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Roll Call -

Flag Salute – Representative Nigh

Approval of Minutes- Representative Nigh second by Representative Kelling

Representative Bishop seconded by Representative Quick

Chair's Report- I wanted to say that this is potentially my last meeting as Chair and I wanted to thank you all for the time we've gotten to spend together. If you're a senior and you haven't gotten a cord yet and you're graduating this semester or next, I need money from you tonight. If you need another day for payment, we can work that out. As you all know, elections are tonight. Keep respect in mind when it comes to these elections. Pay attention and listen. As you're all Session 98 Reps, you'll all be here next year. Try not to think about your relationships to people and instead focus on the policies they're putting forward. Austin will be Chairing for the Chair election and he'll go over the procedure. That's all I have!

Vice Chair's Report- This is definitely my last meeting as a member of your Exec. I appreciate everything that you all have done for me over this last year. Your friendship and hard work has been greatly impactful to my life and I appreciate it. I will be here as a resource in the coming semester. I will try to be an associate or something similar, but this is my last night as the Vice-Chair.

Secretary's Report- I can't believe my tenure as Secretary is coming to a close! It has been a fast and amazing year, and thank you all for this opportunity. As we do elections, please remember to get elected gracefully and to not get elected gracefully. At the end of the day, we're all going to work with each other regardless of the positions we're in. In addition, I'd encourage you to vote for the person that you think is the most qualified, not the person you may like the most. I know that all of the candidates have been laboring over what they intend to bring to the positions they want to fill... I'd encourage you to listen closely to what they have to say and ask insightful questions.

Liaison Reports

Bishop: I actually don't have one. This Saturday, IM fields, it is the MCLA playoffs. OUs Lacrosse team is the one seed and they'll do good.

Special Orders

Move to Suspend the Rules and Skip to Items to be Considered Representative Kelling seconded by Representative Ryana

Elections

Reid: We have two people going up. Nominators have 2 minutes, then the nominee will give a 5 minute speech. Then the next candidate, then questions. Same as if a bill. 5 minute questions, 3 extensions, and it is in my opinion that we should not move to the end of list. If there are more questions we have to suspend. Then we will take a 10 minute recess at which time I will recommend the candidates leave the room and at

that time all members can discuss freely amount themselves anything like. Then we will come back and take a vote.

Rains: Time to answer?

Reid: 2 minutes.

These two people are near and dear to my heart. I've come to know them as colleagues and friends and hardworking driven people. Both qualified and will do the job wonderfully. You will know if you listen to them you will know who to vote for, I trust you they trust you, let's do this! First up, by virtue of a coin toss.

Rains nominator- Representative Bishop

Kaylee Rains candidate speech

Mazietis nominator – Representative Thompson

Jake Mazeitis candidate speech

Questions to Vice Chair Candidates

Lane: How will you use your Vice Chairs?

Rains: Worked with Chelsea and Austin closely. Open communication. Set meetings. Hearing from Committee chairs. Using Vice Chair to set in for absences.

Mazeitis: Committees. Level of respect between the two positions. Incorporated into decision making.

Schnebeck: Relationship with other branches?

Mazeitis: Worked with Graduate Student Senate. Friends with Alec. Relationship with J.D. and his chief of staff. We're all in this together. Dialogue is important.

Rains: Love working with the other branches. We were the "synergy squad." Making sure every voice is heard. We all want to serve students and work past our differences.

Williams: How would you defend the sovereignty of congress?

Rains: We've had this issue before and have no problem standing up as representatives of the students. It is the responsibility of congress to allocate funds and I'm happy to have that open dialogue with them.

Mazeitis: I've run into that before and happy to defend congress. Working with other people is vastly important.

Klima: What if you lose?

Rains: Associate. Be happy for Jake. Congress is my passion.

Mazeitis: I was just elected as a representative. Apply for Congressional Administration chair and work with Kaylee.

Kelling: Sway legislation as Chair?

Mazeitis: No.

Rains: No.

Williams: Delegation of duty?

Mazeitis: Censure to impeach them for that action.

Rains: Congress or Constitution?

Williams: everyone.

Rains: What Mazeitis said. It's important for us to function properly and when they aren't doing that to talk to them.

Cordova: Can you name places in the Code you want to change?

Motion by Representative Kelling to Extend Questions by 10 Minutes seconded by Representative Quick

Mazeitis: Move election board under the judiciary

Echols: Why was the Ways and Means chair and committee not consulted about your funding policies?

Rains: Didn't want to talk to any chairs. You understand the process best but there are some concerns that I would want to address.

Mazeitis: Kaylee and I agreed not to share our platform until this moment. Haven't talked to anyone about this.

Chism: Ways and Means Policy, how much weight are you going to give to those sitting members opinions?
Mazeitis: Those opinions are going to need to be passed by the body. Can't assign numerical value, it will be qualitative, but a considerable amount.

Rains: I think it's important for all ideas to be presented to the body. Ideas will be presented to the body if there is a disagreement. I have a great deal of weight for the Ways and Means committee and its members. I have respect for those opinions.

Williams: We're too liberal, how do you respond?

Rains: I want to reach out to different orgs, from different views. That has been the perception, but by reaching out we can alleviate that problem. I want to reach out to clubs for all 3 parties. I want to see that present in our body. That's so important to us.

Mazeitis: I'm not going to stand for people not tolerating others, however I am always open to discussion of multiple ideas. I do have principles that I will stand for, however we should increase diversity in our congress. The people elect their representatives.

Lalani: recruitment and retention, how will you handle it?

Mazeitis: We did fantastic this year and I want to continue. I would go to different organizations and reach out for applications. I want to continue with associates coming to meetings. It's a great way to get involved. I'm going to make committees more project focused, allowing more members to take part and feel like they're a part of something.

Rains: I agree, I want to move up elections, maybe at the end of 97. Many graduating seniors aren't running, so I feel it will allow us to make appointments much earlier and open up applications to more people. I will also be circulating and spreading awareness of the application process. We need to include associates, I was a former associate.

Motion for Recess by Representative Kelling seconded by Representative Lewis

Motion fails

Motion to Extend Time For Questions to the End of the List by Representative Chism seconded by Representative Coen

McClintic: Mazeitis mentioned projects, what do you have?

Rains: Each chair has one thing, but sometimes it doesn't happen that way. I would like to see an advising survey to assess our system. Congressional Administration is already full. They need to revamp the code, but that is too large a time commitment. Cupcakes and congress, watch parties, External Affairs and OU votes, I want that codified. I also want a candidates form available for our local elections. Human Diversity, I want surveys out about diversity and inclusion. Problems and Projects they have a constant project, safety, recycling....

Motion to Move to a Roll Call Vote by Representative Quick seconded by Representative Kelling

Vice-Chair Elections

Chism Nominator- Representative Chen

Chism Candidate Speech

Layne Nominator- Representative Nigh

Layne Candidate Speech

Lalani Nominator- Representative Bishop

Lalani Candidate Speech

Williams Nominator- Representative Kovach

Williams Candidate Speech

Questions to VC Candidates

Kelling: Could you describe how you'll empower committee chairs to function?

Williams: I want to meet with them whenever they're available. I've been able to gather a lot of context with different RSOs and I want to see what I can do to personally help them. For instance, when the External Affairs Chair wanted to give a presentation to a number of political organizations, I gave them the names.

Chism: I want to meet with them where they are and when they can. I want to reach out to the chairs to ask "when can I meet with you"? I want to make it clear that the Vice-Chair is there to get what needs to get done done. I want to be someone they can depend on. The Vice-Chair will be there to do whatever the committee chair needs them to do.

Lalani: Something that I'd like to do at the beginning of the session is to have the committee chairs more involved in the process, beginning with the first day. Not only do they get to know the Exec, but they also get to know the other committee chairs. Obviously these people have a large role and a large impact and I want to keep up my relationships with each chair. I thought about going to multiple committee meetings, but I've heard that this often is seen as overreach. I want to emphasize that this is a two-way street. My door is always open and specifically, on Sundays, for three hours, I want to stress that I am available. I want to keep that two-way street going. It doesn't feel like one over the other.

Layne: My point of view is that you report to me but I don't do your job for you. I think that I would trust my chairs. I don't have experience in what you all do, but I want to meet with you and figure out what your expectations are. They are then empowered to be able to run your committee. Writing stuff down and imposing regulations needs to be done on your end. I am here to have your back, I'm not here to do your job. If you step down, I'll find someone else. I want to make sure that you all are taken care of.

Cordova: You mentioned an SGA retreat. What all would that entail?

Chism: That would be all for the branches of SGA getting together for a retreat. What are Congress and Exec thinking? What things do different branches need to work together? I want to make it very clear that we know what is going on. We should accomplish their policy goals and I think we'll get more done if all of us can work together. There will be bonding, policy discussion, and it'll be fun.

Bishop: As Vice-Chair, one of the most important roles is being able to lead the body when the Chair isn't here. Can you expand on your personal experience with ParliPro and how you plan to use that?

Williams: I've been practicing it in Scouting since I was 14. When it comes to leading the Body, I have experience through the Oklahoma Collegiate Legislature where I have served as committee chair and been able to lead smaller bodies in Robert's Rules effectively. I am competent in my abilities to chair a meeting.

Chism: I actually didn't know anything about Roberts Rules until I paged for the Oklahoma State Senate. I went back to my HS and introduced it to my Student Council and then we decided to adopt that system. I am a huge rule reader and when it comes to guiding a body according to ParliPro, you can trust that I'll know everything within the code. That is the way that we're most productive.

Lalani: My experience with ParliPro began in Oklahoma Collegiate Legislature. I started off with Mason's Rules, but continued on to learn Robert's Rules because Senate and Congress uses it. I have experience with both sets of rules due to being an Exec member of Oklahoma Collegiate Legislature. In addition, I've been the Vice Chair of Academic Affairs when the Chair was absent due to certain circumstances, so I think I have the ability to do these things as the Vice Chair.

Layne: Rule of Law is the basis of a society. I've had a lot of interaction with these rules due to being on Exec. I run chapter with ParliPro. I also learned how to use the ModelUN version of it so that we know what to do. It is simple. Nothing in SGA can't be learned, and I go through conventional hearings all day for my research job. I don't think it'll be a problem.

Curley: Will you all briefly go over past experience and jobs with what you feel qualifies you to be Vice Chair?

Williams: I've been here for four Sessions, and even before that, I came and visited the body every single Tuesday to make sure that I knew what my Representatives were doing. I've also served on three different committees, include Ways and Means, which is one of our most important. Other qualifications include being familiar with Roberts Rules and the leadership capabilities with earning the rank of Eagle Scout. I want to be the best leader I can.

Chism: My experience starts with Student Council in high school. We do a lot of elections and I was elected as the Philanthropy Chair. It is a lot like the Big Event, in that you start early for an event that is months and months away. That is the same time that I introduce ParliPro to Student Council as a whole. From being in Congress for the last two sessions, I see the similarities. There are a lot of leadership things, a lot of checking

to make sure that things are going well, etc. I have done almost the same thing before. I would love to do it again for this body.

Lalani: Some of the experience that I have on campus includes that I'm the Social Chair for Alpha Lambda Delta, which includes a lot of planning for each monthly meeting. I also organized the Orientation for ALD, so I can bring that experience. I've also served on the publicity committee for Winter Welcome Week, so I can help on that end. My experience in Oklahoma Collegiate Legislature is also very helpful because we use ParliPro and go through bills just like we do here. Another part of Oklahoma Collegiate Legislature that has been helpful involved being the Director of Recruitment, which includes recruiting and shining a light on our members. I want to shine the light on you all, like I did for our state-wide delegation

Motion to Extend Time for Questions to the End of the List by Representative Mazeitis seconded by Representative Carson

Objection by Representative Quick

Motion fails by a hand vote

Motion to Extend Time for Questions by 5 Minutes by Representative Bishop seconded by Representative Pham

Layne: My experience is outside of this body. I've served on Kappa Alpha Exec and doubled the size of the chapter. I have a lot of experience in the military. I did a lot of things when I was in ROTC but what I really want to harp on is that I wasn't supposed to be here this semester. I was supposed to train Ukrainian soldiers, and part of my training is on how to train people. Right now, I am currently slotted to go to a leadership course for the Army, which is where a lot of my experience comes from. I think that'd be great.

Motion to Suspend the Rules and Extend Time by 5 Minutes by Representative Quick seconded by Representative Kelling

Quick: Please correct me if I'm wrong, Rep Layne, but I'm pretty sure that you're the only person that mentioned Ways and Means. My first question is have you read the Code as it concerns Ways and Means, and secondly, which parts of the criteria would you like to expound upon.

Layne: I want to use the criteria that you all use in figuring out how registered student organizations develop. I want to use the information that you all get in order to develop and analyze it, and add a few more questions, and track and research it so we can find out the easiest way to get a registered student organization to become sustainable. You all do a great job and I don't want to correct that.

Kelling: Considering that one of the duties of the Vice Chair, is to secure food, what is one Campus Corner restaurant you'd get food from?

Williams: O'Connell's

Chism: Take a survey, but personally, I'd pick Baked Bear for dessert, but I don't know what else I would pick. I liked Fuzzy's.

Lalani: We will have Chipotle if that's an option. That's something you can't change my mind on.

Layne: I'd like to take into account that there are always fundraisers back to the student body, but I'd always prefer to eat Fuzzy's.

Kelling: Let's say you have an Associate that comes to you and is unhappy with their experience. What do you do?

Williams: I want to primarily ask "what is wrong?" As previously mentioned by other candidates, associates sometimes feel that they don't get an opinion in Congress. Associates do have a place in Congress and I want to get out of this individual what is causing this experience. If it's a personal issue, I want to deal with that in a respectable manner. Instead of me assuming what their issue is, I want them, to ask me.

Motion to Extend Time for Questions to the End of this Question by Representative Kelling seconded by Representative Quick

Objection by Representative Carson

This motion does not carry

Motion to Extend Time For Questions to the End of the List as it Stands by Representative Mazeitis seconded by Representative Quick

Chism: To answer that question, we were talking about an associate. Firstly, I want to share that my door is always open. Anyone can call me at any time with any problem. I want to ask them questions about their committee, their experience, etc. I understand what it's like to be confused especially when you're a new member. That could absolutely happen in the case of an associate. It can be a bit lonely so I'd love to sit that person down and stress that I want to be their friend.

Lalani: I would first and foremost say thanks for using my doodle poll and setting up an appointment with me. Of course informal conversations are open at all times, but this is a way to show that I am here for you and you alone. I'd start by asking about their committee. Associates are a lot more involved in committees because of the way we require them to come to committee meetings so they know where the issue lies. Hopefully we could assign them a new committee, put them in the liaison program, etc. I would start with the specifics of where they are now and how we can get to a better place. I would hope that my wrap-up plan would help students to still get closure and help with recruitment

Layne: I am here for everyone. Your problems are my problems, regardless of whether or not they apply to me. I am able to remain objective in situations, but some problems are more personal than others. I know that there are certain things that I can't overstep my bounds on. If it's something for professional development, I want to bring in anyone that might be involved including committee chairs, etc. It is simple. The Vice Chair is vital for that and I think they should always be open to discussion and discourse. For those of you who have ever texted me, so if I'm not in that office, you'll get an answer almost instantaneously. I intend to drop everything for members of Congress.

Reid: Williams, if you are elected this evening, can I get a commitment from you to not explore nor run for the Presidency of SGA?

Williams: Yes, absolutely. My duties are, first and foremost, to this body and no one else. I come second. I will dedicate my time fully to this body. I will always put you first.

Reid: If you had to choose, would you describe yourself as a leader or a follower, and why?

Layne: I'm certainly a leader. I'm someone that takes initiative. I put others before myself. You're going to eat before I do... I care more about your wellbeing than mine. Regardless of what position I'm in, I want to reach you. I am going to make sure that someone is successful and it's the people underneath me that I care about most.

Lalani: A lot of my personality traits line up with what being a leader is. You have to be motivated, driven, and inspired. I think that I am a leader also because I'm kind of a fixer. Sometimes it is exactly what this organization needs. I'm always looking for something to do, and when there's an organization that needs to be revamped or changed, I'm the person. I think that lines up with the traits I have and the way I interact with people on a daily basis.

Chism: I'm a leader, but throughout the past several years of my life, I've gone to a lot of different leadership development summits and they've all asked us to define leadership and I always say that it is the people doing things. They're helping others to do the things that they need to be doing. A lot of times we look at a leader differently than that, so I wanted to specify.

Williams: Personally, I subscribe to the servant leadership mentality. I am not at the front of the pack,... I'm at the back. I am there to make sure that you are all your own leaders and that I'm a resource you can rely upon.

Motion for a 5 Minute Recess by Representative Kelling seconded by Representative Quick

Motion to Move to a Roll Call Vote by Representative Kelling seconded by Representative Ennis

Secretary

Ennis Nomination- Representative Bishop

Ennis Candidate Speech

Cordova Nomination- Representative Klima

Cordova Candidate Speech

Williams: How familiar are you with the By-Laws describing the Secretary's duties?

Cordova: I know that Secretary Mazeitis has typed up a very helpful list of the duties, and I also have some experience with what the Code says about writing legislation. I have a lot of experience from talking with Secretary Mazeitis, and I certainly hope to become more knowledgeable.

Ennis: I started out as an associate, and I started reading the Code and the By-Laws and personally talking to Jake about what being Secretary was like. I know that being the Exec Secretary is different than being the Secretary of one committee, but I am committed to learning how that works. I am willing to go above and beyond that and ask any questions that I have when I take on that role.

Quick: Could you please describe your course load and if it'll impede on your duties as Secretary?

Cordova: I'm in 15 hours, 3 including an online course. I planned this because I was running for Secretary. I know how flexible my schedule is, and I'm sure that I annoy Kaylee and Jake by being in their offices so often, but Congress is my priority. Both are important to me, and I'm planned my schedule around Congress.

Ennis: I am starting my upper-levels in speech-pathology, so I'll be available several days a week all day. You are on campus 3 days or 2 days out of five to take classes, which means that I could devote my time to Congress. I'm in the Conoco often. My course load may be heavy, but I'm certainly excited about. It isn't a heavy course load, but it is an exciting course load.

Kelling: Considering that one of the big duties of the Secretary is to excuse absences, can you explain your policy?

Ennis: I understand that all of us are incredibly involved individuals... I know many of you from many organizations. I understand that sometimes things happen. All you need to do is send me an e-mail and I'm more than willing to work with you on whether or not that's excusable. I want to make sure that you aren't scared to e-mail the Secretary to let me know why you can't come to Congress and why you have a conflict. There is a limit, and I'd like to keep that limit.

Cordova: I will be flexible, I understand that many of you are involved. We all have experience in other things. I know that I have made Congress a priority, and I respect that we do this to. I want to make sure that absences aren't a trend. I will review each absence to make sure that it is excused. I'm here to make Congress easy for you, so I want to make sure that everyone is as included as possible, but that Congress is a priority.

Layne: How would you describe your leadership style?

Cordova: I'm an engaging leader. I like to get involved, excited, and passionate. It is reflected in how I got involved in Congress. I've already jumped into things like Its On Us or running for Secretary of Congress. I want to share that passion and get others involved so that I can help others get as excited about life as I am.

Ennis: I'm more of a servant leader. I'm here to lead in a quiet and exemplary way. I want to be there for everyone. I like to be a part of everyone's lives. I want to make everything the best that it can be. I lead by pushing others to be their best possible self. I will also serve them in any way possible.

Williams: In Congress, we have the Exec, which is the Secretary, Vice-Chair, and Chair, as well as Exec with the committee chairs. What is the Secretary's role during those meetings?

Cordova: I know that I have worked through several committee chairs, and also I feel like the Secretary's role is to be engaged, and while the Vice-Chair oversees a lot of these things, I want to be sure that I'm up-to-date on what committees are doing.

Motion to Extend Time for Questions to the End of the List by Representative Chism seconded by Representative Ryana

Cordova: I want to make sure that I always keep Exec engaged and passionate about Congress. The more engaged and excited we are, the better we can represent our members and the better that Exec can run. I want to take time out of my life to be there for Exec.

Ennis: I believe that the role of Secretary during Exec is to be there and take as many detailed and intricate notes as possible so that no information is left out so that all legislation is understood by the entire committee so that nothing gets left out. When we come to General Meetings, there is no worry that your legislation isn't ready to be presented to the body. My job is to make sure that the body stays organized and that everyone

gets their minutes on time, make sure that they are being heard, make sure that the Chair is getting everything that they need, and that all of their legislation and bills are heard.

Layne: Let's say that your best friend in Congress keeps on racking up absences and misses constituent service, even if they propose legislation. What do you do?

Cordova: As much as I want to be your friend, I want to be your leader. We have to take a stand to make sure that Congress is involved. As much as I want to be your friend, I do know that something like constituent service is important to how our body runs. With absences, if you're consistently not coming to Congress, I would rather someone who is more passionate take it over. I will continue to pursue a friendship with you always, but I would take my job seriously as a leader of Congress.

Ennis: It is my job to hold you all accountable for attendance and hours. I would approach my best friend in Congress and let them know that they aren't following the rules and that I would have to follow that process because we're here and we're dedicated to Congress. After you've gone through the process, I want to ask them what's going on? Why have you gone from somewhere so passionate to being so lacking? You should know what's going on in their life. My job is to enforce the rule, but I'm also a very personal person. I want you to be able to talk to me. If there's something keeping you from doing your service or coming to Congress, I want to hear why. I will help you in any way that I can.

**Motion for a 5 Minute Recess by Representative Chism seconded by Representative Quick
Objection by Representative Kelling
Motion does not carry**

Motion to Move to a Roll Call Vote by Representative Mazeitis seconded by Representative Pham

Student Concerns

Old Business

Items to Be Considered

980502- '17-'18 Primary Funding (RSOs) (Echols et al) (Exec- Rec of No Rec)

Representative Lalani seconded by Representative Cordova

Echols: We are looking at primary. This is absolutely everything that we have. We had over a million dollars in requests, which is actually incredibly low, which is usually interesting. We had more people ask than ever, but they also asked more reasonably. I would like to attribute that to removing the clause about large requests. We probably spent about 40 hours on this. We saw all of the budgets. What informed our allocations was fiscal history, etc. If you have specific questions, we have final answers. Please understand that these allocations are final and cannot be changed.

Huff: I was wondering why something like the Sooner Racing Team requested \$60,000, but only got around \$4,000?

Echols: The request has no effect on what we allocate. The allocation is based on fiscal history and what they've done in the past. Because Sooner Racing is a build organization, they need all that money to build a car.

Reid: Can you explain what the Lunar Sooners are?

Echols: If I remember correctly, I believe that they're an astronomy group.

Bishop: For the Intercollegiate Legislature, we were given \$3,000 in Auxiliary, but only given \$1,500 in primary. Why did that happen?

Echols: When the auxiliary came through for OIL, it was actually three allocations of \$1,000. We thought that was the best way to get more money out there.

Kelling: Could you explain how much we allocated for primary and was it allocated within this?

Echols: Everything that we have is separated between RSOs, everything on the governmental sheet, and a few things we held back for requested increases in salaries for the Executive as well as hold backs for Student Legal Services. One of the request was that after the two year period, we wanted to make sure that there was sufficient funds to continue the program. That being said, what we're seeing is the largest amount we had every given out. Last year was about \$600,000, and this is just over \$700,000.

Cordova: Can you explain what the International Advisory Committee is?

Echols: IAC is one of our largest organizations and it is a group that represents a large number of organizations. Most of the funding is for Eve of Nations, and they've built it up with good fiscal history.

Kelling: Since we've got a huge massive increase over last year, why are some groups getting the same amount.

Echols: We aren't able to look at last year's allocations. We can use it as a benchmark, but we don't know what they're spending in the current year. We're looking at the 2015-2016 year for spending, which was not seen what we allocated last year.

Kelling: Can you tell me how students the Iranian Student Association represents?

Echols: That's difficult to look up because it's in file format, but there's a good chance that I can find it in the few minutes that I have allocated.

Quick: \$600 undergrad and \$200 grad students.

Kelling: Can you explain why the Student Veteran Association which serves \$800 students as well is getting half as much.

Motion to Extend Time for Questions by 5 Minutes by Representative Kelling seconded by Representative Quick

Echols: The answer to your question is that Student Veteran Association got a 100% increase from their primary allocation last year. We can also look up the Iranian Student Association request from last year, and my guess is that it was higher.

Reid: Can you explain to me what the Student Bar Association and what Housing Center Student Association requested?

Echols: Student Bar Association asked for \$1500 for food, \$14000 in rentals, and then printing promotion, travel, professional services, etc. HCSA asked for a GoPro, monthly fees for printing and other costs, food (lots of it), printing supplies, more food, a singer, a professional entertainer, travel, more food. Student Bar is known for having large events for all the law students wherein HCSA is known for having lots of smaller events.

Carson: Was it Muslim Student Association's first time to apply for funding? Why did they receive so little?

Echols: Almost assuredly, we gave them several hundred dollars in the past, and spent nothing. Last year they spent \$200 and spent \$0 of it.

Klima: Out of curiosity, Black Student Association is allocated \$12,000. Do you remember any of the events they told you they would spend it on?

Echols: We have them transportation cost for a conference, rentals and registration costs. We gave them a lot for Stompdawn as well.

Rains: Is the Budget Committee aware that the Student Bar Association is technically a governmental organization.

Echols: We were informed by Mr. Ahmadi to put them on the RSO legislation.

Motion to Extend Time for Questions by 5 Minutes by Representative Chism seconded by Representative Quick

Bishop: *Would you accept a friendly amendment striking the Student Bar Association?*

Echols: Yes

Schnebeck: What is the scope of Circle K International's mission and what events are they hosting to justify that kind of funding?

Echols: If I remember correctly, they're a service organization. Their money is going to international district dues.

Williams: This is the college branch of Key Club. We have one here at OU. There are about 70-80 members, and they pay international dues as well as local ones.

Rains: Based on our meeting with the Exec Branch, were you under the impression that the money allocated for salary and stipend increases was supposed to be in primary?

Echols: We decided that it was going to be best to leave that unallocated.

Rains: Can you explain why?

Echols; Because our increase was so large, we found that we were giving increases across the board. When we were going back through the second and third time, it was difficult to justify the massive increases. We decided that, in the future, for organizations that maybe hadn't applied yet, they could still get that increase.

Pae: Which specific positions will receive those salary and stipend increases?

Echols: That is outside the scope of this legislation.

Kelling: National Panhellenic is getting \$12,000. What exactly are we paying for?

Echols: We are paying for OU Stompedown, lighting, stage, security, etc. That's all of the request.

Rains: Do you know how many organizations received decreases?

Echols: No, we didn't keep track.

Rains: Can you guess if it was a large amount?

Echols: Probably a quarter to a fifth got minor decreases. The only people we decreased were people that have, over the years, spent less than 50% of their funding.

Reid: Is there any organization you can remember that received drastic cuts?

Echols: Our cuts were smaller than they might have been in more austere years.

Kelling: For the Integrity Council, aren't they funded by the University?

Echols: If we were aware of it, which they would have been required to tell us, we would have taken that into consideration.

Motion to Suspend the Rules and Extend Time for Questions to the End of the List by Representative Quick seconded by Representative Lewis

Reid: Do you believe that by not cutting organizations that have previously received more drastic cuts, we will possibly be setting a precedent where they will think that they don't have to spend as much?

Echols: No, I don't believe that.

Kelling: I know that you all take into account leadership changes. Can you explain how that enters into fiscal history?

Echols: IT was something we put into the form. If someone has poor fiscal history, more often than not, it is due to poor leadership. We as the Committee don't have the time to reach out to every organization that doesn't use their funding. If we know for a fact that there have been changes that justify the bad fiscal history, we often use that to cancel out a bad year or two and see them as a new organization.

Reid: Why has the amount that we can allocate go up?

Echols: We were putting some of the student activities fees into a reserve account, and the project that reserve account was going towards was not utilized, so it was a one-time increase.

Rains: Can you all explain, for our new members, the criteria you use to judge funding?

Echols: We have five points of criteria when looking at a budget request. The most important is fiscal history. It demonstrates the ability to spend or not spend money as given. The things are degree to which p/e/a provide a service to the university, scope, the size of the organization and number of individuals, fiscal history, and degree that p/e/a goes to accomplish their mission statement. We also consider the quality of the budget request. In terms of fiscal history, we go through a majority circumstance. You're either good, bad, or OK. If you're majority bad, you get a decrease. If it's OK, you get about the same amount. If they're good, you usually get an increase. The increase is usually based on what you received in primary in previous years.

McClintic: Why did the OK Academic Team ask for so much but only get \$20?

Williams: They've never spent a single dollar we've given them.

Coen: Can you explain the \$500 of office expenses given to the Sooner Paranormal Society?

Echols: \$100 is to gas, and the rest goes to specific ghost hunting equipment. They don't tell us the models.

Motion to Move to a Roll Call Vote by Secretary Mazeitis seconded by Representative Nigh This bill passes by a roll call vote of 35-0-0

980505- '17-'18 Primary Funding (Governmental) (Echols et al) (Exec- Rec of No Rec)

Secretary Mazeitis seconded by Representative Carson

Echols: This is governmental organizations. I'll need an amendment putting Student Bar Association into this legislation. We have requirements on what specifies a government organization. Essentially, it is a member of SGA that represents all student in a governing entity.

Mazeitis: *Will you accept a friendly amendment adding the numbers previously requested?*

Echols: Yes

Pae: What specific salaries and stipends would be affected by changes in salaries and stipends?

Echols: That is, again, outside the scope of this legislation.

Kelling: We moved the Student Bar Association from non-governmental to governmental. Are they in different accounts?

Echols: It all comes from the same fund.

Pae: I noticed that the Graduate Student Senate is the only branch that is fully funded. Why is that the case?

Echols: The reason that we fully funded both them and their grants is because their request is so small comparatively. It is typically for the congressional branches to ask for between \$5,000 to \$10,000. Regarding grants, we thought the increase would easily go there because it can help them with travel.

Rains: Do you all follow the same procedure for allocating government funding that you do for RSOs?

Echols: Yes, but typically governmental organizations spend every cent that we give them. Since they typically spend everything, we look to how big of an increase they're asking for.

Reid: Can you explain what the SGA Executive Branch was requesting \$10,000 for?

Motion for a 2 Minute Recess by Representative Kelling seconded by Representative Ennis

Echols: In terms of what was requested, there were some office expense requests, the department of communication wanted a lot of publicity which is where most of our allocation went in addition to inclusivity. They wanted \$5000 in executive sponsorships, which undercuts the whole purpose of the WAM Committee. The rest of it was mostly funded, but the only other things we didn't do other than that. They requested \$1000 for cabinet programming, but didn't specify what they was going towards. It was very unclear what was going to happen.

Reid: To be clear, the Executive Branch was requesting \$5,000 to be able to allocate to RSOs and do that instead of Congress doing that?

Echols: Would you like me to read you that summary?

Reid: Yes

Echols: The explanation they gave was that, oftentimes, RSOs come to Exec to ask for sponsorship even after funding, which is something that all Execs have faced for the past five years. Examples this would be used would be for Student Alumni Association's Notes and Floats, Gender and Equality Center events, and American Indian Student Association events. It seemed that they were trying to allocate their own money to RSOs.

Schnebeck: Why historically has CAC never been fully funded?

Echols: You all ask for so much.

Motion to Extend Time for Questions by 5 Minutes by Representative Chism seconded by Representative Carson

Echols: Essentially, every year, we give a quarter of all money to CAC, which we think is justified based on your scope. We think it is appropriate to give what we give and no more.

Pae: I remember going through this process last year and I distinctly remember submitting the budget for the Operations account. Why is that not on here?

Echols: The Operations account has been a bit of strife for the committee. We have, per the Code, deadlines on when we can accept budget requests. It is a hard deadline. This year, because we changed the system, we decided that as long as you had one form in by the deadline, you would have another week to get it in.

Everyone is subject to the same rules. The Operations budget was not received until two days after the

extended deadline. We had a long process and talked to President Baker, and felt that, per the Code, we were not able to see the Operations Budget. We will draw from excesses in the budget for the summer until the Exec can apply for Auxiliary in the new year.

**Motion to Move to a Roll Call Vote by Representative Kelling seconded by Representative Quick
This bill passes by a roll call vote of 35-0-0**

**Motion to Move Back in Time to Special Orders by Representative Kelling seconded by
Representative Quick**

New Business

Follow-Up Reports

Items for Future Agenda

Announcements and Comments

Final Roll Call

**Motion to Skip Final Roll Call and Adjourn by Representative Chism seconded by Representative
Mazeitis**

Chair: Kaylee Rains-Saucedo

Vice-Chair: Austin Reid

Secretary: Jake Mazeitis

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Baker, Colin	x
Bergman, Victoria	ex
Bishop, Kimberley	x
Blevins, Jake	x
Buckley, Anna-Gray	x
Carson, Haley	x
Carter, Christopher	x
Chen, Julianna	x
Chism, Hennessey	x
Clemons, Brea	ex
Coen, Noah	x
Cordova, Mackenzie	x
Cox, Reece	
Curley, Nicholas	x
Do, Khanh	x
Ennis, Elizabeth	x
Grunewald, John	x
Hedgorth, Joseph	x
Hoefke, Madeleine	x
Huff, Greyson	x
Keefer, Braden	x
Kelling, Taylor	x
Klima, Alexandra	x
Kovach, Chase	x
Kuketz, Timothy	x
Lalani, Sanah	x
Layne, Alexander	x
Lewis, Danielle	x
Mazeitis, Jake	x
McClintic, Alexander	x
Nigh, Ryan	x
Pham, Daniel	x
Quick, Samuel	x
Ryana, Naomee	x

Smith, Brian	
Thomas, Hailey	x
Thompson, Gabi	x
Warner, Mason	
Williams, Dan	x
Yawn, Jon	x
Present	35
Absent	3
Excused	2

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Bergman, Victoria		
Bishop, Kimberley	y	y
Blevins, Jake	y	y
Buckley, Anna-Gray	y	y
Carson, Haley	y	y
Carter, Christopher	y	y
Chen, Julianna	y	y
Chism, Hennessey	y	y
Clemons, Brea		
Coen, Noah	y	y
Cordova, Mackenzie	y	y
Cox, Reece		
Curley, Nicholas	y	y
Do, Khanh	y	y
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Grunewald, John	y	y
Hedgcorth, Joseph	y	y
Hoefke, Madeleine	y	y
Huff, Greyson	y	y
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Klima, Alexandra	y	y
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Lalani, Sanah	y	y
Layne, Alexander	y	y
Lewis, Danielle	y	y
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Nigh, Ryan	y	y
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Quick, Samuel	y	y
Ryana, Naomee	y	y

Smith, Brian		
Thomas, Hailey	y	y
Thompson, Gabi	y	y
Warner, Mason		
Williams, Dan	y	y
Yawn, Jon	y	y
Present	35	35
Absent	0	0
Excused	0	0

Elections	Chair		Vice-Chair		Secretary
Baker, Colin	m		c		c
Bergman, Victoria					
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Carson, Haley	m		c		
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Cox, Reece					
Curley, Nicholas	r		a		c
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Grunewald, John	r		s		c
Hedgorth, Joseph	r				
Hoefke, Madeleine	r		s		e
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Thomas, Hailey	r		s		c
Thompson, Gabi	m		s		c
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Mazeitis	14	Chism	6	Cordova	21
Rains	19	Lalani	16	Ennis	9
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		Williams	5		