THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS Session XCVIII

General Body Meeting 7:00 pm, Tuesday, September 26, 2017 Devon Hall 120

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Roll Call
Flag Salute – Representative Mazeitis
Approval of Minutes
Representative Bishop seconded by Representative Swearengin

Chair's Report- hope you're all having a good week. Emails were sent out to everyone that needs to run for re-election. This is only for representatives; if you are an associate, this does not apply to you unless you would like to run for a seat. Filing means that you will run in the election held October 31-November 2nd. That filing process is the 2-5th of October. Come to talk to me or Corey Abernathy, the new election chair, if you have any questions. We all want you to stay in congress! Myself, Vice Chair Lalani, Secretary Cordova, ConAd Chair Tom Cassidy, and WAM Chair Chism just got back from the Big XII Conference. We met with all other Big XII schools and got to hear a little bit about how they run their SGA's. One thing that we are working on is starting a legislative coalition between all Big XII schools. If you're interested in learning more about that, please come and talk to me. I would love your help. OSU Senate is coming to our meeting next week. We are going to try and plan a day to go to their meeting one Wednesday as well. More info on that to

Vice Chair's Report- I have 14 people as liaisons right now. If you signed up, come check with me to make sure you're on that list. Also, reach out to the organization and let them know about you being their liaison and continue to do your constituent service. Events for your committees are up on orgsync, so check on those. If you haven't added yourself to the group, make sure you go in and do that so you can see everything on there.

come. Finally, the Campus Climate Board of Advisor's Chair application is still open. They are extending the

deadline until Thursday. Come talk to me or anyone on big exec if you have questions.

Secretary's Report- Hello guys! This is the last week for you to do your member biographies, they close this Friday. I sent out emails yesterday to those of you who have not completed your office hour and constituent service this month, so please make sure you stay on top of getting that done this week. You will need to have it completed by 5 pm this Friday in order to avoid getting an unexcused absence. Please contact me with any questions or concerns!

Committee Reports-

O Academic Affairs: in our meeting this week we saw 1 resolution that we gave a rec of do pass. This thanks DBO for his service and also makes April 21st David L. Boren Day. One resolution got tabled indefinitely because the author went a different direction with it. The student worker from the library who raised the government document concern was able to meet with the associate dean of the library. Moving forward with that project in some form. The rest of our projects are still going.

- O Communications: Cupcakes and Congress was a great success. We were driven off by a swarm of bees though lol. We will be holding another one in October on the second Thursday. Like, follow, and share social media.
- O Congressional Administration: Great meeting this week. We saw 4 pieces of legislation. You'll be seeing 3 of those 4 on the agenda tonight. We rec of do failed the SGA Statements Act, so you will not be seeing that one. The committee thought the bill was too broad and we did not want that to go to the body. On the other one, the Even Starting Line bill, was considered unnecessary and we rec of do not passed it. I hope that you consider these things when making your voter decisions. Our code rewrite project is coming along. If you have any thoughts on anything regarding this, bring those to me and I will happily pass them along. My office hours are also from 1:30-3:30 every Wednesday, so come talk to me about bill writing and such. I would be happy to help you write your bill or tell you where to go.
- External Affairs: Alex has an exam, so I am filling in for him tonight. This week we looked into making OU a sanctuary campus, but we want to do a survey of the student body about this before we do it. We are also working on creating ties with Norman, IFC, and Panhellenic to improve recycling. We, of course, are also do voter drives. Lastly, we want to bring speakers during the spring to campus.
- o **Human Diversity:** this past week we saw DACA Resolution and gave that a rec of no rec. Planning an international student party, and the Dear Young Person campaign.
- O **Problems and Projects:** waiting to hear back from OUPD about CART open carry. Also waiting to hear back about the sprinklers. We are trying to reach out to figure out who is in charge of that, but haven't had that response yet. We are reaching out about Headington Hall meal plans because students who live there can't use their meal swipes anywhere outside of Headington where they close at like noon of Friday. We are also looking at the survey bill, which will go through ConAd this weekend and the body next Tuesday.
- O **Sustainability:** Productive meeting. Looking into recycling on campus (more barrels). Also looking into changing non-game day stadium lighting policies. And I am happy to say that we are nearly ready to present the student environmental coalition.
- O Ways and Means: I was not at my committee meeting, but they saw 17 organizations. We are having a special meeting at 4:00 on Sunday to discuss legislation. We want this to be something you all can come to, so think about that. Come hang out with WAM and see different projects we are interested in doing outside of just the budget. We will be working on legislation that we want to go into effect and we would love your opinion on it.

Liaison Reports

Mazeitis: I am the liaison for informed groups and GC. GC requested funding and hopefully will get that tonight. This organization lets us teach civic engagement to high school students.

Scimeca – I am the liaison for the Club Lacrosse team. They started off season fall ball and this Saturday they host a high school and middle school tournament on the IM fields. Come out.

Special Orders

Student Concerns

Mazeitis – Zach is now the appointee for the library and will sit on the policy committee for the library

Old Business

Items to Be Considered

980112 – Even Starting Line Act of 2017 (Reid) (ConAd – Rec of Do Not Pass)

Representative Hedgcorth seconded by Representative Carson

Reid: The bill I have before you is straightforward. At Senate, this bill passed with unanimous consent. This was drafted to ensure that no campaign can have a head start on campaigning due to something like scheduling. No one should have more time than another person who may have a class, or some other conflict. This helps our campaigns have an even starting line.

Al-Michael: couldn't the candidates send a proxy?

Reid: yes. I have been an agent and candidate and I know various times that both those people are not able to make it. That is why I was Echols' agent, and when we had a show, we both couldn't' attend Monday's

meeting, but we went Wednesday. That same instance could happen again. In the name of fairness, we should pass this in order to have the same start for everyone.

Cassidy: as I'm sure you're aware, these meetings can take place 2-3 weeks after the first one. Do you believe that if someone were to go to that meeting, it could shut down time for campaigning that could take place in the weeks between those multiple meetings?

Reid: at least 2 candidate's meetings have to follow during filing. Any make-up meetings can happen post those.

Fees: I'm a little confused. Couldn't you just send another agent?

Reid: you can only appoint one agent. In this instance, I know that every time I have run, I have wanted to appoint someone I trust. However, scheduling errors can come up. We are all students.

Bishop: with the language you read from title 7, at least 2 meetings have to happen within 2 weeks but none can come after?

Reid: it does not prohibit this, but I put that the final meeting is defined by the chair. I believe that any chair that cannot schedule a meeting within the first 2 weeks, is not doing a great job. They would be pushing off the election time for these candidates. In the current language, you can't campaign until you attend a meeting, and the election chair could twist your time around.

Bishop: how are the make-up meetings not dubbed as candidate meetings? Reid: make up meetings are something else.

Debate - Representative Mazeitis

Motion to recess for 3 minutes to draw up debate lists Representative Chism seconded by Representative Ball

Reconvene – 7:53 pm

Proponency Representative Swearengin

Opponency Representative Mazeitis

Hostile amendment

Representative Chism seconded by Representative Coen

Chism: all I did was reword to say "the time between midnight on the Friday of the academic week immediately following the end of the filing period and the end of the election." This is taken directly from Code Annotated. With this amendment, it takes away ambiguousness and such. In general, it makes it a better bill regardless of initial opinions.

Reid: friendly amendment changing "the end of the election" to "the end of a candidate's official participation in the election"? Chism: yes.

Mazeitis: this will allow candidates to start campaigning prior to meeting with the election chair, won't it? Chism: With the current wording, you can already do that anyway. However, you are just subject to fines. Hostile amendment passes by a roll call vote of 18-11-1

Motion to move to previous question Representative Al-Michael seconded by Representative Carter Objection – Representative Hedgcorth Motion carries by a hand vote of 15-12

Motion to suspend the rules to allow for the opponency summation for 30 seconds Representative Mazeitis seconded by Representative Hedgcorth

Mazeitis: even though the hostile amendment passed, and it is better, we need to vote now about this bill as a whole. The Election Chair has the power to define when the election starts. While I think that the chairs we have and have had are great, we need to think of posterity, here.

Reid: I would like to state that the language that is now in the bill, says nothing about the chair or when an election starts, but only when the election begins after meetings. I applaud the amendment and it is a great addition. It allows for the goal of fairness and an even starting line. I would also like you to keep in mind that there are members of this body running soon.

Bill fails by a roll call vote of 8-16-8

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

Representative Carter seconded by Representative Al-Michael

Rivera: the purpose of this is not to force any politics, but to stand in solidarity for a marginalized community on campus. We feel it is our duty to stand with the DACA recipients. Read over it and make changes if needed.

Thomas: I highly encourage you all to vote yes. There are a lot of students on campus and in SGA that we should stand behind.

Mazeitis: scriveners under section 4 to change Schumate's title to university.

Hedgeorth: friendly amendment to add new section between 3 and 4 adding "Notwithstanding any other content in this resolution, the Undergraduate Student Congress and Graduate Student Senate remain committed to representing and advocating for all OU students, regardless of any aspects of their identity"?

Rivera: no

Swear: friendly amendment striking entirety of the 3^{rd} whereas and some of the 4^{th} whereas clause? Rivera: no, that is the whole explanation of DACA.

Al-Michael: friendly amendment in section 2 changing it to passing a clean bill instead of the current wording?

Rivera: no simply because we hope this legislation in itself will protect our students.

Cassidy: will you accept co-sponsors?

Rivera/Thomas: yes.

Motion to table this bill indefinitely Representative Swearengin seconded by Representative Hedgcorth Objection – Representative Bishop

Debate on the motion - Representative Hedgcorth

Motion to recess for 1 minute to draw up debate lists Representative Ball seconded by Representative Khan

Reconvene – 8:33 pm

Proponency Representative Swearengin

Opponency Representative Ball Associate Lee Associate Lobaugh Representative Al-Michael Representative Rojas Motion to move to previous question Representative Thompson seconded by Representative Bishop Objection – Representative Swearengin Motion carries by hand vote clear majority

Swearengin: we do support diversity on this campus, but this bill is not perfect. I would like to state that we are influencing policy. By taking a stance, this does that, it influences policy. I would argue that we shouldn't take a policy stance because not all students can voice their consent. This resolution violates its own 5th whereas clause. It is important to remember to reach out to all students of various ideologies in order to pass things that involve policy. We cannot take a stance on that without consulting all students. This is not a jab to DACA students, I have much respect for them. I am taking a stance on representing our students, not on DACA. Here, we are voting on whether or not to take a stance on policy when not all students agree unanimously.

Motion to postpone indefinitely fails by a roll call vote of 1-28-0

Motion to move to a roll call vote Representative Mazeitis seconded by Representative Ball Objection – Representative Hedgcorth Motion carries by a hand vote clear majority

Bill passes by a roll call vote of 21-1-1

Motion to table everything else and adjourn Representative Kuketz seconded by Representative Bonic Objection – Representative Rojas Motion fails by a hand vote of 9-15

980511 – Auxiliary Funding 6 (Chism) (WAM - Rec of Do Pass)

Representative Al-Michael seconded by Representative Carson

Chism: OK Sailing Club got \$400 for rental fees for use of the Thunderbird Sailing Club's facility, and instructors. Precision Dance Team got \$260 for speakers and uniforms. Game Developers Association got \$225 for three meetings' worth of food and beverages. Alpha Epsilon Delta got \$400 for food/beverage for meetings, an induction ceremony, and fliers/handouts. Sooner Racing Team was tabled because registration fees were listed as a capital expense. Gamma Beta Phi got \$650 for food/beverage for meetings, and rental fees for new member induction. American Society of Civil Engineers got \$1000 for the Welcome Back Event. Student Council for Exceptional Children got \$1480 for food/beverage for meetings and rental fees for Prom. Chess Club was funded \$2250 for Do or Do Not Chess Tournament and Norman Chess Festival. Lutheran Church Missouri Synod-University of Trinity Lutheran Church got \$500 for supplemental meals and eating utensils for a spring retreat and registration fees for that retreat. Sooner Air Traffic Control got \$540. American Society of Chemical Engineers got \$900 for registration fees. Organic Chemistry Club got \$50 for printing and promotion. Psychology Club got \$64 for printing, retractable banner, and food for meetings. Queer Student Association got \$341 for Coming Out open mic night, waterpalooza, and board game night. Public Relations Student Society of America got \$500 for travel to national assembly. Generation Citizen got \$550 for printing and food for general meetings. Student Healthcare Outreach got \$602.46 for 5k race supplies and dinner for general meetings.

Reid: how much will be left?

Chism: assuming this passes, about \$64,787

Layne: what is the LCMS-U?

Chism: according to what they submitted on their applications, "LCMS-U hosts Bible studies and fellowship based out of Trinity Lutheran Church in Norman, OK. We reach out to students on campus to provide a close-knit, familial community in an otherwise busy atmosphere."

Rojas: with the funding for the Greek letter organization, I thought that they pay for things themselves

through member dues?

Chism: Technically, any student organization can apply for funding. We fund a lot of academic Greek organizations. Ones you see here are not Pan and IFC. However, many of these organizations do collect dues, but we take this into consideration when giving them funding. Low dues don't impact funding a lot, but higher numbers result in less usually.

Keefer: repeat why the chess club requested what they did?

Chism: tournaments they need to host and travel to

Reid: are there other organizations besides ones that identify as Greek that collect dues?

Chism: at least 50 percent of them collect dues

Motion to move to a roll call vote

Representative Al-Michael seconded by Representative Mazeitis

Bill passes by a roll call vote of 31-0-0

980605 – An Act Amending Committee Membership for Session 98 (Rains-Saucedo) (ConAd – Rec of Do Pass)

ConAd Chair Cassidy seconded by Representative Bishop

Rains-Saucedo: this amends our current standing committees. We had a couple people that couldn't meet at their committee times, so they would have to obtain 4 absences, which is not what we want. We want everyone in congress. With that, we moved Brian Owings to AA, George Marquez to HD, Brian Smith to EA, Makenna Arnold to PnP, and Vinay Kalvacherla to Sustainability.

Swearengin: is there any reason to believe any further changes?

Rains-Saucedo: this is the 3rd time to amend, so I don't believe so. Adequate time was given to switch.

Chen: Are you aware that I am listed under WAM and not HD? Friendly amendment changing this?

Rains: yes

Lee: scrivener's error on my name. It should be "Dib Quab Lee"

Consent – Representative Carson

Bill passes by unanimous consent

980703 – An Act Appointing Members to the Election Board (Abernathy) (ConAd – Rec of No Rec) Representative Mazeitis seconded by Representative Al-Michael

Abernathy: If you don't remember me, I am your new election chair. One of my first duties is to select an election board. With the quick turnaround, some could not make it (Zoe and Maggie). We had 35 applicants and I interviewed 17 of them. I selected 5 based on experiences and perspectives. With their experiences, I believe they can boost voter turnout. I really hope that you confirm them because they are the best of the best.

Mazeitis: friendly amendment removing me as a co-author as I had nothing to do with this bill? Abernathy: yes

Swearengin: I can appreciate these people. These individuals are the best of the best as you said, but how do we determine that?

Abernathy: I will speak on behalf of those not here. One of the candidates that could not be here, Maggie, this will be here 3rd year of the board. With the students on campus, that is unmatched. Zoe, this is her first position. In her interview, she demonstrated true knowledge and an understanding of the necessity to push out the election to boost turnout. She has prior experience reaching out to groups to boost voter turnout in groups that don't usually engage in politics. For example, international students. She demonstrated a desire to do so and reach out to these people.

Reid: considering that last fall was the highest turnout, how do you intend to maintain that turnout even after the national election year has faded off?

Abernathy: it will be difficult because our election coincided with the presidential election. Some things we are planning are to reach out to communities that haven't participated in the past. This will include planning different initiatives regarding filing, election dates, the Debate, etc. That debate is a very informational time to learn about the candidates. I also want to see polling locations become more special on election days. Orgsync is easy, but we want people to go to the real locations to receive "I voted" stickers, their cookies, and meet people.

Al-Michael – could you introduce the candidates and their attributes?

Vann – I am a senior international studies major. I was a member of this body last fall, so I have experience there. I also have public relations experience. I have been on CAC and that is where that experience comes from for me. Being in the international college, I have direct relations with many international students, so I have connections in that way. One of my missions is to get them more engaged.

Thompson – I am a senior international studies and poly science major. I was a member of the body for 3 semesters, and the PnP committee chair, as well as the legislative Assistant to the President. During my time as legislative assistant, I worked with previous election chairs in order to pass reforms like spending limits, polling access, polling hours, etc. I want to bring that code expertise to the elections.

Jarret – I am a sophomore astrophysics and meteorology major. This will be my second year on the board. In the past, I co-ran debates, and was part of the committee that did election reform.

Mazeitis – what changes do you intend to make to debates so people attend?

Abernathy: We want to make them more engaging with students. In the past, debates have brought a lot of campaign-specific people to the event. We want to engage more students and professors. All these students will be impacted, so we want more voices in the debate. There is even a section for questions from the audience, so I want more diversity.

Motion to extend time for questions by 5 minutes Representative Chism seconded by Representative Bonic

Rojas – you mentioned reaching into the international community. I cannot recall any of you coming to do this with the major international student organizations, so how do you plan to do this when you haven't come to them in the past?

Vann – I've been working doing behind the sciences work with Mary Beth. I am trying to find ways to engage these students. If you want to meet with me, I would love to talk about any ideas you may have.

Mazeitis – can you indicate your familiarity with title 7 and any changes you have opinions on?

Abernathy: title 7 refers to the section of the code pertaining to the elections and previous election reform Vann – I studied abroad and did not see that all happened with reform this past year. However, I'm fully prepared to learn everything I need to know.

Thompson – I am a little familiar as it stands, but could not comment more.

Jarrett – I can compare changes made, and am very familiar with as it stands, as I was part of election reform last year.

Abernathy – there are more changes as we speak, so we are on our toes for those.

Ata – to my understanding, this committee meets several times in a short amount of time. Does it worry that 2 of your people couldn't make it even just tonight?

Abernathy – during the interview process, I stressed the time commitment. One of the candidates that could not make it, has served 2 years prior, so Maggie really understands that time commitment. Because the turnaround was so quick, it is now 4 days since I chose them, they didn't have a lot of schedule planning time. Part of that is really on me. Zoe actually has a family matter that she had to attend. They are both prepared to meet several times so we are successful.

Motion to extend time for questions to end of the list Representative Chism seconded by Representative Carson

Consent – Representative Mazeitis Objection – Representative Swearengin

Motion to move to a roll call vote Representative Mazeitis

Bill passes by a roll call vote of 31-0-0

980906 – A Resolution Regarding David L. Boren Day (Ball) (AA – Rec of Do Pass)

Representative Al-Michael seconded by Representative Khan

Ball: This is a bill declaring April 21st, 2018 be David L. Boren Day in gratitude for his service to this university. This day is his birthday

Cassidy: scrivener's in section 1 changing April 18th to April 21st.

Mazeitis: friendly adding shall after 2018 in section 1?

Ball: yes

Swearengin: April 18th is a little way away. What is the university's intent to make sure that day stays relevant to the campus?

Ball: his birthday will not change, and everyone will be aware of it.

Swear: scrivener's in 5th clause, should be "efforts" and the 6th whereas clause, should be "first"

Mazeitis: will this only be to declare in it in 2018?

Ball: yes, just this upcoming year.

Consent - Representative Al-Michael

Bill Passes by unanimous consent

New Business

Follow-Up Reports

Williams: sorry I couldn't be there, but I am at city council meeting to do the DeBarr bill. Keep up the good work and I will keep you all updated.

Items for Future Agenda

980128 An Act Creating the Student Environmental Coalition (Kuketz) → ConAd and Sustainability 980306 A Survey Regarding the University as a Sanctuary Campus (Bhaktaram) → ConAd and EA 980513 Aux 7 (Chism) → WAM

980514 An Act Amending Aux 6 (Chism) → WAM

Announcements and Comments

Rains-Saucedo: you all did an amazing job with polypro tonight. *snaps*. Just a reminder that decorum needs to be followed at all times and members need to be respected. I will not tolerate any of our members being called out or disrespected, so please keep that in mind.

Chism: come to the WAM meeting on Sunday at 4

Carson: I'm an intern for the video and media services internship. We will be speaking about DACA issue, so please reach out to me with your questions/concerns about this so we can answer on this.

Rojas: there are about 7 international organizations that want liaisons, so come talk to me if you would like to be theirs.

Fees: OIL meeting on Thursday at 7:30

Motion 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

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Al-Michael, Tasneem	X				
Ata, Muneeb	X				
Baker, Colin	X				
Ball, Carson	X				
Bergman, Victoria	X				
Bhaktaram, Ananya	X				
Bishop, Kimberley	X				
Bonic, Karla	X				
Bray, Matthew	X				
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Carson, Haley	X				
Carter, Christopher	X				
Chen, Julianna	X				
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Cordova, Mackenzie	X				
Curley, Nicholas	X				
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Grunewald, John	abs				
Hedgcorth, Joseph	X				
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Rivera, Tyler	X				
Rojas, Julio	X				
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Swearengin, Brandon	X				
Thomas, Hailey	X				

Thompson, Gabriela	X
Tiger, Sophie Marie	abs
Williams, Dan	ex
Yawn, Jon	abs
Present	31
Absent	4
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