

# THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



## UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS Session XCVI

**General Body Meeting**  
**7:00 pm, Tuesday, September 20, 2016**  
**Devon Hall 120**

### Session XCVI

**Roll Call – 7:02**

**Flag Salute**

Representative Vann

**Approval of Minutes**

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

**Chair's Report-** Hi everyone! Welcome to our guests! We're glad to have you. New members, please stop by so I can swear you in if you haven't been sworn in already. We will take it slow on ParliPro, so use On Information to clarify things. Don't be afraid to make motions! Popping starts next week, so look out for an e-mail. Shelby will be talking about Cupcakes and Congress. Next Wednesday is the SGA Open House from 6:30-8:30 in the Conoco. Stop by to update your Constituents on changes. Filing is coming up; we will have more information in the next few weeks. October 10-14<sup>th</sup>. I will be e-mailing everyone whose seat is up for election.

**Vice Chair's Report-** N/A

**Secretary's Report-** Hey friends! Please be sure to submit your Constituent Service on OrgSync! Its due soon. If you have any questions, please ask me! Also, check out our cool resources at [bit.ly/Session96](http://bit.ly/Session96)!

### **Committee Reports-**

- **Academic Affairs-** We had a really productive meeting. Selected our Vice-Chair and Secretary. Other than that, no report!
- **Communications-** Cupcakes and Congress is next Tuesday, 1-4 on the South Oval. I sent Chair Rains a Doodle Poll so that everyone can take a shift (CONSTITUENT SERVICE). I separated it into 15 minute shifts. I didn't limit it by the number of people, so please stop by if possible. Please help with set up/clean up if possible. Cupcakes and Congress will be the last Tuesday of every month from now on, so check that out for Constituent Service. Next Wednesday is the SGA Open House, and we want to make sure people understand that we are a part of SGA. We will be doing a blue pocket T and a red sweatshirt, in addition to working on an SGA Half-zip. Hoping to talk to ID solutions and have a design by Tuesday. Holding off on Constituent Cards which is the same as Kaylee handing people business cards.

- **Congressional Administration-** VC Nigh. We didn't see legislation (not the norm), and discussed elections with our Election Chair Abbey Taylor, which was informative.
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- **External Affairs-** Met Sunday; two things to look forward to include an event with Walker RSA on the Wednesday before SGA Open House from 6-8 in Walker. We want to get freshmen (and other students) interested. There will be free food and we are working on PR stuff. On the 26<sup>th</sup>, several clubs are having debate watch parties. There will be one in the basement of the Biz, and I will gather together those opportunities and e-mail it out to you.
- **Human Diversity**
- **Problems and Projects-** VC Owings. We talked a lot about a number of things. Working on construction at Couch, RSO organization on OrgSync, working on public safety and CART. If anything happens, come talk to us!
- **Sustainability-** We met on Friday and moved forward on some projects. We are looking at talking with other Sustainability organizations to do some cool things. We are working on one big project that you might hear about soon. If you don't intend to use the agendas, please recycle!
- **Ways and Means-** VC Davis. I didn't make the meeting on Sunday, but we saw four interviews, and you'll see funding legislation in the coming weeks.

## **Liaison Reports**

### **Special Orders**

#### **Sooner Freshmen Council Co-Chair Chris Ebert**

Ebert: We went through the selection process (169 applications, 55 interviews, 32 on SFC). First meeting was last Monday where we met everyone. They told us about the object they chose for their interview and what they want to get out of SFC. We had a retreat on Sunday where LEAD Team came and we hung out. Last night, we had 10-12 alumni come and talk about SFC and campus involvement, which is a kickstarter for our mentor program.

#### **SGA Webmaster Alex Speed**

Speed: My name is Alex and I'm the new SGA Webmaster. I'm responsible for the graphics (including the Cupcakes and Congress graphic) and keeping all the minutes/agendas organized on the website.

#### **Representative Williams- Thank You Card**

Williams: Illustrious body, Representative Williams here. I introduced a resolution last week thanking Steve the Tutor. I decided that a thank-you card would be better. I'll be passing this around, and please feel free to sign your name if you'd like.

Rains: This is the tutor that's always in the Union and he's there 7-7. He's really cool, so please sign!

#### **Student Concerns**

Nigh: I am concerned.

## **Old Business**

960104- SFC Guidelines Update Act of 2016 (Ebert/Rodolf) (ConAd- Rec of do pass)

### **Owings sec Alrawi**

Ebert: Last year, there was no attendance policy in place for SFC, so there were no repercussions for people that didn't show up. So we decided to put in an attendance policy in the Code Annotated. We also struck the HCSA requirement because we didn't think that we got much out of the meeting.

Francois: We thought there was a better allocation of meeting time. The meetings are long and overran our times. We struggled with keeping SFC'ers engaged, and members that wanted to be involved in HCSA suck it out anyways.

Mazeitis: Would you accept a friendly amendment to strike the Open Meetings Act from this legislation?

Ebert: Yes

### **Consent**

## **Items to Be Considered**

960604- An Act Appointing the Human Diversity Chair for Session 96 (Rains) (Exec- Rec of no rec)

### **Owings sec Zahra**

Rains: We had a vacancy on the exec committee, so we had applications and interviews, they were tough but we decided on Chelsea Brown as our new Human Diversity chair

Brown: Hello, I'm Chelsea Brown. I'm a Junior pursuing a BA in Political Science and an MA in Public Administration. I want to assess what the overall campus would like to address. There are tough decisions and topics at hand, that people either run to or avoid. I want people to feel comfortable expressing themselves and their thoughts. You're all human. I want you to feel safe coming to me for new projects.

Rains: Chelsea also used to be our Vice-Chair, and the Chair of Problems and Projects.

Elliott: Would you accept friendly amendment adding Chelsea Brown's name to the legislation?

Rains: Yes

Mee: I was in HD, we had issues with trying to see things and starting actual projects. We just talked. What ideas do you have for specific projects?

Brown: As a Vice-Chair, I found that managing my own projects as well as supervising got too complicated, so my projects are going to be your projects. On the first meeting were going to dive into it. Rather than go on opinions, we're going to take action. We need to communicate and get a game plan together.

Zahra: Do you think you want to continue the survey?

Brown: There were bumps in the road. I've met with Jabar and Deandre, and they want to make it more of a series, not so honed in on one group. Well reintroduce it and go forward with a broader scope.

Ryana: We worked on an act condemning hate speech, and it was never brought forward. Do you intend to re-see it this session?

Brown: With the 24/7 reporting system, were working to see how to implement something that branches off from that idea. As the SGA, as representatives, we do not feel that this is appropriate. We will find out more our first meeting.

Klima: Do we still intend to meet on Sundays at 4?

### **Motion to Extend Time by Two Minutes Representative Chun sec Representative Elliott**

Brown: Yes, I am working on a Doodle Poll right now to see what the best time would be.

### **Consent**

960705- SGA Superior Court Appointment Act of 2016 (Pae) (Exec- Rec of no rec)

### **Elliott sec Owings**

Pae: These are the 6 nominees for the Superior Court. They are the Judicial Branch. Their main responsibility involves validating the Elections. 16 applications, 10 interviews, 6 chosen. Interview consisted of Connor Bourland and a number of others (Pae, Rains, Pavlowsky etc.) These people have a lot of experience and I'll let them introduce themselves.

Wafflin: 2L at OU, I have a black lab named Regan.

Gussofson: 1L, I have a 2 ½ year old kid named Park.

Wallace: 1L, and I can play guitar/piano.

Bollinger: 2L, I'm from a town of 160 in W OK.

Roheen: 2L, I've been to 5/6 continents.

Kamati: Sophomore with letters and philosophy with minor in Military Science. I was born in Kenya. And I speak fluent Swahili.

Gomez: Can I get a brief answer from each of you? What are you willing to bring to the table?

Wafflin: I have an outside perspective. I've worked with SGA and GSS, so I want to bring in ways to maybe change/fix the system. I've worked both inside and outside so I know what works/what doesn't.

Gussofson: I taught for 4 years at Putnam City, so I bring a passion for education and enhancing the student experience.

Wallace: Graduated in May, highly involved in my fraternity. Was on Exec with philanthropy, and the second year I was the Secretary. I bring a different perspective, especially considering that Greek people aren't super involved in SGA.

Bollinger: I graduated in 2015, and worked full time as a trust officer at a bank. I have a lot of experience analyzing codes/regulations, which will be a large part of our job

Roheen: I served in the Judiciary in a college in Ohio, so I can bring objectivity.

Kamati: I bring the undergraduate view with everything here. I'll be able to put the views of you all specifically in these situations. I'm very hard working and I really wanted the spot and I got it!

### **Consent**

#### 960707- Election Board Appointment Act of 2016 (Taylor) (Exec- Rec of do pass)

#### **Klima sec Ryana**

Taylor: I'm the SGA Election Chair and I just selected my new Board. I had Taylor Peterson, the previous election chair, come help. I had 27 applications, 12 interviews, and selected 5. Maggie Marcum was on the board last year, and Lauren Lessly is a Sophomore Entrepreneurship and Marketing double major. Great work ethic. I'll let everyone else introduce themselves!

Patel: Junior Sociology major and I wanted to join Election Board because there's a disconnect between campus and SGA and Election Board works to solve that.

Kramer: Bioengineering and Political Science minor Sophomore. I can see the disconnect on campus as an engineer, and I've worked on a number of state/local questions so I wanted to get involved here.

Owings: What do you think the role of elections are here?

Patel: Giving students who don't want a position/don't have time access to SGA.

Kramer: I would agree. A huge thing is that elections are a way to get freshmen involved without them needing to have a large part. I just want them connected to campus.

Mee: What are your specific plans to remedy the disconnect?

Patel: I am wanting to get the Daily involved a little more, to help explain why people should vote, in addition to going to organizations.

Kramer: I believe in face-to-face contact. Last year, I was really impressed with the PR by The Big Event last year, which I want to bring to Election Board.

### **Consent**

#### **New Business**

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

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

960301- An Act Re-Introducing Student Organization Surveys (HD)

960302- A Resolution Concerning Mental Health (HD)

## **Announcements and Comments**

Mee: I just went to MCAS for Constituent Service, it's a multicultural student organization. It's a round table and its super informative. They do it bi-monthly. The next is on October 4<sup>th</sup> from 5-6:30. It's in Zarrow and its really, really cool.

Ryana: Student Healthcare Outreach is having our first ever meeting this Thursday. This organization intends to fundraise for free clinics so that everyone can access healthcare. I have flyers, so see me after!

Elliott: Cupcakes and Congress graphic is up on Instagram, Twitter, Facebook, my Facebook, etc put it as your profile photo. #TreatYoSelf

Chun: Korean Student Association is having its Korean BBQ night at 6 at the Reserve on Friday.

Pae: This Friday, apps for the Ewing are due for Sophomores and Juniors. If you're interested in working with government/non-profits, you should apply!

TOG Open house is coming up in October. It's a pro-bono organization for non-profit consulting in OKC. You do a lot of professional development. Please be sure to check the application when it comes out in October.

Mazeitis: Chair Rains and I are going to see Vice-Chair Reid and Representative Echols in their play on October 1<sup>st</sup> at 8pm. Feel free to join!

Lewis: Are tickets by seat?

Mazeitis: Yes

Rains: Come and we'll go to dinner!

Lalani: Do you go and buy tickets?

Mazeitis: Go to the box office during normal business hours.

Davis: What time?

Mazeitis: 8pm on October 1<sup>st</sup>.

Rains: Please remember SGA Open house is next Wednesday from 6:30-8:30. Please show up to Cupcakes and Congress. Secretary Mazeitis will send out the Doodle Poll. There will be free food and cupcakes. OIL, Gaylord 220, Thursday at 8pm. LnL is always after Congress, we go grab food, and those of legal age sometimes get a beverage. Please join so that we can get to know each other!

## **Final Roll Call**

**Motion to skip final roll call and adjourn Representative Elliott sec Representative Chun—7:43**

Chair: Kaylee Rains

Vice-Chair: Austin Reid

Secretary: Jake Mazeitis