

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
Session XCVIII

General Body Meeting
7:00 pm, Tuesday, October 3, 2017
Devon Hall 120

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Roll Call – 7:00 pm

Flag Salute – Associate Holt

Approval of Minutes

Motion to amend the minutes from 9-26-17 to reflect correct vote totals

Secretary Cordova seconded by Vice Chair Lalani

Move to approve the minutes as amended

Representative Bishop seconded by Representative Williams

Chair's Report- I hope you all are surviving midterms; keep it up because we are so close to half-way there! I quickly wanted to talk about last week. Last meeting was wild and really contentious, which is great because we want to ask those questions and everything, but it is important to remember decorum. Every person has a right to how they feel and how they vote. Let's respect each other because I do not want us to not make congress that kind of environment. Please think about what you're saying and how you're talking and refrain from attacking someone or their character and beliefs. In lighter news, file for re-election! Filing is open until Thursday at 5pm. If you received an email from me, you need to do this. If you did not receive an email, you will not need to run yet. Please come talk to myself, Sanah, Mackenzie, or anyone else in the body if you have questions. Lastly, we will do committee of the whole today, which Sanah will explain since she will be chairing that.

Vice Chair's Report- All your committee meetings are on Orgsync, so please go say you are attending. That way we keep participation up. Liaisons, if you have questions from your organizations, please come talk to me and I can direct you in the right direction or answer those questions for you. Be checking in with your organizations consistently to make sure your they don't have any questions going unanswered. Also, associates, you can file for a representative seat if your district seat is up. If you want to be a representative, you will need to file. If you want to be an associate again, you'll apply again next semester. Lastly, we will do committee of the whole today, which I chair. Reminder that once we do this, it is like we are in a committee and we will give the bill a recommendation and then entertain motion to move out of committee of the whole.

Secretary's Report- Okay guys, I've got a couple of things. First, if you weren't here when I said it a few minutes ago, associates please sign in on the pink legal pad up front here so I can keep track of your monthly attendance. Also, it is a new month which means new constituent service and office hours. We don't have something as easy as just doing your member bio this month, so please take this opportunity to reach out to

other student organizations. We would love for them to get to hear about what Congress is doing, so use this month as an opportunity to do that. Also, keep doing your office hours. As always, come to me if you have any questions. Next, I have talked to exec about this, so a lot of people are already aware of this, but we are having a problem with representatives coming for first roll call and saying they're here, but then leaving before they vote on any legislation. This is obviously a problem because then districts are not being properly represented. Because of this, we will be utilizing final roll call from now on. This means that if you have not notified me that you are leaving early, and I see that you were here for first roll call but did not vote or were not here for final roll call, then that will count as an unexcused absence. I hate to burden us with the time commitment that this takes, but I feel it is important that our our representatives are staying to vote. That is why you all were chosen as representatives. I've talked with others and they also agree that this is important, so bear with me. We'll be doing final roll call until this isn't a problem anymore. Thanks you guys.

Committee Reports-

- **Academic Affairs:** on Sunday we met and had a great meeting. We had a piece of legislation on the agenda about textbook affordability, but we tabled it to flesh it out and get it to be the best it could be before coming to the body. Expect that by next week's meeting. The rest of our projects are going okay. We have a meeting time set up with the guy who is negotiating with companies to get an official school bookstore on campus. We're going to talk to him about students concerns and what they should be looking for out of these companies. We also talked about a new topic regarding American Sign Language classes here. The problem is that these are offered, but in small quantity. We came to the conclusion that AA has tried this before with other languages, but the dead end is funding for more sections or professors. We're reaching out to who publicized the ASL classes last semester, and we're seeing where we should go with this issue. We are also talking with them about cross-listing, so that more students can be in the class.
- **Communications:** vacant
- **Congressional Administration:** This week were we supposed to see the It's On Us Chairman nomination. That decision was not made yet, but we will see it next week. We are continuing the Code rewrite project, and hopefully you'll be seeing legislation from that in the coming weeks.
- **External Affairs:** we are doing a couple things. First, we are looking at bringing more sorority and fraternity recycling to campus. We are also coordinating a panel event (Oct. 18 at 6 pm) to learn about a new development planned for a new arena and other residential restaurants, etc. Another thing is that we will have a poll on Orgsync taking the temperature of student preferences relating to DACA. Keep an eye out for that.
- **Human Diversity:** We did not see legislation this week. We mostly talked about the Dear Young Person Campaign. We will be seeing 2 pieces of legislation tomorrow in our meeting.
- **Problems and Projects:** we are trying to send out a survey tomorrow and weekly polls to gauge the temperature of the student body about specific student issues. We want to point administration in specific directions of concerns instead of us giving them vague concerns. We have some meetings scheduled to see about broken sprinklers, the Headington Hall meal plan availability, and some more things.
- **Sustainability:** We had a very productive meeting this week. I decided to table the SEC bill to iron out some details. We also discussed a fundraiser with Sooners Helping Sooner to help our fellow American citizens in Puerto Rico.
- **Ways and Means:** We had our special 2-hour meeting on Sunday and had lots to talk about. We talked about legislation that potentially having WAM members recuse themselves if they are a part of an organization getting funding that week. We also talked about changing criteria for allowable and nonmalleable items that should or should not be funded. We didn't make any decisions, and are still working on it. We're doing the same meeting on Sunday, so please come out. We're trying to iron out the kinks of the process and do what the students make aware they want us to do. If you have any students that you know that would like to come to our meeting, please encourage them to because anyone is welcome.

Liaison Reports

Scimeca: this Friday the lacrosse team has a charity tournament to raise proceeds towards Harvey relief. It's also their alumni weekend, so events for that will be going on like the alumni game on Sunday morning.

Mazeitis: informed citizen discussion group has an event on Thursday from 7-9pm in the honors college. Free food and games, it'll be a great time, and you'll get to see me.

Lee: tomorrow the QSA has queer jeopardy in Wagoner at 7:30 pm.

Special Orders

Motion to move into committee of the whole

Representative Williams seconded by Representative Hedgcorth

Committee of the Whole

980907 An Act Advising and Consenting for Consideration as Members of the University Presidential Search Committee (Baker)

ConAd Chair Cassidy seconded by Representative Williams

Baker: this bill basically is presenting 4 nominees to the Board of Regents. On Sunday, the Regents set the order of the search committee for a new President. Yesterday, Chairman Bennett requested that our SGA submit 4 nominees (2 undergraduate students and 2 graduate student) by October 9th. I felt that it was in the best interest of the body that we nominate 4 people to give to the board of regents. 3 students will be on the search committee. This is something that comes from the Regents, and we want to go in with the legislative branch's consent/advice.

Ball: could you introduce your 4 people?

Baker: I have here the SGA Vice President, Cameron Burleson. Then the Student Bar Association President, Mackenzie Coplen. And the Graduate Student Senate Chair, Carrie Pavlowsky. Last, but not least, we have the Undergraduate Student Congress Chair, Kaylee Rains-Saucedo.

Layne: I received an email challenging this from David Monlux. Can you explain the email contents? Does it hold weight?

Baker: in my opinion, there is no specific process on how this goes in the Code, etc. The argument that is made is that this is a high office, but this is not a high office per say. He has submitted questioning of this to the General Council, but like I said, we are under a deadline, and we want to move forward with this.

Bishop: wouldn't a high office be codified?

Baker: yes, on page 6.

Mazeitis: assuming that this passes, how will you communicate this to the student body, especially to those students who may have wanted to apply for this?

Baker: we will work with the OU Daily, which will provide the info to the students. I can also send out a memo and explain the process and reasoning

McClintic: in the future, when decision like this happen, will there be elections or a nomination?

Baker: like I said, this is a rare occasion and requested from the Board of Regents. I can't say what will happen.

Mazeitis: assuming the Board appoints a President in a new academic year, who here will still be a student?

Burleson: I applied for law school, so hopefully me.

Copeland: I am going to law school, so I will.

Carrie: I still have one more year of grad school.

Rains-Saucedo: I'm graduating, but it is my understanding that the decision will be made before I graduate.

Chism: is there anything in particular that you want to express to the Board?

Rains: President Boren has connected with students really well. I don't know how former presidents were, but I know we have thrived from how he was and the programs that have been instituted on our campus. I want to express that our next president should keep our programs, and engage with students.

Carrie: emphasis on grad life and and student issues. We deal with housing, fees, etc. so I want him/her to work with our dean.

Motion to extend time for questions by 5 minutes

Representative Mazeitis seconded by Representative Bishop

Burleson: I've talked with many students and one thing I've noticed that they want to express is whether or not the new president will value students who may not be very involved or have experience. All students, no matter the background, should be represented. I would like to see the experience the candidate has relating to working with students with different backgrounds and connecting with many groups. Also, I'm sure they'll give us info of what to look for.

Coplen: I think we all know these are big shoes to fill, and others here touched on things like connecting with students that I also feel are important

Rivera: how did you select these people?

Baker: they have already been elected to represent their peers and make big decisions. These are students who have already been selected by the students to a certain extent.

Crossley: did any other students not in SGA able to apply?

Baker: no they were not, because I got this memo yesterday. This is something that is time sensitive. With that being said, the students have already spoken to a certain extent about these nominees, and that is while I thought this was fair.

Lobaugh: why is there such a tight turnaround on this?

Baker: I have no idea. I just got this memo yesterday and got the deadline from them.

Motion to give this bill a rec of no rec

Representative Chism seconded by Representative Williams

Motion to move out of committee of the whole

Representative Mazeitis seconded by Representative Williams

Motion to suspend the rules and see Bill 980907 in Items to Be Considered

Representative Mazeitis seconded by Representative Williams

Student Concerns

Old Business

Items to Be Considered

980512 – An Act Amending Auxiliary Funding 6 (Chism) (WAM – Rec of Do Pass)

Representative Hedgorth seconded by Representative Al-Michael

Chism: We amended the OK Sailing Club's allocation to be \$200 instead of \$400 and changed the total to reflect that change.

Mazeitis: is it a scrivener's error that Programs/Events/Activities should also change to \$200?

Chism: yes

Holt: is there a scrivener's error because the bill number says "980511", but should be "980512", right?

Chism: yes

Mazeitis: could this not be interpreted as allocating all of this money again according to Section 4?

Chism: no I don't think so because we are just amending it

Rains-Saucedo: not because the title says amending. If this were new, I would interpret it as new.

Motion to move to a roll call vote

Representative Williams seconded by Representative Ball

Bill passed by a roll call vote of 34-0-0

980513- Auxiliary 7 (Chism) (WAM – Rec of Do Pass)

Representative Ball seconded by Representative Al-Michael

Chism: This is Auxiliary Funding 7. Student Dietetic Association got \$150 for kind bars and water for Health Awareness Month. Powerlifting got \$900 for meet entry. Music is Medicine got \$620 for rentals, meetings, the lip sync battle, and south oval tabling fees. Women in Aviation got \$615 for meetings, a speaker, and food. American Mock World Health Organization got \$750 for rental expenses and a symposium in Georgia.

Integrity Council got \$650 for International Day of Action event. Sports and Entertainment got \$750 for tailgating (no alcohol). Big Event Admin got \$6,145 for signs and supplies. The Oklahoma Group got \$1,099 for a really nice white board and food for the progress review. Chi Epsilon got \$240 for a meet and greet and initiation. Pre-Medical Women's Society got \$550 for meetings, panels, workshops, rentals, and food. Angolan Student Association got \$350 for Cultural Night Independence Dinner. And, LeFe: Latino Fellowship got \$489.95 for two events and tabling.

Yawn: scriveners on bill number?

Chism: yes.

Bhaktaram: in your report you said that Big Event got \$6,145, but bill says \$6,154. Which is correct?

Chism: \$6,145. I would accept a friendly amendment changing that please and the total allocation.

Quick: accept the friendly amendment you asked for?

Chism: yes

Hedgcorth: how much money will be left if this passes?

Chism: \$42,213

Crossley: is the total allocation you just mentioned for the year or this semester?

Chism: That money is how much is left in our auxiliary budget for the year.

Crossley: seeing that we are only on auxiliary 7 and we only have 4 more times that we can do this for the rest of the year, what's the next move if we run out of money?

Chism: lately we have big organizations request bigger numbers and we are working with them on applying for primary instead. Auxiliary is not actually a mandatory process. It's a first come first serve process, so when we run out of money, that's it.

Motion to move to a roll call vote

Representative Mazeitis seconded by Representative Al-Michael

Bill passed by a roll call vote of 34-0-0

980907 – An Act Advising and Consenting for Consideration as Members of the University Presidential Search Committee (Baker) (Committee of the Whole – Rec of no rec)

Baker: myself and the candidates are open to questions you may have.

McClintic: will you or anyone consult students on the qualities they would like to see in the next president?

Baker: not myself because I have no say, but if I can speak for them, I believe they would.

Hedgcorth: do you know exactly how the process happened on the last appointment?

Baker: not to my knowledge. What I can tell you is that there were only 2 students.

Mazeitis: is it in your opinion that SGA can still have a voice on this even if they are not on the committee?

Baker: yes. I have talked to the Regents and they are open to communication with the students. Specifically, Chair Bennett would always love to hear from students.

Al-Michael: could you restate when this meeting happens and will you inform Congress of the details of the meeting?

Baker: I have no role in this at all besides nominations. Once someone is nominated, I will send that information to the Board and they will appoint someone from there.

Lobaugh: were you the only one selecting these nominees, or who else was involved?

Baker: myself. But I like to say the students as well because these people were selected by the students at large to an extent.

Motion to move to a roll call vote

Representative Williams seconded by Representative Al-Michael

This bill passed by a roll call vote 34-0-0

New Business

Follow-Up Reports

Williams: update on the Henderson Resolution. Last week I was absent because I spoke to the City Council. The City Attorney General is deciding whether or not the street is a public facility, or whether the name DeBarr is considered inappropriate for a public facility. I will give you updates when I have them.

Items for Future Agenda

980514 - Aux 8 (Chism) → WAM

980129 - An Act Expelling Session 98 Representatives (Cordova) → ConAd

980909 – A Concurrent Resolution Regarding Title IX Rollbacks (Rains-Saucedo) → HD

980908 - OU/Texas Sexual Assault Campaign (Rains-Saucedo) → HD

980305 – A Resolution Regarding Expansion and Support of the Crimson Cruisers (Khan) → PnP

Announcements and Comments

Rains-Saucedo: we just did a big purge on the GroupMe, but we purged it of former congress members. No voices were silenced.

Chism: I just wanted to let you know that Tom and I are meeting with people to make the freshman alcohol program more efficient. If you have any input, we would love to hear it.

Yawn: Student Theater Initiative has a show opening this Thursday in the studio theater. It's a really important show and it opens on Thursday and goes until Sunday.

Al-Michael: OU School of Drama is doing Shakespeare's Other Women, and it's going to be the 4-6th and October 8th at 3 pm.

Rojas: this Friday there will be an international prom from 7-11 in the Molly Shi Boren room.

Williams: While I voted yes on the bill, many of my constituents have expressed that it is disconcerting that we had 1 day to make a decision as important as this one was. Congress was formed to be a bridge between the administration and the students, not a rubber stamp for the Board of Regents' policies. I voted yes because I believe in the nominees, but in the future, we need to be afforded more time for consideration.

Cordova: sign in associates if you haven't. I see so many of your faces every week, and that makes us so happy. I just want to make sure you're making at least your one meeting a month, but please keep coming to as many as you can!

Final Roll Call

Motion to adjourn

Representative Williams seconded by Representative Chism

Chair: Kaylee Rains-Saucedo

Vice-Chair: Sanah Lalani

Secretary: Mackenzie Cordova

Session 98	General 10/3	Final Roll Call
Al-Michael, Tasneem	x	x
Ata, Muneeb	x	x
Baker, Colin	abs	abs
Ball, Carson	x	x
Bergman, Victoria	ex	ex
Bhaktaram, Ananya	x	x
Bishop, Kimberley	x	x
Bonic, Karla	x	x
Bray, Matthew	x	x
Buckley, Anna-Gray	x	x
Carson, Haley	ex	ex
Carter, Christopher	abs	abs
Chen, Julianna	x	x
Chism, Hennessey	x	x
Coen, Noah	x	x
Cordova, Mackenzie	x	x
Curley, Nicholas	x	x
DeAngeli, Emma	x	x
Do, Khanh	x	x
Grunewald, John	abs	abs
Hedgcorth, Joseph	x	x
Hoefke, Madeleine	x	x
Huff, Greyson	x	x
Keefer, Braden	abs	abs
Khan, Adam	x	x
Kuketz, Timothy	x	x
Lalani, Sanah	x	x
Layne, Alexander	x	x
Mazeitis, Jake	x	x
McClintic, Alexander	x	x
Pham, Daniel	abs	abs
Quick, Samuel	x	x
Rivera, Tyler	x	x
Rojas, Julio	x	x
Ryana, Naomee	x	x
Smith, Brian	x	x
Swearengin, Brandon	ex	ex
Thomas, Hailey	x	x

Thompson, Gabriela	x	x
Tiger, Sophie Marie	x	x
Williams, Dan	x	x
Yawn, Jon	x	x
Present	32	32
Absent	5	5
Excused	3	3

Session 98	980512	980513	980907
Al-Michael, Tasneem	y	y	y
Ata, Muneeb	y	y	y
Baker, Colin			
Ball, Carson	y	y	y
Bergman, Victoria			
Bhaktaram, Ananya	y	y	y
Bishop, Kimberley	y	y	y
Bonic, Karla	y	y	y
Bray, Matthew	y	y	y
Buckley, Anna-Gray	y	y	y
Carson, Haley			
Carter, Christopher			
Chen, Julianna	y	y	y
Chism, Hennessey	y	y	y
Coen, Noah	y	y	y
Cordova, Mackenzie	y	y	y
Curley, Nicholas	y	y	y
DeAngeli, Emma	y	y	y
Do, Khanh	y	y	y
Grunewald, John			
Hedgcorth, Joseph	y	y	y
Hoefke, Madeleine	y	y	y
Huff, Greyson	y	y	y
Keefer, Braden			
Khan, Adam	y	y	y
Kuketz, Timothy	y	y	y
Lalani, Sanah	y	y	y
Layne, Alexander	y	y	y
Mazeitis, Jake	y	y	y
McClintic, Alexander	y	y	y
Pham, Daniel			
Quick, Samuel	y	y	y
Rivera, Tyler	y	y	y
Rojas, Julio	y	y	y
Ryana, Naomee	y	y	y
Smith, Brian	y	y	y
Swearengin, Brandon			
Thomas, Hailey	y	y	y
Thompson, Gabriela	y	y	y
Tiger, Sophie Marie	y	y	y

Williams, Dan	y	y	y
Yawn, Jon	y	y	y
Yes	34	34	34
No	0	0	0
Abstain	0	0	0