

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
Session XCVII

General Body Meeting
7:00 pm, Tuesday, April 4th, 2017
Devon Hall 120

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Roll Call -
Flag Salute

Approval of Minutes

Motion to Approve the Minutes Representative Cox sec Representative Bishop

Chair's Report- Hi everyone! For all of our new members, welcome! My name is Kaylee Rains and I am Chair of Congress. I am a political science and public administration senior. I am currently in D.C. for SGA Conference so I apologize for not being able to make it to our last meeting of Session 97 and start of Session 98. I cannot tell you all enough how immensely proud of all your hard work this past session!! We have had a significant impact on our university this session and I think that is a result of all your hard work and dedication to improve our campus! To all our members not returning in Session 98, thank you for your service and my door is always open! I cannot wait to meet all of you!! Please do not forget that next week April 11th will be nominations for our officer positions of Congress. That includes the Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary position. Remember to pick your nominator wisely as they will be giving your nomination speech on April 18th. Also, if you are leaving after Session 97 please be sure to stay until the end of this meeting because we need quorum to vote on legislation. I hope that you all have a lovely last and first meeting! Don't give Austin and Jake to much of a hard time!

Vice Chair's Report- I am going to be chairing for most of the evening, except for the two bills I have in line. While I know 95% of you by your first name, I do struggle with last names, so if I need your last name from you, please help me out. I am Vice-Chair Reid, not Chair. Just because I'm in charge doesn't mean that I'm the Chair.

Secretary's Report- So bike share... *applause*

Committee Reports-

- **Academic Affairs-** Hello everyone! Our last committee meeting was Sunday. It was heartbreaking and tears were shed. We re-grouped and made the plan going forward with the project we were working on. We are going to table a publicity drive for the library until next semester because we think it'll be better utilized by the students coming in in the fall. The lovely Maddie Hoefke is lost in an e-mail chain about textbooks and affordability. It keeps being forwarded to other places on campus. That's talking about using the Bursar to pay for textbooks if you buy them through the bookstore. We also still have Associate Finley talking to Price about room reservations. Other than that, those are our main projects. Affordability will always be something we're working towards, so we hope to make more projects to that end. Love my members!
- **Communications-** Congrats to everyone that won their elections! I will not be returning because I'm graduating. Its been a fun time in SGA and its been very impactful in my college career. Cupcakes and Congress will be Friday from 11-2 on the South Oval. Also, if you haven't tried Bike Share, do it, its super cool and an SGA initiative.
- **Congressional Administration-** This is my last report. I am super proud of my committee, and they did an awesome job. We saw five pieces of legislation and we're seeing them today.
- **External Affairs-** We discussed handing off some of our projects, and talked about meeting unofficially to finish some of that stuff. I'm very thankful for my committee. You guys rock.
- **Human Diversity-** We didn't have a meeting because seven people couldn't be there. I know that we are planning to still meet unofficially. Other than that, congrats to one of my former associates for being elected. I'm thankful to have such an awesome crew to work with and go HD!
- **Problems and Projects-** Taylor couldn't be here. We're still planning on working through some of the projects. We have names if people want to follow up on projects next session. New ideas included campus printing, meal exchanges to points, parking signage, OU Innovate app, Turn Up for Transit, etc. You're going to see a bill tonight about water fountain labels on campus to let you know who to contact on Facilities Management if they're not working. Congratulations to all the associates and representatives in my committee! We're proud of you.
- **Sustainability-** We had our last meeting on Sunday. I was out of town, but we followed up on projects. The week before, we were looking at who was going to take over what. We have a bill tonight that was given a Rec of Do Pass in ConAd about a responsibility I think the SUS chair should have. Recycle your papers!
- **Ways and Means-** This is the last time I'll be giving a committee report, but the Budget Committee is still standing. We've seen all of the primary budgets and we've allocated for the first round, and now we're going to go back and make sure that everyone has all the money we have. There is still a small opportunity for Aux funding and the Catering Fund. We will be seeing primary the week after next. We don't want to be here until midnight on election night, so please shoot me questions and we will give them a thorough response. We can still bring it up at the meeting, but your answer won't be as thorough until you wait until the meeting. We can't go back through all of our materials. Please e-mail me at the committee.

Liaison Reports

Bishop: The OU Men's Lacrosse team is the #1 seed for their division going into their playoffs, and there's one game on April 22nd on the IM fields. I'll be there if you want to come out! It's going to be awesome.

Special Orders
Student Concerns
Old Business

970113- Continuity of Representation Act (Kovach) (ConAd- Rec of Do Pass)

Representative Nigh sec Representative Bishop

Kovach: This particular act basically intends to shorten the potential window of having a contested seat be vacant. Under the current process, if someone resigns or graduates or is otherwise unable to complete their term, we could have up to a twelve-week gap of representation. What I'm asking to do is to give ConAd the ability to open applications in a more timely manner and to allow for the process to happen as needed. This is the way we used to do it, and I'm not sure why we don't do this. Especially after we redistrict, these seats will be more contested and we need to make sure they're filled.

Consent

970710- Appointed Membership Act (Reid) (ConAd- Rec of No Rec)

Representative Davis sec Representative Quick

Reid: One of the things that I want to do before we move into questions is to under section 5 subsection c to have a friendly amendment to strike it. It should not be there. This bill is to create a official position of appointed members of congress who are not representatives who are in the executive committee. This is to codify what they are allowed to do in the body. The other important thing this does is to create associates to have full speaking rights in committee of the whole.

Quick: *Will you accept said friendly amendment?*

Reid: *Yes*

Owings: With that change, no one other than a representative can call for a debate

Reid: Yes anyone can participate but only a rep can call for debate

Consent

Items to Be Considered

970114 Re-Districting Act of 2017- Part 1 (Lewis) (ConAd- Rec of Do Pass)

Representative Carson sec Representative Nigh

Lewis: Every two years, we are required to re-district. The purpose of this is to allocate seats based on changes in the student population. We are required to have 48 seats in 16 districts. The main change that we made this time was eliminating Continuing Education, because it has never been filled. We put those students into the Education district, because we broadened the definition of what education means. We also replaced that by instituting the Biology district, because it's the largest major on the University's campus. Jake printed out these sheets for everyone, and this is a calculation for how many seats each district should have.

Regarding Social Science and University College, these are two of the most contentious districts we have, the seats are always filled, and we always have great representatives. This is also a great way for freshmen to get involved.

Brown: *Would you accept a friendly amendment on section b to update it to where it says that Gallogly College of Engineering?*

Lewis: *Yes*

Owings: In section p, you struck "and special students as defined by uCol". What is that?

Lewis: We are going to take out pre-law and pre-Med students. Individuals have typically used this as a loophole, and they're not represented in the numbers. The people that have pre-medical studies in terms of the HSC are the individuals in University College. In the past that was something that had been allowed, and going forward, Kaylee and I decided that we should strike this.

Owings: So does that mean that pre-Law and pre-Med students won't be able to vote in uCol?

Lewis; *Yes*

Carson: Has HR always been included under the Communication district?

Lewis; *To my knowledge*

Williams: Are dual majors affected by this legislation in any way?

Lewis: No, I'm a dual major. Every year, I vote in both districts, so this shouldn't affect them in any way.

Consent

970115 Re-Districting Act of 2017- Part 2 (Lewis) (ConAd- Rec of Do Pass)

Representative Mazeitis sec Representative Nigh

Lewis: This one is pretty simple. Instead of naming out the 16 districts, we are striking all of that out, and saying that the list is further defined in the by-laws.

Mazeitis: The intention of this legislation is to give Congress the power to define its own districts. Usually they are duplicated in the By-Laws and the Code, which doesn't make sense. In addition, section b doesn't have the force of law behind it, and it makes a moral statement that has no place in a formal code of law.

Davis: Is there any other section that has legislation b that ensures equal representation?

Mazeitis: To my knowledge, the Constitution dictates that we proportion seats according to the student population.

Owings: Is this not what we just saw?

Mazeitis: This bill strikes the districts from the Code and puts them in the By-Laws exclusively.

Williams: So from what I understand, you're taking this out of the Code and giving the sole power to determine districts to Congress?

Lewis: Yes

Consent

970116 Sustainability Chair Bill (James) (ConAd- Rec of Do Pass)

Representative Quick sec Representative Pham

Kuketz: MJ and I feel that adding this requirement to the SUS Chair is important because it allows for increased communication between the Environmental Student Council and the Sustainability Committee.

Addressing these issues is a very important topic for exec.

James: There are a lot of sustainability-related organizations on campus and it's hard to make sure that you're not doing things that have already been done. We had a plan to do a week of talks and things, and then we found out someone else was planning a whole month. Next week, we're going to work on codifying my position within the ECC and will be considered members. It is in this area because it is the only area that talks about requirements for these kinds of positions.

Reid: Putting it in this section does essentially create a permanent position like the Budget Chair and Communications Chair, as well as the Parliamentarian. Why do you feel it's appropriate to put it here and not under the responsibilities of the committee?

James: Because I want it to be specific to the Chair. I talked to Kaylee, and she said that she wants all of the chairs to have responsibilities in this section. There is nowhere else to specify Chair duties other than here.

Williams: During your explanation, you explained that it was important for the Sustainability Chair to visit the ECC. What is that?

James: Do you know the book that George sometime brings out so you can sign up for advisory boards? This is one of those. It is a meeting of students, staff, and faculty members.

Consent

Representative Owings sec Representative Bishop

Chism: Basically, what this bill would do, if you look on the first page, I took out the attendance part and stuck it in the third page with the new part of election absences. The first part talks about nominations. The rest of it is for if you aren't there on election night. It allows for three different kinds of absences. Let's say you're in modern dance or something and you have to go to the ballet for class, it allows for this. In this situation, you have to prove to the Chair that you have that event and you can run. Regarding other emergencies, if you have surgery or some other circumstances, you can write a speech and it'll be read by someone on election night. The third section is that if you have something that you feel is immovable, you can have Congress vote on that, and if you get 2/3'rds of the Congress, you allow them to run. You are not voting for them.

Echols: Is it your belief that this body has lost potential qualified and exemplary candidates because of unavoidable conflicts?

Chism: Absolutely. There is no way it's possible for everyone to make every meeting. This is an extremely involved body, and it isn't fair for someone who attends all the meetings to not run

Bishop: Don't you think that someone running for a leadership position should make this a priority for one night?

Chism: It only qualifies for an immovable conflict, and in a lot of these cases, it'll be a one-time thing. The body will vote on it. If you are hanging out with your friends or something, the body will likely not allow them to run. It's about the body and what you all know is a good excuse and not a good excuse. We already allow for an absence on nomination night, and we should have one for election night.

Mazeitis: *Would you accept a friendly amendment striking section 3?*

Chism: *No*

Owings: You say in section 1 that it must be brought to the body the meeting before. However, what if they have a class they have this semester and they want to run in the future. Can they run?

Chism: I don't believe so. Our current attendance policy would kick them out.

Quick: On the section under other conflict, you chose a 2/3rd majority. Why'd you choose that instead of a simple majority?

Chism: I didn't want it to be a lot of questions about whether or not a person can run because they're going to continue to be absent. I wanted it to be very clear that the person should be allowed to run according to the body.

Echols: Would you say that having an involved individual run for an Exec position is a positive good and could strengthen ties?

Chism: I agree. I think we're all involved in many different things. We have reps here from groups all over campus. The more involved we are here, the better Congress can relate to other bodies. One absence on one night of the entire night might get you a really well connected exec member.

Motion to Move to the End of the List Representative Quick sec Representative Bishop

Swearingin: Under emergency conflict, it states that it's a medical emergency, but it seems that you expounded upon a medical emergency. Is that section for medical emergencies, or could it apply to more?

Chism: It is a medical emergency for yourself or someone else, if you consider them a close family member. It is about you and how you feel about a certain person.

Owings: If they can't make the meeting before the election, they cannot run, correct?

Chism: Correct

Owings: At the end of the bill, it says they have to give the nomination speech, and if they can't make that meeting, they cannot run.

Chism: Under this bill, yes

Ennis: Could you give an example of an immovable conflict that you consider needing to be voted on?

Chism: It isn't necessarily what I consider needing to be voted on. Each individual person decides if they want to present their issue to the body. It is anything that you feel immovable and that the body agrees to

you. For example, if you have a bi-annual family reunion and your grandpa is really old, the body could vote on that.

Echols: Do you think that any and all information that could be conveyed could be remotely relayed through individual campaigning?

Chism: Yes. We do have a week time span that is in between elections and nominations. You can do this during nominations or after. We have that week in between for campaigning.

Williams: In a previous session, you said that there were exemplary candidates that had been excluded. Could you provide examples?

Chism: I said that I was sure that some candidates hadn't been allowed to run.

Carson: In your section 3, would the 2/3rd vote occur on nomination night or election night?

Chism: Nomination night, likely during special orders.

Echols: Do you think that having the attendance requirement on election serves as an incentive for people not to run?

Chism: I think it serves as a block. Someone who has one conflict and it is the only time that they hypothetically every miss Congress would be barred from running for this position. It could be someone who has been a Representative during their time at OU. Under the rules right now, it says that that person couldn't run.

Echols: What negative consequences could you see happening by keeping an arbitrary election policy?

Chism: It limits the pool of eligible individuals. We could get someone who hasn't been doing this as long or someone who isn't as passionate. I think this allows the most people possible for to run.

Reid: Could you explain your reasoning for making it so that the Chair has to assign one of these conflicts to one of these sections?

Chism: That would be so that you don't say that you don't think the body is going to vote for my issue so you try to convolute it. You have to talk to the Chair and the Chair is going to put it in one of these categories.

You have to talk to the Chair, and the Chair can consent on which category it'll go into.

Debate

**Motion to Move a Hostile Amendment Representative Bishop sec Representative Mazeitis
Debate called on Hostile Amendment**

**Motion to Move a Hostile Amendment to the Hostile Amendment Representative Davis sec
Representative Owings**

**Motion to Move to a Roll Call Vote on the Hostile Amendment to the Hostile Amendment
Representative Mazeitis sec Representative**

This hostile amendment to the hostile amendment fails by a roll call vote of 7-24-0

**Motion to Move to Previous Question Representative Mazeitis sec Representative Bishop
Objection- Representative Owings**

Objection fails by a hand vote

**Motion to Move to a Roll Call Vote on the Hostile Amendment Representative Mazeitis sec
Representative Bishop**

This hostile amendment passes by a roll call vote of 25-6-1

**Motion to Move to Previous Question Representative Quick sec Representative Lalani
Objection- Representative Owings**

Objection fails by a hand vote

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

This bill passes by a roll call vote of 29-2-0

970118 Succession Act Sequel (Reid) (ConAd- Rec of Do Not Pass)

Representative Quick sec Representative Cordova

Reid: This is the bill we saw last week. The main addition is the portion that specifies that the line only applies in the case of the top three exec positions not being filled. The other section is that this is the practice we have had for the past year. If there is a committee chair that resigns, the VC will step in and fill that position if there is not a VC or Secretary from that committee. It puts into practice the current procedure we have. If you feel the line of succession is in improper order, I would be open for an amendment. The committees that deal most with students one on one is how I ranked this hierarchy for a deeper line of succession. All of these members are vetted by the body for their ability to do their job

Swearingin: Does the line of succession does this suggest who is more import or who is closer to student body

Reid: Absolutely not. This is solely based on the interaction of a committee with the student body.

Nigh: This is based off of interaction off the student body and yet there is no concrete evidence of how much these committees interact with students?

Reid: No there is no quantifiable data so I decided this order from my own personal beliefs. If someone has a different order, we can discuss an amendment. I feel people in this order would be able to execute the duties of the Chair.

Davis: Succession line: if the VC is gone the secretary is chair and then ConAd chair is secretary?

Reid: The duties of any vacant office shall be filled by the next in line as well as their own.

Swearingin: Could you please describe a situation needed 11 people in succession?

Reid: Bus crash. If everyone was absent... but barring extenuating circumstance, probably not.

**Motion to Move to a Roll Call Vote Representative Owings rec Representative Carson
This bill passes by a roll call vote of 22-8-0**

970508- The Labels for Faulty Water Fountain Reporting Act (Slane) (WAM- Rec of Do Pass)

Representative Owings sec Representative Nigh

Slane: Various water fountains around campus have been malfunctioning, require maintenance, or require a filter change. Facilities Management cannot fix water fountains unless they are made aware of these problems. These labels will be placed on the water fountains and will notify people on how to make people aware of their ability to report.

Carson: *Would you accept a friendly amendment to add the OU Forum?*

Slane: *Yes*

Williams: Does your designation of water fountains include those that don't have the lights on them?

Slane: It would be all water fountains. It would just be a blanket "if there's any problem with this water fountain, here's how you report it"

Bishop: It says that 250 weatherproof labels. Did you just say that this is how many labels we should get, or are there 250 water fountains?

Slane: There are probably more. Facilities wouldn't get back to me on the exact amount, but I hope that this would at least be one step in the right direction. We can always order more. They outsource the printing of these labels, and the bottom number is 250.

Mazeitis: Who is putting these labels up?

Slane: Facilities Management.

Swearingin: Could you please elaborate on how \$378 was how much this cost?

Slane: That was the quote from OU Printing Services.

Carson: What're your plans if we use more than 250?

Slane: We're going to see if there's an actual response. If not, then we won't spend more money. If we get a good response, we can order more. However, that's for next session.

**Motion to Move to a Roll Call Vote Representative Owings sec Representative Pham
This bill passes by a roll call vote of 33-0-0**

970510- Auxiliary 13 (Echols) (WAM- Rec of Do Pass)

Representative Williams sec Representative Bishop

Echols: Julie is going to be presenting Aux 13. Let's roll through this.

Chen: The entire allocation today is for programs, events, and activities. The American Society of mechanical Engineers received \$585 for food for various events, Catalyst for a Better Future received \$200 food, the Constitutional Student Association received \$670 food for meetings, the Curling Club received \$1,180 competition registration fees, and the Society of Physics Students received \$69.42 for food and beverage.

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

This bill passed by a roll call vote of 30-0-0

New Business

Follow-Up Reports

Items for Future Agenda

Announcements and Comments

Bishop: This is a joint announcement from Williams and myself. Two weekends ago we went to OSGA at Rogers State University. The conference is a meeting of the minds of SGA leaders from across the state, from the panhandle to the southeastern part of the state. There were a lot of different kinds of schools there. WE got to have a big congress session where we passed legislation pertaining to higher education issues that would then go to the state regents when they make recommendations at the end of the semester. The OK state regents has a student advisory board and at this Congress the members for next year were elected. As one of the two major research institutions, we are guaranteed a seat and I won my seat back. It's a good way to get out of our bubble as a large campus. Campus-wide wifi is something we take for granted but that others schools don't always have. This announcement is to tell you that OU needs to have a presence as this conference. We showed up as a delegation of 2 and some of the smaller universities has more than 4x. Our SGA is so developed and advanced that we need to be sure that we share that with other universities. It is really important that OU is represented to the state-wide organizations. Everything we do gets sent to the state regents.

Rains: Its ON Us Taskforce has been passed! The first meeting will be this Thursday, and let Jake know if you want to be a part of it!

Echols: The Institute for a Humane Society is hosting a number of talks and film screenings on the topic of "Is Free Speech At Risk?" Go online and register, you'll get free food, and everything else is free too.

Davis: Eve of Nations is Friday, go if you can!

Yawn: School of Drama is putting on Biloxi Blues. Chair Echols is in it and I'm working on it too. It opens next weekend and ends the 15th.

Cordova: Its on Us week is next week, but the day we're having activities are the 11th and 13th. Those are the days when we'll be doing things.

Carson: It is part of my duty to please tell you to download Hook deals.

Williams: The Southern Regional Director of OSGA will be visiting our SGA early next semester. I'll be putting out more information next information.

Final Roll Call

Motion to Adjourn Sine Dai Representative Seniors (Lewis, Nigh, James, etc.) sec Representative Pham

Chair: Kaylee Rains-Saucedo

Vice-Chair: Austin Reid (Acting Chair)

Secretary: Jake Mazeitis

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Baker, Colin	x
Bergman, Victoria	ex
Bishop, Kimberley	x
Bormann, Andrew	x
Brown, Kandro	x
Buckley, Anna-Gray	x
Buxton, Jillian	x
Carpenter, Daniel	x
Carson, Haley	x
Chism, Hennessey	x
Cordova, Mackenzie	x
Cox, Reece	x
Curley, Nicholas	x
D'Silva, Jordan	x
Davis, Syleste	x
Do, Khanh	ex
Grunewald, John	x
Guidot, Ashley	abs
Hedgorth, Joseph	x
Hoefke, Madeleine	x
James, Madison	x
Kalvacherla, Vinay	x
Kelling, Taylor	ex
Klima, Alexandra	x
Kovach, Chase	x
Kuketz, Timothy	x
Lalani, Sanah	x
Layne, Alexander	x
Lewis, Danielle	x
Mazeitis, Jake	x
McClintic, Alexander	ex
Nigh, Ryan	x
Owings, Brian	x
Pham, Daniel	x
Quick, Sam	x
Regalado Rubio, Carlos	abs
Reid, Austin	x
Ryana, Naomee	abs

Simmons, Jonathan	ex
Thompson, Gabi	x
Thompson, Maddy	x
Warner, Mason	ex
Williams, Dan	x
Yawn, Jon	x
Present	35
Absent	3
Excused	6

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Williams, Dan						y	n	y	y	y	y
Yawn, Jon						y	y	n	y	y	y
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No	0	0	0	0	0	2	24	6	8	0	0
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