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Roll Call

Flag Salute – Al-Michael

Approval of Minutes

Representative Bishop seconded by Representative Behara

Chair's Report: Hi guys, hope you're all doing well. Please come up and get food at any time, and give thanks to your wonderful Vice Chair for getting it for us! I just wanted to remind you that this is our second to last meeting for the semester. We also will not meet next week because of Thanksgiving. Also, your last committee meeting is this Sunday. Keep that on your mind. The last meeting of the semester will be November 28th here in Devon. Other things I wanted to let you all know about is that we have votes of no confidence tonight for myself, Sanah, and Mackenzie. I will explain what that looks like in Special Orders. Also, in case you didn't notice, we have the OSU Senate here tonight with us. I'll let them introduce themselves. If you're interested, talk to them about how they run the Senate at OSU since it is different than ours. I'm excited to get this started!

Vice Chair's Report: Hi guys! Just a reminder to keep coming and getting food. Someone will have to take it all home at the end of the day, so come eat. I also emailed out a session 98 survey to all of you. If you participated in that session, please fill that out, so we can take your comments into this new session. It would be really helpful for exec and getting ready for this Session 99. There is a comment section, so please write out any questions that you may have in addition to the ones we've outlined. If you're a new liaison that didn't get the funding checklist I emailed out, let me know and I can send that to you. The RSO deadline dates are also coming, so keep that in mind!

Secretary's Report: Hi all! Thank you to OSU for coming to visit Congress; we are so excited to have you here! I wanted to let you all know that in order to keep us all more accountable for attendance, I am going to start holding you all to a one-hour deadline before the meeting to let me know if you won't be attending. I know this is different, but I'm hoping it will help! Also, we noticed that in the agenda that was sent out, the bill numbers all say "980" instead of "990." Those have been changed in the printed agendas and on the screen, and will be reflected correctly in the minutes. Thanks, guys.

Committee Reports:

- Academic Affairs: AA met this week, but I was not able to attend, so Vice Chair Lalani stepped in. We reallocated some projects based on new members and are moving along.
- Communications: we have finally figured out the fleece pullover situation. They are going to be \$30 plus tax and that ordering link will be open for about 2 weeks. We are going to try and have those in before you all leave for winter break. If any of you are going to leave before the 11th, let me know.

Other than that, Cocoa, Cookies, and Congress is next week and the doodle poll link to sign up will be sent out in the GroupMe. It's 11-3pm on November 27th. New members, let me know if you're not in the congress GroupMe, so that I can add you.

- Congressional Administration: we had a great meeting this past Sunday. We saw 2 Code rewrite bills. The Title III bill got a rec of do pass. The Title IX repeal act also got a rec of do pass. We also discussed appointments, which is one of ConAd's major jobs. Based on previously passed legislation, we now fill open representative seats on a rolling basis. There are currently 7 open seats in various districts. Those applications are opening tonight or tomorrow morning on our Orgsync page, so check those out. If you know anyone in those vacant districts, let them know to apply! In the first weeks of next semester, the associates and additional open seats will have an application process open again. Other than that, Title II is being seen this weekend in committee, and it is the last of the code rewrite.
- External Affairs: our committee met Sunday at 3pm on the 2nd floor. You're all welcome to come tho those. We saw the OU Loves Norman Day resolution which got a rec of do pass. I'll be proposing an amended version of that tonight after talking with JD and the Department of Exterior. Furthermore, we are presenting the recycling initiative. That means bringing more off-campus recycling to Pan and IFC. Also, there is a Panel that EA and Econ club have put together tomorrow on Tax Increment Financing. TIFs are a huge deal in Norman with the plans relating to the University North Park development that incorporate TIFs. That panel is tomorrow at 6pm in Adams Hall. There is a lot to learn and panelists include council members, development members, economics department members, and attorneys. I also have a quick pitch for you guys. Anyone who wants to learn about where your money goes can get those questions answered at the panel!
- Human Diversity: I'm standing in today for HD. We saw the Mental Health resolution and we gave that a rec of do pass. I encourage you guys to ask good questions tonight about that and get to know the bill. We're still working on the international thanksgiving and are hoping to do that the Tuesday after thanksgiving.
- Problems and Projects: We sent out our suggestion box and it's been great. We've gotten lots of new ideas from students. We are full of projects for next semester and are planning those out. We've already started brainstorming the best way to tackle those. Also, we have a walk at 6pm tomorrow night where we will be walking south campus. We want our students to be safe! We appreciate you all coming to help us investigate the lighting. If you have any student concerns you want heard, or if anyone you know has one, please direct them to the suggestion box where I will respond to them within 3 days.
- Sustainability: on Sunday we met at 3pm and discussed new ideas. Hoping after thanksgiving we will have the energy usage flyer to distribute. On Wednesday I met with George and the SEC and one of the things we want to do next semester is screen a documentary on sustainability. If my committee could meet after this meeting, that would be great. Also, the agendas are long tonight so recycle them when you're done!
- Ways and Means: we didn't meet this past week. But I have an important announcement! Auxiliary funding applications are due THIS FRIDAY. If you're a part of an organization, keep that in mind. Reimbursement requests are also due December 8th. As always if you have questions, let me know.

Liaison Reports

Special Orders

OI Chair: votes of no confidence happen at the 2nd meeting of each odd numbered session. It is a time when you can ask the three of us questions about our jobs in Congress. The Chair will go first, then the Vice Chair, then the Secretary. The process is 10 minutes of questions by the body, 10 minutes of debate, and then you can decide if we will stay or go. All non-essential personnel will have to go during this since we will technically be in executive session. Unfortunately, that does mean that our OSU friends will have to step out as well. A roll call vote will be called at the end of debate. If you vote "yes" you are NOT confident in that officer's ability and voting "no" means you want them to stay. That's the process, and we will do that 3 times. After that, we will be done with the executive session.

OI Scimeca: do associates have voting privileges?

Chair: no, they have to leave the room along with everyone that is not a representative.

OI Rojas: what happens if they the officer is removed?

Chair: if the vote passes, the officer immediately steps down and nominations will open right then for the position. There would be a time for nominations and then the next meeting we would hold elections for that position.

OI Fees: how many votes does that take?

Chair: a majority.

OI Swearingin: where in the code is the portion about this?

Chair: it's in the bylaws which can be found on the website.

OI Williams: will the votes eventually be made public?

Chair: yes, they will also be published in the minutes.

OI Quick: when did we do this last?

Chair: 2 years ago. We did not do it last year.

OI Hedgcorth: isn't the session a semester effectively?

Chair: yes

OI Swearingin: if it's held every odd numbered session, why wasn't it held last fall?

Chair: we forgot

- o Executive Session
 - Votes of No Confidence
 - o Chair
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 - o Secretary

Student Concerns

Old Business

Items to Be Considered

990102 – Title III Reorganization Act of 2017 (Rains-Saucedo/Cordova/Cassidy/Williams) (ConAd – red of do pass)

Motion to see 990102 and suspend the rules to have 10 minutes of authors explanation

Representative Bishop seconded by Representative Behara

motion carries

Cassidy: this is our Title III Code rewrite bill. It is the most extensive bill of this project. I've worked closely with the Chair Rains-Saucedo, Representative Williams, and Secretary Cordova to get this to you all tonight. One of the things we did were make stylistic changes where every mention of "student President" was struck and is not "SGA President". Also, every instance of his, her, etc. was changed to they, them, etc. On the first page, you'll see that we struck how to fill the Vice President office should they resign. We struck out Section b, in the Inauguration section because it is not necessary here. In Section 6, the major changes were stylistic like indentations, and things just to make this section stylistically like the other sections of the Code.

Additionally, we struck the section about the Vice President being the executive director because it could get confused with other parts of the Code. We left that section with their actual duties. We also struck every mention of "offices" throughout this because it was unnecessary to add things that are created, but then abandoned. Those offices could just be under the power of the departments to create those as they see fit.

We struck out the section about departments because we've moved that to be in the cabinet chapter. We also struck the office and chapter part. In this bottom part of the 3rd page, we clarified that the president can only remove "at-will" people in their departments/cabinet. Onto the next page, Section 7 was moved to Title I, so we struck it here. Moving to Chapter 2, the major changes were stylistic, but in Section b we struck the mention about the Summer Legislative Council because they don't meet anymore. Under Section 9, Duties, we created 2 new section about budget submission, which is the duty of the president on behalf the Executive Branch, including all boards, committees, and commissions found in Title X. We added it because it wasn't outlined anywhere else. We also added Section f about the President chairing weekly SGA leadership meetings and we wanted that duty to be clear. Finally, we changed the last lines of the chapter because the

Code and Constitution operate in a limited manor about the President receiving other stipends. A long time ago, General Counsel said that they could hold other jobs so long as they submit those to General Counsel for approval. Rather than dig through those old opinions, we wanted to clearly list that. In Chapter 3, major things that were added was the General Counsel approval of the Vice President holding another job again and we added Section 17 because there were no previous duties assigned, but the Vice President does actually have things to do. Mainly, it is to advise Sooner Freshman Council, but they do other things as well. In Section 4, we strike General Council because we moved to Title IV. In Section 5, which is the executive office of the president, we made some changes. The main things we did were clarified jobs of taskforces, and we clarified in Section 27, subsection e, that those taskforces are responsible for upholding the Oklahoma Open Meetings Act. Onto the next, we struck out the individual cabinet chapters and moved them to Section 7, and created a single chapter for all the Cabinet. It's much easier to see all of those and their duties now. It also makes it easier to amend when new administrations come in and wants to make changes. As for the text that is here, we took that from Chapter 1 of Title III and added some to clarify. Under Departments, we took the purpose previously listed, and added on with a little more about offices. No changes about what those departments do, however. Onto Section 8, Sooner Freshman Council, we made this Chapter 6 now and clarified that the Co-Chairs report to Vice President and struck mentions of HCSA because SFC doesn't do anything with them anymore. They don't program with them now. They can, but are not required to. In Section 62, subsection f, where it talks about if the Vice President wants to remove co-chairs, they need approval of the Legislative Branch. Not a 2/3 majority, but we still wanted Legislative input. We also struck the section about Power and Authority because it was inherent. Finally, in Section 9 we struck the part about CORE and Academic Affairs. We ran this by Yaseen and J.D. and they approved. As with the other bills, this will go into effect in January 1, 2018.

George: what was your reasoning for taking out Section 3 of the bill where you talk about vacancy of the Vice President's office?

Cassidy: because in Title I there are already provisions about what to do about high offices and we felt that to be sufficient.

George: that's language from the Constitution is it not?

Cassidy: all the things here are clarified in Title I and don't contradict.

Chism: when reading the Provisions section about the President and Vice President holding other jobs, I was under the impression that they couldn't hold other jobs at all. Could you clarify?

Cassidy: the current language says they can't hold any other jobs. However, General Council said that if they approve it and find no conflict of interest, then they are allowed to hold other jobs. So we took that opinion language and put it into this bill. We are just clarifying the General Council opinion.

Chism: what would be conflicts of interest?

Cassidy: I could imagine maybe working for SORO, as Webmaster, in Student Affairs, or something else. Anything really that SGA has oversight over.

Consent – Representative Behara

This bill passed by unanimous consent

990103 – Title IX Repeal Act of 2017 (Rains-Saucedo/Cassidy) (ConAd – rec of do pass)

Representative Mazeitis seconded by Representative Ryana

Cassidy: this is the ultimate code rewrite bill. Ultimately, it repeals Title IX. Title IX is where SGA asserts the power to set parking costs on campus, which is a power we do not have, although we might want to. For example, this summer when parking services decided to charge for Lloyd Noble parking, DBo rejected it, but SGA had no power over that decision. It was going to be replaced with the Student Activity Fee allocation, but after discussion, we are going to put that in Title I- General Provisions. Title IX will be repealed. We also added a Section 4 which lists all the new title numbers since we have repealed 2 titles and need to renumber. We've put the new numbers on previous bills, but we wanted a single list for General Council to use when they renumber. This will also go into effect January 1, 2018.

Chism: if we didn't pass this and a fit was thrown about controlling parking prices, would they give us parking power?

Cassidy: I don't see the Regents giving us that power over that.

Hedgorth: if this was in the Code, but we were denied this, why was it in there in the first place?

Cassidy: I am not informed as to whether or not we ever had the power to control parking prices.

George: there was never a collaboration from what I understand. I would have to look back on the bill, and would be happy to share with you later.

Cassidy: I don't think we have really ever had that power. Right now, we cannot define those.

Consent

Objection – Representative Hedgorth

This bill passed by a roll call vote of 31-1-0

990301 – A Resolution Announcing OU Loves Norman Day SGA Initiative (McClintic) (EA – rec of do pass)

Secretary Cordova seconded by Representative Williams

McClintic: this resolution was passed by the EA committee with a rec of do pass. OU Loves Norman Day is an initiative started in the Department of the Exterior and is a day wherever students can show extra appreciation towards Norman. Before I continue, I will recognize that J.D. Baker who will pass along an amended version of this bill. These have proposed amendments in them, and I hope someone will motion to make those. OULN Day is an initiative to connect OU students more with the town of Norman, whether it be through increased business activity, civic engagement, etc. There are many reasonings behind this bill. First off, there has been tension between OU and the Norman community. This is also an opportunity to show appreciation to Norman and for Norman to see that OU students care.

Baker: the whole purpose is to let them know that we care. There will be a kickoff event this Thursday from 11-1 pm in the Union Courtyard.

OI Swearingin: have those amendments been distributed?

Rains-Saucedo: yes.

Mazzeitis: are you aware that there is a scrivener's error under the 3rd to last clause. There should be no comma.

McClintic: we are now aware.

Chism: I love Norman, and others do too. Seeing as OU is an economic statement of Norman and we provide them with business and other things, why are we not having Norman Loves OU Day?

Baker: our focus here is to represent the OU students and let Norman know that we appreciate them. There are people in Norman who do not have the best idea of OU and have hostility towards the university. We are trying to let them know that we love OU and are contributing productive members, but that we also love Norman.

Quick: will you accept all of the friendly amendments?

McClintic: yes

OI Fees: how could the specific language of the amendments be read?

Rains-Saucedo: we can have the Secretary read the entirety of the bill, if you would like that.

OI McClintic: I can say why they were made if someone asks me in a question.

Rains-Saucedo: so this amended resolution will be given to City Council?

McClintic: Yes

Rains-Saucedo: are you aware that there are scrivener's errors throughout the bill?

McClintic: we would love to go over those and get them all fixed.

OI Swearingin: in Section 2, "city" needs to be capitalized

OI Chism: should we refer this back to committee since it is being changed so much?

Rains-Saucedo: scrivener's errors do not change the intent, only the grammar. I don't think it necessary if we catch them, but it is of course up to body.

Mazeitis: this resolution is effectively not the resolution seen in committee, so are you open to sending it back?

McClintic: the resolution that we passed, the intent was not changed at all from that. We have shifted some whereas clauses around, but I will explain the amendments to you all. This is because upon this passing out of committee, we did have further discussions with the author. We wanted there to be correct and more in-depth intent.

OI Bhaktaram: are you aware that the legislation is proposing OU Loves Norman Day be this Thursday?

Rains-Saucedo: the Chair is now aware.

OI Rojas: is the chair aware of the scrivener's error on the date of the bill?

Rains-Saucedo: yes

OI Cordova: is that a Scriver's error on the original legislation or the new version?

Rains-Saucedo: on the newly amended version.

Ball: do you not think that events like the Big Event and others put on by OU are essentially the same thing as this if not more appreciative?

McClintic: in Section 2, OULN Day is the kickoff for the whole initiative where we encourage students to take a more active role throughout Norman. I am for this bill because it is in line with my beliefs about students improving the Norman relationship.

Bishop: I know that the day is this Thursday, but did you not consider doing this previously because we are seeing a different bill now? By that I mean making the bill about the initiative instead of day?

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

OI Swearengin: what names are on the list?

Rains-Saucedo: (list of names is read)

Baker: it still is the same intent as we had before. We are proclaiming this the day to celebrate Norman and start the whole initiative. We should participate in the Norman community.

Bishop: we just failed a resolution because we didn't want to funnel business to businesses. What do you think the difference is between us failing that versus this bill that encourages us to get involved with Norman businesses?

McClintic: this resolution encompasses the initiative and encourages civic engagement and appreciation. All the ideas are stated in Section 2 and 3. The difference is that this is broader and encompasses civic engagement

OC Bishop: would you be in favor of taking out supporting local businesses?

Baker: no. We are not calling out specific business, but rather, encouraging engagement.

McClintic: many students have jobs in local businesses, and there is a lot of synergy between those businesses and students

Swearengin: referring to Section 2, what specifically has Norman done to warrant my appreciation when they can't even seem to finish construction on the roads?

Baker: the thing about the roads and things shows that they are trying to improve the place we live. Norman is our home for 4 years. We need to recognize that the work the City Council sees and that we get to work alongside them with it. We shouldn't be us vs. them, we should come together and appreciate the relationship

McClintic: I would say that they have the bike lanes which makes it easier for students to commute, they have increased recycling, and beyond that, the City of Norman helps advertise local events from students like the Art Walk. We want to recognize what they have done and appreciate them to improve the relationship we have.

Chism: does this event need the consent of Congress in order to have it?

Baker: no, but it would be appreciated. The intent is to be presented to the city of Norman.

Motion to extend time for questions to the end of the list
Representative Ball seconded by Representative Al-Michael

Ball: this resolution essentially says we support Norman, but does not call for us to do anything or organize any events, but only encourages them?

Baker: what is the OU Loves Norman Initiative? Eat, shop, and buy local. We have launched a webpage about this whole thing. We want students to get involved with the initiative and rethink their engagement in the Norman community.

McClintic: the whole day is a kickoff day for the initiative. This resolution, which is concurrent, is to show that there is SGA support for increased appreciation.

OI Ball: if this needs to be seen in GSS, yet the event is on Thursday, how would the event happen before GSS sees the bill?

Rains-Saucedo: that's the first time they'll see, so not before the day.

Motion to refer this bill back to committee

Representative Mazeitis seconded by Representative Chism

OI Quick: if nobody objects, does this bill get sent back to committee?

Rains-Saucedo: yes

This bill was sent back to the External Affairs committee

990303 – A Resolution to Assist in Bringing Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Awareness (Rains-Saucedo) (HD – rec of do pass)

Representative Ball seconded by Representative Al-Michael

Rains-Saucedo: This is a resolution that we have passed in the OSU senate about mental health. I will let Holland Gray talk about the bill itself.

Holland: I'm very excited to be here. I have personally been working on this since June. I had originally planned on giving a 10-minute speech as I did at OSU, but given that you have a lot to do tonight, I'll keep it short. I will be releasing the whole speech should you like to see it, however. My purpose behind this, as I have said to OSU, is that even though on game day we are a house divided, we unite over this issue. Over something as serious mental health and suicide awareness, mental health does not choose a side. We want this Congress and Senate to stand up together and be a house united and look into being an inclusive environment. Considering that we think we are very different, I would like to point out that we are in fact also very similar. The PSA we talk about in the legislation was approved on a marketing department at OSU, and we want to try and denounce the counseling stigma and provide unity between us. We also want to declare our unity of schools to create more communication between us. I'll send the video of the original speech as it is more detailed and has many more statistics for you all.

Williams: I understand that this is going to be passed to go to the capital for Big XII On the Hill? Why?

Rains-Saucedo: all these big pieces of legislation that the student are concerned about and have lots of research behind them, go to Big XII with us so that our legislators can see that an entire body wants them to address these issues. We want to give them to legislators

Behara: what was the motivation behind this? Was it a singular event that inspired it or was it from talking to people?

Holland: the speech at OSU was in depth, but last semester I dealt with suicide and depression. It wasn't a matter of how, but when. Ultimately, I realized that I had a purpose and that I needed to help others with similar issues. That's my drive behind this bill. I spoke to others on both campuses about this, and both our campuses are more distressed than ever before. Whether that be from past events or tragedies, that is the case. In my position, I realized that I was not the only one going through this.

Bishop: are you accepting co-sponsors?

Rains-Saucedo/Holland: yes

Mazeitis: why did we just include Brynn?

Rains-Saucedo: their equivalent at OSU was Brynn. I've talked to her, so she knows all about it.

Rojas: are you aware about the scribes on my last name?

Rains-Saucedo: it will be changed.

Williams: since you said you're bringing this resolution to Big XII with you, would you be willing to also bring them to the Oklahoma state-wide conference?

Rains-Saucedo: I don't participate in OSGA, but OSU does, so that sounds good with me.

Swearingin: it is also possible for this to go before the Oklahoma state legislature?

Rains-Saucedo: like for Higher Education Day, we could take this. However, I don't want to add any copies to be sent because I don't feel it necessary to specify only a select few legislators as opposed to all of them.

Al-Michael: this resolution is a great idea, however, aside from this, are we looking into partnering with mental health organizations on campus to make concrete change as the state is not funding mental health agencies much anymore?

Motion to extend time for questions by 5 minutes

Representative Chism seconded by Representative Behara

Rains-Saucedo: our big thing would be getting the PSA done. Outside of that at OU, there is OU's Mental Health Stick it to Stigma Week. That encourages students in trying times and gives campus resources. I'd like to keep promoting that. I would also like to work with SGA Communications Chairs and make sure that they know that mental health should be part of all our platforms. We've talked about what we can do. Outside of increasing funding, there is not much we can do to improve Goddard systems.

Holland: I encourage all of that. This is also to define unity and call for transparency. Along with this resolution passed at OSU and another that brings suicide prevention training once a semester, we are calling out members of student organizations to participate in this. It also called for a PSA at OSU and I hope you all will do that as well.

Fees: aware of scribe's in Section 1?

Holland: I meant stigma, but I sent the wrong copy.

Coen: on an issue as big as this, would you like to say the speech?

Rains-Saucedo: it is up to Holland if he is comfortable.

Holland: I'd be more than willing, but I realized that you all had a lot of work to do and we don't want to be an inconvenience.

Waddell: in Section 2 it mentions that the PSA would be made up of resilient representative in that broadcast. Who would those be?

Rains-Saucedo: I think that for OU I would rather have people who have a history with mental health. I'm not sure what all OSU is thinking.

Motion to extend time for question to the end of the list

Representative Fees seconded by Representative Al-Michael

Hollands: on Wednesday, a committee will be formed to figure this out. My intentions were to have people who have prior experience dealing with the toxic effects of poisonous mental health. It is for people who are trying to give hope to students who need that help. That's why I chose that wording.

Williams: would you be in favor of giving your speech?

Holland: yes. It is somewhat intense, but it gets across everything that I wanted everyone to hear. After months of hard work, I am proud to present these resolutions to address these issues. I will explain why these are important to me and why they are needed. As some here know, this past spring semester I lost my will to live. I'd struggled with depression and suicide for a while, and every time it revisited, it came back worse and more harmful. It began in middle school where I was severely bullied and outcast for being different. I had no friends and depression poisoned my mind. In 8th grade I realized why I was different. I tried to push down those beliefs about myself and thought of them as wrong. And, I decided that I did not want to be treated like that again. One of the ways I coped was by believing that I was better than everyone around. I held my chin higher than everyone, and I was not a good person. In High school, I struggled to be happy. I attributed my

feelings to being a “phase”. But, I could not space the “phase” and the hated idea of that became my hatred. In junior year, my phase became real. That was when suicide entered my mind. I believed that what I felt was wrong and I was fated for doom. Numerous incidents came in the future that only worsened my mental health. I tried to fix myself, but all efforts failed. I slipped into a dark world. It became normal to fantasize on ways to leave this world. In the spring semester of this year, I began to think that I couldn’t “fix” myself. I had nightmares and fantasized on how to kill myself. I saw multiple paths that showed me that I thought I would be alone forever, defying my beliefs, and that I was wrong to choose certain other paths. Knowing this, I locked all my sharp objects and medications away, and told my friends under no circumstances were they to let me have them. I thought that this would work, but my relationships and grades suffered. I did not tell anyone that I was suicidal, but to many that knew me, they knew something was wrong. Soon, I felt the last bit of will to live and I decided to leave this world. That night, I remembered that I had the small blade I used to shave. I laid down on my floor and opened the window. The only light in my room was the lightning outside. It was then that I began dragging the blade across my wrists. However, it finally occurred to me that my sister would graduate high school in 3 days. How could I have my funeral on that same day as her graduation? Thinking that, I stood up and went to bed. Summer came and the distress followed me. But, to my surprise, someone entered my life and disproved me. They saved me, and I learned that love was real and happiness was as well. It wasn’t until a dream that I had where I accepted myself as a human being, that I decided to fight for those that could not defend themselves. In that dream, I saw myself standing over myself on that floor. I saw my body and I awoke in tears. I did not understand at first why I had had that dream, until it finally hit me and I realized that my dream showed me what could have been. It was that day that I began my work on these resolutions and found my purpose. If the beginning of this disturbs you, then it will disturb you even more to learn that this is only my story. Others’ are far more severe. Some of which are right here at OU or in this room. If my story does not convince you, I will give you some numbers from OSU. In the fall of 2016, of the sample of 1800, 2% said yes to considering suicide in the past 2 weeks or within the last 30 days. That is 36 students. In a population of 20,000 people, that is 400 students that said they had considered suicide. We are not even examining others that have answered yes in timelines beyond those. When asking if they attempted suicide, .2% said yes within the last 2 weeks and .3% said yes within the past 30 days. That’s 8 members that had attempted suicide within this survey timeline. In a population of 20,000, you get 40 students that had attempted suicide in our student body alone. These statistics presented here are practically the same as the national surveys. This is not an OSU or OU or even a Big XII issue, this is a national issue. We can start here on our campuses. Students are more vulnerable than ever. We need to do what we can to not discriminate and realize that mental health affects everyone. Look into the faces of those in Congress. You don’t know their story, but you now know that there is more than meets the eye. They may be struggling as well. People need our care and representation. Find a place in your heart to take a stance against this problem as a house united. And always remember that even though we are here for education, the most precious thing is the life that we share.

Consent – Representative Cassidy

This bill passed by unanimous consent

New Business

Follow-Up Reports

Kalvacherla: can we move to the previous category (new business)?

Rains-Saucedo: we are not in line for that because there is nothing to be seen in New Business.

OI Kalvacherla: where do we propose new bills?

Rains-Saucedo: Items for Future Agenda

Williams: here is your DeBarr update. Last week on the 8th there was the oversight committee meeting. I went along with several others. There have been 2 new policies outlined regarding street naming policy. In regards to DeBarr itself, we have been given an official timeline. Based on new processes I fully believe they will pass,

DeBarr will restart but we are reassured to that there will be a change in the name in early March. No word yet on the exact name, yet. I will keep you all posted.

Items for Future Agenda

990201 – A Resolution Urging Academic Departments to Re-Evaluate IB Credits (Kalvacherla) → AA

OI Chism: did I already get an aux bill number from you?

Rains-Saucedo: yes, it is 990501

Announcements and Comments

Al-Michael: Fine Arts Diversity Council has the Henderson talk this Friday in the Fine Arts Center at 5 pm. We partnered with HD, BSA, and the Department of Inclusivity. There will be free food and a discussion about diversity in the arts to follow.

Kalvacherla: this Thursday at 6:30 the Honors College has a game night. The first “x” number of people will get stress balls.

Coen: applications are still open for the College of International Studies Diversity Student Advisory Committee. Let me know if you have questions or need that link.

Swearengin: I hope you voted in the special elections today. For the City of Norman, Proposition 1 passed, and if you are a Tulsa voter, all of those passed. Check out others on the website.

Mazeitis: this Friday, UPB has a Broadway trivia night. Please go in my place so that you can win tickets to a show for me.

Holt: I’m making this announcement just because this is the last meeting for a while, but pullovers will be out tomorrow and orders will close soon. I’ll post the link in the GroupMe to order. Also, we have a Facebook event up for the TIFs panel, and you should RSVP to that. Even if you cannot go, please RSVP so we spread the word. RSVP to our event as well.

Cassidy: we’re having applications open on Orgsync for the 7 vacant representative seats. If you know anyone in those districts, please encourage them to apply.

Kuketz: a lot of paper was used this meeting, so recycle it after you’re done. Also, Sustainability committee, we do not have to meet tonight.

Williams: First, I would like to extend a warm and happy thanksgiving to all of you. Second, thank you OSU for attending our meeting.

George: Thursday from 11-1pm as part of the OULN day, there will be free food/shirts in the union courtyard. You can just show up for that one, you don’t have to refer it back to committee. Eat and get a shirt. It’s important to note the background work and acknowledge that Alex has worked really hard on everything. I think that TIFs is a hot topic, and you should try to make it to the panel tomorrow.

Al-Michael: HCSA is hosting week of programming called Love Where You Live Week and has winter themed activities. Harry Potter themed Yule Ball at the end of the week as well. That will be the week of November 26-December 1.

Chen: Women Mentoring Women is still having their drive through this Friday. You can drop off women’s items.

Rojas: tomorrow is the last general meeting for HASA. It’s at 7 pm at Jim Thorpe and we will be writing thank you letters

Bishop: If any of you are not busy at an evening time around 6 pm, Generation Citizen has an open house in Wagoner. Drop on over there and you get these cool t-shirts.

Thompson: Tomorrow night we have our campus lighting walk. Please come. Fun and pictures at the end, and it also counts as constituent service. Problem solving and creation of projects!

Pickles: on Saturday there is the MOSAIC social justice symposium. It’s happening in Wagoner Hall. You need to register for logistics purposes, and I may or may not be presenting.

Al-Michael: after doing all the fun activities tomorrow, you should come to the improv show in the Fine Arts Center for \$1.

McClintic: I just wanted to reiterate the panel tomorrow. We will be talking about how TIFs get approved through Norman.

Rain-Saucedo: thanks to OSU again for staying for this long meeting. Remember that we do not meet next week, but you do have a committee meeting this Sunday.

**Motion to suspend the rules and skip final roll call and adjourn
Representative Fees seconded by Representative Bishop
Final Roll Call**

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

Session 99	General 11/14
Al-Michael, Tasneem	x
Ata, Muneeb	x
Ball, Carson	x
Behara, Pranoy	x
Bhaktaram, Ananya	x
Bishop, Kimberley	x
Bonic, Karla	x
Bray, Matthew	x
Carter, Christopher	x
Cassidy, Thomas	x
Chen, Julianna	x
Chism, Hennessey	x
Coen, Noah	x
Cordova, Mackenzie	x
D'Silva, Jordan	x
DeAngeli, Emma	x
Dyson, Gabriella	x
Fees, Elaina	x
Hedgorth, Joseph	x
Hoefke, Madeleine	x
Holt, Richard	x
Huff, Greyson	x
Kalvacherla, Vinay	x
Keefer, Braden	x
Khan, Adam	abs
Liu, Shihui	abs
Lobaugh, Rachel	x
Mazeitis, Jake	x
McClintic, Alexander	x
Manohar, Kanjan	x

Quick, Samuel	x
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	36
Absent	4
Excused	0

Session 99	990102	990103	990301	990303
Al-Michael, Tasneem		y		
Ata, Muneeb		y		
Ball, Carson		y		
Behara, Pranoy		y		
Bhaktaram, Ananya		y		
Bishop, Kimberley		y		
Bonic, Karla				
Bray, Matthew		y		
Carter, Christopher		y		
Cassidy, Thomas		y		
Chen, Julianna		y		
Chism, Hennessey		y		
Coen, Noah		y		
Cordova, Mackenzie		y		
D'Silva, Jordan		y		
DeAngeli, Emma		y		
Dyson, Gabriella		y		
Fees, Elaina		y		
Hedgorth, Joseph		n		
Hoefke, Madeleine		y		
Holt, Richard		y		
Huff, Greyson				
Kalvacherla, Vinay		y		
Keefer, Braden		y		
Khan, Adam				
Liu, Shihui				
Lobaugh, Rachel		y		
Mazeitis, Jake		y		
McClintic, Alexander		y		
Monohar, Kanjan		y		

Quick, Samuel		y		
Rojas, Julio		y		
Ryana, Naomee		y		
Smith, Brian				
Swearengin, Brandon		y		
Thomas, Hailey				
Thompson, Gabi		y		
Waddell, Turner		y		
Williams, Dan		y		
Wilson, Taylor		y		
Yes	0	31	0	0
No	0	1	0	0
Abstain	0	0	0	0

Session 99	Chair	Vice-Chair	Secretary
Al-Michael, Tasneem	n	n	n
Ata, Muneeb	n	n	n
Ball, Carson	n	n	n
Behara, Pranoy	n	n	n
Bhaktaram, Ananya	n	n	n
Bishop, Kimberley	n	n	n
Bonic, Karla	n	n	n
Bray, Matthew	n	n	n
Carter, Christopher	n	n	n
Cassidy, Thomas	n	n	n
Chen, Julianna	n	n	n
Chism, Hennessey	n	n	n
Coen, Noah	n	n	n
Cordova, Mackenzie	n	n	n
D'Silva, Jordan	n	n	n
DeAngeli, Emma	n	n	n
Fees, Elaina	n	n	n
Hedgorth, Joseph	n	n	n
Hoefke, Madeleine	n	n	n
Holt, Richard	n	n	n
Huff, Greyson	n	n	n
Kalvacherla, Vinay	n	n	n
Keefer, Braden	n	n	n
Khan, Adam			
Liu, Shihui			
Lobaugh, Rachel	n	n	n
Mazeitis, Jake	n	n	n
McClintic, Alexander	n	n	n
Monohar, Kanjan	n	n	n
Quick, Samuel	n	n	n

Rojas, Julio	n	n	n
Ryana, Naomee	n	n	n
Smith, Brian			
Swearengin, Brandon	n	y	n
Thomas, Hailey			
Thompson, Gabi	n	n	n
Waddell, Turner	n	n	n
Williams, Dan	n	n	n
Wilson, Taylor	n	n	n
Yes	0	1	0
No	33	32	33
Abstain	0	0	0