

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



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General Body Meeting  
7:00 pm, Tuesday, September 12, 2017  
Devon Hall 120

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Roll Call – 7:01 pm

Flag Salute – Representative Swearingin

Approval of Minutes

Representative Mazeitis seconded by Representative Bishop

**Chair's Report-** bear with me because I've got a couple of things to mention. First, a huge round of applause for Sanah for putting on an amazing orientation! I know we all had a great time. Moving on, applications that are out include: It's On Us Chair, Election Board, Campus Climate Board of Advisors and Chair of that. Tell everyone that might be interested to apply because they are all great organizations. Also, I know many of you just got in, but filing is open October 2-5<sup>th</sup> for the fall elections. I will be emailing you if your seat is up, and if you get it, you will need to file and decide if you want to run. We can talk about that later, though. We have a lot of bills tonight, so pay attention, ask questions, and look at the legislation. We also have a guest, so make sure we try to see his bill first. If you have any questions, use "on information" and I will answer your questions.

**Vice Chair's Report-** I hope you all loved orientation. If you couldn't make it, I should have emailed you, but come pick up a Congress Handbook, that way you are all caught up. For orientation, I have thank-you cards I would like you all to sign. Only sign the top please! The liaisons master list is created and will be on the google drive. Come talk to me after if you would like to be added to the list. Also, I see a lot of associates here, and I'm so happy to see you jumping in. Please let me know if you have any questions, especially if you weren't at orientation.

**Secretary's Report-** Hello everyone! First, another round of applause for Sanah. Second, please don't forget to turn in your member biographies. Those are due by the 29<sup>th</sup> and will count as your September constituent service hour. Even if you have other ways to get this hour, please still do the biographies because they are very important. Also, I know that many of you are new to the Secretary role within your committee, and I would love to meet with you after just to discuss some logistical things and expectations. Thanks so much guys.

**Committee Reports-**

- **Academic Affairs** – I am not AA Chair, but I did chair it for Kim this week. Here's the recap of our meeting: we started talking about different questions that have been brought up. These include the class audit issue with education majors, the library campaign, textbook resources, and figuring out what qualifies you to get credit for AP and IB academic transfer things. Basically, we started the foundation with all of that.

- **Communications** – There are some dates I need you all to keep in mind. First, next Thursday is Cupcakes and Congress (9/21) from 12:30-2:30. The sign-up sheet out soon. This can be your constituent service as well. Another one to remember is September 27<sup>th</sup> is The Debate in Gaylord. It will be between College Democrats, College Republicans, Students for Liberty, and Young Democratic Socialists. They will be talking all levels of politics. Like and follow on social media as always.
- **Congressional Administration** – we saw 3 bills that are on the agenda tonight. Take a look at those. We gave the Election Time-Frame and Election Date Change bills a rec of do pass. As for the Election Chair Appointment, we gave that a rec of no rec because we want the body to decide. Good weekend for us.
- **External Affairs** – really productive meeting. We are going to break up into pairs of 2 and tackle different issues. We are looking at different clubs on campus and how to get students to those clubs that discuss issues about local politics and such. We are also still looking into speakers. Also assigned a group to the DACA issue as far as possibly writing further legislation on that. Finally, some are looking at voter registration. If you ever want to help out with tabling, please talk to me. We will work with OU Votes and will be doing multiple registration tabling events. Seek out ways to help please.
- **Human Diversity** – I'm not the Chair, but I'm the Vice Chair. We saw 2 resolutions this week that are on the agenda. We do not have a set time for meetings yet, but we will let you know. Projects are on their way.
- **Problems and Projects** – we had our first meeting this past Saturday. Lots of cool projects and such like: speakers coming to campus, making sure OU stays safe, OU and Norman PD passage of open carry research, and we're also working on a survey to kick-start the town halls.
- **Sustainability** – we chose our Secretary and Vice Chair during our meeting this past week. Discussed a lot of good ideas. I received good word from exec in regards to the Environmental Coalition and will update you as I get more information.
- **Ways and Means** – We met Sunday and did Aux 4 which you will see tonight. We also established a position that is the Director of Inclusivity within the committee. They will make sure that everyone is heard and that bias is pointed out. Working on getting that codified so that future chairs utilize a position like this. We are also working on legislation to codify the things we judge the budget on.

## **Liaison Reports**

### **Special Orders**

- Further Questions on the Budget

Chism: I wanted to make sure that you all had time for questions that you didn't get to ask on Saturday.

McClintic: in terms of primary vs. auxiliary, how much can we get from doing either? Is there a limit?

Chism: no. The only difference is the intent behind the funding. Primary is for things you know; auxiliary is for things you didn't know were coming. But, you can apply for what you need.

### **Student Concerns**

#### **Old Business**

#### **Items to Be Considered**

980108 – Campaign Time-Frame Clarification Act of 2017 (Mazeitis) (Rec of Do Pass)

#### **Representative Quick seconded by Representative Carson**

Mazeitis: I was sitting at home reading Title VII like I'm sure we all do. There is not a defined time-frame, and it is not explicit like it needs to be. You can now find it in this legislation I have written. This new deadline would be after the candidate's meeting. It depends on which meeting you go to, however and campaigning starts after. Campaigning by word of mouth and a website can be done before the meeting. If a candidate announces before the meeting, however, someone could file a grievance.

Layne: what kind of effect would it have on the coming campaign?

Mazeitis: it will go to President Baker and it will go into effect. It would be left up to the election chair per Title XVII. I talked to him before the meeting, and he agrees with this legislation. This is just for posterity's sake for future election chairs.

Coen: *will you accept a friendly amendment changing it to the "last candidate's meeting"?*

Mazeitis: *No*. Why is that a lot of people have make-up meetings. It incentivizes candidates to go early and hear the info. There is no formal declaration in the code about the number of meetings. Including “last” would be too ambiguous. One day of campaigning would not make much difference.

Cassidy: you’ll notice that each candidate has a different time frame. It also states that the end of their election is when their campaign time ends. It’s specified that each candidate has their own time-frame.

Williams: how would this change the code about signature gathering?

Mazeitis: they have always had to be received by petition. There will be no changes to the upcoming election.

McClintic: section 5D says rules apply to all activity, but there is no limit to “prior-to” and this seems too broad?

Mazeitis: I would disagree that this is too broad. Once you decide to run, the only way you’ll care if infractions happen, is if you decide to run. You should abide by the rules as a candidate.

McClintic: if the head of a campaign is liable for infractions, does this apply to volunteers?

Mazeitis: up to election chair. In the past there have been different definitions. If we want to address this problem, that would require more legislation.

Reid: in regard of wanting to make sure that candidates are well-informed of rules, *friendly amendment to say final candidates meeting?*

Mazeitis: *No*. If you are running, it is your responsibility to know the rules. They shouldn’t have to wait for the meeting to know them. If someone is going to put themselves out there, it is not SGA that needs to make sure they know the rules.

#### **Motion to Move Time for Questions to the End of List**

**Representative Hedgorth seconded by Representative Quick**

**Consent – Representative Quick**

**Objection**

**Debate – Representative Coen**

#### **Motion to See a Hostile Amendment**

**Representative Coen seconded by Representative McClintic**

#### **Chair Ruled Hostile Amendment Out of Order**

#### **Motion to Table the Bill and See Another Bill**

**Representative Hedgorth seconded by Representative Layne**

**Objection – Representative Mazietis**

**Motion Fails by a Hand Vote**

#### **Motion to Previous Question**

**Representative Williams seconded by Representative Bishop**

#### **Bill Passed by Roll Call Vote of 16-8-9**

980109 – Election Date Change (Baker) (Rec of Do Pass)

**Representative Mazeitis seconded by Representative Coen**

Baker: basically, the items would be changed from the election season starting the first week after spring break to now the second week. When the election reform bill went through last spring, it changed the date to the first week. For the due process of time, candidates need time to campaign. First week doesn’t allow for this. Students need to understand there is an election and who they are voting for. With other rules in place, this will be a timely balance for everyone involved.

Holt: why were the changes made in the first place?

Baker: to my knowledge, there was a fear that appeals would last too long beyond the session of congress. To give more time, that's why they did it. With other changes that were made, an appeal of the election would not be that long in my opinion.

Mazeitis: the authors of the election bill in the spring were in support of this, it is just time sensitive

Reid: is there an instance of appeals that has gone very long?

Baker: last fall election. Grievances were in question about things said and the process extended out into dead week, and so it was too long. It just put everyone in a time crunch including superior court, congress, the candidates, etc. If it would have gone another way, elections would have been held in the early part of the spring semester. That was more of a one-time thing, however

### **Consent – Representative Mazeitis**

980302 – A Resolution Calling for the Change of DeBarr Avenue to Henderson Street (Williams/Klima) (Rec of No Rec)

**Representative Williams seconded by Representative Khan**

### **Motion for a 5-Minute Recess**

**Representative Quick seconded by Representative Hedgcorth**

**8:12 pm**

Williams: to clarify, the version you have with you is the correct version. That said, I need a friendly amendment to add the last 2 whereas clauses, the Norman Transcript, and the President as a co-sponsor. This resolution was drafted because we are in the contentious time in America politically. I think this is the right thing to do. DeBarr was a KKK member, and a grand dragon, and an overall horrible person. Henderson did great strides for civil rights throughout the U.S. and he treated Americans like Americans. I want you to vote yes so we can send DeBarr back to history and Henderson to the forefront.

Thomas: *friendly amendment adding OU Daily?*

Williams: *this is time sensitive and I will be sending them one, but I will not accept that at this time.*

Swearingin: *friendly amendment adding what you wanted?*

Williams: *yes.*

Hedgcorth: *I'm looking between sections 3 and 4. Would the author be interested in a friendly amendment inserting a new section in this bill between current sections 3 and 4 reading "Notwithstanding any other content in this resolution, OU SGA remains committed to representing and advocating for all OU students, regardless of either political beliefs or any other aspects of their identity"?*

Williams: *no.*

Ball: if this bill passes, what would be the next step?

Williams: signed by the SGA President and then I will make a presentation to the city council announcing what OU wants. I believe that with the support of the university, there will be enough signatures for a vote yes.

Mazeitis: *will you accept co-sponsors?*

Williams: *Yes*

Swearingin: geographically speaking, this falls out of property confines of OU. Why is it our business as opposed to others like the city council's?

Williams; yes, SGA oversees OU Confines, but we also represent the students. Not all of them live on university property. I want their city council people to see that students within their districts want this to change.

Holt: do you foresee any reasons why city council would not change this?

Williams: currently, they are debating. I'll admit, I'm not the most knowledgeable about city council people. However, I think it within their best interests.

### **Consent – Representative Mazeitis**

## **Objection – Representative Hedgorth**

### **Bill Passed by a Roll Call Vote of 29-0-1**

980303 – A Resolution Affirming Support for the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals Program and its Recipients (Klima) (Rec of No Rec)

#### **Motion to Send Back to Committee**

**Representative Williams seconded by Representative Carter**

980509 – Auxiliary Funding #4 (Chism) (Rec of Do Pass)

#### **Vice Chair Lalani seconded by Representative Carson**

Chism: this is Auxiliary 4 that my committee saw on Sunday. Engineer's Club is getting \$2000 for food and beverages for their Tailgate. Out in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics is getting \$700 for food/beverage, and \$200 for printing and promotional things for the Faculty Industry Panel. World Literature Today Student Advisory Board is getting \$500 for printed copied of this year's issue of The Aster. OU Men's Ultimate Frisbee is getting \$750 to rent fields for a tournament. Engineer's Entrepreneur's Club is getting \$700 for Mobile Airbox Drone Parts. Student Veterans Association is getting \$700 for a TV. Arab Student Association is getting \$125 for general meeting 1. And lastly, Aviation Law Society is getting \$500 for promotional materials, and \$250 for the Learn and Learn Fund.

Mazeitis: you noted that world lit today wants money for The Aster. Can you explain how that is not a giveaway?

Chism: the line we draw is dispensability. Things that can be thrown away are things like paper, pens, etc. We kind of decide that for their organization. It is not full books that people are keeping, but rather a program to be passed out at meetings. That's why we funded it. We usually go along all these same lines for everyone.

Williams: if Aux 4 passes, how much is left?

Chism: \$81,047.79

Carson: you said that \$2000 was for tailgating for the Engineer's Club, One time or multiple?

Chism: multiple events throughout the year. They just applied at once.

Carson: do they have good history?

Chism: yes. The most recent years were great. That's why they got a lot of funding.

Mazeitis: under Section 12 Chapter 2, it says that certificates are something we do not fund as SGA. Is this not the same (referring to World Lit Today)?

Chism: In the case of certificates, they just wanted paper for them. As far as their copies go, I'm not 100% sure what to tell you about that particular part of the code. This can be further discussed if needed.

#### **Motion to Move to a Roll Call Vote**

**Representative Quick seconded by Representative Bishop**

### **Bill Passed by a Roll Call Vote of 34-0-0**

980702 – Election Chair Appointment (Baker) (Rec of No Rec)

#### **McClintic seconded by Representative Pham**

Baker: I'm the SGA President. This appoints the Election Chair. There were 13 applicants, but the big exec of SGA interviewed 3 candidates. We selected Corey as our appointee. He has some previous experience: served on the election board and has been a candidate. We feel those qualify him for this position.

Mazeitis: could you tell us about your experience and what changes you will make?

Corey: I am a senior and I am up for appointment here. I have always been passionate about elections, and I have previous experience like JD mentioned. I have unique perspectives because of this. Changes I would make would ones from the past. Law students last year pushed for the grievance to have a name attached to it. In my experience as a candidate, when you file a grievance, you are not really accusing anyone, yet rather presenting info to the board. With the name being attached, there is a lot of things that come along with that

(intimidation of the filer). I want that to change. Also, the election chair can now determine good faith or bad faith grievances without board approval. I would like to see that changed, but it is open to appeal. I want to give the power back to the board. I don't want to vote on grievances unless there is a tie between the board members.

Williams: I'm sure you know about them so, what is your opinion on unsolicited messaging?

Corey: we are living in a time where communication is convenient and it is so easy to put someone in a Group Me, etc. In the past, we relied on a person consenting to be in communication. There's a lot of members in pages, so campaigns like to go after that. If this is the case, we look at the grievance and the board determines the decision.

Swearingin: could you tell me what qualities made Corey qualified more than others?

Baker: as I mentioned, his experience from both sides. Also, some of his feedback about the election process was very interesting. The changes he wants to make are great. We agreed that we need power to go back to the election board. He also is great with people and organizing others. He knows how to manage people which is what the election chair also has to do. His leadership and ability to facilitate was why we chose him. He is also very fair and level-headed, which I personally liked.

Bishop: in some of the changes you wanted. Good faith/bad faith was for convenience. Why get rid of it?

**Motion to Move Time for Question to the End of the List  
Secretary Cordova seconded by Representative Hedgcorth  
Objection – Representative Bishop**

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

Corey: the board will have to meet, but the election Abbey ran was very unique and contentious. A lot of elections will not have a lot of grievances filed. I don't want to be in the position to make these decisions based on my interpretation. I want it to be democratic. We may meet more, but I see that as necessary to restore fairness in the process. My rulings are public and always open to appeal, as well. My vision for the board would be to give them the power back. If that means meeting more, I'm willing to do so. In selecting the board, I will address this.

Mazeitis: have you spoken to anyone else about this?

Corey: I have spoken to Abbey about it. When I was considering applying, I addressed this with her. She was open to my opinion. I do value her opinion, but my perspective is different than hers. I don't see it as a necessity, or as an over-burdening job. I did meet with her though.

Reid: we've had various instances in the past where definitions about who is in the campaign are blurry. This goes back to social media and being for or against a candidate. How would you flush out who is part of a campaign or not?

Corey: In the past, there was an official campaign set of communications which I am also in. In any campaign, if they have an additional set of communications, then they are a member of your campaign. It leaves a lot of wiggle room, but in my experience, it really opened my eyes to the fact that other members could be on the campaign outside of formal members. I am open to working with you guys to propose changes, and to really codify what it means to be on a campaign.

Williams: you've talked a lot about referring to your board. How big will it be?

Corey: at least 3 members by the code. In my experience there were 4. I want to interview the candidates and am looking for 4-5. Based on ideas I here, I will go from there. However, many I think will serve well, then that's what we'll have.

Mazeitis: you wanted to change associates grievances. Won't names be published in the final election report?

Corey: yes. Filing during the election season is when I was intimidated as someone who submitted a grievance. I want them to be more accessible to people. The only people we get them from now are people on opposing campaigns and such. Now it will be opened up more to the school as a whole. My job is also to serve as publicity about filing, which needs to be spread more too.

Cassidy: you want to give good/bad faith efforts back to the board. In the event that there was a contentious election, would you be able to handle all those grievances in time for elections?

Corey: yes. We meet after an election to verify the results and yes there will be more meetings. I'm not set on these changes because I want to see how things play out. In the event that that happens, it's our job to meet.

Reid: you've talked about code changes; could you tell us about legislation experience?

Corey: none. I have friends in the body that I could go to. I serve under Exec and don't pass legislation, so I need you guys.

Mazeitis: what is your interpretation of good/bad faith?

Corey: I want specific violations and if they can't give these or are out of context. These would be bad. If they are grounded in code, these would be good faith.

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

**Motion to Move to a Roll Call Vote  
Representative Quick seconded by Representative McClintic**

**Bill Passed by a Roll Call Vote of 34-0-0**

**New Business**

**Follow-Up Reports**

**Items for Future Agenda**

980111 - SFC Update Act of 2017 (Williams)

980509 - Aux Funding 5 (Chism)

980112 - Campaign Time Frame Clarification Pt. 2 (Reid)

980304 - PnP Town Hall Survey (Fees)

**Announcements and Comments**

Bishop: Generation Citizen is an organization that take college students and put us into high school government classes where we teach them about being a participatory citizen. This is all of our first week, and if you are interested in doing this, let me know.

Lalani: I just wanted to let you guys know about O.I.L. Meetings in Gaylord 220 at 7:30 every week on Thursday.

DeAngeli: there is an orchestra concert Monday at 8pm.

Williams; Thank you for passing my resolution. Pending approval, I will be contacting people to make this happen.

Bishop: I am the OU seat for Oklahoma Regents Board of Higher Education. We meet once a month about college student issues. If you have anything you would like to bring before the regents, please tell me.

McClintic: next Wednesday the Econ Club is hosting Jill Castill in OMU at 6pm. Lots of food, yum. I hope you all will come. Please RSVP on the OU Econ club Facebook page.

George: the office of student affairs is hosting The Huddle. If you have any combat veteran student friends, please encourage them to come. Date: Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>. Come and go event. Email me with questions.

Reid: cupcakes and congress is next Thursday. The shifts are 30 mins long. Sign-up sheet going up in the Conoco. Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> is the debate, so keep that in mind.

Rains-Saucedo: shout out for going deep into ParliPro. Don't forget to keep an eye out for applications that are out.

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

**Final Roll Call**

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



<b>Session 98</b>	<b>General 9/12</b>
Al-Michael, Tasneem	ex
Ata, Muneeb	x
Baker, Colin	abs
Ball, Carson	x
Bergman, Victoria	x
Bhaktaram, Ananya	x
Bishop, Kimberley	x
Bonic, Karla	x
Bray, Matthew	x
Buckley, Anna-Gray	x
Carson, Haley	x
Carter, Christopher	x
Chen, Julianna	x
Chism, Hennessey	x
Coen, Noah	x
Cordova, Mackenzie	x
Curley, Nicholas	ex
DeAngeli, Emma	x
Do, Khanh	abs
Ennis, Elizabeth	ex
Grunewald, John	x
Hedgorth, Joseph	x
Hoefke, Madeleine	x
Huff, Greyson	x
Keefer, Braden	x
Khan, Adam	x
Kuketz, Timothy	x
Lalani, Sanah	x
Layne, Alexander	x
Mazeitis, Jake	x
McClintic, Alexander	x
Pham, Daniel	x
Quick, Samuel	x
Rivera, Tyler	x
Rojas, Julio	ex
Ryana, Naomee	ex
Smith, Brian	ex

Swearengin, Brandon	x
Thomas, Hailey	x
Thompson, Gabriela	x
Tiger, Sophie Marie	x
Williams, Dan	x
Yawn, Jon	ex
<b>Present</b>	34
<b>Absent</b>	2
<b>Excused</b>	7

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Al-Michael, Tasneem						
Ata, Muneeb	a		y		y	y
Baker, Colin						
Ball, Carson	y		y		y	y
Bergman, Victoria	y		y		y	y
Bhaktaram, Ananya	n		y		y	y
Bishop, Kimberley	y		y		y	y
Bonic, Karla	a		y		y	y
Bray, Matthew	n		y		y	y
Buckley, Anna-Gray	y		y		y	y
Carson, Haley	y		y		y	y
Carter, Christopher	y		y		y	y
Chen, Julianna	y		y		y	y
Chism, Hennessey					y	y
Coen, Noah	a		y		y	y
Cordova, Mackenzie	a		y		y	y
Curley, Nicholas						
DeAngeli, Emma	a		y		y	y
Do, Khanh						
Ennis, Elizabeth						
Grunewald, John	y				y	y
Hedgcorth, Joseph	n		a		y	y
Hoefke, Madeleine	y		y		y	y
Huff, Greyson	n		y		y	y
Keefer, Braden	a		y		y	y
Khan, Adam	a		y		y	y
Kuketz, Timothy	y		y		y	y
Lalani, Sanah	y		y		y	y
Layne, Alexander	n		y		y	y
Mazeitis, Jake	y		y		y	y
McClintic, Alexander	n		y		y	y
Pham, Daniel	n				y	y
Quick, Samuel	y		y		y	y
Rivera, Tyler	n		y		y	y
Rojas, Julio						
Ryana, Naomee						
Smith, Brian						
Swearengin, Brandon	y		y		y	y
Thomas, Hailey	a		y		y	y
Thompson, Gabriela	y				y	y

Tiger, Sohpie Marie	a		y		y	y
Williams, Dan	y		y		y	y
Yawn, Jon						
<b>Yes</b>	16	0	29	0	34	34
<b>No</b>	8	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Abstain</b>	9	0	1	0	0	0