

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS  
Session XCVI

General Body Meeting  
7:00 pm, Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
Devon Hall 120

**Roll Call -**

**Flag Salute**

Representative Rucka

**Approval of Minutes**

**Motion to Approve the Minutes Representative Elliott sec Representative Ryana**

**Chair's Report-** Hey everyone! Thanks for coming out. I guess there was the possibility of a tornado... Couple thing: filing is next week. You should've gotten an e-mail from me, but I'll send another tomorrow with all of the relevant information. Filing is the 10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>. Candidate meetings are the 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am and the 19<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 in the Conoco. If you don't get an e-mail from me, your seat isn't up. Homecoming Night at the Huff is coming up. Its October 25<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-10. We need 6 more people, so please talk to me if interested. You have to fill out a waiver by tomorrow. Texas Sucks. Have a great weekend!

**Vice Chair's Report-** Hi friends! I'm back and have free time now that my show is over. Thanks to everyone that came out and saw it, it was great to see you. I'm just working on a couple of projects, getting back in touch with committee chairs to make sure everything is going well. Texas really suck.

**Secretary's Report-** Hope everyone is having a great start to their week! Please remember to do your Constituent Service and Office Hour requirements for the month of October. All resources you should need will be on the Google Drive, which you can access at [bit.ly/Session96](http://bit.ly/Session96). Please stop by office hours and be safe!

**Committee Reports-**

- **Academic Affairs-** The Academic Affairs committee couldn't meet officially this week because we didn't meet quorum, but we talked to the author of a bill we're seeing. The bill is introducing a survey for students to see if they want 16 new minors that range from RockNRoll to Conspiracy Theories.
- **Communications-** I e-mailed ID Solutions last Tuesday and he got back to me with 2/3 designs (sweatshirt and baseball shirt). **Applause** Sweatshirts are 26+tax, shirts are 18+tax. He says he has a lot of artwork to do with the shirts, and he'll get it to me tomorrow. I'll talk to Exec when I get that design to figure out when the best time to open that link is. October 25<sup>th</sup> from 1-4 is Cupcakes and Congress. Doodle Poll will be sent to Kaylee or Jake. Please follow us on social media, especially Instagram.

- **Congressional Administration-** We saw a few pieces of legislation this week. We gave Parking Appeals a rec of no rec because we didn't get a chance to meet the appointees, we gave the act expelling representatives a rec of do pass, and we are not seeing re-districting this session.
- **External Affairs-** We had an event at Walker; long story short., we had over 100 people register to vote. Beyond that, we are looking for another big event on October 14<sup>th</sup>, which is the last day to register, so please push people to register here. It is too late to vote elsewhere. Please push the state questions as an important reason to vote here. The event will count towards Constituent Service.
- **Human Diversity-** We saw the survey series legislation and tabled it for another week. I'm in the process of meeting with Jabar and De'Andre. They've been super busy lately, so I'm meeting with them tomorrow at 11:30. We will see the legislation the week after next. We talked about a lot and I'm really happy with my committee because we got a plan for the initiatives I talked about last week. We have people talking and following up with people, so hopefully we'll have some progress reports soon.
- **Problems and Projects-** Saw mental health resolution this week and gave it a rec of ne rec, which we will see tonight. Few new initiatives, might be expanding hours on meal exchanges in the union and there is a concern regarding the stadium and safety regarding students being crowded. CART is very willing to work with us.
- **Sustainability-** I wasn't actually at the meeting; it was run by Reece. They talked about working on a survey regarding SQ 777, which we are concerned about due to clean air and water concerns. It'll be in External Affairs next week. We want to see how the student body feels about some other SQ's too.
- **Ways and Means-** We had our last round of interviews this weekend and we spent the rest of our time forming the sheet that'll go out. We'll be seeing the next round of auxiliary next week, and then we'll have a bit of a funding pause while we implement the new policies.

## **Liaison Reports**

### **Special Orders**

Students for Education

Field: I'm President of Students for Education, which was founded by Tim Crisp, VP is Kimberley Bishop. We are pushing to reverse the trends of education we see in OK. The organization was founded to respond to education budget cuts, and we are looking to make sure there is legislation in the Capitol this Spring to increase per student spending and teacher pay. We are wanting to do a forum that brings together teachers and legislatures from around the state and some other prominent keynote speakers who have a stake in education to bring everyone together so that they can discuss what education needs. If any of you all are interested, feel free to join on OrgSync or e-mail me directly if you have questions. Olan.F@ou.edu

## **Student Concerns**

### **Old Business**

### **Items to Be Considered**

960113- An Act Expelling Session 96 Representatives (ConAd- Rec of Do Pass)

### **Representative Elliott sec Representative Quick**

Mazeitis: This is just a piece of procedural legislation expelling members who have accumulated more than four unexcused absences. I contacted them and they either haven't responded or proactively resigned.

Kelling: Friendly amendment striking Benjamin?

Mazeitis: Yes

### **Consent**

960302- Mental Health Promotion Resolution (PnP- Rec of No Rec)

**Representative Rucka sec Representative Owings**

Kierig: Howdy everyone. I'm Andrew from GSS. We wrote a mental health bill that is designed to help start a conversation between GSS, Congress, Exec, and some other mental health groups on campus. This bill commits SGA to help to de-stigmatize mental health care, which some don't seek out because they fear the stigma.

Erwin: Would you be willing to accept co-sponsors?

Kierig: Yes

*PnP, Davis, Echols, James, Elliott, Ryana, Rucka, Klima, Williams, Erwin, Pham, Chun, Rains, Reid, Kovach, Mazzeitis*  
Capehart: After you ran us through the gauntlet of GSS, what changes did you make?

Kierig: We included the Norman Campus deans and the first year composition direction.

Pham: Why did you add all the deans?

Kierig: Last year, what we saw with Gallogly was that they made a concerted effort to raise awareness of mental health service and help destigmatize these services. Adding these deans allows us to communicate to the deans that we are committed to fighting the stigma.

Elliott: Scriveners (last whereas clause)

Kierig: Yes

Kelling: Friendly amendment to strike the President of the University and add the name of the dean of the Grad College?

Kierig: Yes.

Alrawi: You are trying to raise awareness or are you trying to change something in the process? My understanding is that the staff/psychologists have a waiting list for students and the staff are not big enough to handle the students.

Kierig: The bill is designed to help start a conversation between SGA, the Deans, and University Counseling. Since 1994, the size of the center has increase 200% and the student body has only increased by about 5,000 students. They have also added a second psychiatrist. The wait time is about 2 weeks for an intake appointment, and a weekly appointment is the same.

Pham: Friendly amendment adding David Ray, Dean of the Honors College?

Kierig: Yes

Elliott: Can you explain the relevance of the Director of First-Year Composition on this list?

Kierig: The consensus was that, because composition is something that touches everyone at the university, they could pass this on along to the student.

Pavlovsky: We know they have helped with diversity in the past, and we hope that they would do something similar.

**Consent**

960708- Student Parking Appeals Court Appointment Act of 2016-2017 (ConAd- Rec of No Rec)

**Representative Owings sec Representative Pham**

Pae: This is actually the last appointment legislation that I'll present to you as SGA President. It's been one of my favorite jobs, getting to meet students from different backgrounds. We received 70 applications, 16 interviews, and 8 selections. We have 4 here tonight, as others had class.

Schmenk: Parking Appeals Board deals with parking and tobacco violation. Every student has the right to appeal their ticket, and we deal with every case from north to south campus. The addition of these members will split our board in two so that our waiting time will go from two weeks to one week.

Wallace: Freshman International Business major, I wanted to take a more active role in parking. We have all experienced the frustration and I'd like to help.

Martin: Junior Criminology major with minors in Political Science and Psychology, I wanted to be on the PAB because I plan to go to law school and I want to specialize in appellate law.

Acosta: International Business and Political Science double major, I want to be on the Parking Appeals Board because this a great way to introduce myself into SGA and I want to go to law school.

Bunting: I wanted to be on the Parking Appeals Bboard because I'm undecided so I thought that dipping my toes into something new might be exciting and help me decide.

Bray: How many of you are freshmen? Being freshmen, do you feel that your lack of university experience is going to help or hinder your performance?

Bunting: I'm a commuter, so I've had experiences with parking. Having a freshmen mind on the board might help.

Wallace: We are planning on having training, so they'll be able to catch us up. We've had some experience.

Schmenk: The addition of freshmen helps diversify our board so that every student has an equal opportunity.

James: How many people are on the board?

Schmenk: 7 + me. The addition of these 8 will give us an A and B team.

Kelling: Are we only seeing half?

Pae: Yes

Kelling: Are we only seeing half the bill?

Pae: They have Tuesday class times, so they can't be here.

Williams: You'll be serving as Chief for both Parking Appeal Boards?

Schmenk: Yes. Currently the board operates as one unit. When we split the units, we'd like to look into a deputy chief, but that is not happening now.

### **Consent**

### **New Business**

#### **Follow-Up Reports**

#### **Items for Future Agenda**

Echols- 960510- Auxiliary Funding 3 (WAM)

### **Announcements and Comments**

Echols: I have thought a lot and wanted to formally express that I will be running for SGA President. I want to let everyone know that this will, in no way, impact my position as WAM Chair.

Kelling: The SGA Appreciation cookout on the 15<sup>th</sup> from SVA is happening, so please see me if you want any info. We are on Lindsay directly across from the scoreboard. You can also come to other tailgates! This one is just specifically for you. We will have food and cake.

Williams: Texas sucks.

George: Safe-Ride is running this weekend for those of you not in Dallas

Erwin: Indigenous Peoples Day is on Monday, and there will be lots of cultural events/informational tables/lectures/etc. so please feel free to stop by. This will start on the South Oval then go towards the North Oval. Lectures will be in the Gaylord library. First come first serve for seating.

Bray: ROTC is wanting to have a Halloween fun run on October 31<sup>st</sup>. It will be at 6 in the morning.

Kelling: Don't forget that LnL is happening tonight at New York Pizza!

Reid: I just wanted to state that I am running Ryan's campaign as his manager, and I wanted to clarify that that won't impact my ability as Vice-Chairs in any way. Children's Hour open next weekend in the Lab Theater.

Echols: Watch the Vice-Presidential debate.

Rains: LNL is at NYP and we will watch the debate/eat. You are always welcome. If you are going to TX, be safe. Also, OIL is this Thursday, 8pm in Gaylord 220.

### **Final Roll Call**

#### **Motion to Skip Final Roll Call and Adjourn Representative Kelling sec Representative Williams**

Chair: Kaylee Rains

Vice-Chair: Austin Reid

Secretary: Jake Mazeitis