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Roll Call

Flag Salute – Representative Huff

Approval of Minutes

Representative Chism seconded by Representative Ryana

Chair's Report- Hey guys, happy Halloween! Going with my normal voice tonight even though I really want to use my Ruth Bader Ginsburg voice. Reminder that elections are today and tomorrow, so make sure to vote if you haven't already. Also, encourage others to vote as well, so that we have a high voter turnout. Just so you know for committee things, the last meeting of our session is November 14th. If you have any projects that need to get done, be aware of getting those wrapped up before that meeting. Especially if you have legislation that may need to be seen that needs to go through our whole process. Come and talk to me or your chairs if you need help with anything. You still have to come to our November 14th meeting, even though it will be long. Technically we will still be in Session 98, so you all need to plan on being there still. We will start session 99 after we wrap up Session 98, and we will have new members! I'm happy that we're all here tonight. The Costume Contest will be in announcements and comments after we've finished with everything else. There will be prizes and candy, so stick around!

Vice Chair's Report- Pretty short report tonight. Reminder for decorum tonight. Also, make sure you guys are raising your hands for motions and seconds. Please also direct your questions especially to those besides the author, and only speak when you're recognized, so that we keep things in order. If you're a liaison or associate and have questions, you're always welcome to come ask me. If you're an associate that wants to stay involved in Congress, but you don't win your representative seat or something else, I can talk to you about the different things you can do. If any of your friends have questions as well, let me know.

Secretary's Report- As always, if you're an associate, sign in on the legal pad. Also, remember that tonight is literally the last chance for you to complete your constituent service hour unless you have something set up for after the meeting. This is the 31st, so it's your last chance. HD Chair Klima has left some Dear Young Person cards for anyone who still need a constituent service hour. You will need to fill out 5 cards and post a picture with them on the orgsync page. I cannot give you credit if you don't upload pictures with the cards, so please do not forget to do that. If you would like to keep your anonymity, you can post a picture of the reverse side, but please be honorable and actually write on the other side. Other than that, I am very excited for the costume contest!

Committee Reports-

- **Academic Affairs:** Hi guys. We met on Sunday and had a pretty good meeting. We're seeing a resolution next week about the Pocket Points app and student attention in classes. We talked about this last week, but we are seeing something more concrete next week. Other than that, waiting on a meeting about the bursar and textbooks, and maintaining the ability to use that option if we change bookstores or have a different contract. One other thing: we also have representative Coen looking at how we can offer more languages on campus without making other departments. So, we're talking to him and seeing how we can do some that students are interested in (like our ASL project).
- **Communications:** finally have Communications all together! We planned Cider, Cocoa, Cookies, and Congress on November 7th, which is this coming Monday. I'll be passing around a sheet and putting out a doodle poll to sign up for shifts. We'd love to have 3-4 people working each half-hour shift. Other than that, we have the SGA clothing coming along. We are looking at pullovers again, or windbreakers, and we're hoping to have those by next Tuesday. Next semester, we'll work on ones just for Congress. Social media is up and running, so let me know if you ever want me to promote anything for you or your committee. Next semester, we're looking at working with the OU Daily, doing newsletters, live tweeting meetings, and getting Congress headshots. For those of you running, we want everyone to have one of those headshots.
- **Congressional Administration:** Really productive meeting; we met for 2 hours. The first thing we addressed was the code rewrite project. As you know, over the semester we have been going over the Code and Bylaws to get rid of unneeded parts and making it easier to read. So, the 2 bills you'll see tonight we gave a rec of do pass. Those are Title V and VI. Really excited you to finally get to see bills from this process. We also saw the Regents Student Qualifications Act that we've seen for the last 2 weeks. It relates to the student concern relating to the Regents search committee. That bill got a rec of no rec. It has some changes that were made from when we first saw it 2 weeks ago, but there is still some concern in the committee. The Superior Court nomination got a rec of no rec, but we ask that that is tabled because the nominee cannot be here. Happy Halloween!
- **External Affairs:** brief report tonight. My committee was not here last week as we went to the town council meeting. We learned about different codes getting passed, so that was really great. New Chick-fil-A is most likely coming to Norman! We also heard lots of the resolution speeches regarding the DeBarr resolution. That was really good. Furth more, we are planning on doing a recycling initiative with Greek life and the Sustainability committee. We tried to go to the IFC meeting today, but we will go next week. More information to come.
- **Human Diversity:** Dear Young Person has been a success, except for kind of today because we got rained out. We have postcards here tonight for you all to do. Give them to me after the meeting that way I can get them to Ali! Tomorrow, we are discussing the international student party. If you have any connections within the international college, please come to our 5:30 meeting tomorrow.
- **Problems and Projects:** We did not meet this past week, so we have been working on lighting. We spent Sunday night walking north campus and figured out which places were well lit and which were not. We made marks on a map, and Kaylee is passing that on to hopefully get that all fixed. Hopefully, if you need November constituent service, we will have another walk that will count. Let me know if you're interested in that.
- **Sustainability:** we talked about a project involving putting flyers in the napkin holders that contain energy statistics about things like lighting, etc. Representative McClintic came to speak about the recycling project he mentioned, and we have positive responses. Excited about that.
- **Ways and Means:** I'm Cat, hi. I can't see out of this mask, but we'll make it work. WAM met, and my Vice Chair chaired the meeting for me. He's cool and did a great job. We did not see a lot of organizations, which was a nice break for my committee. I am going to do a budget presentation today that you get to see. Other than that, I don't have anything else!

Liaison Reports

Al-Michael: fine arts diversity council has the George Henderson talk on November 17th at 5pm. You should all attend!

Mazeitis: Me Too Monologues is a theatrical project where students and faculty submit their experiences. That is next week Wednesday and Thursday in Meacham at 8pm. Great way to connect with people's stories that you might not know about. Great directors and actors. You should all come.

Rojas: *cowboy voice* I'm the liaison for the International Advisory Committee. This Thursday we have our international bazaar and we are selling lots of stuff and you can learn about a lot of things. Yeah, you should come.

Yawn: STI on Sunday at 10 pm has a Miss STI drag pageant. Lots of students are literally doing drag and discussing women and gender study concepts. Giant fundraiser as well, so please come out.

Cassidy: I'm the liaison for Sooners Without Borders. This Saturday we are going on an exclusive hike through the Four Canyon park. I can help you get signed up!

Holt: I'm the liaison for the OU Rotaract Club. Tomorrow we are going to the food bank and Saturday we are volunteering at Second Chance. Let me know if you'd like to be involved with any of that.

Mazeitis: I'm the liaison for Generation Citizen. This is an opportunity to go teach high school students and teach them civic engagement. If you're interested, hit me up and I will get you contacted. Great opportunity

Rains-Saucedo: Just a plug for the Oklahoma Group which consults nonprofits. Applications are out for that. Great opportunity to get involved and make a difference. It's a big time commitment, but I would be happy to recommend any of you or answer questions.

Special Orders

Budget Presentation – Chism

Chism: Hey guys! This is just an update on the funding and auxiliary. First, I just wanted to go over some of the differences between Primary and Auxiliary Funding. Primary is something that RSO's can apply for in the Spring prior to the coming academic year. The whole point of it is to cover the student organization for the majority of the next academic year. Because of this, it is usually allocated in larger amounts. The money to fund primary comes directly from Student Activity Fees Allocations to SGA. With Auxiliary, that is a rolling funding application where student organizations can apply for up to 3 times per semester, or 6 times per year. Aux funding is intended to cover unforeseen expenses, new expenses, and it is funding for new organizations. Unlike primary, this is usually allocated in smaller amounts. The money to fund auxiliary funding comes from RSO reversions and any money left over from the primary process. What I mean by reversions is the money that is not used and reverted back to the account. In our Code, it says that auxiliary is not a mandatory process. It's only funded by reversions and any money that was left in the aux budget from last year. Because of this, when we run out of aux money as well as RSOs spending all of their allocations, there wouldn't be any aux funding. This year, we had \$130,146.69 from both reversions and the money leftover in the budget. I know a lot of you have been worried about running out of money and what that means for student organizations, so I wanted to put it into perspective a little for you guys. This time (October 25th) last year we had funded 30 organizations, but by the same time this year, we have already funded 81 organizations not including repeat applications, which we have had. Also, last year was the first year that aux funding was available to RSOs. Because of this, the funding process and how much to give out was widely unknown because it also started in the middle of a semester. That's when some of the applications started last year. This year, we started getting applications as soon as the school year began. Even though we are running out of money more quickly than last year, this process is a good thing! It means that aux is more popular and lots more student organizations are applying for and getting the money they need. So, here are some numbers for you guys. Out of our \$130,146.69 budget, \$89,639.64 of that came from fiscal year 2017 reversions. And \$40,507.05 of that was our business forward. We have now seen 9 auxiliary funding bills, number 10 is coming tonight. Without aux 10, you can see in the breakdown that we have \$18,017.53 left in the auxiliary budget. Last year, SGA was allocated \$794,729.82 from the Student Activity Fee. \$696,947.26 of that was allocated in primary funding. We also had to take out the funds to fund Student Legal Services and that was \$36,250 of that budget. Leftover from fiscal year 18, we have \$61,532.56 left. This money is left over from the Student Activities Fee Allocations last year after we allocated primary funding, Student Legal Services, and salaries and stipends. But, by moving these leftover funds that were just sitting there to the auxiliary budget, we increased the overall auxiliary budget to \$79,550.09. And that's all guys! If you have any questions, please ask them! Thanks for letting me talk.

Hedgorth: besides last year, do we still have a surplus?

Chism: Aux was not a process in years prior. It started last year, so there is not really a precedent.

Williams: what happens if we run out?

Chism: it's not a mandatory process. It would be really great honestly if we ran out, because that means that so many qualified organizations got funded.

Grane: I'm sure you've mentioned, but how much was left from primary funding last year?

Chism: \$61,531.56

Carter: SLS is that new?

Chism: we started it last year, I think. She's an attorney that works for the students and she can do really good things for them legally like help with paper work and referrals. We want to keep funding that, and the university only funded it for 2 years.

Fees: what would the money be doing if we didn't reallocate it to aux?

Chism: sitting where it is.

Bishop: if we run out of money next semester, wouldn't that penalize those organizations that haven't applied for aux because they've stayed to their budget that they applied for during primary?

Chism: I would say if they budgeted, they wouldn't run out of money. If you're looking ahead, and knowing what activities you have and realize you don't have enough, you should apply for aux. There is nothing that guarantees that you can get aux funding. We are working on publicizing that more. I wouldn't say it's penalizing them; this is the nature of this budget.

Holt: if we were to run into this situation in the future (running out of money) is that something you want to avoid?

Chism: we don't want it to happen so soon, so that as many organizations get to apply as possible. But because this is new, there is no precedent for what we should be spending. We're looking at future options for the committee and how they should spend their money. We want this money to be available.

Al-Michael: if an RSO is now applying for funding, are they going to be under more scrutiny than ones that have applied and been funded already this year?

Chism: I wouldn't say so because we have already used good scrutiny. We have been making sure that their events are open to lots of students, so that the money we give them is benefitting as many students as possible. We want our money to be put to good use and benefitting lots of student. Same scrutiny, I would say.

Williams: how much are you anticipating from SAF this year? Expecting \$800,000 again like last year?

Rains-Saucedo: I would not expect as much. We had an excessive amount of money last year. I think maybe around a little bit lower, but nothing drastically cut. Unless something else happens in the future. Could be a bunch of different factors that change the amount we get.

Hedgcorth: the content of this presentation was saying that this amount of the budget will be allocated to the aux funds. What happened to that money before now?

Chism: this amount of money is larger than normal. Operations was not funded through this money, so there is \$42,000 that was sitting there and supposed to be spent. Salary and stipends increased, but they were never approved through congress. It's not usually this much.

Ball: do you think the fact that we're using our savings creates a dangerous precedent to student organizations getting so much money?

Chism: I wouldn't say these are savings. This money is here. That \$42,000 would've been spent in primary. In the aux budget, I should have \$42,000 more than I have.

OC Ball: what about the leftover money? We won't be getting that amount again. Will you inform them [student organizations] that they need to apply sooner for aux?

Chism: I don't think that this will cause changes from what is regular. Mostly because that \$42,000 should've come from primary but it came from aux. It's not changing the money that we would've regularly had and shouldn't be a big shock to organizations. We're working on a PR campaign about funding, but I've started something this year that is when we can't fully fund an organization, I let them know that and other options they have where they can get money. We are working with RSO's to make sure they have enough money.

Al-Michael: do students have to use SLS as pro-bono work?

Chism: yes.

Student Concerns

Old Business

Items to Be Considered

980118 – Title V Streamlining Act of 2017 (Mazeitis/Stone/Hammond) (ConAd – rec of do pass)

Representative Ball seconded by Representative Coen

Mazeitis: This is part 1 of the code rewrites. It does two things: 1. Strikes membership because there is other stuff in the code that describes membership. It doesn't seem worthwhile to have a non-restrictive part of the Code. It puts the code in direct violation of other parts of Code, so this just needed to be struck. It seemed silly to be overbroad. People can be members until the Code says they can't be. 2. The Chair of CAC does not coincide with Presidential Elections, so we struck that as well.

Chism: Congress has all of their rules in the Code and the Executive branch does as well. It seems like the programming branch doesn't have hardly any of theirs in there. Reason?

Mazeitis: they self-govern themselves and I don't see that changing. It would take a lot of work from us to make decisions on an organization that we're not very familiar with. I think that to exercise more oversight is not necessary and outside our scope of knowledge.

Grane: when will chair elections happen?

Mazeitis: 6 months from now. In the spring. Very similar election to the one happening now.

Ahmadi: I noticed that section 4a needs to omit mentions of title 7.

Mazeitis: everyone turn to section 5 of the bill. Over the next while, things won't take effect until January 2018. The staff assistant can now make clerical changes as we go along. We give Debbie the power to adjust things, and we will work with her to make sure things reflect our changes.

Hedgcorth: I couldn't help but noticing in elections, that I wasn't able to elect the chair of CAC. Is that because we don't follow this advice?

Mazeitis: our Constitution says that they'll be elected at the same time. But we don't do that.

Hedgcorth: since the Constitution says we do something, are we just changing it to what we do?

Mazeitis: this is correcting an inaccuracy based on what we do right now.

Consent – Representative Quick

Bill passed by unanimous consent

980119 – Title VI Repeal Act of 2017 (Mazeitis/Stone/Hammond) (ConAd – rec of do pass)

Representative Ball seconded by Representative Yawn

Mazeitis: raise your hand the last time you thought about title 6. Thank you, Dan and Alex, I expected that. However, it gives us no power. Residential governments including Pan, IFC ,etc. are not under the office of SGA and are not part of a branch. We don't have the right to mess with them, and that is pointless to have a section of our Code that tells us what powers we don't have over things. These parts are under Student Life, but we don't legislate other RSOs. In the past, we would have called them umbrella organizations. There are 2 main points here. 1. Elections will still be in the election title, so this does say things that will be provided for in the election title. Elevating this title does not change those. 2. All of these organizations are all advised through other entities and are under them.

Williams: it's my understanding that way back in the day, they used to be under SGA. What happened?

Mazeitis: I'm happy to defer to George

George: back in the day, they were informally never made part of the executive cabinet, but were instead other governing organizations. It is my belief that when the exec branch expanded with cabinet, a lot of other student groups were not involved in the SGA process as much. With the new student organizations policy, they are their own entities.

Consent – Representative Ball

Objection – Representative Williams

Williams: just to make sure, HCSA and IFC have been consulted?

Mazeitis: I talked to the HCSA president and he consented. I did not reach out to Pan and IFC because this effects nothing for them. It doesn't provide any guidance or anything for them. I found it only necessary for the HCSA president. Also, I need the section added about the staff assistant.

Williams: friendly to add a section 4 saying "The SGA staff assistant shall be empowered to correct all clerical issues associated with renumbering Title VI"?

Mazeitis: yes

Lalani: how's your day been today?

Mazeitis: can't talk about that in front of everyone. I would say that I think that days in general are an interesting concept. Time, wow. Honestly if you think about it, time in the morning moves so quickly

Bishop: why no costume?

Mazeitis: not relevant.

Ball: do you put product in your hair?

Mazeitis: not answering

OI Fees: opinion of the Chair that we are creating the amendment?

Rains-Saucedo: amendment is not meant to be submitted in time for questions.

Bishop: no costume?

Mazeitis: I consider that question to be irrelevant

Motion to move to a roll call vote

Representative Chism seconded by Representative Carson

Bill passed by a roll call vote of 37-0-0

980133 – Regents Student Selection Qualifications Act (Swearingin) (ConAd – rec of no rec)

Representative Carson seconded by Representative Ryana

Swearingin: I sure hope you're having a spooktacular Halloween. I'm having a Tuesday. Here is my treat in the form of code modifications. I was informed that there will be an informal meeting to revise this bill coming up. However, I still want this bill seen this session and engage your opinion on it. I want to preface that this is no slam to the President, but rather that there is nothing regarding the selection process in our Code now. This is my solution to the process. We are establishing an application process in order to have a reasonable amount of time. We are also establishing a committee of individuals to select them. We also codify an application questionnaire. We normally let a committee decide their questions, but I think that there will be a limited amount of time in the future. Codifying questions is in the best interest of time and transparency. If we are codifying them as a minimum not a max, that's better for the student body and process as a whole. I also establish qualifications and disqualifications of being a candidate. I also wish to make sure we have transparency. Each candidate must be approved by a 2/3 majority in both houses. Lastly, I also allow for a student concerns section on the legislation and mandate they we notify the body of who the committee members are and who the candidates are. There was a lot of time put into this, and I appreciate the chance to gauge your opinions.

Fees: why did you find it necessary to give us questions whenever it is typically up to the committees?

Swearingin: as I mentioned, there will be a limited amount of time in the selection process. I feel that we need this in there to expedite the process. I also feel it is important that the student body understand what questions are asked since we won't be recording the interviews anymore.

Bishop: do you feel that it is necessary to legislate something that is so far off and where the process could be different at that point?

Swearingin: I do. This is not an amendment to the U.S. Constitution. It can be amended at any time. If needed, people can change this in the future.

Chism: in section 47, we have decided that the search court is a high office. Why?

Swearingin: it's an important position. Also, the concurrent service act passed would apply. They would speak on behalf of the entire university and it needs to be codified as a high office.

Holt: is it your opinion that according to section 48 where you have that applications must be open and then in section 49 you exempt certain members, would those contradict?

Swearingin: exemption allows the President, Vice President, and CAC Chair to put their names in the hat. Members prohibited from being a candidate would be the GSS Chair, GSS Vice Chair, Congress Chair, and Congress Vice Chair. Someone has to sit on the committee. I did this because the President, Vice President and CAC Chair are directly elected by the student body. When you're talking with those others listed, they were indirectly elected. They're indirectly elected officials who I feel would be in a good position to analyze the applications. These people who can put their name in the hat, can choose to and can be recused from the committee.

Ball: in section 49 it says "the SGA President may be un-recused only in the event of an evenly split (tie) decision in the committee." What if the President is a candidate that could break his own tie?

Swearingin: that concern was brought up in ConAd. I would be open to an amendment to a way to reword that.

Cassidy: in your authors explanation you said you brought this to the floor even though we are working on clarifying issues that led to this bill being presented because you want it this session. If we all acknowledge that we won't see this process again for a long time, why is it necessary that it is this session?

Motion to extend time for questions by 10 minutes Representative Chism seconded by Representative Al-Michael

Swearingin: I want the opinions of those that have been here during this process. We don't have any type of committee now, and I'm sure individuals here may be interested in working on types in the future. I feel it is necessary to gauge the opinion of you all

Bishop: in response to my last question, this can be amended. However, President Baker didn't have time to edit the code when he was given notice of this, and what if it happens again the future?

Swearingin: I made procedures to say that if there is more than 5 business days' notice or not that much time, then there are procedures for that. In limited notice, we can expedite the process to the max of our ability but give opinions necessary consideration

Layne: is it your opinion that the board could not consider this or has the power to just not take our advice? Does this obligate them?

Swearingin: No. I would say that since there was nothing in the code, they had no reason to give us more time. If we have a procedure in place, and they care about what the students want, that they would abide by our regulations. But, we have no way to obligate them.

Mazeitis: if your goal is to gauge our opinions, why wouldn't you wait for the forum to engage all students?

Swear: we have a student concerns section, and one was brought up before in our body. This is a response to that concern and I have been in contact with that person. I would like to understand how this body feels

Chism: the only students who are barred from serving are high offices that are not the President, Vice President, and CAC Chair. Why are the other high offices not worthy to be on the committee?

OC Chism: high offices can't serve in another high office except for the exempted ones listed in your bill. Why can't other high offices also apply?

Swearingin: This is a good question. You could make an amendment if you feel it necessary

Chism: for an example, in this less than 5 days' procedure, those nominations would not have been able to go through congress because of the due dates. In that circumstance, what does this provide?

Swearingin: we didn't have anything in place going in. It's quite possible the Regents knew that. Knowing that we have a process in place, I would hope that they would respect that. One of my co-sponsors mentioned that we are a rubber stamp for them and that no action is not good.

OC Chism: what are we actually going to do if the Regents do it again?

Swearingin: in the worst case scenario when they don't respect the process we've set up; I would say it's a possibility that they do this again. I have tried to allow for an expedited process. We need set standards, and it's not unreasonable to have a specified process of how we wish to select these candidates

Coen: what went into the creation of the mandatory questions? Why these and not others?

Swearingin: I've spoken with people in the legislative and judiciary branches. Many of them had input and that's how we came to these questions. They felt this adequately represented the questions they would have asked the candidates. They also have much experience far beyond my own.

Holt: you gave the explanation that the reason that certain people are on the committee is because someone has to be. Also, you said some people are exempt because they're elected. What gives these committee members the qualifications to run the committee and choose the candidates?

Swear: important position. I would hope that the committee members are elected because they are the most qualified individuals. I would trust the legislature in regards to who they choose to make their Chair and Vice Chair.

Fees: why do you say that the applications must be open and sent out thorough email if we might not use email in the future?

Motion to extend time for questions to the end of the list
Representative Khan seconded by Representative Ata

Swearngin: it's not just for the applications, it's a notification process as a whole. Currently we use OUMM and that's the idea of this part. I would imagine that we would still use email, but yes it's possible that we wouldn't. I would take an electronic communication amendment if you wanted that.

Grane: should this be tabled and for how long?

Swearngin: this is a work in process, and I don't anticipate this to be passed tonight. I would like to engage the opinion of the body, and we can table after time for questions is done.

Keefer: I'm a little confused about section 50. It states that each candidate has to be approved one by one. Why?

Swearngin: I really enjoy this section. Candidates would be voted on individually. The committee selects their top choices and sends them to the GSS and Congress and the individuals all need a 2/3 majority vote. Some members may have different opinions regarding specific candidates and wish to vote differently. I'd like to allow them the chance to do that.

Bishop: this position is not necessarily a part of the regent's committee that invited student voices. Why does this need to be a position in our structure and not just theirs?

Swearngin: these candidates would represent our entire student body. Many of these student are student leaders that aren't affiliated with SGA, and it is important to reach out to a wide variety of people to offer them the chance to apply for this. Because this is so important, they may wish to serve in that capacity within SGA and not ways.

Cassidy: I'm referring to section 47. Because of the high office code change we passed, some exempt members would be ineligible to hold the office. In section 49 you allow certain people to throw their name in, but these people hold high offices. Is it your intention to allow them to be nominated to serve on the committee or intention to make it a high office?

Swearngin: that would require an amendment. Again, this is a work in process.

Lalani: you mentioned how the judicial branch in some way was involved in the creation of that. In what capacity because I don't see them as an author?

Swearngin: they were not involved in the specific creation, only correspondence. I felt reaching out to them in an unofficial capacity was necessary; it was important to see where they stood.

Layne: this seems too restrictive for the future. Would it be better to have something less restrictive?

Swearngin: I like strict and structured. I'm sure you can see a bit of my personality coming out in this bill. If this wanted to be amended for flexibility, I would be open. I want this to represent all of us.

OI Fees: how many names are on the list?

Rains-Saucedo: The list currently has 15 names

Chism: we talked about a friendly changing this to allow all high offices to apply. I looked and see that the committee consists of all high officers. In reality, those are types of people who want to apply. If high officers can't apply to be on the regent's committee, who will be on the committee?

Swearngin: I would like to see an amendment that to specify who would sit on that committee. I feel Chairs and Vice Chairs of both chambers would be in our best interest. Within section 49 it allows for additional voting members if needed. For me to be sissified, I'd like another friendly.

Bishop: you keep saying that you are presenting this to get our opinions. Did you consult anyone before first asking the judicial branch opinions?

Swearingin: I have spoken with a variety of people in the legislative. Not everyone, but a few of them. There were unofficial opinions from the judicial branch, but they did not give tangible help.

Marquez: in section 49 c, you mention that the President, Vice President, and CAC Chair are committee members, but can also be candidates. In this section, you mention that they must recuse themselves if they are candidates. What's the reasoning behind the contradiction?

Swearingin: that was one of the major concerns brought up in ConAd. I would love friendly amendments for that.

Chism: If the regents did this again, does this bill prevent us from nominating students if there is not time to do any of this?

Swearingin: I don't sit on the board, so I can't answer that question. In the discretion of the regents, I feel that if we put forward a process, that hopefully they will acknowledge that and respect it. At the end of the day, there is no way to force them to have representation on the regent's board.

Coen: can you expand on why section 51 should be included in this bill and not at the discretion of the SGA president?

Swearingin: while obtaining opinions, these were some of the ideas that they came up with. They are relevant, and although new, we're including them and allowing for more.

Rivera: you made the approach that because we have nothing codified, that the regents didn't give us time. If we had a strict timeline, would they just dismiss us?

Swearingin: they don't have to ask our opinion in any way shape or form. It is important that we conduct our business in a manner that we deem necessary. I hope they would respect our procedures, but there is no reason that they have to. I can't perfectly answer that question because I am not on the regent's board

Bergman: in section 53, why did you choose to disqualify the certain groups of students that you did?

Swearingin: if anyone has committed academic misconduct, I don't think they should represent our student body. Sexual misconduct is never right, and we should not want the kind of people that do that to represent our student body. As far as bribery goes, we can't have someone on the committee that condones bribery when they are responsible for nominating someone to such a high position. Many others abide by the rules, and it is not good for us to allow a person who has a misconduct record to represent us. If they cannot follow the rules, why should we allow them to represent our student body? We don't really want felons representing us either. I don't feel it is unreasonable to disqualify them.

Chism: if we could look at section 52, why did we decide first that students have to have a minimum GPA and why have we banned all freshman and some sophomores whereas they will be the one studying under this new president?

Swearingin: the logic I came up with is that upper classmen understand the workings of OU operations as they have been here for 3 or 4 years. I feel that they have a better understanding and are able to represent the student body more. We want to also count that transfer students should not be able to represent the entire student body because they have not had time to explore all of OU's workings. With the GPA, 2.5 is not a terrible goal to set. It suggests that they are actively engaging with academics, which is what we ultimately come to this university to do. Generally speaking, it is an arbitrary number.

Chism: if the regents don't give us time, by codifying this, this means that we would not be able to nominate students and we would silence our voice?

Swearingin: by not doing anything, we could be silenced as well.

OC Chism: what I said though was correct?

Swearingin: I cannot confirm or deny that.

OI Coen: if my question was asked, can I yield to another person?

Rains-Saucedo: yes

Fees: are you aware that the way section 53 is written grammatically says that academic, sexual, and bribery misconduct have to be tried under a public court of law?

Swearingin: Our sections would make it that those things are internal.

Motion to table this bill for 3 weeks

Representative Chism seconded by Representative Ball

Objection – Representative Mazeitis

OI Mazeitis: if the session ends in 2 weeks, can you table for 3 weeks?
Rains-Saucedo: no

Motion is withdrawn

Motion to table this bill indefinitely
Representative Ball seconded by Representative Mazeitis
Objection – Representative Swarengin

OI Swarengin: I am objecting because I want to vote on the tabling motion

Motion carries with majority

Bill was tabled indefinitely

980517 – Auxiliary Allocation 10 Act of 2017-2018 (Chism) (WAM – rec of do pass)

Representative Quick seconded by Representative Bishop

Chism: This is Aux 10, here we go. Japanese Club got \$220 for food and beverages for two movie nights open to the public. Public Health Discussions got \$100 for food and beverage for upcoming meetings. 314 Action was given \$625 for renting parking lots for guests and promotion for panel discussion. Association of Friends of Venezuela got \$644.41 for Noche Gaitors “Feria de la Chinita”. I will need a friendly changing the allocation to that club to \$592.97. Collegiate Entrepreneurs Organization got \$250 for membership dues to the national chapter. Oklahoma Weather Lab got \$800 for food and monthly meetings. Lastly, National Association of Black Journalists got \$200 for a professional speaker.

Quick: friendly to put the correct number for AFV and changing the total allocation?

Chism: AFV was allocated “644.41”, but they don’t have to pay for union taxes. Will take a friendly changing it to \$592.97 to account for them not having to pay taxes.

Carson: on here, is it a scrivener’s error for the 314 Action? Shouldn’t it be \$625?

Chair: needs a friendly amendment for that and the total.

Rojas: is that association aware of the tax pay thing?

Chism: I let them know on orgsync.

Swarengin: what is your opinion about title 68 of the tax law?

Chism: I don’t care about tax law, lol.

Carson: what is the right number for 314 Action?

Chism: \$625

Rains-Saucedo: can you in detail explain your motivation behind your costume?

Chism: I’m really poor lol. I went to target and needed a costume, and this mask was there. I was wearing contacts at the time, does this look like a cat to you? IT WAS TEN DOLLARS NOOOO. Problem is now that I’m not wearing contacts, so I can’t see you all now. The eye holes are hard to see outof

Williams: has the friendly been asked?

Rains-Saucedo: calculating it right now

Williams: opinion on Russia stuff?

Chism: don’t know about it.

Ball: is your hair naturally that curly?

Chism: I use coconut lotion. It’s always this curly, though.

Ball: coconut oil or cream?

Chism: coconut cream, thank you.

Bishop: I have nothing to say?

Rojas: how was my accent?

Chism: pretty good at first. Giving up hurt my heart, but good effort.

OI Quick: does the total allocation need to be changed?

Rains-Saucedo: yes

OI Coen: why did we need an amendment to change the \$625 thing?

Chism: because we want to make it easier for Kurt. We can't consent on budget things, so scrivener's is not a good idea. When it's messed up, I get in trouble. I don't really want that.

Lalani: *will you accept a friendly amendment changing the total allocation to to \$2,777.97?*

Chism: yes

Motion to extend time for questions by 3 minutes
Secretary Cordova seconded by Representative Coen

Ball: *will you accept a friendly amendment changing the 314 Action allocation to \$625?*

Chism: yes

Marquez: how much will be left?

Chism: \$76,710

Ball: all friendlies been turned in?

Rains-Saucedo: yes

Motion to move to a roll call vote
Representative Mazeitis seconded by Representative Thomas

Bill passed by a roll call vote of 37-0-0

980705 – SGA Superior Court Nomination Act of 2017 (ConAd – rec of no rec)

Move to table for 1 week

Representative Bishop seconded by Representative Khan

Bill was tabled for 1 week

New Business

Follow-Up Reports

Williams: DeBarr update. I went to city council and they proposed a resolution, and about 50 community members showed up against it. An amendment was made to add that no matter what happens, DeBarr will be changed no later than June 1, 2018. Lots of work to be done. November 8th is another meeting, so I invite you all to attend with me. I would prefer that it be renamed Henderson, but that might be a different name

Items for Future Agenda

980401 - A Resolution Regarding a Mental Health Coalition with OSU (Rains-Saucedo) → HD

980518 – Auxiliary Funding 11 (Chism) → WAM

Announcements and Comments

Swearingin: I do want to thank you. I know it is an extended period, but I value all of your feedback and I look forward to working with many of you. Hopefully in session 99, we will bring back another piece of legislation to get this worked out.

Rivera: if you wrote Dear Young Person stuff, bring it to me.

Cordova: you are excused if you want to leave at this point because now we are doing the costume contest. You must sign out on the sheet at the front, though! Also, still clarifying that you have one office hour AND one constituent service hour. They are different. A service hour is you specifically reaching out to an RSO or participating in an event I've deemed as constituent service. The office hour is you actually coming to sit on the first floor of the Conoco for an hour. Remember, this is your last day!

Rains-Saucedo: COSTUME CONTEST

Lalani: Our first honorable mention goes to the cutest couple in the Pokémon costumes. Yay Kim and Joey! Our second honorable mention goes to Joe Biden (George Marquez), even though he ate his ice cream cone already.

Cordova: Now for our third place winner! This goes to someone whose costumes was just hysterical.
Congrats to the Oil Tycoon (Julio Rojas)!

Rains-Saucedo: Our second place winner was someone very punny and clever. Congratulations to Pennywise (Dib Quab Lee)! And finally, our first place winner is someone who just blew us away with cuteness.
Congratulations to Ariel and Sebastian (Gabi Thompson and Luna)!

Motion to skip final roll call and adjourn

Representative Bishop seconded by Representative Mazeitis

Final Roll Call

Chair: Kaylee Rains-Saucedo

Vice-Chair: Sanah Lalani

Secretary: Mackenzie Cordova

Session 98	General 10/31
Al-Michael, Tasneem	x
Ata, Muneeb	x
Baker, Colin	x
Ball, Carson	x
Bergman, Victoria	x
Bhaktaram, Ananya	x
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	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	x
Rivera, Tyler	x
Rojas, Julio	x
Ryana, Naomee	x
Smith, Brian	x
Swearengin, Brandon	x
Thomas, Hailey	x
Thompson, Gabriela	x

Tiger, Sophie Marie	x
Williams, Dan	x
Yawn, Jon	x
Present	
	36
Absent	
	3
Excused	
	0

Session 98	980118	980119	980133	980517	980705
Al-Michael, Tasneem		y		y	
Ata, Muneeb		y		y	
Baker, Colin		y		y	
Ball, Carson		y		y	
Bergman, Victoria		y		y	
Bhaktaram, Ananya		y		y	
Bishop, Kimberley		y		y	
Bonic, Karla		y		y	
Bray, Matthew		y		y	
Buckley, Anna-Gray		y		y	
Carson, Haley		y			
Carter, Christopher		y		y	
Chen, Julianna				y	
Chism, Hennessey		y		y	
Coen, Noah		y		y	
Cordova, Mackenzie		y		y	
Curley, Nicholas					
DeAngeli, Emma		y		y	
Do, Khanh					
Hedgorth, Joseph		y		y	
Hoefke, Madeleine		y		y	
Huff, Greyson		y		y	
Keefer, Braden		y		y	
Khan, Adam		y		y	
Kuketz, Timothy		y		y	
Lalani, Sanah		y		y	
Layne, Alexander		y		y	
Mazeitis, Jake		y		y	
McClintic, Alexander		y		y	
Pham, Daniel					
Quick, Samuel		y		y	
Rivera, Tyler		y		y	
Rojas, Julio		y		y	
Ryana, Naomee		y		y	
Smith, Brian		y		y	
Swearengin, Brandon		y		y	
Thomas, Hailey		y		y	
Thompson, Gabriela		y		y	
Tiger, Sophie Marie		y		y	
Williams, Dan		y		y	

Yawn, Jon		y		y	
Yes	0	37	0	37	0
No	0	0	0	0	0
Abstain	0	0	0	0	0