THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS Session XCVIII

General Body Meeting 7:00 pm, Tuesday, September 5, 2017 Devon Hall 120

Session XCVIII

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

Chair's Report- Hi everybody! Welcome to Congress! I am Kaylee Rains-Saucedo and I am the Congress Chair. I'm so excited to meet you all. I am currently a 5th year political science and Public Administration major. I am recently married, I own a dog, and those are just some fun facts about me. My office hours are Sundays from 3:00-7:00pm and then Monday-Thursday from 3:00-6:00pm. All our offices are in the Conoco student Leadership Center which is outside the food area in the Union courtyard. Couple things: we operate under ParliPro and Robert's Rules. You'll get to see some of that tonight, but you'll learn about this is orientation, so don't worry about it! If at any time you have questions, say "on info" so I can answer you. Use "on a motion" to bring a bill to the floor and such. Questions are recognized by hand raises and once you say "thank you Madame Chair, please direct my question to the author," I will direct your question as such. Don't be stressed out! Also, we ran out of agendas, so share with others around you. It is also up on both the screens. Don't forget to stick around after the meeting to meet up with your committees to get contact info and meeting times.

Vice Chair's Report- Hi everyone, I'm Sanah. Few things: Orientation is this Saturday from 12 -6pm. You'll learn all congress stuff there like ParliPro and information about your committees. We were all lost at one point so don't worry! Excuses for Orientation go through Secretary Cordova. Dinner is also provided afterwards, so don't worry. If you will be attending, I will send out a survey through one of our speakers, the Gender and Equality Center, for bias training. That survey should be about a 10-minute ordeal, and the speaker will be using it for the presentation, so please make sure to do that. Also, as Vice Chair I am here for all associates. I can answer all questions, none of them are stupid. Please email me at congressvc@ou.edu if you have any questions or see my business card for my phone number.

Secretary's Report- Hi everyone! My name is Mackenzie Cordova and I will be your Secretary this year. I am sophomore psychology major. I'm so excited you all are here. First off, as many of you are new at your job, I am still new at mine. This is my third meeting as Secretary, so I am still getting into the swing of things. Also, I'm so sorry if I butcher names during roll calls tonight; we will get that figured out in the coming meetings! Just wanted to reiterate that excuses for meetings and Orientation will go through me. I am a flexible with excuses, so if you ever have something come up, just shoot me a text or an email and we'll get it all figured out. I understand that we are all involved, but the more you keep me informed, the better it will be for all of us! That's all I have. I'm excited for you all to finally be here!

Committee Reports-

- Academic Affairs: Hi and welcome! My name is Kimberley Bishop. I'm very excited to see how much our committee has grown pending the coming legislation. If you are on my committee, catch me after the meeting to go over some logistics. We didn't meet quorum last weekend, but myself and Madison Hoefke hashed out details about what projects we will be doing. We will be working with the University College retention task force to add a student perspective to retention rates. We want to get their perspective on retention issues and how we can take care of those. If you're on my committee, let's talk after. I'm very excited!
- O Communications: I'm Austin Reid. I don't actually have a committee, but if you want to be involved in communications which is like social media and events, I would love to take on a couple of assistants one or two at most. Please come talk to me if this is something you would be interested in. We don't have much going on right now. Currently, I am working with licensing on t-shirt designs. Go follow our pages on social media (twitter, Instagram, and Facebook). Go find those, share, and like.
- O Congressional Administration: I'm Tom Cassidy. If you're new, I'm that guy that has sent you lots of emails. If I haven't met you, come introduce yourself after the meeting. This weekend, my committee interviewed people for open representative seats and associates positions. We had a record number of applicants this year which was so exciting. We got 34 amazing associates and new reps as well. My committee held interviews from 8:45-6:30pm, so a huge shout out to them. The hard work will definitely show. Come meet after the meeting and we'll talk about meeting times and such.
- External Affairs: Hi, I'm Alex McClintic. I'm a junior economics and accounting major. EA will be coordinating speakers to come talk to us this semester, as well as Higher Education Day and voter registration drives. We have lots to work on and I look forward to meet all you after today's meeting.
- o **Human Diversity** come meet the Vice Chair after the meeting.
- O **Problems and Projects:** Hi, I'm Gabi Thompson. We are working on student body concerns outside of academics and such. Currently, we are working on parking, and the Lloyd Noble Center lights that are burnt out. Hoping to see that sorted out quickly because that's pretty dangerous. I'll see everyone in my committee after the meeting!
- Sustainability: My name is Tim Kuketz and I'm a junior political science major. We deal with water usage, and things like that that relate to the environment. We didn't meet this weekend, but stick around after congress to get group me set up. We are looking to conduct projects that deal with stadium lights and recycling this coming semester.
- Ways and Means: I'm Hennessey. In my opinion, funding is one of the most important job that Congress does, and that's what my committee handles. You'll learn about it in all orientation. We did Auxiliary Funding 3 this weekend and saw 8 organizations on that. If you're in my committee, catch me after.

Liaison Reports

Reid: The Student Theater Initiative is an organization that puts on student-funded plays that are cast and directed by students. We cast "Baltimore" recently that is going up in a month. It is a wonderful play directed by a fantastic senior of ours, so be on the lookout for that.

Special Orders

o Swearing in of New Members

Motion to Move to See Bill 980107 Representative Hedgcorth seconded by Representative McClintic

Student Concerns
Old Business
Items to Be Considered

980107 – Congressional Appointment Act of Session 98 (Cassidy) (Rec of Do Pass)

Cassidy: Like I was talking about, this is the bill we interviewed you all for. We have 34 associates and I believe 12 representatives. I will also need a friendly amendment to add the Karla Bonic, the Engineering Representative to the list.

Williams: Will you accept a friendly amendment adding Karla?

Cassidy: yes.

Hedgcorth: There is a scrivener's error in section 2 and 3 which are the wrong clauses.

Cassidy: I am now aware

Hedgcorth: What is the purpose of appointing associates? And are committee meetings open to the public? Cassidy: Associates play an integral role in the legislative process. They are committee members who can vote and make motions. They also do office hours and constituent service like representatives. We want these people to get used to the legislative process because we are limited to the number of members we can have in the body. This program is an important way that people can get involved with SGA. It is often their first time, and after this, they can get further involved in SGA. I am now a committee chair after coming as an associate, so I can attest to the program's importance. Yes, all committee meetings are open to the public, but the associate program is a way people can participate in the legislative process without being representatives. Hedgcorth: Appointed representatives will be removed in November, correct?

Cassidy: yes, but they have full privileges. And associates are involved here to get involved as well. Hedgcorth: Directed to the appointed representatives: as you will be appointed members, would you be prepared to abstain from contentious legislation?

Rains-Saucedo: I would like to say that these representatives went through an intensive interview process already, so Tom can answer this one for you.

Cassidy: Members who are being appointed are voting members and can vote on all legislation. Their legitimacy should not be questions because their appointment follows procedure.

Mazeitis: legitimacy as a representative has never been questioned.

Consent

Motion to Suspend the Rules and Go Back to Special Orders: The Swearing in of New Members Representative Williams seconded by Representative Carson

980508 – Auxiliary Allocation #3 of 2017 (Chism) (Rec of Do Pass)

Representative Williams seconded by Representative Coen

Chism: This is Auxiliary funding number 3. Aux funding is a year-long process where any RSO can apply for funding up to 3 times per semester to fund events. In the spring we do primary funding, but you'll learn more about this later. We see aux on a rolling basis. We put 8 RSO's on this bill, but 9 applied. There was one that we needed more information about before we gave them funding. The allocations are as such: The OU Tennis Club requested \$500 and we funded them \$200 for membership/registration fees. The Global Intervarsity Fellowship requested \$250 for dinners and we gave them \$215. German Club asked for \$575 for food and beverage for guest speaker reception, food and beverage for the opportunities fair, German food and location reservation for their spring cookout, and food and beverage for STEM interdisciplinary event. Catalysts for a Better Future asked for \$500 and we fully them for food and beverage for tutoring times, and supplies. Chinese Language Club was fully funded with \$50 for food and beverage for the Chinese Majors Welcome Social. General Counsel was fully funded with \$250 for printing and supplies. Intervarsity Christian Fellowship: Black Campus Ministries was fully funded with \$759 for BCM Bible study carts materials, projector screen, and food, Catalyst Conference gas, and playing cards for game nights. Engineering Undergraduate Research Association got fully funded with \$550 for food and meeting as well as printing and promotion. Kappa Gamma Epsilon given \$1340 for KGE Research Day food and beverage and printing and promotion, MLL Chair's Professional Development Workshop Series food and beverage, and MLL Scholarship and Awards Ceremony rentals, certificates, and food and beverage.

Mazeitis: in general, can you explain funding criteria and how organizations are eligible?

Chism: funding is codified in the code. One important thing we look at is their fiscal history. This means that we look to see if you used all your money that we gave you. We want to save money you don't use and save

and give it to organizations that will spend all the money we give them. We also look at how many members you have and what kind of events you have. If you have small-number events, you will get less money because les students are benefitted out of the whole student body. Any RSO can apply for funding through SGA. It goes first through WAM and then through Congress and the Senate. It is signed by the SGA President as a final action.

Williams: scrivener's error on Catalysts for a Better Future. Total should be \$500.

Chism: I will need a friendly amendment for that.

Swearengin: friendly amendment changing the total to \$500?

Chism: yes.

Cassidy: there was one organization you needed to look into. Can you explain why?

Chism: Engineer's Club. We had some questions about if they are improving their fiscal history from last year. We want to have this information on Sunday to start getting them funded.

Rojas: With that money that does not get spent, what happens to the remaining?

Chism: goes back into the auxiliary account.

Grane: if there were a new organization with no history, how much would they get?

Chism: generally, we give \$500-700. It's usually not a problem because normally new organizations do not apply for much.

Al-Michael: where does the money come from?

Chism: Student activity fees. Student affairs then gives us this money to allocate out.

Williams: how much money is left?

Chism: If the bills pass, I believe \$87,472

Kalvacherla: when is the deadline for RSO funding?

Chism: no deadline for aux, as it is on a rolling basis. You can apply 3 times a semester. Primary is due the 6th Thursday of the spring semester and we do not accept late applications.

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

Ball: total funds is \$87,000. Is that just from this semester's fees, or will more be added next semester? George: the aux money is unused money from organizations from last year. If every organization uses all their money, we would not have this. This does not happen, though.

Carson: you talked about auxiliary happening 3 times. How long does it take an RSO to get the money? Chism: a lot of times they miss submitting a form, our committee doesn't meet, or meetings don't line up, etc. I think what I have said in the past is usually 3-5 weeks. I will now contact them if it will be longer.

Swearengin: Scrivener's to change \$250 to \$215 on Global Intervarsity Fellowship. \$3500 is total, but it should be \$4439. Friendly amendment modifying this?

Chism: yes

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

980603 – An Act Amending Committee Membership for Session 98 (Rains-Saucedo/Lalani/Cordova) (Rec of do Pass)

Representative Hedgcorth seconded by Representative Carson

Lalani: this is legislation placing all new associates and representatives onto their committees. I need a friendly amendment moving Julie Chen from WAM to HD. Scrivener's error under PnP, so remove the vacant chair position.

Mazeitis: friendly amendment moving Chen from WAM to HD? Lalani: yes

Consent

980604 – An Act Appointing the Problems and Projects Chair for Session 98 (Rains-Saucedo) (Rec of Do Pass)

Representative Hedgcorth seconded by Representative Mazeitis

Lalani: we did have a vacancy in the chair positions and that was for PnP. It was an application process, and between the qualified applicants, we chose our new chair: Gabi Thompson. She is awesome. Come to her with PnP questions from now on!

Rains-Saucedo: We picked off new ideas, goals, and the weight of the previous PnP chair. Please give her your full attention.

Chism: is this the same way you choose chairs in the spring?

Lalani: we do an application and interview process. For time sake and the application amount, we did not do interviews. All necessary information could be drawn from the applications

Reid: considering you're about to be the 6th highest member in Congress, when necessary, are you prepared to take over Secretary, Vice Chair, or Chair duties?

Thompson: absolutely

Owings: what are your new ideas?

Thompson: making sure the committee is following through on projects. I know we are busy, but we need a system to keep accountability. I'm creating a binder for everyone so that we can see where we leave things off and what steps we need to take. If it's not done, we can follow-up and make sure that if we need help, support, or anything, we know what needs to be done.

Williams: during your description of the process you mentioned retention; what are ideas for membership retention?

Lalani: more so committee-based. We wanted to make sure that members coming back want to come back. We want retention in all committees.

Swearengin: The binder you mentioned is more along the lines of efficiency. How does that correlate to accountability?

Thompson: it will be accessible for us to see if someone did not complete something that they were assigned, and we can talk to them to communicate openly about things we don't want miscommunicated.

Williams: you were a member of PnP last semester; do you have a record of previous projects?

Thompson: in the minutes maybe, but I do not know of any other record

Reid: PnP is a catch-all committee that receives far-fetched projects. What previous experience do you have working on projects and managing others?

Thompson: I worked for Blush and my job there was as a holiday staff trainer. When we hired new people, I made sure people were aware of holiday projects and base products. That's where the binder of goals and such came for. They helped us see who needed what help moving forward. Hopefully I can apply that experience to PnP.

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

Williams: will there be turn up for transit campaigns again this year?

Thompson: I wasn't very involved with this, but another member of ours was. If the body wants it, we can make that happen. I'm hoping to start a town hall event to have students come and discuss problems they want considered, so we stay up to date on things like this.

Carson: you mentioned parking. How do you intend on resolving this?

Thompson: I want to work with parking services to create some sort of carpool program. That means fewer cars on campus because more students per car. No one is eager to build more parking garages, but tuition keeps going up, so we want to be frugal while still getting to campus.

Consent

New Business Follow-Up Reports Items for Future Agenda

980509 - Auxiliary 4 (Chism)

980108 - Campaign time clarification act of 2017 (Mazeitis)

980109 - Election Chair Appointment

Announcements and Comments

Rains-Saucedo: Big round of applause to all of our new members! This is a very important representative job. The process to get you all was very hard and you all stood out. Take your time here with a grain of salt, but get excited! If you're confused, orientation is coming up and you can always come talk to us!

Mazeitis: I'm a liaison for the Honors Student Association. Honors Student Association is meeting tomorrow with the director and he is doing a 5:30 honors talk about how to make the most out of your college experience. He has a lot to say, plus we have pizza. It's also free.

Lalani: on liaisons, if you have an organization you want to be one for, let me know after the meeting so you make the list I have. Even if you haven't spoken to them, but you want to get involved with them through Congress, come tell me. Also, O.I.L. is a mock legislature where we go to the capital at the end of the year and take bills that could get to the state level. We are meeting at 7:30 on the Conoco 3rd floor.

Reid: like and follow our social media. Mark Cupcakes and Congress for next Thursday from 12-2pm. This is a chance for cupcakes and for students to talk to their representatives! There will be a sign up for that soon. I am also a senior drama major that graduates in December, very sad. My assistants will take over for me when I leave. Talk to me if you're interested in possibly taking over my job.

Williams: American Enterprise Institute has a forum about higher education challenges on September 7th in the Regent Auditorium in the Union.

Rains-Saucedo: L&L is after the meeting. Also, stick around to meet with your committees.

Thomas: I work in the education abroad office, and there is a study abroad fair tomorrow. The fair is on the South Oval from 10:30-2, so come out to learn more!

Crossley: Alpha Chi Omega and Kappa Sigma are having a block party from 5:30-7:30pm to raise money for veterans and domestic violence awareness. I'm selling wristbands for \$5 or it will be \$7 at the door.

Al-Michael: next week the Bethany stage will be putting on The Important of Being Earnest on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Student tickets are \$10. Part of our proceeds go towards Broadway Cares, so come out and see the show!

Carson: I am now a social media intern for a place that puts on a production on OETA on Sundays at 1:00. Follow me on social media to get information on this. Like and retweet anything you see about it on social media.

Bonic: I am part of a small dance company at OU called the Elite Dance Team. Come try out this Sunday from 10-1 if this is something that interests you!

Final Roll Call

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

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Baker, Colin	X	
Bergman, Victoria	X	
Bishop, Kimberley	X	
Buckley, Anna-Gray	X	
Carson, Haley	X also	
Carter, Christopher	abs	
Chen, Julianna	X	
Chism, Hennessey	X	
Coen, Noah	X	
Cordova, Mackenzie	X	
Curley, Nicholas	X	
Do, Khanh	X	
Ennis, Elizabeth	ex	
Grunewald, John	X	
Hedgcorth, Joseph	X	
Hoefke, Madeleine	abs	
Huff, Greyson	X	
Keefer, Braden	abs	
Klima, Alexandra	abs	
Kuketz, Timothy	X	
Lalani, Sanah	X	
Layne, Alexander	ex	
Mazeitis, Jake	X	
McClintic, Alexander	X	
Pham, Daniel	X	
Quick, Samuel	X	
Ryana, Naomee	X	
Smith, Brian	ex	
Thomas, Hailey	X	
Thompson, Gabi	X	
Williams, Dan	X	
Yawn, Jon	ex	
Present	24	
Absent	4	
Excused	4	
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Session 98	General 9/5
Al-Michael, Tasneem	X
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Baker, Colin	X
Ball, Carson	X
Bergman, Victoria	ex
Bhaktaram, Ananya	X
Bishop, Kimberley	X
Bonic, Karla	X
Bray, Matthew	X
Buckley, Anna-Gray	ex
Carson, Haley	X
Carter, Christopher	abs
Chen, Julianna	X
Chism, Hennessey	X
Coen, Noah	X
Cordova, Mackenzie	X
Curley, Nicholas	X
DeAngeli, Emma	X
Do, Khanh	X
Ennis, Elizabeth	ex
Grunewald, John	ex
Hedgcorth, Joseph	X
Hoefke, Madeleine	abs
Huff, Greyson	X
Keefer, Braden	abs
Khan, Adam	X
Klima, Alexandra	abs
Kuketz, Timothy	X
Lalani, Sanah	X
Layne, Alexander	ex
Mazeitis, Jake	X
McClintic, Alexander	X
Pham, Daniel	X
Quick, Samuel	ex
Rivera, Tyler	X
Rojas, Julio	X
Ryana, Naomee	X
Smith, Brian	ex

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Arnold, McKenna	X
Casil, Nikko	X
Crossley, Taylor	X
D'Silva, Jordan	X
Dang, Dustin	X
Degner, Cody	X
Downing, Caroline	X
Fees, Elaina	X
Gao, Ingrid	X
Gappa, Garrett	X
Grane, Kevin	X
Habilaj, Orestja	X
Hammond, Cristabell	X
Hayes, Anna	X
Holt, Richard	X
Hulin, James	X
Hutchinson, Drew	X
Kalvacherla, Vinay	X
Lane, McKenzie	X
Lee, Dib	X
Lobaugh, Rachel	X
Manohar, Kanjan	X
Marquez, Geroge	X
Mencke, Jill	X
Owings, Brian	X
Patton, Lauren	X
Scimeca, Joey	X
Stone, Ian	X
Ton, Sabrina	ex
Vanderveer, Amy	X
White, Victoria	X
Wilder, Ralph	X
Williams, Makayla	X
Wilson, Taylor	X
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Present	33
Absent	0
Excused	1

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Baker, Colin		У		
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Bonic, Karla		У		
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Carson, Haley		У		
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Smith, Brian				
Swearengin, Brandon		У		
Thomas, Hailey		У		

Thompson, Gabriela		у		
Tiger, Sophie Marie		у		
Williams, Dan		у		
Yawn, Jon				
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