, which is a very spectacular event). Go have fun!

Pae: Tomorrow is the open house for TOG from 8-9 in Wagner 135. TOG is a wonderful opportunity to develop yourself professionally. Please talk to me after with questions.

Capehart: The HoCo concert is next Wednesday. Students get 1/2 priced tickets and there are buses going to the show. Flo Rida, JoJo, Tinashe, Mike Posner, etc. will be there. Buy tickets at stubwire.com

Klima: Please remember to get your absentee ballots notarized! Debbie is a notary.

Rains: Kim Bishop just became a notary and she'd love to notarize anyone's stuff.

Williams: Its 8:07 and Texas still sucks.

Motion to Skip Final Roll Call and Adjourn Representative Kelling sec Representative Bray

Final Roll Call

Chair: Kaylee Rains

Vice-Chair: Austin Reid

Secretary: Jake Mazeitis