

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
Session XCVI

General Body Meeting
7:00 pm, Tuesday, October 25th, 2016
Devon Hall 120

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Roll Call –

7:00

Flag Salute

Representative Kuketz

Approval of Minutes

Motion to Approve the Minutes Representative Owings sec Representative Ryana

Chair's Report- Happy Homecoming! We had Cupcakes and Congress today and it was a huge success. We are getting kinks worked out and its really fun! Be sure to sign up for the next one. Tonight is Night at the Sark and our SGA team is playing at 8:20. We need people to play on it or we get disqualified. If you have signed a waiver, can play, and are not on another team, PLEASE come talk to me. I'll stick around after the meeting. Tomorrow is the Homecoming Bash at 6:30 with Flo Rida, JoJo, Tinashe, Mike Posner, etc. SafeRide is running busses there, so don't worry about parking down by the LNC. The only open entrance is the one facing Jenkins (North entrance). If you haven't bought your tickets, buy them on StubWire. CAC has been working really hard. I'm going, Reid is going. Unity Symposium is coming up on November 2nd and 3rd. Be sure to RSVP. Next Monday is Trick or Treat in the Conoco. You can wear a costume, but no need. November 8th and 9th are elections, be sure to campaign appropriately. Tell your people to vote. Based on the bill regarding sexual assault, Carrie and I have been working on a few ideas. Talk to me after the meeting if you're interested.

Vice Chair's Report- I am still in need of liaisons; we want to make sure our larger organizations are represented especially. That's anyone from BSA to the Ghost Hunting Club. Tonight, please be sure to be efficient due to midterms and volleyball and such. Make sure you get in your Constituent Service. Even I have forgotten to do it, so be sure that you send Jake a photo of your service so that he knows.

Secretary's Report- Hey everyone! I sent out e-mails a few hours ago to all the people whom, according to my records, haven't completed their Constituent Service or Office Hour requirement for October. Please be sure to get those done as quickly as possible so that you don't have to worry about getting an unexcused absence. You can check out the resources at bit.ly/Session96 for guidelines and opportunities to fulfill those requirements. I don't currently know of any unique constituent service opportunities, so please be sure to get to an RSO meeting sometime in the next week. As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to drop by my office hours or shoot me an e-mail or text. Also, last week I sent out a Google Form soliciting suggestions as to how I can do my job more effectively. If you have any comments, I'll send it out again tonight with the minutes. The responses are anonymous, so please feel free to say whatever you feel you need to. Thanks for joining us during midterm season.

Committee Reports-

- **Academic Affairs-** We saw the Minors bill, 960201, and we gave it a rec of do pass and we'll be seeing it tonight.
- **Communications-** Hey guys! First off thanks to everyone who came out to cupcakes and congress! It went really well and I'm super excited we've established an event that is so fun and unique and it wouldn't be possible without all your hard work! There's been a hold up with licensing approval on our designs. I've spoken with our ID solutions rep and they haven't seen any information on their end so I've emailed Carmen Bao to get more info on how to move forward.
- **Congressional Administration-** We saw the bulk of the legislation we are seeing tonight. One of them is diving into the debate process, we saw a piece of legislation allowing surveys to be amended on the floor, and we saw the minors survey which we amended and gave a rec of do pass.
- **External Affairs-** We didn't see any legislation but we did meet briefly to discuss a voter awareness campaign pushing the state questions. We will be getting posters and flyers out the week leading up to the Nov 8th election.
- **Human Diversity-** Hey everyone! We have some awesome news. With finals week coming up and that being really stressful, the Human Diversity Committee has decided to host a mental health awareness campaign. This goes in line with the campaigns we wanted to do earlier in the semester. This is going to be about three and a half weeks where the first two weeks are promotions (social media, etc.) and then the last week and a half will be focused on specific parts of mental health, and Friday we'll have an open seminar for guest speakers. We are speaking with the GEC and Rep Kelling. We have a lot of things rolling.
- **Problems and Projects-** We met briefly and didn't see any legislation. Thanks to Representative Owings for taking over the meeting because I was sick. We are currently working on CART, we have a big meeting with them on Friday. Let me know any questions you have so that I can ask them.
- **Sustainability-** We met briefly last week and we didn't have any legislation. We talked about the resolution we'll be introducing tonight and we took the SQ 777 survey to GSS.
- **Ways and Means-** We saw 7 budgets and we have Aux #4 tonight.

Liaison Reports

Special Orders

Student Concerns

Rains: Someone wanted to know if we could look into standardizing absence policies within departments. If anyone has any feedback, please speak with me after the meeting. (Referred to Academic Affairs)

Old Business

Items to Be Considered

960111 Debate Reform Act (Reid) (ConAd- Rec of Do Pass)

Representative Kelling sec Representative Owings

Reid: A lot of what this bill is doing is clarifying the decisions we made a few weeks ago during the debate regarding the budget interviews. I'm open to discussing this and making amendments if we feel they are necessary. Kaylee, Taylor, and I went extensively through the by-laws to make things more clear.

Elwick: Is there anything in here now that was not decided when we were debating? Did things change based on the decisions that you made during the debate?

Reid: There is one thing that's different: the fact that the speaker is only allowed one speech during debate, unless they are an author, in which case they receive their summation as well. You also cannot yield time to someone who has already talked. If a presiding officer steps down from the chairship, they cannot reassume the position until after the final vote. If the next ranking member has already debated, they are skipped over in the line of succession. George also suggested that previous question be moved to a hand vote immediately. If 2/3rd of the body agree to move to previous question, we move to previous question.

Williams: In Section 4, Part 13 it says that we follow the line of succession. What is that?

Reid: It goes Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Congressional Administration Chair, Ways and Means Chair, then seniority.

Kelling: *Might be scriveners, but can you change Section 4 (part 2) to Section 5.*

Reid: Accepted

Owings: Aren't partisan statements derogatory?

Reid: Partisan statements are saying the other side is bad, while direct derogatory statements just kind of cover individual people. Anything that is derogatory is left up to the Chair to decide.

Ahmadi: I'm always confused by someone calling for debate and whether debate is part of procedure. Can you more clearly define Section 4?

Reid: The only reason that we don't move to debate on every bill is a call for consent or a motion for a roll call vote. After questions, we technically move directly into debate and then out of debate. However, we usually move to a roll call vote or call consent. I'm not sure how to make sub-section 1 any more clear because that is where it falls in the standing rules. The second sentence (any member can call for debate) says that you can call debate in the middle of questions. If you have a suggestion on how to make that more clear, I'd love to hear it.

Ahmadi: "Debate is in line following the author's explanation"? Maybe "but" instead of "any"?

James: *Friendly amendment to add "questioning, but" instead of "questioning"?*

Reid: yes

Elwick: On section 10 when it talks about derogatory references, it was kind of vague. Would you mind changing derogatory to personal?

Reid: The problems that we faced in committee was that if I were to reference the "author" it would be personal. Derogatory would be something malicious or something along those lines. Personal statements would mean that we can't discuss things effectively in some ways in terms of referring to an author's argument. Derogatory is left to the decision of the Chair.

Rains: You aren't supposed to refer to a person by name, so that is the rule that we intend to apply here.

Kelling: I think that the idea is that if I want to say "the previous speaker said ..." I should be able to say that. However, I shouldn't be derogatory towards them.

Motion to Extend Questioning by Five Minutes Representative Nigh sec Representative Owings

Reid: I see where you're coming from and I agree but I think that the word derogatory is the most effective word to use.

Bray: At the debate, which was a lot of fun, one issue that came up was when one of the debaters mentioned someone else's major, which aimed to make a negative argument. Does this solve that issue?

Reid: That would be up to the Chair as to whether or not it was derogatory. You can make anything derogatory even if you don't say something like "they're stupid".

Buxton: Regarding derogatory, we can still call decorum?

Reid: Yes

Rains: *Would you accept a friendly amendment adding "derogatory or personal"?*

Reid: Yes

Owings: *Would you accept a friendly amendment replacing derogatory with "derogatory or personal attacks"?*

Reid: No

Owings: If we include personal references, that removes our ability to refer to the previous speaker.

Reid: I don't like the word attacks being in the bill.

Kelling: *Would you accept a friendly amendment saying that "it shall not contain derogatory or negative references to any person"?*

Reid: Yes

Motion to Extend Questions to the End of the Life Representative Mee sec Representative Pham

Owings: For the friendly amendment, does that contain the second time you say "derogatory reference"?

Reid: Yes

Elwick: Is a personal statement referencing a person necessarily?

Rains: As Chair, I feel that it would not be referencing them.

Davis: So regarding forfeiting remaining time, does that mean that the speaker forfeits all banked time or just the time remaining to the speaker?

Reid: The time remaining to the speaker, which is a generally accepted Roberts Rule procedure.

Consent

960115 An Act Amending the CA Regarding Survey Legislation (Mazeitis) (ConAd- Rec of Do Pass)

Representative Quick sec Representative Owings

Mazeitis- This bill is very simple. It strikes the sentence of the Code Annotated prohibiting us from editing surveys on the floor. I think that there were some valuable potential changes we could've made last week and I would've preferred to amend it on the floor.

Echols- Did you do any research as to why we do this?

Mazeitis- I asked Kaylee and she said that it has been this way for as long as she has known.

Kelling- Were you referring to the specific bill from last week?

Mazeitis- Yes, the SQ 777 survey.

Consent

960201 Minors Survey (Echols) (ConAd- Rec of Do Pass)

Representative Mee sec Representative Nigh

Echols: I am the author solely for the purpose of passing this through the legislative process. David didn't want to be the lead author because of his position in the court system. I agreed because I think that adding minors at no cost is always a good idea.

Monlux: This is a survey bill to gauge interest in minors. The Senate and Administration has expressed some concerns and would like to see it again. I would like it to go to a Joint Committee on Sunday at 5pm between Senate's Academic Affairs Committee and Congress' Congressional Administration Committee.

Motion to Refer this Legislation Back to Committee Representative Williams sec Representative Pham

This bill is now referred to a Joint Committee of the Graduate Student Senate's Academic Affairs Committee and the Undergraduate Student Congress' Congressional Administration Committee. This Joint Committee will meet at 5pm on October 30th on the first floor of the Conoco-Phillips Student Leadership Center.

960511 Auxiliary Funding #4 (Echols) (WAM- Rec of Do Pass)

Representative Owings sec Representative Pham

Echols: We are seeing \$554 for the Undergraduate Mock Trial team to travel to competition, \$400 to Phi Gamma Pi for a membership dinner, \$460 to Students for Liberty so they can buy a flight for the speaker, The Big Event allocations seems large, they had issues with primary funding and we had already allocated the \$8,000 to them for rentals, supplies, etc. , \$6,400 to the Student Bar Association which is on par with previous years because they are administrative organization for the law school, \$100 to the Society of American Archivists for a meet and greet event, \$525 to Health Law Student Association for a speaker event, \$3,500 to the Student Organization Resource Office who need money for damages and software updates, and \$300 to General Council for printing and office supplies. This leaves approximately \$25,000 in the auxiliary fund.

Mee: How much did The Big Event ask for?

Echols: \$44,950

Rains: The Student Bar Association isn't an administrative organization, so are they funding groups under them?

Echols: The way that I understand it is that the Code Annotated lays out our organization system, which is not directly related to Student Affairs policies. We funded general office supplies and general rentals for their upcoming Halloween event.

Kelling: Regarding the Student Bar Association, do they need that funding right now?

Echols: Typically, that's kind of how we see it. We assume that because of the way auxiliary works, they need it soon.

Williams: Regarding Undergrad Mock Trial team, is there a scrivener's error?

Echols: Yes. It should total \$564

Kelling: How much money has Student Bar Association been given this year?

Echols: This is their first Auxiliary request. They typically get between \$18,000 and \$20,000 in primary funding.

Motion to Move to a Roll Call Vote Representative Pham sec Representative Chun

This bill passes by a vote of 30-0-1

960801 Polling Locations (Taylor/Mazeitis) (ConAd- Red of Do Pass)

Representative Kelling sec Representative Owings

Taylor: I am just here to present legislation from my Election Board. We are doing three election sites as per usual. One in front of Dale, one by the Bookmark, and one by the IT store in the Union. These sites are free and were successful last year. We will have geofilters on Snapchat.

Owings: Last year, there was discussion of the law school running one. Is that still happening?

Taylor: The elections for which a law school election site might be relevant aren't happening this semester.

Consent

New Business

Follow-Up Reports

Items for Future Agenda

960403- A Resolution Regarding SQ 777 (EA)

960304- A Resolution Addressing Hate Speech (HD)

Announcements and Comments

Rains: New members, please don't be afraid to make motions. We have some experienced people who are great at parliamentary procedure, but we would love you all to practice. Please speak louder if I can't hear you. Please come to the Night at the Sark. If you have signed a waiver and are not a part of another homecoming group, please come talk to me.

Echols: This week is the Neustadt Festival, which is like the American Noble Prize for Literature. There are a number of plays and we're really lucky to have it here.

Mee: If anyone is interested in getting involved with the Anti-Hate resolution, come talk to me.

Ahmadi: SafeRide is running tomorrow for the concert and its running from 11-3 after. We got a new bus this year and all SafeRides are free.

Davis: Next Saturday, the National Society of Black Engineers is having a walk for education. We are carpooling from here at 8am. Please talk to me if you have any questions.

Lewis: If you haven't gotten your shirt yet from me for Homecoming, come grab it.

Pham: Asian American Student association is hosting a food night in the afternoon in the armory from 1-4 next Tuesday. You can buy tickets at the door or get them from the AASA office.

Rubio: HASA will be hosting their annual Day of the Dead festival this Sunday at LNC from 1-8. It is all free.

Ryana: Student Healthcare Outreach started our first fundraiser. It's a sponsorship website and its free. It shouldn't take more than two minutes but if you do some simple tasks like watch a video or answer a question, we get \$4. I'll give the link to Jake and if you all could do it, that would be great.

Williams: It is currently 7:54 and Texas still sucks.

Cox: Go Cubs!

Motion to Skip Final Roll Call and Adjourn Representative Echols sec Representative Pham

Chair: Kaylee Rains

Vice-Chair: Austin Reid

Secretary: Jake Mazeitis

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Alrawi, Salam	
Bray, Bryan	y
Buxton, Jillian	y
Capehart, Tanner	y
Chun, Bum Ki	y
Cox, Reece	y
Curley, Nicholas	
D'Silva, Jordan	
Davis, Syleste	y
Echols, Ryan	y
Elliott, Shelby	
Elwick, Kara	y
Erwin, Hunter	y
Grunewald, John	y
Hillis, Tevis	y
Huffling, Madison	
James, Madison	y
Kelling, Taylor	a
Klima, Ali	
Kovach, Chase	y
Kuketz, Timothy	y
Lalani, Sanah	y

Lewis, Danielle	y
Mazeitis, Jake	y
McClintic, Alexander	
Mee, Emily	y
Nigh, Ryan	y
Noble, Sam	
Owings, Brian	y
Pham, Daniel	y
Quick, Sam	y
Reid, Austin	y
Rubio Regalado, Carlos	y
Rucka, Magdalena	y
Ryana, Naomee	y
Simmons, Jonathan	y
Steward, Sarah	y
Thompson, Maddy	
Vann, Peyton	y
Williams, Dan	y
Zahra, Andi	
Yes	30
No	0
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