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Session XCVIII

General Body Meeting
7:00 pm, Tuesday, April 11th, 2017
Devon Hall 120

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Roll Call -

Flag Salute

Approval of Minutes

Motion to Approve the Minutes Representative Klima sec Representative Kelling

Chair's Report- Hi everyone! I hope you all had a great week. I missed you all terribly! Hello to our new members. My name is Kaylee and I'm the Chair of Congress. If you have any questions or anything please let me know! Tonight, if you were not sworn in last week, please stick around after the meeting. Nominations for elections are tonight, meaning that elections are open for Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary. If you want to run, we'll call for nominations in Special Orders. If there is someone that you want to run, make sure that the nominator knows that they need to raise their hand. Elections will be next week, so we'll go over that process next week. For candidates, we are going to have an unofficial candidate meeting after the meeting, and we're going to try to set up one with an election board for people that can't be here. For all the seniors here, cords will be ten dollars. You can venmo me, cash me, or write me a check. We will be doing a Senior Sendoff and have a senior party on the 25th. We'll go to Volare before Congress. If you're graduating in May or December, come talk to me.

Vice Chair's Report- I don't have a lot to report. All of the Vice-Chair candidates, once we have nominations done, I'd like to meet with you all for a few minutes to talk with you all about what its like to be the Vice-Chair. I just want to lay out some of the things you should have in mind before going through with this.

Secretary's Report- Hey all! To all of our new members, welcome! We're so thankful you're here, and are excited for Session 98. As we all know, next week are elections. Please don't make these nasty. It is easy to get wrapped up in the competition of it all, but at the end of the day, most of the candidates are going to be returning to Congress in some capacity. Please please please be civil, be respectful, and bring your best ideas.

Liaison Reports

Kovach: I'm forming a car club. It's a group of about forty students where people bring their cars and show what they're working on. You can talk to people of all interests. We are looking for an instructor so we can register as an RSO, so if you know anyone that's interested in cars, please find me afterwards.

Bishop: The lacrosse team successfully spent all of their auxiliary on a bus to a tournament in Texas and their first playoff game is on the 22nd. They're the first seed in their division.

Special Orders

President Baker and VP Burleson

Baker: I want to recognize VP Cameron Burleson as well. If we haven't met, I'm JD. Congratulations to the new members of Congress. We're glad you're here. Last week was the Student Perspective Series where we get students engaged together to talk about issues in their communities. This is a part of the Department of Inclusivity. There is another one coming up next week which falls with Stick it to Stigma week. With the Series for next week, we'll be focusing on invisible disabilities and illnesses. We'd love for you to come out! Today, I was able to go to the faculty tribute. We awarded a very grateful professor with the outstanding faculty award. He was nominated by students on his Green week RSO. Last week, the CAC, Congress, and GSS Chairs and myself went and lobbied on the Hill in DC for things that we found important like sexual assault awareness and mental health. We hope those legislators will keep our voices in mind. We are planning the State of SGA on Monday the 24th. We'll have food, and we're swearing in the new CAC Chair. I'm always watching what Congress is doing and its awesome the work that you do. At the end of the day, we're doing all of this work together as a team. Teamwork makes the dream work. I look forward to working with you all in the fall. To those leaving us, you will be missed. Also, I forgot to mention... Jonathan Simmons isn't here tonight, but I wanted to let you all know about a resolution he's writing regarding DeBarr Street. DeBarr was a member of the KKK, and Brea Clark, who is on the City Council, is proposing that this happen. The resolution is in support of her, and recommends changing the name to Henderson Street after the first black man to live in Norman. He was honored last weekend for his lifetime achievement. I would love you all to support that to support City councilwoman Clark. Please support a lot of our communities. A lot of our different multicultural communities are having different events, so be on the lookout for those things. Step out of your culture and experience someone else's...it's a great way to experience new things.

SFC Report

Ebert: Hey all! Thanks for letting me come and talk. I'm going to give you an overview. IN the past month or two, we had Dean Grillot come and talk to the SFC'ers about study abroad and international politics at the time. We had a great discussion with her.

Cordova: We had Becky Barker come in and we did a couple activities on what it means to be a leader and what kind of qualities leaders possess. We also did the One Word thing, which helped with development.

Ebert: We had the tribal liaison for the Office of University Community about his program and chances students have to get involved. Then we went to the CAC Debate for our next meeting because we want to stay involved with all of the branches. We also all created a team for The Big Event, and we served the community together. A lot of the members really enjoyed being on the team. Last week we had Carmen Bao come in and talk. It was interesting to have her perspective on college life and post-grad life. She gave tips on how to live your life to the fullest. Yesterday, Matt Epting came in and talked about how SGA changes lives. We are also getting our new Co-Chairs, and you all will see that at the last meeting of the year.

Election Nominations

Chair

Rep Bishop nominates Chair Rains, Rains accepts

Rep Thompson nominates Secretary Mazeitis, Mazeitis accepts

Vice-Chair

Rep Nigh nominates Rep Layne, Layne accepts

Rep Bishop nominates Rep Lalani, Lalani accepts

Rep Kovach nominates Rep Williams, Williams accepts

Rep Chen nominates Rep Chism, Chism accepts

Secretary

Rep Klima nominates Rep Cordova, Cordova accepts

Rep Bishop nominates Rep Ennis, Ennis accepts

Student Concerns

Old Business

Items to Be Considered

980301- A Resolution Addressing Hate Speech Directed at Groups and Communities and Diversity Statement (Kalvacherla) (Exec- Rec of No Rec)

Representative Kelling sec Representative Quick

Kalvacherla: Two meetings ago, we passed a bunch of resolutions addressing hate speech aimed at groups on campus. I thought those Reps did a great job addressing those specific communities, but I felt like some might have been left out. This resolutions attempts to bridge the gap, regardless of whether they were addressed or not. We address interdenominational groups, etc.

Chism: In Section 4, it says Congress will not take an active or passive stance regarding hate speech. What does that mean?

Kalvacherla: When we say that, we are saying that we are condemning it. We aren't going to take an active stance,

Williams: As of last week's resolutions, I asked what they intended to do after the resolution was sent out. What do you intend to do?

Kalvacherla: This is being sent out to a lot of people in the legislature and in the media. After that, it is our job as Congress members to work with our constituents to make sure this doesn't happen. This isn't a bill stating that hate speech is illegal.

Hedgcorth: What was the original intent for the friendly amendment regarding active and passive stances?

Reid: The idea of an active stance is that we won't fund someone or something, and passive means that we aren't in supporting of funding them.

Buckley: I was confused about Section 3. Under Section 4, it also asserts that we won't take an active or passive stance, but how do you reconcile that with Section 3?

Kalvacherla: We won't ignore it, and we will actively oppose it.

Pham: Under Section 7, I noticed that you sent it certain Deans, but not others. Where are the other Deans?

Mazeitis: We included the specific diversity-oriented staff members in each College.

Grunewald: *Can we address the spelling of names for Clark and Kathy, and is the correct Dean listed for the College of Liberal Studies?*

Kalvacherla: *Yes*

Williams: Do you or the members of the HD committee have any policy standpoints or policy initiatives you intend to utilize this resolution for in the following session.

Kalvacherla: I yield my answer to Chair Klima.

Klima: Yes, we do have plans, and you're welcome to hear those plans in our committees.

Chism: In reference to the last set of resolutions, I have questions from people who want to know what they actually do. If students came on campus and engaged in some sort of hate speech, what is Congress going to do?

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

Kalvacherla: The whole point of the resolution is to state that we are against that. What we actually do it up to us as individuals and members. We go around talking to people and putting up posters. We can't make people do that, but the main point of these resolutions is so people know that we oppose hate speech.

Yawn: *Would you accept a friendly amendment to strike sending it to the Dean of College of Fine Arts and adding the CoFA Diversity Council?*

Kalvacherla: No, I won't strike her, but I'll add the council.

Thomas: Why is Boren not on here?

Mazeitis: Because Shumate is a direct report.

Kelling: So this is basically just a generic version of what we already passed, right?

Kalvacherla: No, because these are specific to communities.

Consent

Objection

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

This bill passes by a roll call vote of 27-0-4

980501- Auxiliary #14 (Echols et al) (Exec- Rec of No Rec)

Representative Quick sec Representative Lalani

Pham: I'm stepping for Ryan since he can't come. For the Association of Adult, Higher Ed, and Development we gave \$750 for hotels, for the College of Law Outlaw we gave \$260 for food for meetings, for the Drama Student Senate we gave \$1,5000 for rentals, for the Global Brigade we gave \$750 for their 5K run, and we gave Pan \$1,5000 for their super hump day event.

Kelling: *I assume that this is scriveners, but the number needs to be changed on the bill.*

Pham: *Yes*

Cordova: Can you explain the breakdown of the first organization? Specifically why they were given so much less.

Pham: We generally cap new organizations without much fiscal history at 750, so that's why they were capped.

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

This bill passed by a roll call vote of 31-0-0

New Business

Follow-Up Reports

Mazeitis: The last election we had went very smoothly and I think that was, in part, due to the legislation we passed. Go you all!

Rains: Its On Us week is going to be next week, so we're going to have a tabling event on Tuesday and we'll have a general meeting for students to voice general concerns later in the week. Rep Cordova, Tom Cassidy, and myself will be working on that. Please join us!

Items for Future Agenda

980502- Primary Funding (Exec)

980503- Aux 15 (Exec)

980504- A Resolution Regarding Operations Funding (Exec)

980505- Primary Funding (Governmental) (Exec)

Announcements and Comments

Yawn: Biloxi Blues opens tonight at Old Science Hall. Chair Ryan Echols is in it and it is the 11th-15th. Go grab your tickets. It is \$6 for students and \$8 for adults.

Bishop: I serve as OU's rep for the Student Advisory Board to the Oklahoma State Regents of Higher Ed. Nexy week, there will be a forum on tuition. I will be speaking there on the student perspective, so if you have anything you want to get across to them, please let me know. It is next Thursday, so I'll be putting together a report over the next week.

Carson: Hey all, we're having a free food event on campus tomorrow. We'll have free pizza, donuts, and Epic Pops. Just download the Hooked app.

Quick: I work for the Faculty Senate, and on the previous meeting, they wanted to let you all know that ozone is being taken down and we'll now be using the One portal, which is a new system.

Thompson: On May 13th, I'll be having a Congress get-together/party. It is really cool because its at the pool at Campus Lodge, and may dad has offered to cook burgers for everyone. So he's going to bring food and it'll be a cool hang. There's a facebook event, so sign up if you want a burger.

Klima: We have a Congress GroupMe for everyone that's new. Come find me, give me your number, and I'll add you!

Rains: Don't forget to come get sworn in and don't forget to come meet if you're a candidate.

Final Roll Call

Motion to Skip Final Roll Call and Adjourn Representative Mazeitis sec Representative Warner

Chair: Kaylee Rains-Saucedo

Vice-Chair: Austin Reid

Secretary: Jake Mazeitis

Session 98	General 4-11
Baker, Colin	x
Bergman, Victoria	ex
Bishop, Kimberley	x
Blevins, Jake	ex
Buckley, Anna-Gray	x
Carson, Haley	x
Carter, Christopher	x
Chen, Julianna	x
Chism, Hennessey	x
Clemons, Brea	x
Cordova, Mackenzie	x
Cox, Reece	x
Curley, Nicholas	x
Do, Khanh	ex
Ennis, Elizabeth	x
Grunewald, John	x
Hedgcorth, Joseph	x
Hoefke, Madeleine	ex
Huff, Greyson	x
Keefer, Braden	ex
Kelling, Taylor	x
Klima, Alexandra	x
Kovach, Chase	x
Kuketz, Timothy	x
Lalani, Sanah	x
Layne, Alexander	x
Lewis, Danielle	ex
Mazeitis, Jake	x
McClintic, Alexander	x
Nigh, Ryan	x
Pham, Daniel	x
Quick, Samuel	ex
Ryana, Naomee	ex
Smith, Brian	ex
Thomas, Hailey	x
Thompson, Gabi	x
Warner, Mason	x
Williams, Dan	x

Yawn, Jon	x
Present	30
Absent	0
Excused	9

Session 98	980301	980501
Baker, Colin	y	y
Bergman, Victoria		
Bishop, Kimberley	y	y
Blevins, Jake		
Buckley, Anna-Gray	a	y
Carson, Haley	y	y
Carter, Christopher	a	y
Chen, Julianna	y	y
Chism, Hennessey	y	y
Clemons, Brea	y	y
Cordova, Mackenzie	y	y
Cox, Reece	y	y
Curley, Nicholas	y	y
Do, Khanh		
Ennis, Elizabeth	y	y
Grunewald, John	y	y
Hedgorth, Joseph	a	y
Hoefke, Madeleine		
Huff, Greyson	y	y
Keefer, Braden		
Kelling, Taylor	y	y
Klima, Alexandra	y	y
Kovach, Chase	y	y
Kuketz, Timothy	y	y
Lalani, Sanah	y	y
Layne, Alexander	y	y
Lewis, Danielle	a	y
Mazeitis, Jake	y	y
McClintic, Alexander	y	y
Nigh, Ryan		
Pham, Daniel	y	y
Quick, Samuel	y	y
Ryana, Naomee		
Smith, Brian		
Thomas, Hailey	y	y
Thompson, Gabi	y	y
Warner, Mason	y	y
Williams, Dan	y	y
Yawn, Jon	y	y

Yes	27	31
No	0	0
Abstain	4	0