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Roll Call

Flag Salute - Echols

Approval of Minutes

Representative Hedgcorth seconded by Representative Ryana

Chair's Report- Hey guys. First off, I need somebody to suspend the rules to go to items to be considered first and see 980701. One of our author's has a test at 7:30 and really needs to go. Sadly, this is our last meeting of the year. We got Fuzzy's, so please come eat because we will already have leftovers. Take some for you and your friends so you are all fed and get a great meal before Dead Week and Finals Week. It's been such a great year and I am excited to have been through all of this with you all. If you are wondering why it is so empty, we have some Seniors still at the dinner, and as soon as they all get here it will be more full. Next Friday, we will have an end of the year SGA party with free food and mingling around noon. Please come, it's open to all of you and the student body since they are technically all in SGA. It's just a chance to relax and hang out before Summer. Also, the meeting tonight will be longer since there are Senior goodbyes, awards, and some old business to see. I know some of you are new, but give the Seniors your attention. I know it's tedious, but this is important. Remember that when you are Seniors, some of these people will be standing beside you and it will be very special. Lastly, L&L tonight, you are all welcome.

Move to Suspend the Rules and Move to Items to be Considered

Representative Williams seconded by Representative Pham

Vice Chair's Report- Hi everyone. This is new to me, but all I have is that I will be Chairing my first bill, so be patient with me. I have prepared myself as much as possible, but yeah, be patient with me.

Secretary's Report- I echo a lot of what Vice Chair Lalani said. This is my first meeting as Secretary and although I have been practicing my typing and such, just bear with me since I'm new at this. Thanks guys!

Committee Reports-

- o No committees at this time

Liaison Reports

Ryana – Hi, I am a liaison for ONE EMS which aims to respond to 911 calls with first responders for the OU Community. Their financial status is still a struggle because they need more funding for their treatment. However, we are grateful for the primary funding we will be receiving tonight. If anyone has any ideas for fundraising, please let me know!

Special Orders

○ **Budget Presentation**

Echols: applications for Primary Funding were opened the second week of the spring semester. As outlined in the Code, this cycle's deadline for submission was February 23rd. Due to the change in submission through OrgSync (supplemental form – removal of interview process) a secondary deadline was established for a week later on March 2nd. This secondary deadline was for all individuals who had submitted at least one of the two forms. All single form submissions were budgets, and only one organization made the secondary deadline. Primary for both governmental and Non-Governmental organizations was posted in the ConocoPhillips wing of the Oklahoma Memorial Union on April 11th. Both pieces of legislation were moved to the floor of the Undergraduate Congress a week later on April 18th and passed that body. Both pieces of legislation were moved in the Graduate Student Senate on April 23rd. The Governmental legislation passed and the Non-Governmental legislation was amended to include two organizations that had been mislabeled as not registered for a continuous year both by and due to Student Affairs. The updated naming regulations did not carry onto prior OrgSync forms and this error was overlooked by the Student Affairs and passed to the committee. This was corrected by moving the amended Non-Governmental legislation, with the amendments, on April 25th.

Due to a liquidation of the Student Activity Fee Reserve Fund, there was a roughly \$190,000 increase in allocable funds. A majority of these funds were distributed to registered student organizations. The main groups that were not funded in the primary funding cycle, but caused the intentional withholding of money, was funding for Student Legal Services, the SGA Operations Budget, and proposed increased to Salaries and Stipends. Student Legal Services MAY be funded out of this UNAPPROPRIATED reserve fund once the trial funding period expires in the next couple of years. The Operations holdings will be distributed once the funds are requested by the Executive Branch through the Auxiliary process in the fall. Salaries and Stipends holdings will be accessed once/if the increasing legislation passes. There is a question of whether or not the Governmental Primary legislation will need to be re-seen to update the new total if Salaries and Stipends is indeed increased. Student Legal Service funds will remain in budget main until utilized, however they may be utilized at any point in time for anything other than Student Legal Services if passed by legislation. Once the funding is required, it will be the responsibility of the branches of the SGA to request these funds in one of their requests – or build a new request system specifically for Student Legal Services. I included graphs that detail how governmental funding was distributed.

○ **Congress Awards**

Rains: This is a tradition that we do to honor you all and your service to the body. We are so thankful for all that you do and want to take this time to recognize all you amazing leaders!

Reid: The award for best beard in the room is, of course, Chase Kovach.

Rains: This next award is something that we like to do for our Outstanding Liaisons. They are always reporting to us and helping us stay updated about what is going on the student body. Every week these two people specifically have great reports. With that, we would like to recognize Representative Bishop and Representative Ryana.

Mazeitis: In a shocking plot twist, I have the best attendance award. These two people only received one excused absence and no unexcused. This award goes to Representative Williams and Secretary Cordova.

Rains: We next want to recognize the involved people of the body that express their opinions and are always engaged with questions, etcetera. This award goes to Ryan Echols.

Rains: This member is not here, but he was an amazing associate this past session. He served on the Ways and Means Committee and knew ParliPro so well. This award goes to Brandon Swearingin

Mazeitis: Something cool about this year is that we had really engaged associates. We want to recognize Dustin Gier as being very involved with Congress.

Rains: This Representative is involved in and out of this body. She was always engaged in Congress, Cupcakes and Congress, and much more. This award goes to Representative Davis

Rains: I want to recognize our Committee Chairs to come up and give their Outstanding Committee Member awards, next.

Bishop: I was Academic Affairs Chair and our committee was amazing. I did have to pick one outstanding member who was always there, always ready to talk to students and bring concerns before us, and keep us informed. This goes to Vice Chair Sanah Lalani.

Elliot: I was Communications Chair. At first, it was only myself and one person, so I wanted to include everyone since it was such a small group. However, this person did the most outreach, came to every Congress meeting, and is probably one of the most involved individuals. This goes to Representative Dan Williams.

Nigh: I am not the ConAd Chair lol. But this award goes to someone who does the utmost for our body, and was very involved and attentive in CA. This goes to Representative Tom Cassidy.

Kovach: I was External Affairs Chair. It was a tough decision, but this person went above and beyond, and filled in even when I couldn't be there. Whether that be Higher Education Day, voting drives, or anything else, this person was always pushing our group forward. I want to recognize Representative Alex McClintic.

Klima: This was such a hard decision because Human Diversity had very engaged members that always came to meetings with ideas and questions. Even though everyone rocks, this goes to Tyler Rivera who volunteered for Secretary before asked and is a really awesome dude.

Kelling: So first of all, my committee was awesome. However, this person ran meetings even when I could not be there, helped our committee always, and we honestly could not have functioned without her. She also solved one of the longest and hardest problems ever, the benches. And I seriously mean we could not have functioned without her. This award goes to Secretary Mackenzie Cordova.

James: I had a wonderful committee that really stepped up. They always took on projects and filled and defined their roles. This particular person stood out and took initiative when needed and always stepped up for us. This award goes to Representative Tim Kuketz.

Echols: Wow, trying to trip me. My committee was all superstars and I love you all. You have been wonderful. However, this person was unbeatable in the desire to be peppy and happy and work through everything. She was always there and we could not have functioned without her. This goes to Representative Julie Chen.

Rains: Let's give a big round of applause to all our committee chairs. ****claps**** We also have two awards left that are my personal favorite. We seriously have some amazing members. This award for most valuable committee chair, goes to someone who I am so proud of and that did so much for us. Congress has done so much in this past year I have served as Chair, and this committee chair really took the reins of her new committee. All her members went to her with questions and expressed that they were always comfortable going to her about anything. This award goes to Madison James.

Rains: This last award goes back to the beginning of Congress. Every year it is given to a member that gives a lot, has been around for a long time, and has made an impression on old and young members. This person could not be more deserving of this award. He is an outstanding member, has been ConAd chair, and has overall done so much for the organization and the body. We could not have functioned without him. This award goes to Ryan Nigh.

Rains: We of course wanted to give an award to all your amazing members, you all rock.

Motion for a 5 Minute Recess

Representative Quick seconded by Representative Kelling

○ **Senior Send Off**

Rains: This is our first year of doing this, but I think that this really furthers our bond. For all of our younger members, think about your time graduating and these will be the people next to you at your senior send off. Seniors, please come down so we can thank you!

Kovach: I will be graduating in May with an industrial systems engineering degree. I will then be going to Dallas to work for AT&T, a job which I start in July.

Nigh: I am graduating in May to go to Med School in OKC – I got into OU Medical School. I am going to enjoy my summer before then.

Pae: I will miss all of you, you have been the best of friends and I appreciate your friendships. I will be going back to Lawton and I plan on working for the city government and becoming the next Leslie Knope. Again, I appreciate all of your friendships.

Reid: I graduate in December, so I will be here for a little while with you guys. After I graduate, I am going to go to Washington D.C. to try the whole acting gig, but until then, I am going to work in Oklahoma to better my home state until I am gone.

James: I will be here another year in an accelerated Master's program. I will miss Congress, but will be around. I can't officially say I will be in Senate, but yeah....

Maddie: I am going to working for Teach for America in Charlotte, NC. I am very excited!

Echols: I am gradating in December with a Bachelor of Arts in Finance and a Bachelor of Arts in Drama. I have a few options. You all are some my best friends and it has been a sincere pleasure to serve with you all, all the way from Session 93 to here.

Student Concerns

Old Business

980502 – 2017-2018 Primary Allocations (Echols)

Representative Kelling seconded by Representative Hedgcorth

Echols: As alluded to in the budget presentation, basically what happened is we are adding two more organizations: ONE EMS and the College of Law Outlaw. What happened is that student affairs required name changes for organizations with OU things like “sooner” in the name. Orgsync did not update the names and records of these organizations like we thought/were told it would. We did not find out about this problem, until notifying other organizations that they had not applied for funding yet when they were certain they had. We looked into it and as a committee, we gave \$1,400 to the College of Law Outlaw and \$900 to ONE EMS. This is bill going to put these organizations on the legislation we have already seen.

Kelling: Just these 2 groups?

Echols: yes.

Reid: Giving funding to these organizations changes nothing about funding for other organizations, right?

Echols: correct.

Motion to Move to a Roll Call Vote

Representative Kelling seconded by Representative Mazeitis

Items to Be Considered

980101 – An Act Regarding the Salaries for SGA Leadership (Baker/Burleson/Schnebeck) (Rec of no Rec)

Representative Quick seconded by Representative Bishop

Baker: Just to explain this: this has been a conversation between SGA leaders for a while. Since 2003, no stipends have been increased much at all. Only by \$48 in 15 years for most leaders like the Congress Chair, CAC Chair, Vice President, and GSS Chair, and \$25 in the past 15 years for the President. It comes down to the importance of our positions that we love to serve in. At the end of the day, we cannot hold another job to sustain ourselves because of the time commitment our SGA positions entail. The costs of living, OU tuition and fee rates, and about everything else has gone up. Our whole idea is that a person's socioeconomic status should not determine how and if they are able to serve. We want good candidates that can serve and still maintain a good quality of living.

James: Why did you choose to only raise it for these positions and not others?

Baker: Those other positions not on this bill have received more increases in the past years. For example, the most recent increase was 2 years ago for the Congress Secretary. We want to increase the stipends of those positions that have a great work load but have not received increases recently.

Chism: Are the offices hours equivalent between these offices?

Baker: The President has 12 per week, and all others have 10 or so. However, all our positions require more than that, and some of us have meetings and other responsibilities that take additional time. The time easily increases to at least 20 or 30 hours a week- I have been putting in 30 I know.

Kelling: I am confused by your answer previously. You said 12 hours per week? So, how much does this increase come to per hour?

Baker: According to the Code, it is 40 hours/month for Chairs and 48 hours/month for the President. We based it off of weeks, which is about \$9/hour. The Code says we have to serve a minimum number of hours to receive a stipend.

Bishop: According to this bill, these changes will go into effect immediately. *Friendly amendment changing this to next leadership?*

Baker: *yes*, it was intended to do this. If positions were re-elected, they would get increases starting in the Fall. This will not affect us, the current leadership.

Reid: What, in your opinion, is the primary purpose of these positions?

Baker: To serve the students.

Mazeitis: Have you conducted polls from the student body to see if they approve of these raises?

Baker: No.

Reid: How many trips have you been on personally in this position?

Baker: One, Big 12 On the Hill in Washington D.C.

Kelling: Are you aware that you are effectively increasing the Chair's stipend by \$2.50 an hour, and the President's by \$2.08 per hour? However, the Vice Chair gets 7.36/hour.

Baker: I will say, certain responsibilities are held by chief executive officers. I would encourage legislation to be written to increase the Secretary and Vice Chair's salaries to minimum wage.

Mazeitis: Why are the GSS Chair and Congress Chair not co-authors?

Motion to Extend Time for Questions by 10 Minutes Representative Chism seconded by Representative Bishop

Baker: Especially for Kaylee Rains, it would be unfair for her to raise her own stipend. Same goes for Carrie Pavlowsky. I do not agree with them being on there and affecting their own raises.

Reid: What are the base minimum time requirements of the positions receiving raises?

Baker: 12 hours for those \$450 stipends. \$365 stipend positions have 10 office hours. This is in the Code Annotated.

Coen: What is the reason for the lack of increase for the Budget Chair and the Student Bar Association?

Baker: I cannot give you a reason, but I believe it would be fair to get everyone to minimum wage because of the work load of all these positions.

Reid: Do you have any proposed way to ensure that someone will fulfill the responsibilities besides the minimum required office hours?

Baker: On paper, yes. Because there are so many things you must do to serve and follow the Code, you cannot just put in 12 hours. Along with that, our SGA advisors and Student Affairs advisors, help hold these leaders accountable. Also, their peers do this. I am responsible for holding them accountable as well. It is overall a team effort. By the power of influence, we can say "step it up".

Echols: This body, especially the Ways and Means Committee, daily receives angry correspondence. How would you justify this bill to them?

Baker: These stipends allow for accountability and holds these positions to a higher level of accountability. Your socioeconomic status should not limit you- we want students to serve regardless of this. Inflation has happened, and it is time to update these stipends to account for the times.

Williams: Do you foresee negative backlash from students?

Baker: Nope, not from the majority.

Reid: Are you aware that the maximum amount of hours for all these positions does not classify as even a part-time job in OK?

Baker: No.

Rains: Can you estimate how many hours per week you spend in the office as well as the other branch heads?

Baker: At least 20 to 30 hours per week. Personally, I have to report my honest time which averages to about 33 hours per week. The different responsibilities we have (office hours, meetings, class, etc.) average about 6-

7 hours extra. This increase in stipend accounts for all the time we spend serving SGA and the body. We go beyond the minimum required, I'm sure of that.

Keefer: Contrary to popular belief, why are you asking for a smaller amount than I was assuming?

Baker: It is a fine balance between accountability and being able to live. As said previously, my priority lies with serving the students.

Mazeitis: How many OU students do you know enrolled full-time that also do all of the minimum requirements?

Baker: I know a good number able to do that. I can't give a definitive number, though.

Kelling: What is average pay per student worker at OU?

Baker: I do not know. I know that they make minimum wage, though. SGA is a little different in that we pay chairs, etcetera stipends and not wages- this is why we can pay them less than minimum wage. Student Government is able to get out of some of the rules associated with pay.

Kelling: How can you justify that the average OU student gets \$8.50 when you are increasing your pay to over \$11.50?

Baker: That is an average which also depends on positions. Sometimes it just comes down to sitting at a desk and not doing large tasks. That is why some people get \$8.50. On the other hand, some students get even more than \$12.50 average. I would say the averages are not accurate because of what the positions require, how long they last, and what all additional things they entail. I really can't comment on that average, but I can say that with responsibilities and duties paired with accountability, the raise is justified.

Elliot: Did you consult with the Vice President or the President of Student Affairs about this act?

Baker: Yes, Clarke specifically. Last week, we brought it up again and it was proposed in our application to the SAF. Vice President of Student Affairs could vote yes on that application, so I assume the President approves.

Motion to Move to the End of the List

Representative Mazeitis seconded by Representative Quick

Motion to Suspend the Rules and Move Representative Chism's Question to the End of the List

Representative Hedgorth seconded by Representative Bishop

Motion to Move to a Roll Call Vote

Representative Mazeitis seconded by Representative Coen

Motion to Suspend the Rules and Go Back in Time to Questions

Representative Hedgorth seconded by Representative Kelling

Objection – Representative Mazeitis

Motion fails

980102 – An Act Regarding the SGA Election Board and Election Chair Salary (Rains-Saucedo) (Rec of no Rec)

Representative Kelling seconded by Representative Quick

Rains: This is along a similar vein. Like the bill previously mentioned, SGA got an extreme increase in funding. Some money was held back to raise salaries. These members work tirelessly and meet sometimes every night during elections to go over grievances, contact people, meet with candidates, and patrol elections. The Election Chair currently gets \$350 in both the Fall and Spring semesters. We want to raise this to \$500 each semester. Additionally, the Election Board should get \$100 rather than \$50. Abbey Taylor spent 3-4 hours a night working elections this Fall, and during election season, these other people work tirelessly. We have talked to members and the Chair, and they all approve of this bill. This will of course affect the next Election Chair and Board. With school and other things, they deserve to be compensated for their time fairly.

Mazeitis: How many hours do Congress members work per week for Congress?

Rains: It varies between the members. Chairs, probably 4 hours a week not including general meetings. Representatives vary because you can be as involved or not as involved as you want. Optimistically, 3 or 4 hours. Realistically, 2 or so.

Mazeitis: How many hours does the election board members work per week?

Baker: It depends on the election. Based on the previous one, it was about an 8-week long service, and they worked on average 4 hours per week determined by the amount of work they truly had to put in.

Rains: I yield my answer to Representative Mazeitis.

Mazeitis: During non-elections, it is 2-3 hours a week, during them it is 5 or 6 hours.

Kelling: Have there been instances in the past where the Election Chair has been unable to perform duties or been unreachable?

Rains: Yes. But eventually, it has been resolved.

Kelling: if they are not performing duties but are being compensated, how is that handled?

Baker: We hold each other accountable. The big executive leaders will typically hold a meeting. There is a lot of things that cannot happen if the Chair falls through on their duties. The stipend can be not given if they do not perform their duties.

Rains: Both positions are appointed positions, and we need to do a better screening job of them. We as representatives need to hold them more accountable. We need to communicate complaints always, as well.

Motion for to Extend Time for Questions by 10 Minutes Representative Chism seconded by Representative Bishop

Rains: It is difficult to determine a specific number of hours, but we need to account for the time they put into this organization.

Baker: They also need to be available during this time and we want to hold them accountable to this.

Mazeitis: Rains, you claimed that Title 7 changes enable us to have low-key elections. Since we are giving less of a burden to these positions, can we justify these pay increases?

Rains: Off one election, we cannot say grievances and work are decreasing. In the fall, there are more positions up for elections. If it doesn't go smoothly, these people should be accommodated for their time. If you want to change the numbers, throw some out though.

Carter: How has the workload increased or decreased since the changes were established?

Rains: More grievances are filed, more time is used, more candidates are running, more meetings are happening, and so much more. The contention of elections has also increased since this was originally passed.

Kovach: Is this amount of money requested enough to supplement normal income a student many earn?

Baker: This is generally broad, but typically stipends are balanced between accountability and reward/appreciation. Once again, there is a lot of work that goes into these positions. Basing this off time is not fair, so we want to base it on weeks. Accountability will help justify these stipends. We want quality candidates to run for these positions, and it is a fine balance.

Kelling: You guys believe that we are grossly underpaying the chair?

Rains: Yes. The amount of time put in was an insane amount with inadequate compensation. They deserve an increase of at least some amount. They work hard and they put in more time than we are aware of.

Baker: That includes times when the Chair must accommodate time to meet with people outside of normal meetings. They must always be available and the time is variable here. But, we have some history and averages of the hours that helped in this.

Mazeitis: By passing this, are we saying that the Election Chair does more work than other SGA leadership positions?

Baker: The filing opens in the 8th week of classes and they have to be available until the election is validated. This includes time for meetings, texts, calls, or whatever at whenever time. These people must serve the students fairly for variable amounts of time.

Rains: I have no problem saying Abbey Taylor ran around with her head cut off in the fall with meetings, monitoring, and addressing grievances. She also worked longer hours than I did, and is busier than we all think.

Echols: What is the quantitative data used in the justification in the numbers presented here?

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

Baker: I did not calculate them. we did establish them based on what we found to be fair.

Rains: We calculated for inflation divided by number of hours, and then increased it.

Reid: Do you not agree that the entire purpose of these stipends is to incentivize people to fill these positions that are not always as glamorous?

Rains: They are to incentivize and compensate for their time

Baker: And to hold them accountable as previously stated.

Echols: Baker, would you like to clarify your statement about not calculating these numbers?

Baker: I did not personally calculate the numbers, my apologies if any info was given to Chair Rains not well.

Reid: Baker, would you clarify how a stipend can incentivize and create accountability?

Baker: If they are not fulfilling duties, then these stipends cannot be given. Just like any other job, we can revoke stipends if the job is not done.

Motion to Move to a Roll Call Vote
Representative Kelling seconded by Representative Quick
Objection – Representative Chism
Motion fails

Cassidy: I yield my question to Echols.

Echols: To clarify, these numbers were not calculated by anything other than thought?

Baker: Yes

Kovach: *Friendly amendment in section 3 to add to line with "Election Chair" requiring that they must accumulate 50 hours per election, and board members 10 hours per election?*

Rains: *No*, 50 is too high.

Kovach: *Friendly amendment to set increased required office hours?*

Rains/Baker: *Yes*.

James: We are taking the money students pay just to keep these people accountable? How is that fair whenever other positions on campus aren't getting paid at all?

Rains: All students pay SAF fees. SGA leaders put in time and effort into the students and the time they do this has increased. If those duties and requirements increase, their pay should too.

Baker: Also, SAF fee has been stable- this year we will see a significant increase because the Union Renovation bond was transferred to the SAF fund.

Chism: When writing this, did anyone consider making the Chair an hourly position?

Rains: I didn't think of it, but I am not opposed to it. Typically, we do not do hourly. If you think they deserve increase, we could do that.

Motion to Suspend the Rules and Extend Time for Questions by 10 Minutes
Secretary Cordova seconded by Representative Pham

Reid: *Will you accept a friendly amendment changing the amount board members get to \$60 and chair to \$425 each semester?*

Rains/Baker: *yes*

Motion to Table This Bill Until After the Next SGA Election
Representative Mazeitis seconded by Representative Kelling

Motion for a 5 Minute Recess
Secretary Cordova seconded by Representative Kelling

980103 – An Act Regarding Salary Increases for the SGA Branch Staff (Rains-Saucedo) (Rec of no Rec)

Representative Kelling seconded by Secretary Cordova

Rains: This bill was drafted to increase Curt and Debbie's Salaries. Curt does all of our purchase orders, and always helps us and all the student organizations. Debbie does everything we forget/do not want to do. She keeps track of a lot of Conoco information, and we appreciate her so much. The money has been allocated to cover their increases.

Mazeitis: How did you arrive at these numbers?

Baker: 7% increase for both of them.

Kelling: Is it in your opinion that SGA could not function without them?

Rains: Yes.

Kelling: Is a 7% increase enough?

Rains: At this time, yes, but I would love to do more.

Echols: *friendly amendment changing election chair salaries from \$500 and \$200 to \$350 in both semesters?*

Rains: *yes*

Echols: *friendly amendments changing hours/week of Associates of General Council to \$11.00 x 25 hours/week x 34 weeks?*

Rains: *yes*

Kelling: *friendly amendment to change Section 2 to include that we are changing Election Chair and General Council?*

Rains: *yes*

Mazeitis: Are you aware that \$14.85 x 1.07 is \$15.89 which is more than a 7% increase?

Baker: I yield my response to George.

George: \$14.85 is not current with the conflicting versions of the Code.

Motion to Move to a Roll Call Vote

Representative Quick seconded by Representative Mazeitis

980104 – Office Allocation Act (Baker/Burleson/Rains-Saucedo/Pavlowsky/Schnebeck) (Rec of no Rec)

Representative Kelling seconded by Representative Quick

Rains: One of the greatest duties we have is giving RSO's a place to meet on 2nd and 3rd floors of the Conoco. This is decided through an application process for the offices and lockers. This is the amount of people we decided. This is not current, so I will need a friendly amendment.

Chism: Have we given out all offices?

Rains: Yes.

Kelling: *Accept a friendly amendment doing what you just read about offices?*

Rains: *yes*

Echols: 290 is General Council. Can you explain this?

Rains: We want to bring GC up and bring WAM down. CAC will go to the Greek Council office, Greek Council will go to WAM office, and committee office will go to downstairs. Me and George are talking about where SORO will go, or whether we will move budget committee down there. We are still discussing options.

Mazeitis: Can you go through who is not getting one or changing?

Rains: Not: Students Against Factory Farming Economy because they did not apply, and Relay for Life for not applying. Changing: Habitat to 289, ONE EMS to 289, OU Mock Trial and OU Forum 293, HASA and ASA have their own offices now, Greek Councils will get 393, VSA gets their own office now. As far as storage goes, Circle K did not get storage.

Consent – Representative Williams

980506 – Auxiliary 15 (Echols) (Rec of no Rec)

Representative Mazeitis seconded by Secretary Cordova

Echols: This is Aux 15, so here we go. The American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronauts got \$342 for food, beverage, and meetings. The American Institute of Chemical Engineers got \$750 for rentals for a banquet. Arab Student Association got \$67 for food and beverage for a meeting. Association of Friends of Venezuela for \$1,200 for their Venezuela Night. Association of Transfer Students got \$750 for food, beverage, and meetings. The Columbian Student Association for \$600 for food and beverage for their end of

year banquet. History of Science Association for \$250 for speaker fees. International Advisory Committee got \$3,800 for food for Eve of Nations. The Iranian Student Association got \$1,500 for travel and rentals for an artist workshop/performance. Kappa Kappa Psi got \$300 for membership and registration fees. Kappa Phi got \$750 for membership and registration fees. Kappa Sigma got \$750 for membership and registration fees. Lambda Phi Epsilon got \$750 for membership and registration fees for a convention. Men's Glee Club got \$200 for food and beverage for a luncheon. National Society of Black Engineers got \$200 for food and beverage for meetings. ONE EMS got \$750 for medical supplies. OU Fishing Club got \$750 for travel to a tournament. OU Men's Rugby Club got \$1,500 for goal posts. Pre-Medical Professions Club got \$143.50 for food and beverage for an awards banquet. Sooners Helping Sooners got \$195 for an end of year event. The Red Clay Foundation got \$1,099 for a wood splitter. Finally, the Undergraduate India Society got \$1,665 for rentals for India Night. These total \$18,311.50 and we are left with \$45,227.05.

Motion to Move to a Roll Call Vote

Representative Kelling seconded by Representative Chism

980601 – An Act Appointing Committee Chairs for Session 98 (Rains-Saucedo/Lalani/Cordova) (Rec of no Rec)

Representative Kelling seconded by Representative Kovach

Rains: This is a bill establishing committee chairs for Session 98. In the Fall, we will hit the ground running. Applications closed Friday, and we then held interviews all day on Sunday. Ultimately, these people are the best for the position. We looked at the applications candidates put forward, their interviews, ideas, experience, and availability. These people will lead our body well, and please give them all your attention. Kim Bishop is for AA, and did things like textbook reform in her last term as Chair. Tom Cassidy is for ConAd. He had great ideas, varied from associate program reform and Code reform, he also taught ParliPro in high school. Reid is for Communications, and wants to establish town halls, and things like new shirt designs. McClintic is EA, he has great ideas about bringing leaders in. Klima is HD Chair, we are excited to see her action. PnP is Kelling, a 3 session chair that has great ideas about setting deadlines. Kuketz is Sustainability, he has great ideas. WAM is Chism who had great ideas and a great vision for the future.

Williams: Will you serve the whole length of your term?

Everyone But Reid and Klima: Yes

Echols: Could you explain how you intend to address this upcoming session differently?

Reid: My previous tenure as PR Chair was where I led a committee. I disbanded that committee to create Communications. I want to focus on expanding the brand that Shelby and I created onto the campus. This will make us more well known. I also want to put graphics on the website to make funding easier to understand. My biggest idea is a once per semester town hall right before filing. We have used this before, but I want to bring it back in this time of activism and involvement across campus. I think this would be beneficial to see faces behind what we do.

Bishop: AA committee was a dormant committee, so we spent time getting together game plans and have taken steps towards the end of those. I wanted to be a delegator to make sure everyone was working well, but I also want to take a more active role this time. We don't see a lot of legislation, so I want to set strict deadlines for projects to create a timeline.

Kelling: I recognize that we had members unable to come to meetings for whatever reason and we could not move forward. I want to use google docs so every project that can keep us updated when people are not there. That way, projects are streamlined.

Motion to Extend Time for Questions by 10 Minutes

Representative Quick seconded by Representative Pham

Klima: This was my first time as Chair. This semester we wrote a lot of resolutions, but I want to take a more active role with RSO's. I want to maintain that communication, visibility, and everything to continue moving forward. Also, I have a 100% committee retention. A lot of this will come down to what our meetings entail, and RSO issues. You are all welcome at our meetings.

Williams: Since you are not serving the full term, how will you make sure your impacts last beyond your term?
Klima: 2 members are freshman that jumped right in. I have no concerns that someone could step into my role. Everyone has always been really straightforward with me and I hope this continues. I want to continue educating my members on how to serve congress best.

Reid: Communications Chair is a matter of experience. As we have seen, there are members that have stepped forward that have lots of training but don't always know what to do. I have experience, and as I told Kaylee, there will be no learning curve. I know this position, how to communicate, and such. Many members do not. I want to train whatever assistants I have (2 maybe 3) and have them take the job from me. This ensures an effective chain of no learning curve. These members will know who go to go to and what to do.

Echols: Can you explain projects you want to take on and the future of WAM?

Chism: First, I want to start taking clear minutes and member minutes. This is a list of the organization we saw at the meeting, their fiscal history, why we made the decisions, and other history info. That way, people presenting can have readily available info. We see a lot of organizations and it is hard to remember, so this would be helpful for all WAM members. This will also be published for the student body. Also, "the book". This is a list of organizations and their full history so we can see the development of their history. In years like this, we had a bunch of money and now we can see where it is going. This can help future members and chairs understand in the years ahead. Next, transparency is a huge deal. Each week, I want to contact organizations to let them know we will be meeting with them that week. That way, they can come to our meetings to see what is going on with their funding. Everything will also be on the website.

Williams: How do you plan on working with established AA executive branch members?

Bishop: I have been in contact with them about ideas. This is just potential for more man power. We will talk about textbooks regarding the bursar, Administration., and such. I want to foster a stronger relationship with the new administration because more manpower, more ideas, just makes everything better.

Quick: How long have you been in congress and how your experience qualifies you?

McClintic: 1 year for me. I have coordinated with Chase in the first mock election that had a huge turn-out. I also served right under Chase to get the spring trip to the Capitol under way.

Cassidy: This semester for me. I talked with previous exec about their goals and this has really informed me and my plans. Additionally, I spent time with Rains and Cordova establishing the It's On Us taskforce which has given me hands on experience with legislation.

Bishop: Last November. Previous to that, I served as the Director of Exterior. I also serve on the Student Advisory Board for Regents Board of Higher Education. I do this regularly and want to bring recommendations from that to my committee.

Reid: 2 years for me as a fine arts rep.

Motion to move to end of list

Representative Quick seconded by Representative Mazeitis

Reid: and Vice Chair. For my first year, I was PR Chair where I established the brand and social media and pushed that. I then won Vice Chair and served in that capacity with Chair Rains. Now I am nothing, but hope to be in the body again

Chism: I am fairly new (end of 96). I have always been on WAM and always loved it. I am so interested by it and I like how we see things not everyone does. I threw myself into it, and always had questions. I think WAM is the biggest part of my congress experience

Kelling: I think 5th semester. I have been in PnP the whole time, and took it over my 2nd semester in Congress. I have more experience than anyone here.

Klima: 5th congress session. I have seen 3 different HD chairs, and served as secretary before becoming chair. I pushed through lots of legislation which greatly qualifies me. Since I have been consistent despite every leadership change, I look forward to serving again

Kuketz: 1 year this fall. I have been with Sustainably in every step, helping build it. I want to expand upon MJ's recycling jobs, and environmental projects with the Exec branch.

Mazeitis: Rains, during your campaign speech you wanted to elect WAM Chair, is this a change you want?

Rains: Yes, this is important and I want to do it. I want to feel it out and propose it to the body. Whenever it goes through the body, it will be up to you with all its pros and cons. Overall, the WAM chair has a direct interaction with so many students and I think that the RSO deserve to vote on this chair. I want to talk to WAM and get opinions, members of congress, and see what you all think.

Williams: Klima, you said that this year the HD passed lots of legislation. How do you plan to use this?

Klima: Since we got all members involved, they all have experience getting used to legislation writing. Also, we have RSO relationships that we can continue to build on and experience we can continue to build on.

Echols: What will you if and when your committee is in strife with Exec?

McClintic: When a compromise cannot be meant, then I would defer reasoning to Exec who could agree.

Cassidy: If it were to happen, I would defer to the committee. It can come to a decision and then to body. However, the committee works with the legislation.

Bishop: This is a democracy first. I can't imagine AA getting crazy, but I would make sure our legislation is the best it can be and then I would let the body decide. Of course, I will take advice from the Exec and address their concerns.

Reid: If it happens, my position serves at the pleasure of the Chair.

Chism: We NEVER disagree. EVER. I would try and set a meeting between the two groups to make sure concerns are heard and understand. It always comes down to the body's vote.

Kelling: If it did, you as a body have chosen your chairs for a reason. Knowing this, I would bring the problem to the floor. It should not be on Exec's head; it rests with you.

Klima: HD and Exec are solid, but if it did, it would need to be brought to the floor after having a meeting with Exec.

Kuketz: I echo everyone else. I would like to bring it back to the committee to see if we can change it, bring it back to exec, and then bring it to the body. If members believe it should be heard, then it will be.

Williams: Is congress a leadership body or a representative body? What is the chief concern of the body?

McClintic: It should be a healthy balance of both, but it should fulfill Bylaws rules. However, we should focus on leadership development of course, too.

Cassidy: I see it as a representative body that voices the concerns of the student body. However, we have important leadership aspects like the associates program that serves as many people's first exposure to congress. I want to revamp this aspect to make people leave feeling satisfied and seek to continue being involved in leadership.

Bishop: One leads to the other. As representatives, we should reach out to everyone and this helps us be leaders. I think our chief concern is to represent.

Reid: I would extend my answer to SGA as a whole. I believe that SGA is a representative org of the student body always. Being involved allows for leadership, but if someone wants to join for leadership experience, they should join something else.

Chism: SGA as a whole is representative as a whole. While in most cases, we have leadership skills, first and foremost, we represent the body.

Kelling: I believe that we constitutionally we are a representative body. With that said, we are a leadership development organization and I have seen this happen with all of you.

Klima: These 2 philosophies go hand in hand. We are here to voice problems and represent.

Kuketz: Yes, we should be leaders and represent our body. Every event gives you leadership experience if thought about on a meaningful level. Initiative is always required when a manual is not given. By this fact, everyone here has leadership qualities.

Rains: Representatives of the students. SHOOK. I came in as an associate and look where I am now, a leader. But I was inspired by the representatives. I like to see people come in with no experience and watch you flourish as leaders. I think it goes hand in hand and it is great to watch happen.

Echols: You are all wonderfully invested people, how will you handle overloading?

McClintic: I will do my best to delegate in an efficient way. I will ultimately, always strive to fulfill my roles assigned to me.

Cassidy: I have a flexible schedule coming up, and a great support system. I know many people up here well. With all the changes coming, I want to rely on each other.

Rains: The Chairs will have 2 office hours coming up and this should not be a problem. This dedicates their time to Congress.

Bishop: I didn't get overwhelmed in the past, but I want to take a more active role. I only have 18 hours this semester WOW. If overloading happened, I would work with my committee and delegate tasks.

Reid: Delegation. My assistants will me by partners with my say in the end. We will support each other

Chism: I hope to have a relationship with my exec to get things done without the whole committee. Things that are not voted on, this relationship will help.

Kelling: Yeah, we are always overloaded. It's all about delegation. Like I mentioned, gong to the digital system will help. As I have done, I always call into meetings if I cannot be there. PnP will continue to operate as we have.

Klima: I work better under overloading. With that being said, if I panic, delegation will come into play. I trust my members to operate when I cannot.

Kuketz: I will also use delegation as a leader. One person cannot do everything, so I will delegate to my members. I feel they are all more than qualified to handle their projects.

Motion to Move to a Roll Call Vote

Representative Quick seconded by Representative Buckley

980701 – SFC Co-Chair Appointment Act (Rodolf) (Rec of no Rec)

Representative Williams seconded by Representative Pham

Rodolf: I want to thank you for having us, I know it is weird tonight with us going first. The selection process was done through a blind score of written apps through current co-chairs, last year's co-chairs, Vice President Burleson, and the creator of SFC. We then interviewed all people and picked Lucy and Daniel. I saw Lucy and Daniel growing and getting involved all year. I have full confidence in their ability to lead and lead in their unique way to bring some new flavor.

Consent – Representative Chism

Motion to Suspend the Rules to Go Back in Time to the Chairs Report

Representative Williams seconded Representative Ryana

Motion to See Bills 980901, 980902, 980903, and 980904 as a Block

Representative Williams seconded by Representative Kelling

980901 – A Resolution Thanking the SGA Webmaster Alex Speed (Rains-Saucedo/Reid/Mazeitis) (Rec of no Rec)

980902 – A Resolution Thanking OU Daily SGA Reporter Kayla Branch (Rains-Saucedo/Reid/Mazeitis) (Rec of no Rec)

980903 – A Resolution Thanking the SGA Administrative Staff (Rains-Saucedo/Reid/Mazietis) (Rec of no Rec)

980904 – A Resolution Thanking Outgoing Seniors for Session 97 (Rains-Saucedo/Reid/Mazietis) (Rec of no Rec)

Rains: We put these out every year to thank those that help us function. Alex helps us with agendas and logos and all things website related. Next, Kayla is amazing and we love her. She always showed up to our meetings and did a great job reporting for SGA. George is amazing advisor and we couldn't function without him. Debbie and Curt we cannot function without them. Our outgoing seniors gave dedication and amazing service.

Consent – Representative Kelling

Motion to Suspend the Rules and Skip the Rest of the Agenda

Representative Kelling seconded by Representative Quick

Objection – Representative Hedgorth
Objection Withdrawn
Motion Carries

New Business
Follow-Up Reports
Items for Future Agenda
Announcements and Comments
Final Roll Call

Chair: Kaylee Rains-Saucedo
Vice-Chair: Sanah Lalani
Secretary: Mackenzie Cordova

Session 98	General 4-25
Baker, Colin	x
Bergman, Victoria	x
Bishop, Kimberley	x
Blevins, Jake	ex
Buckley, Anna-Gray	x
Carson, Haley	ex
Carter, Christopher	x
Chen, Julianna	x
Chism, Hennessey	x
Clemons, Brea	ex
Coen, Noah	x
Cordova, Mackenzie	x
Cox, Reece	ex
Curley, Nicholas	ex
Do, Khanh	ex
Ennis, Elizabeth	ex
Grunewald, John	ex
Hedgcorth, 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	ex
Mazeitis, Jake	x
McClintic, Alexander	x
Nigh, Ryan	x
Pham, Daniel	x
Quick, Samuel	x
Ryana, Naomee	x
Smith, Brian	ex
Thomas, Hailey	ex
Thompson, Gabi	ex
Warner, Mason	x

Williams, Dan	x
Yawn, Jon	ex
Present	27
Absent	0
Excused	13

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Curley, Nicholas												
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Ennis, Elizabeth												
Grunewald, John												
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Hoefke, Madeleine	y						y					
Huff, Greyson	y	y		y		y	y					
Keefer, Braden	y	n		y		y	y					
Kelling, Taylor	y	n		y		y	y					
Klima, Alexandra	y	a		y		y	y					
Kovach, Chase	y	n		y		y	y					
Kuketz, Timothy	y	n		y		y	y					
Lalani, Sanah	y	a		y		y	y					
Layne, Alexander	y	n		y		y	y					
Lewis, Danielle												
Mazeitis, Jake	y	n		y		y	y					
McClintic, Alexander	y	n		y		y	y					
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Pham, Daniel	y	n		y		y	y					
Quick, Samuel	y	n		y		y	y					

Ryana, Naomee												
Smith, Brian												
Thomas, Hailey												
Thompson, Gabi												
Warner, Mason	y						y					
Williams, Dan	y	n		y		y	y					
Yawn, Jon												
Yes	25	1	0	22	0	22	25	0	0	0	0	0
No	0	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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