

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
Session XCVIII

General Body Meeting
7:00 pm, Tuesday, August 29, 2017
Devon Hall 120

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Roll Call

Flag Salute - Williams

Approval of Minutes

Representative Chism seconded by Representative McClintic

Chair's Report- Hi everyone, welcome back! I hope you had a great summer and a great first week of classes. Couple of things: my office hours will be just about every afternoon from around 1:00-4:00pm, and they are published on my office and posted online. Come by the Conoco to talk anytime, though. As some of you may know, Taylor Kelling had to resign which means that we have opened applications for a new Problems and Projects Committee Chair. If you are interesting in becoming the new PnP Chair, fill out an application on Orgsync. They are open until Friday at midnight and we will hold interviews on Sunday during the day. I encourage everyone to apply because we want to have a great pool of applicants. Remember to tell everyone that Congress applications are out until Thursday evening. And sorry guys, I'm getting sick and losing my voice, so if I sound raspy, that is why. We will be seeing legislation, so quick reminder to use ParliPro and such. If you have a question, ask "on information" and I'll recognize you and get your question answered. If you have a question for the author, raise your hand say "thank you Madame Chair, please direct my question to the author" and I will direct your question. Lastly, the gavel tap means that we are on low time for questions and one of you will need to say "on a motion" and request more time for questions. Finally, we also have 16 open representative seats, so I expect you all to be active tonight; you can't hide behind crowds this meeting. We have good legislation tonight but I'm hoping not to guys too long.

Vice Chair's Report- Few things: Orientation is September 9th, with no exact time set yet. Try to keep the whole day open, but we will email the time out as soon as we get that figured out. Again, tell everyone to apply for open Congress seats or Associate positions. Associates have less of a time commitment, so they can get a feel for congress without actually running for a seat. They also only have to go to 1 meeting a month, 1 office hour, and their committee meetings, which isn't bad. Please tell people to apply by Thursday by 5:00 pm. Lastly, liaisons have reset, so any organization is up for having one. If you were one last semester and wish to be with that organization again, please let me know so that I can have that information. If you have an organization that you want to be a liaison for, come talk to me, I have a list of many. This also counts as a service hour, and is an easy way to get your required hour.

Secretary's Report- Hey everyone! Just to echo what Kaylee and Sanah said, tell everyone to apply for Congress. We have tons of open seats and lots of associate positions to fill, so please encourage all your friends. With that, I'm excited to get going and look forward to a great year!

Committee Reports-

- **Academic Affairs:** Hi everyone, hope you all had a great summer. First meeting so not much to say here, but I am looking forward to old members coming back and new ones coming in, as well as continuing our projects from last semester.
- **Communications:** I'm Austin, hi. I am currently working on our new T-shirt designs and running our social media (follow it). We are sharing all the applications as well, so share all of those as well to get the word out. In the works we have a campus debate co-programmed with the Political Science Club. It will be in late September and is between political clubs on campus. Cupcakes and Congress will be the second Thursday of every month from 12-2ish. The first one is September 14th, so put that on all of your calendars and be ready to come work it.
- **Congressional Administration:** So in case you haven't heard, we have 16 open seats that need to be filled, so it is important to SPREAD THE WORD. Students can apply online through Orgsync by Thursday at 5pm. If anyone is interested, just tell them to apply. We also want a lot of associates this year, which means we need a lot of applications. Besides the applications, we have lots of work on the Code to do. And, I'm looking forward to meeting my committee! Stick around after to talk about interviews.
- **External Affairs:** Hello. EA, this fall, has prepared the voter registration drives again. If anyone wants to help, we always need it. We also want to invite speakers from off campus to talk about their policies and their work. Coming are people on the pipeline panel in October. In the past, we have sent students to the Norman meetings in the town hall. This year, we want to send our whole committee out to report a hot topic. If you have any ideas or info about topics, please let me know. I'm excited to meet my committee; after this we will talk.
- **Human Diversity** – They are working on a letter writing party to write to Charlottesville victims. They are partnering with Department of Inclusivity for this Anyone from campus is welcome for the #dearyoungpeople event. That date is coming out soon.
- **Problems and Projects** – no report
- **Sustainability:** I hope you all had a great summer. I'm excited to continue our work from previous years and I can't wait to meet everyone in my committee!
- **Ways and Means:** I will be in the office Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, but you can always email me. So far I have worked with George and Curt to tie up loose ends from last semester and the summer. We are now starting on a FAQ sheet about WAM that we can look at during Orientation. It will also be published and available to the student body. I'm also working on orientation curriculum so we are informed about basic funding questions. Not the deep stuff, but I would like for everyone to know basic funding process things just in case you get any questions about it. We will also work on publicizing flyers about the funding process so student organizations know how to do it. Tonight we will see Aux 1 and Aux 2, if you have questions let me know!

Liaison Reports

Move to Suspend the Rules and Go Back in Time to Approval of the Minutes
Representative Curley seconded by Representative Buckley

Special Orders

Student Concerns

McClintic: A Teach for America student came to talk to me and said they could not audit any education classes. It might be worth looking into to see if the education department would let students audit classes if their pursuit is education or TFA.

Rains-Saucedo: AA that is you.

Old Business

Items to Be Considered

980105 – OU/TX Legislation (Baker, Pavlowsky, Rains-Saucedo) (Rec of Do Pass)

Representative Hedgecorth seconded by Representative Ryana

Baker: This is declaring the OU/TX holiday of 2017. It recognizes October 13th as the OU/TX official student holiday. This makes it university policy that that Friday must be recognized as a student holiday.

Hedgworth: SGA is allotted one day to show as a student holiday and this is tradition, but technically we could do it another day?

Baker: Yes.

Hedgworth: This bill would only mark the 2017 year as the holiday?

Baker: Yes, we do it annually.

Williams: Is it your opinion that Texas sucks?

Baker: The University of Texas is a fine institution despite their athletic program.

Reid: There was concern in the exec committee that professors do not adhere to this and still hold class and take attendance and such. Where could a student go to address these concerns?

Baker: They can bring it to their representative here in Congress, and then it will go to the officers. Or they could submit it to the President's Action Line or Office of the Provost. If they have any issues they can deal with the professor's bosses.

Motion for Consent

Representative Mazeitis

980503 – Auxiliary Funding #1 2017 (Chism) (Rec of No Rec)

Representative Williams seconded by Representative Hedgworth

Chism: This is the first Aux of the year. QSA and HLSA are on it. QSA is funding their welcome back and HLSA is applying for funding for bonding activities and a lunch and learn among other events.

Williams: Were both these organizations seen during primary?

Chism: QSA yes, but HLSA did not apply for primary.

Cassidy: We talked about this on Sunday, but the HLSA used to be under the Student Bar Association. But, now it is an RSO. How does this affect their fiscal history?

Chism: All law student associations pulled out from under SBA and have applied as new organizations. They have no fiscal history, so I am reaching out to get their info from the SBA President. We want to help these organizations because it is hard to be an established organization, and then have to go back for only \$500-700 we normally allot for primary. I plan on making it known to my committee that these law organizations are special circumstances in funding.

Motion to Move to a Roll Call Vote

Representative Mazeitis seconded by Representative Ryana

980507 – Auxiliary Funding #2 2017 (Chism) (Rec of No Rec)

Representative Mazeitis seconded by Representative Bishop

Chism: This is Aux 2 and it is the SGA operations budget. This usually goes through in the spring, but we had problems, so we are doing it now. What this does is it keeps SGA running and lets us have supplies printers, etc. We can't function without it.

Mazeitis: What are the capital investments?

Chism: Computer updates.

Williams: What happens if we strike this down?

Chism: SGA won't have money to run on.

Reid: Wow much did SGA originally ask for?

Chism: This was fully funded.

Mazeitis: Can you explain how this ends up in operations instead of ending in exec branch allocation?

Chism: We consider some events to be Pan-SGA, George can tell you them.

George: Inauguration, State of the SGA, Big 12 Conference.

Williams: How much do we have left in Aux funding?

Chism: If these bills Aux pass, 91,596.79

McClintic: Did we use all of our aux funds last year?

Chism: No.

Bishop: It's my understanding that in a primary application process, you are more likely to get more money than in an auxiliary one, right?

Chism: Yes, because the purpose of primary funding is to cover all events planned for the year.

Bishop: Was that taken into account when we fully funded this and did not split funding into fall and spring events?

Chism: Because this is the entire operations budget, we fully funded it. We could have done it in sets, but SGA has good financial history, so we did not split it up

Mazeitis: Would the same consideration been given to another RSO?

Chism: No promises on full-funding, but this happened last year with Big Event. They were still given the money; we didn't hold it back. We do consider special circumstances for things like this.

Motion to Move to a Roll Call Vote

Representative Mazeitis seconded by Representative Bishop

980602 – Committee Establishment (Rains-Saucedo) (Rec of No Rec)

Representative Mazeitis seconded by Representative Hedgecorth

Lalani: Hey. This is just assigning members to committees for the semester. This cannot be changed right now, but we will pass legislation when we get appointed members where you will get to request a change. However, there is no guarantee you'll be able to change. Just make a request with Kaylee and she will decide on the next legislation.

Mazeitis: Is there a procedural reason this cannot be changed?

Lalani: It can be, but we will not be accepting changes today.

Hedgecorth: What exactly would happen if this failed?

Lalani: We would not have any representatives on any committees, so we couldn't get started on important work.

Buckley: *Scrivener's Error*: My name is spelled wrong. It is "Gray"

McClintic: There are 2 "Brea Clemons" on the lists.

Lalani: I request a friendly amendment to strike Clemons off PnP.

Williams: Accept that friendly amendment?

Lalani: Yes.

Williams: Why do you think Communications Chair Reid chose to go with no assistants?

Reid: At the moment I just haven't chosen them. The entire reason the chair position is the way it is because a committee was not effective. However, opportunity for 1 or 2 assistant positions will be open at a later point.

Motion for Consent

Representative Mazeitis

New Business

Follow-Up Reports

Items for Future Agenda

980301- Resolution Calling for the Change of DeBarr Street to Henderson Street

980106- Act Changing the Dates of the Votes of No Confidence Concerning Congress and Elections

Announcements and Comments

Curley: The chips and queso are great.

Cassidy: If you got appointed to ConAd today, come talk after the meeting, so we can talk about interview times for Sunday.

Reid: Join Generation Citizen. It is a non-political voluntary organization where we go to high schools and teach about civic literacy. Don't worry, we train you and it is a blast. Kids learn how to get involved in their communities and start projects. The applications are on Orgsync

Chism: OU has an undergrad mock trial team and applications are due by this Friday at midnight. Consider applying and if you have questions reach out to me by email.

Thomas: I work in the the Education Abroad Office and there is 1 opening. Come to me with questions.

Cassidy: Tell everyone to apply for Congress. Applications are due Thursday.

Motion to Suspend the Rules and Skip Final Roll Call
Representative Chism seconded by Representative Quick

Final Roll Call

Adjourn: 7:45

Chair: Kaylee Rains-Saucedo

Vice-Chair: Sanah Lalani

Secretary: Mackenzie Cordova

Session 98	General 8-29
Baker, Colin	x
Bergman, Victoria	ex
Bishop, Kimberley	x
Buckley, Anna-Gray	x
Carson, Haley	ex
Carter, Christopher	x
Chen, Julianna	x
Chism, Hennessey	x
Coen, Noah	x
Cordova, Mackenzie	x
Cox, Reece	abs
Curley, Nicholas	x
Do, Khanh	ex
Ennis, Elizabeth	ex
Grunewald, John	x
Hedgorth, Joseph	x
Hoefke, Madeleine	x
Huff, Greyson	x
Keefer, Braden	x
Klima, Alexandra	abs
Kuketz, Timothy	x
Lalani, Sanah	x
Layne, Alexander	ex
Mazeitis, Jake	x
McClintic, Alexander	x
Pham, Daniel	abs
Quick, Samuel	x
Ryana, Naomee	x
Smith, Brian	ex
Thomas, Hailey	x
Thompson, Gabi	x
Williams, Dan	x
Yawn, Jon	abs
Present	23
Absent	4
Excused	6

Session 98	980105	980503	980507	980602
Baker, Colin		y	y	
Bergman, Victoria				
Bishop, Kimberley		y	y	
Buckley, Anna-Gray		y	y	
Carson, Haley				
Carter, Christopher		y	y	
Chen, Julianna		y	y	
Chism, Hennessey		y	y	
Coen, Noah		y	y	
Cordova, Mackenzie		y	y	
Cox, Reece				
Curley, Nicholas		y	y	
Do, Khanh				
Ennis, Elizabeth				
Grunewald, John		y	y	
Hedgorth, Joseph		y	y	
Hoefke, Madeleine		y	y	
Huff, Greyson		y	y	
Keefer, Braden		y	y	
Klima, Alexandra				
Kuketz, Timothy		y	y	
Lalani, Sanah		y	y	
Layne, Alexander				
Mazeitis, Jake		y	y	
McClintic, Alexander		y	y	
Pham, Daniel				
Quick, Samuel		y	y	
Ryana, Naomee		y	y	
Smith, Brian				
Thomas, Hailey		y	y	
Thompson, Gabi		y	y	
Williams, Dan		y	y	
Yawn, Jon				
Yes	0	23	23	0
No	0	0	0	0
Abstain	0	0	0	0