

# THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



## UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS Session XCVIII

**General Body Meeting**  
**7:00 pm, Tuesday, October 9, 2017**  
**Devon Hall 120**

### Session XCVIII

#### **Roll Call -**

**Flag Salute – Representative Kuketz**

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Representative Hedgecorth seconded by Representative Chism

**Chair's Report-** Hope you are all doing well. I know it is midterms season, so we are going to try and get through this quickly but still paying attention to the legislation. As I mentioned last week, our communications chair resigned and applications are out until next Monday at midnight. If you're interested, submit an application, and feel free to come talk to me. Other news, we have guests here tonight, so let's try and see those pieces of legislation first. I would love to see SEC first. If you need anything say "on information"

**Vice Chair's Report-** Just a quick reminder about decorum practices that I talked about during your committee meetings. Remember what I mentioned and keep yourself aware. Also, if you're a liaison, an email is coming from me about resources and things that can help you answer questions.

**Secretary's Report-** First, reminder that we will be utilizing final roll call again today. Second, if you are a committee chair or a secretary of a committee, I really need you to be getting me the minutes from your meetings ASAP. I know most committees meet on Sunday, and I create the agenda by 3:00 on Mondays, so I need your minutes to be able to check for friendly amendments made and the recommendations given. It's really hard for me to try and reach out to chairs, or other committee members searching for legislation information, so please try and get those to me as soon as you can after your meetings. I'm not calling anyone out, I just wanted to let you all know! Thanks all

#### **Committee Reports-**

- **Academic Affairs:** we had a resolution that we saw this week about textbook affordability. You'll see that tonight. We had a meeting on Sunday that was awesome that regarded the bookstore financial things. We have some great ideas on how to go forward with textbook affordability. We'll be going over details about that in our next meeting. These people are super in-tune with students and are reaching out to them. If you have questions, come catch me after the meeting. No meeting this Sunday
- **Communications:** vacant
- **Congressional Administration:** We had a productive meeting where we saw 3 pieces of legislation. The first is the SEC bill which we gave a rec of do pass. We looked over wording very carefully on that. We also saw the WAM Recusal Act and we looked really closely, but had lots of questions so we gave it a rec of no rec so as to let the body see it with a clean slate. Lastly, we saw the It's On Us

Chair Appointment and that got a rec of do pass. Our meeting this week is on Thursday at 4:30. Beat Texas

- **External Affairs:** Our committee met on Sunday. Next Monday at 4:30 in Meacham is the Panel with professors and Guy Patton about the new arena planned close to 35. It's right north of the Target. The panel will inform students and explain to them the new development plans. It's current info and we're excited about it. For our meeting, we won't meet Sunday, but we will meet on Thursday at a time TBD. This panel on Monday will require work, so we still want to meet.
- **Human Diversity:** we saw some resolutions you'll see tonight. The Dear Young Person campaign will have pizza and a postcard signing. Ask Ali if you have any questions because she's kind of heading this whole thing.
- **Problems and Projects:** I'm not Gabi, but I'm the Vice Chair. The survey we put out has over 200 responses, so people are interested and the results are great. One of our folks is meeting about landscaping regarding sprinklers, safety, etc. The director of Parking is coming to our next meeting and we are looking forward to talking to him about things. I love him.
- **Sustainability:** We saw the SEC bill on Sunday and that got a rec of do pass. I want to thank my committee for their hard work on this.
- **Ways and Means:** On Sunday we saw 22 organizations. It took 2 hours, but we worked super hard. We also wrote and sent a bill about WAM recusal which went through ConAd. It's one of our first bills done by WAM that is not funding. Texas sucks.

## **Liaison Reports**

### **Special Orders**

- Daniel Carpenter SFC Report

Carpenter: Basically, what this looks like is that SFC comes to report on our progress and what we are planning to do this year. SFC is a group of 30 motivated freshmen that were selected about a month ago. We introduce them to involvement within SGA and throughout the campus. For the past month, we've done a retreat with the goal being to develop team building and a bond. Following that, we had the resume workshop and they looked at resumes, interviews, etc. with the goal to start us off. 2 weeks ago we went to student life and did an involvement presentation and Qui described the line between involvement and not getting accepted into other things. Last week next had an SGA panel that included Alec, Jessie Hearn, Sanah and Kim, and they all talked about their organizations. Here in a few weeks we'll be doing a mock congress to encourage them to apply in the future. Cameron Burleson came also to talk about exec branch last week and ways to get involved in that. Next week we are meeting with KP and Soonerthon. Other goals we have are to offer volunteerism opportunities (little event, adopt a family, etc.) We're also a team for Soonerthon as well. Yaseen will be coming to talk about Swipe 2 Share and volunteering with that in the coming months. That's about it. Every speaker has been accepted for the rest of the year and in the next month, we'll be reaching out to next semester's speakers. Other than that, we do different events like parties, because we value relationships within SFC. If you have any questions, let me know.

Fees: Is S2S codified?

Carpenter: it's not. With that, Yaseen and I are on board with working with them. It's not a responsibility to volunteer.

### **Student Concerns**

Echols – a lot of familiar faces. I'm Ryan Echols and was in congress for 3 years and was WAM chair. 3 things I'm concerned about that all pertain to the Regent's presidential search committee. I don't blame anyone but the Regents who gave us an unfair timeline. 1. This outlines the nomination process. I propose a Code amendment that would lay out everything that we would need should this process happen again in the future, which it will I assume. I will need a legislative author, so please join me after the meeting if you are interested. 2. I'm calling for condemnation of the Regents as well. Our regents should know that we are not okay with this on the state level and that it would not happen at others schools. I would like to see a message put out that we don't accept this as a body. 3. Last meeting when the nomination came up, there were some comments about appeals. The Superior Court ruled on those submitted by several people. The biggest portion of that is High Offices and who can and cannot serve in other capacities within SGA. We had the

lawyers of Superior Court say that you can't serve in a high office and then serve in another branch. We have eluded the fact that we are trying to lessen the restrictions of the Code. I would remind people that rules are there to govern ourselves and not for convenience. In the Constitution I want it specified which high offices are considered high. I think that we deserve to strengthen that notion if this comes up again. The Constitution is hard to change, but we can put it through the body soon to strengthen the specifications it entails. The reason we have those laws are to avoid abuses of power, etc. I would like to see an amendment brought forward to ensure that these questions are consistent.

Bishop: what do you want to specify? How do you want it to look?

Echols: I would like to work on that. Basically, making the Constitution closer to the Code.

Williams: would this official condemnation from both bodies?

Echols: yes

Bishop: you also mentioned that you are afraid that this legislation coming through is a reaction to the decisions. Don't you think it's a reaction to the Superior Court ruling that makes it impossible to serve on any other boards?

Echols: I will give you that assuming we don't pass it before the Regents make their choice. Basically, I'm not making accusation, it's just a concern. If we are able to pass the legislation enabling them to serve, we as a congress and body should have simply asked the regents for more time

### **Motion to extend time for questions by 3 minutes Representative Bishop seconded by Representative Huff**

Lalani: this question fears that this legislation is specifically for convenience, but you want the amendment for circumstances that came forward related to?

Echols: yes and no. If we're talking about the constitutional change, it's just a difference of ideas. If we're on a fast timeline, it would be expedition because of simple desire.

Bishop: in your potential condemnation of the regents, are you aware that the code says the Regents are above all of SGA and can veto what we pass?

Echols: yes. As I understand, the way it goes is that you pass it and then Boren signs it or doesn't. If Boren does something else, that's when it goes to the Regents.

### **Old Business**

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

980128 – An Act Establishing the Student Environmental Coalition (Kuketz) (ConAd/Sus – rec of do pass)

#### **Representative Kuketz seconded by Representative Bishop**

Kuketz: hello everyone. This is the SEC bill I've been talking about. It creates an organization that is a combination of groups that already exist. It's finally come together. The purpose is to facilitate communication between environmental groups of campus and ensure that projects get done in a timely manner. It gives the groups what they have been asking for and the leaders are ready to take over pending approval of the committee.

Bishop: names of environmental groups on campus?

Kuketz: Our earth, Environmental Concerns Council, Earth Rebirth, Green Week, and others that could come to campus.

Chism: in here it says to become a member you submit an application to the exec. But if there is no exec, how is the committee chosen?

Kuketz: there's already membership in place. This organization has been around and operating unofficially

McClintic: for section 44, it says the SEC shall be empowered to create any such committees, boards, commissions, or other such entities that it deems necessary to further its purpose. To what extent can it create these other things?

Kuketz: whatever is within reason in the committee. If issues are large and they feel passionate about them, they can create a subcommittee based on what they want. That way they have freedom, but also they are doing this with SGA.

Holt: the other groups in this, are they still individual groups?

Kuketz: no organization is getting dissolved, it's just so that they can come together and share ideas about projects, etc.

Williams: we're not incorporating the entire group, it's a rep on their behalf that serves on the committee.

Holt: are the membership requirements to be representatives from the groups?

Kuketz: they would be for members who are in the SEC, yes.

Hedgorth: what is the purpose of having this be a formal body?

Kuketz: for starters, this is something the groups want. That's important to remember. It also creates unity and holds people accountable and ensures that things get done.

## **Consent – Representative Bishop**

### **Bill Passed by Unanimous Consent**

#### **Motion to suspend the rules and go back in time to Special Orders**

#### **Representative Bishop seconded by Representative Mazeitis**

980129 – Act Expelling Session 98 Representatives (Cordova) (Exec – rec of no rec)

#### **Representative Ball seconded by Representative Carson**

Cordova: well this is the unfortunate time when our representatives accrue too many absences and I am required by the bylaws to draft a bill to expel them. The representatives on this legislation are John Grunewald and Jon Yawn. John Grunewald was at 4 absences while drafting this legislation, and then missed last week's meeting, which moved him to 5. Jon Yawn is at 5 absences. Yawn is here to plead his case before the body, and I yield the rest of my time to him.

Yawn: I value Congress and the relationships it creates. This has been a difficult semester for me. I have had to juggle plays and work, and have dropped the ball. I had absences and also totally forgot to do office hours and constituent service. However, I think my time as a representative has really helped the students. A lot of students didn't know about SGA. I think I've followed my predecessors well and helped spread the word and really listened to my constituents. I want to continue to serve my constituents even if I am expelled. I have dropped 2 shows and now will be able to devote more time to Congress.

Chism: If a name were stricken, how many more absences could they get?

Cordova: 2 more unexcused absences before legislation is drafted again

Rivera: Would you be able to tell me why you personally should still have this seat rather than someone else?

Yawn: I am very involved in the school of drama and the school of fine arts. I am in the drama student senate and work in the college, so I feel I have a lot of connections to my constituents.

Mazeitis: When does Yawn's seat expire?

Cordova: Fall 2017.

Mazeitis: If Yawn were expelled, we wouldn't appoint a replacement, it would be up for election?

Cord: Correct, if he is expelled he immediately loses his representative status and his seat will remain on the ballot for the Fall 2017 election.

Kuketz: If your name is removed, what will you do to improve attendance?

Yawn: I will make it clear to directors what my schedule is and make Congress my utmost priority.

Swearingin: Do you see any reason to grant lenience in this situation?

Cord: I leave that up to the body.

Swearingin: Were these academic absences? Why didn't you get them excused prior?

Yawn: Some I did, but I forgot some of those which is my fault.

Ball: Are you running again?

Yawn: No

Mazeitis: *Would you accept a friendly striking Yawn?*

Cord: *No, for the reason that I want the body to decide.*

Bonic: Do absences include committees?

Cord: yes. Absences count general body, committees, office hours and constituent service hours. With an unexcused absence being granted for missing an office hour and an additional one for missing a constituent service hour.

Bonic: What have you done with your committee?

Yawn: I have been working with School of drama to reduce waste after every show we put on, we have started that and I am going to continue to work on that even if I am expelled.

Chism: Have these absences affected Sustainability and its ability to do its job?

Kuketz: Yes, all absences affect the committee, his project was in the beginning phases and as of right now, I have not seen anything of it other than his desire to work on it.

Cassidy: Were the people on the legislation aware that they could plead their case?

Cordova: Yes, they were aware that they could plead their case this past Sunday at the Executive Committee Meeting, and also plead their case before the body today.

## **Debate- Representative Mazeitis**

### **Motion to move a hostile amendment**

#### **Representative Mazeitis seconded by Representative McClintic**

Mazeitis: We have 2 options here. Yawn's seat will not be filled until the election. We can deprive fine arts students of representation until that or make it possible to have someone show up to some meetings. At the very least, we provide his constituents some representation. This gives his constituents the ability to vote for or against him in the election. It comes down to having the seat filled with some degree of representation versus none at all.

Swearengin: If the representative in question chooses not to show up, what kind of representation is that?

Mazeitis: The same as if he were expelled.

Chism: How many more meetings until the election?

Mazeitis: 3 meetings.

Bishop: By failing to perform his duties, hasn't the representative himself failed his constituents of representation?

Mazeitis: I won't pass judgment, but I don't think we should continue to deprive them of representation any more. Even if he only shows up to one more meetings, that's more than nothing. Its best for his constituents

Swearengin: We are a body of rules and the rules may have been broken. If we expel, don't we let the voters decide if its excusable?

Mazeitis: Rules let us forgive, they only require that the bill is brought forward by the Secretary. The rules allow us to fail this if the body moves that way. The voters will have the ability to pass that judgment in the upcoming election, no matter what happens tonight.

Holt: Are you concerned about the precedent this will set? Will it encourage people to only show up sometimes?

Mazeitis: No, this is a unique timeframe. ConAd cannot appoint anyone to fill the seat before the end of the term, it would be unfeasible. Yawn is still up for election, and his constituents can decide to keep him or not

Bishop: Would you also want to keep Grunewald by the same logic?

Mazeitis: No. Because he is not here.

Thompson: Do you know if the representative has filed for reelection?

Yawn: No I have not.

Thompson: Since he didn't file, and was unable to email the Secretary with his absences, why should we take the benefit of the doubt on whether he will do his role for his last 3 weeks?

Mazeitis: it's the same option, no representation or possible representation.

#### **Hostile amendment passes by a roll call vote of 17-13-0**

### **Motion to Move to Previous Question**

#### **Representative Mazeitis seconded by Representative Kuketz**

Cordova: Everything I said about the bill. Now the bill stands that only Grunewald will be expelled, Yawn will keep his seat.

**Consent – Representative Mazeitis**

**Objection – Representative Swearingin**

**Motion to move to a roll call vote**

**Representative Mazeitis seconded by Representative Khan**

**Bill passes by a roll call vote 32-0-0**

980130 – The WAM Recusal Act of 2017 (Chism) (ConAd – rec of no rec)

**Representative Hedgorth seconded by Secretary Cordova**

Chism: This bill is just outlining a policy that we already follow. We receive funding applications and with this policy, and if you are a member of an organization that has submitted, you recuse yourself. Really if you have a close relationship with the organization. The close friend clause is up the decision of the WAM Chair. Recusal is at the chair's discretion. It is a good thing to have in place in terms of allocation. It does accept applications from any branch of the SGA and that situation is a little bit sticky. We don't recuse ourselves on those because of it going through congress and GSS who act as our checks really. Also, when we run out of quorum, we ask the Vice Chair. Including them, we would all vote but the Chair must ensure that there is fairness and we are being thorough. The minutes should be accurate as well to ensure that everything is fair and unbiased.

Rivera: when it comes to recusal, is it just for that organization being funded?

Chism: yes

Khan: is there punishment if someone doesn't report to the chair an instance of recusal?

Chism: not currently, that would be something the Chair would report to the Chair of Congress. It would be their decision.

Khan: any recommendation for that punishment?

Chism: If I personally if I found out, I think it's a breach of confidence. I would ask the Chair to remove them from my committee.

Bishop: essentially, you are having people recuse themselves unless you don't meet quorum, wouldn't this purpose be out the window?

Chism: somewhat yes. It would at least be reflected in the minutes. The Chair must be certain that we are clear and fair.

Bishop: wouldn't a better course of action would be to table until you have quorum with other members?

Chism: I think a lot of times that's not possible. I've had almost full attendance at every meeting, so we're not having an attendance issue. I considered briefly referring it to exec. This is already a really long process though

Hedgorth: if this is already the procedure, what is the purpose of making this law rather than keeping it as an informal standard?

Chism: first I want to note that bending the rules is seriously biased. Second, future WAM committees should follow this, I think. While I believe that in the near future that this will be policy, I want it to be policy until someone repeals it (hopefully they won't)

Carson: is this only for WAM in the committee sense?

Chism: on the bill as a whole, everyone has their say. In WAM meetings, we discuss and throw out numbers, so that would be where the person would take a step back.

Holt: if there were a situation where so many people had conflict, I feel like that would warrant strict scrutiny. So to suspend the rules, are you concerned?

Chism: I'm not because that falls under the discretion of the chair. When we're in that situation, our exec will take that into consideration.

Rojas: if the WAM committee member were a liaison, based on that, would the members should be discouraged to be liaisons?

**Motion to extend time for questions to the end of the list**  
**Representative Carson seconded by Representative Coen**

Chism: it is not listed as a reason to recuse yourself. That's up to the individual and how much they define how close they are with the group. As far as just being a liaison, that's not listed as a reason, so I don't think it would incentivize them not to be liaisons

**Consent – Representative Mazeitis**

980202 – A Resolution Showing Support for The Affordable College Textbook Act (Williams) (AA – rec of do pass)

**Representative Mazeitis seconded by Representative Coen**

Williams: currently representatives in our congress have proposed this act. We want it to say that the SGA is in support of the Affordable College Textbook Act going through Congress. Generally, outside of New York where Durbin is a Senator, there has not been much support. One thing we always get is the issue of affordable textbooks from our student body. By supporting this, it would do something to show that we are trying to do something to alleviate this burden. We also understand that the government will need to fund research more as textbooks decrease in price.

Huff: for this act, does it state where the money comes from?

Will: federal grant program by the department of education

Rivera: you say senator from New York, who is he?

Will: Dick Durbin

Lalani: why did you choose to say a period of time rather than a definitive day?

Will: in the text of the bill, a date is not specified.

Swearengin: in whereas clause 5, you state that the said act would act to ensure textbooks become more affordable for students, primarily through the creation of a fund to purchase textbook rights, allowing for the digitization and cheap sales of textbooks. So why did you include the other sections when those aren't included in the bill going through?

Williams: there are sections that deal with purchasing the textbooks.

*Hoefke: scriveners' in section 2, the formatting*

*Williams: yes*

Swearengin: considering education is a state's right, shouldn't the decision to pay for open source be at that level?

Williams: I mean there is a department of education on the federal level and Durbin's jurisdiction is on that level. Oklahoma is not showing support, so I thought to show the students that we support it and that I would find something going on to help them.

Hedgcorth: largely, a lot of this stuff isn't in reality so accurate. We might as well ask at the highest level possible.

*Khan: friendly amendment to send a copy to Steve Russel?*

Williams: we sent to Cole because they are OU rep

Swearengin: considering that the US debt is in excess, how are we supposed to pay for the grant service without taking funds away from other aspects already being cut?

Williams: as much as I would love to debate the debt problem, I don't know the answer

Hedgcorth: OU SGA stands to represent the students, not the nation. We stand to think that this will benefit our students. We recognize that outside the nation, people have different intuitions. We advocate for our own students' voice.

Swearengin: after reading the act, I don't see the obligation for any university to implement open source text. Why should we fund a grant that would only have a modest impact?

Williams: whether or not they're deficit dollars, I'll contest later. This is important because if OU had the money, I believe they would pursue this program. They've already tried to digitize, and currently, other members are pushing for affordable textbooks on the university level. If this act were to pass, the university

would likely make use of the money. I don't know the technicalities of the US debt, but we should support this

**Motion move time for questions to the end of list**  
**Representative Chism seconded by Representative Hoefke**

Fees: is it your opinion that regardless of the debt, this is a resolution saying we as college students like cheaper textbooks?

Williams: yes

**Consent – Representative Chism**  
**Objection – Representative Swearingin**  
**Motion to move to a roll call vote**  
**Representative Ball seconded by Representative Coen**

**Bill passed by a roll call vote of 30-2-0**

980514 – Auxiliary Allocation 8 (Chism) (WAM – rec of do pass)

**Representative Coen seconded by Representative Carson**

Chism: The Biomedical Engineering Society got \$750 for registration fees for the National Student Conference. The Elite Dance Team got \$700 to rent Reynolds for a performance. OU Curling Club got \$2010 for fees and flights for four competitive events. Society for Professional Journalists got \$310 for food, décor, and fees. Sociology/Criminology Club got \$350 for fees and one lunch at a conference. Student for Justice in Palestine got \$500 for food and printing. ASCE Concrete Canoe Team got \$916 for registration fees for regional competition fees. Health Law Student Association got \$640 for meetings and food. Young Life College got \$500 for tailgating food and fliers. Chinese Language Club got \$180 for pizza for meetings. Student Chapter of the Association for Computing Machinery got \$1050 for food and workshops for Hacklahoma. OU Badminton Club got \$800 for shuttlecocks for a tournament. Society of Asian Scientists and Engineers got \$900 for airfare to a conference. Medical Ethics and Issues Discussion got \$500 for food. Big Event got \$2065.57 for a bus to Texas A&M. Angolan Student Association got 257.34 for a dance workshop. American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics got \$200 for supplies for a prototype airplane. Me Too Monologues got \$700 for food rentals. Constitutional Studies Student Association got \$370 for pizza with a professor and general meetings. Cate Resident Student Association got \$740 for food and beverage and general supplies. Student Mobilization got \$900 for rentals in the Union. Association of Women in Science got \$100 for food and beverage for a mentoring roundtable.

Hedgorth: how much left after this?

Chism: \$26,775

Carson: what is the big event going there for?

Chism: conference with all universities that do big event. Usually they can drive, but they have to rent a bus this year.

Abernathy: did you say young life college? Isn't that a religious organization?

Chism: yes, they are religious.

Abernathy: what is SGA policy on funding religious organization?

Chism: all RSO's can get funding. Student life would determine if they are an RSO

McClintic: how many organizations weren't fully funded?

Chism: I believe there were 9 that were not. It was between 9 and 12 that weren't fully funded. Subtract those from 22 and you've got which ones were fully funded.

Hedgorth: on behalf of Abernathy, what would happen if Young Life were discriminatory?

Chism: we pass it onto student life. All we do is fund, but at the moment, our policy is to fund RSO. If someone had an issue, you can take it to student life.



**Motion to move to a roll call vote**  
**Representative Mazeitis seconded by Representative Ball**

**Bill passed by a roll call vote of 32-0-0**

980515 – Testing Materials Accessibility Act of 2017 (Bishop) (WAM – rec of do pass)

**Representative Bishop seconded by Representative Carson**

Bishop: especially coming into midterms, it is important to provide for our students. It takes money from the Congress initiative fund and buys 3000 scantrons and green books. There are 1500 of the two different sizes of the green books. We are spending the money and they will be distributed where students can easily pick them up. Mostly in the resident halls, and the SGA offices. We chose green books for sustainability.

*Kuketz: would you accept a friendly to put Traditions West?*

*Bishop: these were the old locations from previous legislation. Traditions East is within the span of campus for those coming to LN, for example. The more we add, the less each location gets, so no.*

*Hedgorth: this bill is direct action, accept co-sponsors?*

*Bishop: yes*

Cassidy: Looking at Section 1, were there any other titles considered?

Bishop: The original title was “Make Testing Materials Available Again”. I will accept a funny title though if anyone has one.

Williams: how much money is left in the initiative fund?

Bishop: technically there is no money because the congress initiative fun was not funded when we applied last semester. There is a line item transfer to the WAM chair predicated on the passing of this bill. This would pass, and the line item transfer will become active, and once that is signed, money from the Congress fund will move into the Congress initiative fund. We would still have 3000 dollars left.

*Swearengin: since we are putting them in main resident halls, friendly adding the honors college, Dunham, and Headginton college?*

*Bishop: no. Honors college is super close to the towers. There are thousands of students in the towers, which will all have access to them. The union is a centralizēd place and I’m worried that divided among many different locations, we would have too much going on.*

Bonic: why did we get rid of this in the first place?

Bishop: it was never gotten rid of; it was done a couple years ago. It was done, but not has not been done in a while because nobody thought to do it. I’ve heard of 2 people asking about these materials though. I’m not used to having to use them, and yet all my midterms needed them now.

Abernathy: seeing as how dope you are at making graphics, do you have any PR campaign for publishing these?

Bishop: it came up in WAM. We will be using as many things as possible. Might talk to the webmaster to make a graphic, and then George for an OUMM.

Holt: are these inventory numbers based on historical programs?

**Motion to extend time for questions to the end of the list**

**Representative Ball seconded by Representative Carson**

Bishop: these were the numbers used on the last bill. I changed them to reflect the price of the small books however instead of only doing the big ones. The scantrons part is new, but I think that they are equally as important especially for gen-eds.

*Fees: section 4 scrivener’s changing it to SGA Constitution*

*Fees: friendly, can you add the library?*

*Bishop: I get where you’re coming from because people study there, and I think that would be feasible. That’s where the central location is. The only worry is that the library is huge, so knowing where they are might be a problem. All the rest of these locations have provided them before, but the library has not. I will accept it, but have to talk about ways to make that happen.*

*Rojas: friendly adding the physical science center or dale hall?*

*Bishop: no because of previous reasons stated. The Big makes sense to me because it's also a central location like the SGA offices. I know students go to those places, so providing them at these place sonly would be a better use of providing only a few to each location. I want this inventory to last as long as it can.*

Echols: you mentioned drawing line items away from other funds? What are those funds?

Rains-Saucedo: the way this previous cupcakes and congress was funded ended up with us having like \$4000 for them, and we don't need that much money. We are using the money allocated to that to transfer to the initiative fund.

## **Consent – Representative Mazeitis**

### **Bill passed by unanimous consent**

980704 –It's On Us Chair Appointment Act of 2017 (Baker/Pavlowksy/Rains-Saucedo/Armer) (ConAd – rec of do pass)

#### **Representative Williams seconded by Representative Mazeitis**

Rains-Saucedo: this is a bill appointing the It's On Us Taskforce chair. It's a committee under SGA with the mission to promote sexual assault awareness on campus and be the student voice. We had an application process out for 2 weeks, and interviews this past Sunday. It was a tough decision because we had some really great candidates, but we chose Ramsey Phelps. This was made by all the authors listed on this bills. We thought she had the best ideas and qualities.

Phelps: ending sexual assault is something I'm very passionate about. I have a lot of ideas and am open to discussing all ideas with you. Looking forward to the Hooked On Us legislation, the week of action, information boosts, and lots of other great ideas.

Cassidy: how do you plan to go about selecting the taskforce?

Phelps: once the application is out, I'm looking for experience with publicizing, dealing with sexual assault, and how to bring awareness, and really just people who can make a supportive community.

Coen: biggest overarching goal?

Phelps: I think because its new, to bring awareness. 3 pillars I have are: education, awareness, and intervention that I want to spread to the student body.

Williams: IOU is national, do you plan on coordinating with other universities?

Phelps: yes. OSU shot a PSA and there are a lot of resources with the national chapter. Working with others is something I'm interested in and I stay up to date with the national website.

Mazeitis: have you talked at all with Kathy or the GEC?

Phelps: I intend on working with them and talking with here hopefully if I am appointed. I have volunteered with the GEC, and I know they are a huge resource

Williams: are there other IOU taskforces in the big 12?

RS: yes, almost every school. WVU filmed a PSA directed towards the big 12 last year.

Fees: if appointed, would the IOU taskforce be issuing any sort of resolution about title 9 rollbacks?

Phelps: I would want to hold off on that until the committee is in, but would love to do something

Williams: how large will the committee be?

Phelps: depends on the type of applicants. It depends on what options I have available to me

## **Consent – Representative Ball**

980908 – A Concurrent Resolution Condemning Any and All Rollbacks of Title IX Protections for Victims of Sexual Violence (Rains-Saucedo/Bell) (HD – rec of do pass)

#### **Representative Williams seconded by Representative Huff**

Bell: I'm a PhD candidate in political science and I am a GSS senator. This bill is just a symbolic resolution that says that as the department of education is considering title 9, we condemn rollbacks. Please ask any questions about specific details.

Rains-Saucedo: another reason we're doing this is that we want to support victims and do more bystander intervention. Any rollbacks is against the campaign that we have promoted. We're excited, please let us know if you have any questions.

Bell: I've talked to the title 9 coordinator and he is on board with this. OU is really well known for being great at this stuff. We want to uphold that tradition with this legislation.

Swearingin: are you aware that the purpose of the most recent Q/A is to ensure that we are managing the careful balance between being fair with both victims and defendants?

RS: yes

Mazeitis: especially considering these things, would you be able to do anything additional to condemn these rollbacks?

Bell: Yes. If we do declare this legislation, we want to submit a formal comment to the department of education to work with us. We want OU on statement.

Rains-Saucedo: this was gone over carefully. Every year OU goes to Big 12 on the Hill to lobby and we want legislation that has student opinion and says our campus supports title 9

Swear: in clause 6, you state the guidance provided by the department of education in September 2017 may be detrimental to victims of sexual assault reporting sexual violence by leaving the standards of evidence ambiguous, but Q/A question 8 says that we should use scrutiny on sexual and nonsexual cases for victims and defendants. How is that standard?

Bell: the most recent Q/A is ambiguous as to what universities have to use. This varies by university now. There is no standard of evidence because of this most recent Q/A that followed the Dear Colleague letter in 2011.

*Mazeitis: are you accepting co-sponsors?*

*Rains-Saucedo: yes*

Layne: have you consulted title 9 officers?

Bell: yes. We've talked to Bobby Mason and he is on board. In response to the Q/A, OU will not change our standard of evidence until we get new regulations.

Rains-Saucedo: also talked to GEC

Swearingin: in clause 6 you state that the reporting may be reduced. If we want equal representations, how will the imbalance of evidence reduce the reporting?

Bell: it's not uncommon for victims to think that the university will not rule in their favor. This act happens behind closed doors and many measures are used. The evidence must be aligned with the type of crime. In order for the university to encourage reporting, they have to have the right standard of evidence. If you leave it open, some might implement a beyond reasonable doubt claim.

Swearingin: are you aware that in the new Q/A put out that there is advice that university stakeholders should come together?

Bell: yes

*Kahacherla: this is really minor, but how do I add a scrivener's? Error: last clause changed to "that"*

## **Motion to extend time for questions to the end of the list Representative Carson seconded by Representative Coen**

Swearingin: what would you say to the individuals, primarily male, who were wrongly accused and expelled, but chose to sue OU for expelling them?

Bell: that's a legal matter. If OU is not handling the cases correctly, then the judicial system is where it goes. If we are having conversations, we cannot forget the victims. This does not say anything about wrongly accused people. That happens in the court of law.

Rains-Saucedo: if they were accused wrongfully, they have every right for legal action. It's less than 8% are false accusations, however.

Khan: section 3: error

Fees: are you aware that we're looking at crime statistics that there is more reporting?

Bell: yes

Rains-Saucedo: that directly impacts our university regarding increased reporting

Bell: The reason you get those statistics is because of the 2011 letter. Whenever we learn about consent, it's because of the regulation that says the universities have to prevent these things from happening on campus  
Rivera: how would this benefit students?

Rains-Saucedo: 1. It has a lot of power for this to be passed by the SGA and we want to make sure that things in place so that protections stay in place and we can end sexual assault on our campus

Bell: it's a powerful tool that this will go to Candice Jackson. In the future, we want to submit public comments from OU

Rains-Saucedo: if this passes and is signed, it will go with us to Big 12 when we meet with representatives and senators. OU wants these protections upheld.

**Consent – Representative Mazeitis**

**Objection – Representative Swearengin**

**Motion to move to a roll call vote**

**Representative Mazeitis seconded by Representative Ball**

**Bill passes by a roll call vote of 31-1-0**

980909 – A Resolution in Support of Sexual Assault Awareness and Bystander Prevention Campaign (Rains-Saucedo) (HD – rec of do pass)

**Representative Williams seconded by Representative McClintic**

Rains-Saucedo: what this bill says is that it is a joint resolution with UT. It is a bill supporting a campaign we're trying to do for OU/TX weekend because it is a red zone for sexual assault. We are trying to publicize resources so students know what is available to them on the campus and in Dallas. It is a big way to support victims and be the best bystanders we can be. The graphics are really cool, and I shared them on my Facebook page if you want to view them. If this passes, we will continue with that and do a social media campaign

*Fees: co-sponsors?*

*Rains-Saucedo: yes*

Swearengin: are you aware that this representative voted negative on the previous title 9 bill, but proudly supports this?

Rains-Saucedo: yes, thank you

**Consent – Representative Mazeitis**

**Bill passed by unanimous consent**

**New Business**

**Follow-Up Reports**

Thompson: sent out the survey and would love if you would check your email and take that. We've got great responses, but would love even more. Send it to everyone and fill it out.

Holt: we are also meeting with the parking director and landscaping, so let us know if you have questions

Williams: in regards to DeBarr, someone recently contacted me with new info. The Council will move to a vote, but he wants every single student possible to send an email to their counselor

Ball: I went to GSS for the DBO bill and it passed

**Items for Future Agenda**

980516 - Aux 9 (Chism) → WAM

980131 - An Act Amending High Offices in the Code (Rains-Saucedo) → ConAd

**Announcements and Comments**

George: if you are headed back to the Conoco, Archie Dunham will be on campus. If you're going to be in the building, if we can tidy up, that would be great.

Mazeitis: Representative Bergman and Coen and I all serve on the LGBTQ advisory board. Coming Out Day open mic on October 11. Next Wednesday at 4:30 I'll be speaking in LGBTQ week relating to gay identity. I would love if you all wanted to come

Swearengin: I wanted to say a big thank you to my SGA family. 2 weekends ago, I was sick and I have received an outpouring of support. Big thank you to all three exec members who have been so compassionate and flexible.

Bishop: I know it is midterms time, so please be protecting your own mental health. It is so important. I would cry to see any of you go through a crisis. TREAT YO SELF.

Fees: if you want to come to the OIL meeting, we will have one next Thursday in Gaylord 2020

Coen: The College of International Studies has a film screening. Content warning: it's a film about human rights in Romania in the 1980's. Free pizza YAS.

Echols: if you would like to be involved in the legislation I brought up, I have some drafts. I appreciate you all letting me talk.

Cordova: please get me your minutes ASAP. I want to set a precedent so it is made easier on the Secretary and the Chair.

Mazeitis: I usually don't concern myself with sport rivalries, but TEXAS SUCKS

Chism: shoutout to my committee. That's wild that they had a 2-hour meeting on Sunday and this meeting now. They are so committed and I love them all.

Rains-Saucedo: I know this weekend is OU/TX, so reach out if you need me because I will be there.

Shoutout to you guys for tonight. You did great and I am so proud. You all are still here, and you are so dedicated to the students.

### **Final Roll Call**

Chair: Kaylee Rains-Saucedo

Vice-Chair: Sanah Lalani

Secretary: Mackenzie Cordova

<b>Session 98</b>	<b>Final</b>
Al-Michael, Tasneem	abs
Ata, Muneeb	ex
Baker, Colin	x
Ball, Carson	x
Bergman, Victoria	x
Bhaktaram, Ananya	ex
Bishop, Kimberley	x
Bonic, Karla	x
Bray, Matthew	x
Buckley, Anna-Gray	x
Carson, Haley	x
Carter, Christopher	x
Chen, Julianna	x
Chism, Hennessey	x
Coen, Noah	x
Cordova, Mackenzie	x
Curley, Nicholas	abs
DeAngeli, Emma	x
Do, Khanh	ex
Grunewald, John	abs
Hedgorth, Joseph	x
Hoefke, Madeleine	x
Huff, Greyson	x
Keefer, Braden	x
Khan, Adam	x
Kuketz, Timothy	x
Lalani, Sanah	x
Layne, Alexander	x
Mazeitis, Jake	x
McClintic, Alexander	x
Pham, Daniel	abs
Quick, Samuel	ex
Rivera, Tyler	x
Rojas, Julio	x
Ryana, Naomee	abs
Smith, Brian	x
Swearengin, Brandon	x
Thomas, Hailey	x

Thompson, Gabriela	x
Tiger, Sophie Marie	ex
Williams, Dan	x
Yawn, Jon	x
<b>Present</b>	32
<b>Absent</b>	4
<b>Excused</b>	4

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Buckley, Anna- Gray		y	y		y	y			y	
Carson, Haley		y	y		y	y			y	
Carter, Christopher		y	y		y	y			y	
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