

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
Session XCIX

General Body Meeting
7:00 pm, Tuesday, January 23, 2017
Devon Hall 120

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Roll Call –

Flag Salute – Representative Kuketz

Approval of Minutes

Representative Chism seconded by Representative Holt

OI Hedgecorth: what minutes did we have to approve?

Chair: the minutes from our last meeting back in November.

Chair's Report- welcome back everyone! We have nothing on the agenda for tonight, so it should be a pretty quick meeting. We have a lot of legislation and things to discuss in the coming weeks, though, so be ready for that. But, I'm hoping we can get you all out early tonight. I have a couple of updates for you all. First, we have an open seat on Exec because Chair Ali Klima graduated in December, but she is still around, so tell her congrats if you see her! That does mean that applications are open for HD Chair. Applications are out now until Friday and we will be holding interviews for that this Sunday. If you're interested, come talk to us!

Another thing, a lot of people have been saying they want to switch committees, so please make sure to email me if that is the case for you. Until you are reassigned, you will still need to follow up with your current committee, though. Lastly, applications for Congress are open now, so tell people to apply because we want a really great new class. My updated office hours are Tuesday and Thursday basically all day. On Sunday before your committee meetings, I'm also usually here. Come talk to me if you have any legislation or project ideas!

Vice Chair's Report- hey guys. One big thing coming up is Orientation which is on February 3rd from 12-6 pm in the Conoco with dinner afterwards. It's normally a day-long event, so if you need to take off for work or other circumstances, please be on top of that because it is mandatory for representatives, associates, and everyone in Congress. We will learn all about congress and how it all works, and then go to dinner to bond with each other afterwards. If you can't make it, you can email me at congressvc@ou.edu to let me know, and that way I can let Secretary Cordova know. There will be a committee meeting on that day, and that will count for attendance, so be aware of that. Another thing, liaisons have been carried over from last semester. We will be sending out an email with updated budget information to all current liaisons soon that you can give to your organizations. We're also revamping the liaison program this semester. I've spoken to Exec about it, but if you have any ideas, please let me know through email or during office hours. If you have ideas or just want to chat, let me know and we can work on those.

Secretary's Report- hi guys, I have a couple of things. First, you do have a constituent service and officer hour, but it's really only for February and you don't have one for January. However, you can get a start on both of those now and they'll count for February. Outside Sanah's and my office there are flyers that have our graphic advertising for Congress applications. If you put 3 of those up around campus and fill out the

Orgsync form, that will count as an hour. Another opportunity is that EA is meeting tomorrow from 11-1 in the Conoco to call legislators in regards to Higher Education Day. And lastly, please let me know by Tuesdays at 4pm if you will not make it to a Congress meeting or if you need to leave early. That's when my office hours end, and during those times is when I'm really on top of responding to you about your absences. So just try for 4 pm on Tuesdays, and we can work on extenuating circumstances of course. I don't remember my official office hours off the top of my head right now, but I do have them tomorrow from 11-12 and then from like 2:30 to 4 ish.

Committee Reports-

- **Academic Affairs:** *vacant*
- **Communications:** hey everyone. Right now, we are just advertising for events happening and applications that are out. We are planning several events this semester which I will be touch about.
- **Congressional Administration:** Like Kaylee mentioned, applications are out and we have a few open representative seats, and we are trying to fill the associate class. Applications are due this Friday by 5 pm and we're doing interviews this Sunday for those positions, and appointing the new class next week. We are also going over a committee bill that we saw this week, and will see the final version of again next week. We're also finishing up the Bylaws and working on election reform. I'm excited for a great semester!
- **External Affairs:** EA has some exciting stuff planned. Most important thing is that tomorrow from 11-1 we have a group in the Conoco contacting legislators. We really need to contact a lot of them for Higher Education Day because that is coming up on February 13. Applications for that will go out tomorrow and close at the end of January. On that day we all go to the Capital to lobby for higher education and show why it matters. EA will also be doing several voter registration drives this semester. And, we're talking about university north park plans and doing some resolutions on that.
- **Human Diversity:** *vacant*
- **Problems and Projects:** I'm very excited to be back! We have the suggestion box up and running, which the OU Daily wrote a great article about. Some specific concerns address the state of Dale Hall and a union computer lab that is closing. Some bigger projects we have are working with parking services and getting students in the know about that as well as keeping the light walks up, and staying on top of facilities. Reach out if you have problems or projects.
- **Sustainability:** our first meeting is this week and I'm excited to be back. Some things we are looking at are trying to screen Wall-E for students because that is more enticing than a sustainability documentary. Just nice sustainability stuff that might entice more people. One thing is that I talked with my Vice Chair about joining up with Green Week for a project during that week. I look forward to discussing more things with my committee. Also, if you're in sustainability, hang after this meeting to talk.
- **Ways and Means:** Primary is coming up, so if you are a member of an organization, reach out to them to let them know applications are out from February 1st through the 22nd. I would love to help anyone out, so please let me know if you have any questions. You should all be knowledgeable about primary, and if you aren't, please come to me to talk. I love the budget. There's also a doodle poll going out for shadowing the budget chair so that someone wants to do this at the end of the semester, and you can sign up for 30-minute time slots during my office hours. There's a lot of things I do that you all don't get to see, so if you're interested, please take a look at that. WAM has 26 applications to see on Sunday because lots of people applied for auxiliary funding over break. So, be on the lookout for those next week. My office hours this semester are MWF 10-12:45, but I am really flexible. I want to make sure everyone is getting in auxiliary and primary on time, so let me know if you or anyone has questions. Also, if you have suggestions for the budget presentation for Orientation, especially if you think there should be any changes, I would love to hear those suggestions. Last thing, in February we will have primary posters to pass out for constituent service. I would love to have your help with those. As always, if you need anything, feel free to hit me up because I would love to talk with you guys!

Liaison Reports

Special Orders

Student Concerns

Hedgecorth: I'm concerned about the computer lab being canceled. What is that?

Rains-Saucedo: there's a computer lab closing in the union which we are looking into.

Thompson: I'm working with Jake Mazeitis to figure all of that out.

Mazeitis: we just got an email from OUIT that said it's closing. I know the student experience coordinator for OUIT, so I will reach out to them about that. This is a vital space for successful academic accomplishment, so we will definitely look into it.

Fees: It's because we are making WEPA printers the primary printing outlets on campus, so there will be no more printers outside of that.

Rojas: I have a few friends here on scholarships that get money for printing, but now that it's changed to WEPA, they just want me to ask why are they changing it?

Thompson: I'm not sure, but we are looking into it.

Chism: I'm really concerned because Nick Hazelrigg is leaving and wasn't going to tell anyone!!!!

Nick: I just wanted to introduce Grace Mitchell, the new SGA reporter. It has been a lot of fun, and please reach out to me anytime. I'm concerned that all of you should remember the importance of a free press.

Old Business

Items to Be Considered

New Business

Follow-Up Reports

Williams: this is the last DeBarr update from me. On January 4th the street signs were removed.

Items for Future Agenda

990108 – An Act Restructuring Committees (Cassidy) → ConAd and Executive Committee

990109 – An Act Appointing Associates and Representatives for Session 99 (Cassidy) → ConAd

990401 – A Resolution Addressing Oklahoma Higher Education (McClintic) → EA

990502 – Auxiliary Funding 13 (Chism) → WAM

990304 – A Resolution Regarding Lloyd Noble Center (Fees) → PnP

OI Ata: how many representative and associate positions do we have available?

Cassidy: 7 seats and about 20-25 associate positions.

990903 – A Resolution Reaffirming Commitment to Tolerance and Diversity (Waddell) → HD

Announcements and Comments

Rains-Saucedo: stick around to talk with committees after this meeting.

Mazeitis: 1. I have decided to make an L&L schedule. 2. There is an event called "Juvenile Justice" starting at 5:30 tomorrow. 3. If you are interested, you have all been nominated for Crimson Club, so apply for that when you see the application. 4. Watch party in CCD 101 for the premier of Rupaul's Drag Race. 5. Next L&L is at the Mont because it is my 21st.

Williams: recently I was appointed Secretary of OSGA. We have a conference at Langston University where we will hold a formal spring congress. We will give legislation from that to officials regarding higher education. Registration opens in February and the event itself is at the end of that month.

Chism: I just want to express that primary is important. Come to me with questions if you have any. I really love the budget.

Rains-Saucedo: that is one of our most important jobs as congress, to give money to all student organizations. Take up her offer to meet!

Mazeitis: CASH is out and there is a lot of money to be had. Just apply for stuff!

Fees: dates for primary?

Chism: opens February 1st and it is due Feb 22nd at 11:59 pm, WHICH IS A THURSDAY NOT A FRIDAY.

Auxiliary funding is a rolling basis that organizations can apply up to 3 times for per semester, and primary happens in February and is intended to cover you for the entire next school year. Those that apply will have funding from August 2018-May 2019. You should apply for anything you know your group is going to have. For example, if you always have a Christmas banquet, apply for it during Primary. That is really big for all of those things that always happen in your organization. We are also not excepting late applications.

McClintic: meeting from 11-1 tomorrow to call legislators.

Motion to skip final roll call and adjourn
Secretary Cordova seconded by Representative Mazeitis

Final Roll Call

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

Session 99	General 1/23
Al-Michael, Tasneem	x
Ata, Muneeb	x
Ball, Carson	ex
Behera, Pranoy	abs
Bhaktaram, Ananya	x
Bishop, Kimberely	x
Bonic, Karla	x
Bray, Matthew	x
Cassidy, Thomas	x
Chen, Julianna	x
Chism, Hennessey	x
Coen, Noah	x
Cordova, Mackenzie	x
DeAngeli, Emma	ex
Fees, Elaina	x
Hedgcorth, Joseph	x
Hoefke, Madeleine	x
Holt, Richard	x
Huff, Greyson	abs
Kalvacherla, Vinay	x
Keefer, Braden	x
Khan, Adam	x
Liu, Shihui	x
Lobaugh, Rachel	x
Mazeitis, Jake	x
McClintic, Alexander	x
Manohar, Kanjan	ex
Rojas, Julio	x
Ryana, Naomee	x
Smith, Brian	abs

Swearengin, Brandon	x
Thomas, Hailey	abs
Thompson, Gabi	x
Waddell, Turner	x
Williams, Dan	x
Wilson, Taylor	x
Present	29
Absent	4
Excused	3