

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS  
Session XCVI

General Body Meeting  
7:00 pm, Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
Devon Hall 120

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Roll Call -  
Flag Salute  
Representative Mee

Approval of Minutes

Motion to Approve the Minutes Representative Elliott sec Representative Kovach

**Chair's Report-** Hi everyone! Welcome to our new members, congrats on joining Congress! I'm Kaylee Rains, I'm the Chair. I'm a senior PolySci and MPA major. My office is in the bottom floor of the Conoco so come chat! We use Robert's Rules which is our version of Parliamentary Procedure. Grab a cheat sheet if needed. This is how we see bills. That sheet will help you learn our "language". If you are confused, raise your hand and say On Information and we will answer your question. At the end of the meeting, we will send out the minutes which will have a link to the bios with some important information. Old and new members need to fill them out so we can update our website. Retiring members, I'm sad to see you go, but at the end of Session 96, if you are leaving and you'd like to come do the final motion and get your picture taken, please do so. If any of you need a safe place or a friend, the Conoco-Phillips is somewhere where you are always welcome. We want to make sure you are always welcome. SafeWalk and the Reporting Hotline will be sent out with the minutes, along with resources about the counseling center. There will be an event tomorrow at 5:30 in the Ellison Hall Plaza to encourage Community Unity. We hope to see you!

**Vice Chair's Report-** To our new members, welcome! For those of you who don't know me, I'm a Senior drama major and a Fine Arts representative. I'm the Vice-Chair which means that when Kaylee isn't here or when we are in Committee Of The Whole, I chair. I'm also in charge of liaisons and the associates, which are our appointed/non-elected members. My job outside of that is being a resource to you all when you need help on a bill or don't know who to get in contact with. Feel free to come by my office, I'd love to talk to you and help you get involved!

**Secretary's Report-** Hey everyone! Welcome to the last meeting of Session 96! Nothing too groundbreaking from me... I'll be giving a fuller report when we are in Session 97.

## Committee Reports-

- **Academic Affairs-** My name is Hunter Erwin and I'm a PolySci prelaw Sophomore with a minor in Native American Studies. I've been chairing Academic Affairs since August and it's been fun! This meeting, we saw three different resolutions based on the results of the academic minors survey.
- **Communications-** I'm Shelby Elliott and I am the Communication Chair. I'm a Senior, planned program pre-nursing. T-shirt links close next Tuesday the 22<sup>nd</sup> at midnight. Those links will be sent out in the minutes. There is a 23 order minimum. If we don't make it, your card gets refunded. We will start Cupcakes and Congress next semester and we will also get the SGA quarter zips next semester.
- **Congressional Administration-** I'm Ryan Nigh and I'm not the Congressional Administration Chair. I'm actually the Vice-Chair. I'm a Senior Bio major pre-med and I've been in Congress forever. We saw two different bills, one was a board appointment and one was a resolution thanking outgoing exec.
- **External Affairs-** I'm Chase, and I'm a Senior Industrial Engineer. External Affairs saw no legislation, but we did start writing a few pieces that we will have coming to the body in the next session in addition to Higher Ed day
- **Human Diversity-** I'm Naomee and I'm the Vice-Chair of Human Diversity. We didn't meet last weekend, and I want to read an announcement from Chelsea. We aren't able to complete our mental health campaign due to recent events. The organizations we wanted to meet with couldn't meet with us or commit to what we needed. The mental health campaign is on our calendar for next semester and we will discuss it next semester.
- **Problems and Projects-** I'm Brian and I'm the Vice-Chair of Problems and Projects. We are the cool committee, we didn't see any legislation. We thought we had more time for Turn Up for Transit, so that didn't happen. We are looking into meal exchanges, safety at athletic events, veterans parking, etc. We kept those items in our agenda for next session.
- **Sustainability-** I'm MJ and I'm a Senior Chemical Engineer. We didn't meet quorum last week so we couldn't meet. SQ 777 did not pass, so we're excited about that considering our resolution.
- **Ways and Means-** I'm Syleste Davis, and I'm a Senior Industrial Engineer. We saw funding applications from a variety of organizations that we'll hear about tonight.

## Liaison Reports

### Special Orders

President Pae

Pae: Alright alright alright. My name is Daniel Pae and I'm a Political Science major pursuing an MPA, among other things. I am from the Shady 580 **cheering** Congratulations to all of the new members of Congress! I was a member of Congress way back when, I sat where Kim was sitting. Earlier this afternoon, I met with President-Elect Baker and Vice-President-Elect Burlseon and I look forward to the transition. These positions both reveal who you are and tell other people what your core values are, and they help you find yourself. I've become more outgoing and comfortable with myself since assuming this office. To whom much is given, much is expected. We couldn't have accomplished everything without our Chief of Staff Tim Crisp who can sometimes be too honest and I'm so happy to have served with Michael who was a brother from another mother. I also want to thank the synergy squad, including Aimee Schnebeck who has done a great job of making CAC more inclusive, especially in Homecoming activities. She has moved her exec meetings to the first floor of the Conoco to make her meetings more accessible to other branches. I also want to thank Carrie who helped me with my transition. She is always passionate about the issues she loves. Lastly, I want to thank

Kaylee. We actually served in Congress together and when I first met Kaylee I knew that she was destined for great things. She was a great Secretary and now a great Chair. She is a magnanimous, hardworking, and all around great person. She is destined for great things in life. **Hugging** Serving as your President has been one of the greatest honors of my life. Because I've met so many highly motivated students, and worked with them, I am extremely optimistic for the future of our campus. Regardless of what you see on the news, don't be apprehensive, don't be cynical, and don't be apathetic about the future. If I, a skinny guy from the Shady 580 can be SGA President, anyone can. In the words of Dumbledore, Happiness can be found even in the darkest of times, if only someone remembers to turn on the light. I believe in all of you who were elected because I think you were elected to make a difference to the student body. Best of luck as you continue to serve students every day and your job to make a more perfect union. God bless you and god bless the University of Oklahoma.

#### Committee of the Whole

#### **Motion to Move Into Committee of the Whole Representative Nigh sec Representative Zahra**

#### 960513- Auxiliary Allocation Act #6 (Echols)

#### **Representative Owings sec Representative Ryana**

Chun: Let's talk funding. I'm Chun, the Secretary of Ways and Means. Chair Echols had rehearsal tonight so he won't be here tonight. This is Auxiliary #6 and funds a wide variety of organizations.

Williams: Do you know how much money is left in the Auxiliary fund?

Chun: \$12, 620.57

#### **Motion to Give This Legislation a Rec of Do Pass Representative Nigh sec Representative Pham**

#### **Motion to Move Out of Committee of the Whole Representative Pham sec Representative Nigh**

#### **Student Concerns**

#### **Old Business**

#### **Items to Be Considered**

960202- A Resolution Requesting Minors in Christian/Islamic Studies (Monlux) (AA- Rec of Do Pass)

960203- A Resolution Requesting Study Center-Specific Minors (Monlux) (AA- Rec of Do Pass)

960207- A Resolution Requesting a Minor in Oklahoma Studies (Monlux) (AA- Rec of Do Pass)

#### **Motion to Move 960202, 960203, and 960207 as a Block Representative Owings sec Representative Lalani**

Monlux: This is based off a survey from 960201 that was passed a while back. My friends in the Senate helped me make my questions better asking if people would be willing to take the minors. Based on the number of people that participated, I was allowed to move with three study-center specific minors, two religious specific minors, and a minor in Oklahoma Studies. This is just a suggestion to administration. These would be by Fall of 2017 at earliest. This also serves as a campaign to help let students know about our great classes. If students have a minor they can pursue, it makes them more likely to take them.

Owings: Will you be accepting co-sponsors?

Monlux: Yes

*Kovach*

*Owings*

*Rubio*

*Williams*

*Pham*

*Erwin*

*Ryana*

*Thompson*

*Bray*

*James*

Reid: Have you taken these results to the Dean of the Colleges that the minors would be involved? What did they say, if so?

Monlux: I took these results to IAS with Mitchell Smith who told me there was paperwork in the works. They told me that a student initiative would be helpful. Religious Studies is still up in the air. With OK Studies, I've talked to multiple departments, and 60% of the classes have to meet one departments, which is the reason that I added a number of deans on the list of people to send it to.

Mazeitis: *Would you accept a friendly amendment to make the language of the resolved section less forceful?*

Monlux: *Yes*

Mazeitis: *Would you consider the incorrect capitalization to be a scrivener's error?*

Monlux: *Yes*

Mazeitis: Considering that most of these numbers represent only 20%-30% of the people that responded to the survey expressed interest, is there sufficient evidence to indicate student interest in these minors?

Monlux: The questions was about completion, not about favoring minors. It was asking if you would complete the minor. The Religious Studies minor only has 73 people who have declared that minor, and if anyone declares a minor in a department, with Christian Studies, it is the world's largest religion and the US continues to get itself involved in the Middle East, and I think that we need to understand the customs and the culture of the region, and it would go with international studies and security studies. If those classes fall under a dual multi-purpose rule, those classes might be protected from state legislature's cuts. That's still more people that have minors declared that in religious studies.

Reid: You said that some of the courses you'd need to take to complete an Islamic Studies minor would be in International Security Studies?

Monlux: Those are potential classes. I'm an International Security Studies major and the International and Area Studies Department are pushing those classes.

Davis: These are just resolutions making requests to administration, correct?

Monlux: Administration will do whatever it does, but we can still use this as an awareness campaign.

Reid: With these bills, their results having already been known and taken to these people, what do you think that resolutions by this body are going to do?

Monlux: We are the voice of the students, and I'm sure that students would take it if offered.

Kovach: Am I correct in saying that these classes already exist?

Monlux: Yes, they have been offered at least once since 2014.

Mazeitis: *Would you accept a friendly amendment to change the names on the legislation to reflect standard naming practices?*

Monlux: *Yes*

**Motion to Move to a Roll Call Vote Representative Pham sec Representative Mazeitis**

**By a vote of 25-10-0, these bills do pass.**

960513- Auxiliary Allocation Act #6 (Echols) (COTW- Rec of Do Pass)

**Representative Quick sec Representative Owings**

Chun: I already told you all what I wanted to say earlier, so this is Auxiliary Funding #6.

Elliott: Would you explain where the money is going?

Chun: The money for the Red Clay Faction is for their fieldtrip and food/beverage for an exhibition, the funding for the Nepali Student Association is for food for meetings, the Chess Clubs funds are for tournament registration, and the Iranian Student Association received funding for a speaker/musician to come to an event.

Owings: What does the Red Clay Faction do?

Ahmadi: It's a sculpting student organization.

Reid: Will you explain how much the chess club asked for and for what?

Chun: They asked for well over \$10,000, which was for recurring annual membership expenses, training expenses, the 2016 championship, etc.

**Motion to Move to a Roll Call Vote Secretary Mazeitis sec Representative Quick**

**By a vote of 35-0-0, this bill does pass.**

960709- OU Student Legal Services Board of Directors Appointment Act of 2016 (Pae) (ConAd-Rec of Do Pass)

**Representative Williams sec Representative Pham**

Lutter: I'm the outgoing lame duck Vice-President.

Khan: I'm Eihab Khan and I'm a part of the Student Legal Services team.

Coffey: I'm Austin Coffey and I'm also a part of the Student Legal Services team.

Lutter: We just started our Student Legal Services program. This is going to provide legal services for students on our campus. We would like to make two friendly amendments to change our new to the Student Legal Services Advisory Committee and we would like to strike Kade Kordonowy from the list.

Nigh: *Would you accept a friendly amendment striking Kade?*

Lutter: *Yes*

Williams: *Would you accept a friendly amendment changing the name to the Student Legal Services Advisory Committee?*

Lutter: *Yes*

Davis: Why is it that they are allowed to serve for the duration of their OU careers? Might that prevent someone from having the opportunity to work on this project?

Lutter: This is a two-year pilot program to gauge the program's effectiveness, and so the oversight of this is very important especially when we're considering who is in charge. For that purpose, we have two members that are graduating seniors and then one member that will be continuing on. We are looking for continuity in the committee because we don't want to be constantly educating new member on the intricacies of the program.

**Consent**

960909- A Resolution Thanking the Outgoing Executive Branch (Kierig) (ConAd- Rec of Do Pass)

Representative Pham sec Representative Owings

Kierig: Good evening Congress! Congratulations to everyone who is joining Congress! I didn't do it when I was an undergrad but I'm sure you'll have fun. This is a resolution highlighting the fine achievements that President Pae has achieved in the last year, including Student Legal Services, Bike Share programs, the food pantry, the CORE program, which allows new RSO's to navigate the SGA funding process, and they've done so in times when the University has suffered a nearly 20% state funding cut and when we've had a number of things on campus that haven't promoted the kind of unity and diversity that we celebrate as members of the OU family.

Williams: Would you accept co-sponsors?

Kierig: *Yes*

*James*

*Thompson*

*Kuletz*

*Buckley*

*McClintic*

*Davis*

*Grunewald*

*Cox*

*Yawn*

*Mee*

*Hoefke*

*Hedgorth*

*Kovach*

*Quick*

*Buxton*

*Steward*

*Chun*

*Owings*

*Bishop*

*Klima*  
*Lalani*  
*Bray*  
*Ryana*  
*Williams*  
*D'Silva*  
*Rubio*  
*Simmons*  
*Noble*  
*Lewis*  
*Chism*  
*Chen*  
*Bender*  
*Erwin*  
*Rucka*  
*Pham*  
*Monlux*  
*Baker*  
*Elliott*  
*Elwick*  
*Zabra*  
*Reid*  
*Mazzeitis*

Elliott: Seeing as how it was part of their initial campaign platform, would you accept a seventh whereas clause discussing dead week?

Kierig: There was some contention over that particular idea in GSS. To help this pass through GSS, we left it out. Though I applaud Daniel for getting it done, it would not have passed through GSS. I do not accept

**Motion to a Roll Call Vote Representative Elliott sec Representative Kovach**

**By a vote of 36-0-0, this bill does pass.**

## **New Business**

### **Follow-Up Reports**

### **Items for Future Agenda**

### **Announcements and Comments**

Elliott: Make sure to buy our t-shirts and sweatshirts! Follow us on social media! OU\_Congress.

Erwin: The American Indian Student Association is having their fall powwow benefit at Thunderbird Casino. There'll be lots of cool stuff this Saturday from 2pm to 8pm!

Davis: BSA is having their Thanksgiving dinner on the 24<sup>th</sup> from 7-9 in the Engineering Practice Facility.

Bring at least one canned food item for families in need.

Ryana: Student Healthcare Outreach is having a benefit night this Thursday from 5-8 at Chipotle and 50% of the proceeds Manos Juntas.

Reid: Vinegar Tom opens this evening, it is a play about witches. It's in the Lab Theater and it runs until Sunday. Hope you have a happy Thanksgiving.

Rains: No meeting next Tuesday!

Williams: Permission to approach the front?

Rains: Granted

Williams: Hello everyone! Its your dude Dan. I would like to thank the outgoing administration and exec. When I first came to this campus, I didn't feel like I belonged until I was in SGA. I almost made a home in the Conoco, you can ask Chair Sample about the nights I spent there studying. I would like to thank the people who are my family for the last year. I wish you all the best, and I'm happy to say that you are a part of my family. For those of you joining us, thanks for joining! We hope you are excited. We know it can be

daunting to make motions in front of people, but we want you to be successful. When you succeed, everyone at the University succeeds. Thank you for serving. I'm still here forever.

Yawn: There is a Women's Resource Center donation going on during Vinegar Tom before, at intermission, and after for panty hose, underwear, etc.

Davis: In lieu of the election, I want to encourage everyone as a Representative of Congress to love and give love. Be sensitive. That's our job, to represent and be there for students. Be comforting because it's hard for some people here.

Klima: As Representatives of Congress, we stand for the student body. You stand with you district, and you stand for everyone at this university. Every time you see an instance of any kind of discrimination, you as a Representative of Congress have a responsibility to push against it. You must let the student body know that you don't support it. Fight against it. Remind people of what it means to be an OU student.

**Final Roll Call**

**Adjourn Sine Die**

**Motion to Skip Final Roll Call and Adjourn Sine Die Representative Mee sec Representative Steward**

Chair: Kaylee Rains

Vice-Chair: Austin Reid

Secretary: Jake Mazeitis

<b>Session 96</b>	960202	960203	960207	960513	960909
Alrawi, Salam					
Bray, Bryan	y	y	y	y	y
Buxton, Jillian	y	y	y	y	y
Capehart, Tanner					
Chun, Bum Ki	y	y	y	y	y
Cox, Reece	y	y	y	y	y
Curley, Nicholas	n	n	n	y	y
D'Silva, Jordan	y	y	y	y	y
Davis, Syleste	n	n	n	y	y
Echols, Ryan					
Elliott, Shelby	y	y	y	y	y
Elwick, Kara	y	y	y	y	y
Erwin, Hunter	y	y	y	y	y
Grunewald, John	y	y	y	y	y
Hillis, Tevis	y	y	y	y	y
Huffling, Madison					
James, Madison	y	y	y	y	y
Kelling, Taylor					
Klima, Ali	y	y	y	y	y
Kovach, Chase	y	y	y	y	y
Kuketz, Timothy					y
Lalani, Sanah	y	y	y	y	y
Lewis, Danielle	n	n	n	y	y

Mazeitis, Jake	n	n	n	y	y
McClintic, Alexander	y	y	y	y	y
Mee, Emily	n	n	n	y	y
Nigh, Ryan	y	y	y	y	y
Noble, Sam	n	n	n	y	y
Owings, Brian	y	y	y	y	y
Pham, Daniel	y	y	y	y	y
Quick, Sam	n	n	n	y	y
Reid, Austin	n	n	n	y	y
Rubio Regalado, Carlos	y	y	y	y	y
Rucka, Magdalena	y	y	y	y	y
Ryana, Naomee	n	n	n	y	y
Simmons, Jonathan	y	y	y	y	y
Steward, Sarah	y	y	y	y	y
Thompson, Maddy	y	y	y	y	y
Vann, Peyton	n	n	n	y	y
Williams, Dan	y	y	y	y	y
Zahra, Andi	y	y	y	y	y
<b>Yes</b>	25	25	25	35	36
<b>No</b>	10	10	10	0	0
<b>Abstain</b>	0	0	0	0	0