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Roll Call -

Flag Salute – Representative Duechting

Approval of Minutes

Representative Chism seconded by Representative Coen

Chair's Report- Hi all, hope you all are having a great week and have a happy Valentine's Day tomorrow! We have a lot of guests here tonight, so please give them your full attention when they're presenting during Special Orders and Items to be Considered. Also, shoutout to EA and the Department of Exterior for a great Higher Education Day today! One quick note, whenever we're making motions, I want to encourage everybody to make them. It seems like we're having a lot of the same people make them, so let's try to get more people involved and practicing ParliPro. If you're not sure of when to make a motion, just raise your hand and I will recognize you when it is time. Then, we can get all the hands in the air to see who all is actually saying the motions. I just want us to use get better at making motions and using ParliPro in general. Just keep that in mind! Hope it all goes well tonight, and use "on information" if you have any questions.

Vice Chair's Report- for new liaisons, please come see me after the meeting so that I can give you all the information!

Secretary's Report- Keep doing your constituent service and office hours! Also, there are valentines up front, so please come get them.

Committee Reports-

- **Communications:** This past week I took on Faith Blank and Amer Begovic as new Communications assistants! You can always come to me, but now you can also go to them about comms things. The Meet Your Representatives event is still happening from 11-1 on February 26th. There will be a doodle poll and physical copy sign-up sheet out soon. We're sure to have lots of great things coming up!
- **Congressional Administration:** We had a really great meeting this past week and we saw 5 pieces of legislation. 990104, the Title II rewrite bill, got a rec of do pass. We also saw the 4 Cabinet Director nomination bills and they all got a rec of do pass.
- **External Affairs:** Today was Higher Education Day. EA and the Department of Exterior did a really great job and I think it went really well. We'll be seeing OU's Higher Education Resolution tonight that some of the other schools have already passed with their versions.
- **Human Diversity:** We did not meet this week because we could not reach quorum, so I would like all my members here tonight to meet after tonight's meeting so that we can get some things

hammered out. We'll be working with the Department of Inclusivity on Stick it to Stigma week coming up, so keep an eye on that!

- **Problems and Projects:** We met this past weekend with the awesome new members who are very excited! We're just really in the brainstorming phase of it all. If you have any ideas, please let us know. We want to do things to make OU better.
- **Sustainability:** we're going to be rolling out an information campaign on recycling like what you can recycle and where to put those items. From there, we're hoping to go into other things about energy usage and water conservation and are hoping for positive responses!
- **Ways and Means:** We met and saw 6-7 organizations on the bill. Not a ton of people are applying for aux right now because most are focused on getting Primary in. On that note, Primary is due next Thursday at 11:59. Reach out to your organizations and let them know that because we will not take late applications under any circumstances.
- **University Policy:**

Liaison Reports

Special Orders

- Student Legal Services – Tracey Langford

Langford: I'm the directors of Student Legal Services here. I hope you all are at least somewhat familiar with it as we are a part of SGA; we're here directly because of SGA. This is our new fancy logo! First, what is an SLS program? I didn't know before I came here, but I quickly learned that there are over 150 SLS offices in universities across the United States and they vary in all shapes and sizes. We are on the tiny end of the spectrum; I am here part-time and I am the only attorney and the only staff member. We do advice and consultation, but some programs go all the way up to full-fledged law firms. There are some that have up to 7-10 attorneys working full-time, and going to court on really any issue. We provide limited-scope legal representation which means that when a student comes to my office, they get the benefits of confidentiality and attorney-client privilege, however, that relationship does not extend outside the office. Anything I can help with in the office, we can do that. If they walk out and get served to go to court, they have to represent themselves or hire somebody. I am also a notary, so if students need that I can do that as well. What can't we do? I can't use my services to assist an OU student against another OU student, nor can I use my services to assist a student against a faculty member, a staff member, or the University itself. If you're charged with academic misconduct, that's not me. If you get into a brawl with another student, please take that somewhere else because I can't help with that either. The kinds of cases I get are, after having this entire 2017 calendar year under our belt, 85 students come to see me, and 109 appointments, it breaks down pretty evenly to 1/3 criminal, 1/3 landlord-tenant, and 1/3 other. Of the other, the largest percentage is family law. The rest is pretty random. I am also seeing an uptick in immigration due to current circumstances. What can I really do to help? The students that get the most value from coming to see me are those that have legal issues that are more readily resolvable. Really, the behind the scenes work like names changes. I have also been able to assist students with agreed divorces and landlord-tenant issues. My goal is to assist every student to the best of my ability, but every legal situation is different. I'm in Walker Tower, 2nd Floor West Room 235. You can call me or email me. We're on a 2-year pilot program and we're over half-way through that, so we're really focusing on creating one-big push to make students aware of the services. Like and share our Facebook and thank you for having me!

Fees: are there any certain numbers you need to meet to make it out of that pilot program?

Langford: no, we just want to show it is a valuable service. I feel like for a first year program that our numbers are a good place to grow from. For this year, we're also ahead of our numbers for last year so far.

Holt: is there a plan in place to transition between pilot and permanent?

Langford: we want to seek renewal at the end of the pilot program.

Chism: can students come to you for next steps?

Langford: yes, we encourage that. There are areas we don't all know about, but I really try to at least be able to tell a student where to go to get more info or to get help.

Hoefke: Do you hold walk-in hours?

Langford: if I'm there I will help you. With walk in hours, I tired those last year, but no one really paid attention to them and when they came. It's still just me there, so we encourage appointments. It helps me be prepared and give you a better consult as well.

Chism: how can you make an appointment?

Langford: call or email me. I'm there 4 days a week and I schedule appointments from 9:30-1:30.

Lee: if we can't make those hours, do you have any other times?

Langford: I'll do my best. I have yet to not be able to meet with a student. So far we've made it work.

- Committee of the Whole

Representative Walton seconded by Representative Hedgorth

- o 990611 – An Act of Procedure Appointing the University Policy Chair for Session 99 (Rains-Saucedo/Lalani/Cordova)

Rains-Saucedo: you all saw the creation of the University Policy Committee a couple weeks ago. We put out applications that were open for a week and interviews were this past Monday. We had 3 great candidates, and we took a lot of time to examine the criteria we were looking for. We looked at initiative, ideas, experience in and out of SGA, and time commitment to the position. After that, we discussed very thoroughly, and ended up picking Karla Bonic as the Chair. Some reasons we specifically picked her are that she is so passionate, and she really has an idea of where she wants Upol to go now and in the future. She's also a sophomore which means she'll be around for a while to help lead. She had great ideas she outlined, and we are so excited to see where she goes with those ideas. She also has great ideas about research education with her members that don't have the same experiences she has.

Bonic: I did vote no on this committee originally, but the reason I'm passionate now is because when it was introduced, I thought it would be a "talk" committee and I didn't want that. I then realized that I could be the person that helped everyone do something on this committee. I don't want to be in a position where I'm watching nothing happen. I have a lot of research experience where I've been tasked with looking up protocols and putting work together. I'm also great with keyword searches! I also started a club at OU last year, so I know how to contact people around campus. For the first meeting, I'd love to do a research information session with the whole committee, so that they have somewhere to go.

Williams: how familiar are you with IPEDs?

Bonic: I'm familiar with you talking about it earlier today, and ready to research it.

Williams: one of the interview questions was how do you plan on encouraging members to stay accountable. Can you explain your plans for that?

Bonic: I'm going to set up a partner system so that no one will do anything alone. I also want to do peer evaluations, because that evaluation by peers can really motivate someone to do well and move on with projects.

Williams: do you see any projects that Upol will tackle not necessarily going to another committee, but at least meshing over?

Bonic: I don't want to step on toes, but during exec I will tell other chairs what we'll be doing just to make sure. I will also evaluate in my own committee about that just to get their opinions. I've talked to Gabi about the projects PnP will most likely be tackling already, though, so hopefully there won't be overlap.

Rains-Saucedo: the intention of creating this committee was not to do short term projects, it's to research best practices at peer institutions and make recommendations to our administration.

Williams: would you accept a friendly adding Karla Bonic as the Chair?

Rains-Saucedo: yes

Fees: what are the specific things you're looking forward to enacting?

Bonic: first, the passion for research because that is so important for this committee. I also want to set a precedent to get things done and not just talk about projects.

Bishop: so you explained that you voted no, did you do that because you didn't want the committee to have a chance? What changed from then until now?

Bonic: what clicked was that I could do something about it. I pictured a nameless, faceless person leading, and I didn't really trust anyone else but me to do something about it. Also, I've been talking to Kaylee about the Goddard Advisory Board missing an undergrad representative being on it, and she said this was a project for Upol to tackle. I thought I could handle it as chair.

OI McCans: can I ask more questions after?

Bonic: yes

Fees: what are some specific topics for research you want to look into?

Motion to extend time for questions by 5 minutes

Representative Chism seconded by Representative Bishop

Bonic: I outlined 5 projects on my application, but they will probably be revised. The ones I had were about getting a student on the Goddard Advisory Board, the Crimson Cruisers, classroom expectations, student health, and other things. Got things going!

Scimeca: how will you determine if a topic is worthy of doing so much research on?

Bonic: Upol is about taking a lot of time to research something that can't be solved in a day. For what we select, I talked to Gabi about what comes up frequently in the suggestion box, and we want to focus on those issues not getting resolved.

Khan: what stood out about Karla?

Rains-Saucedo: initially, it was her passion that set her apart. Her passion really made us think she would get things actually done and not let projects fall apart. She also explicitly lined out issues she wants to tackle. What she did was she reached out to see what needed to be done before she even applied, which really was amazing.

Chism: how do you see Upol meetings going?

Bonic: I've set up a system where every meeting I hope everyone comes with a new piece of research. If they don't have something new within 3 weeks, that's when I'll talk to them. It'll be about updating other members on progress. Maybe shorter meetings, but updates really.

Lee: since Upol is happening during a long span of time, after session is over and some people leave, how do you plan on standardizing notes?

Bonic: in WAM we used google drive which worked great with transitioning materials. I expect to have a Upol folder of projects that I can pass onto the next chairs.

Motion to extend time for questions to the end of list

Representative Coen seconded by Representative Khan

Kuketz: what are some challenges you see Upol facing?

Bonic: since it's new, there's a risk that people won't take it seriously. I plan on combatting that with the partner program. I also think people might get bored, but I am up for switching up projects to get fresh eyes on things. I would like to combat that with starting everyone on a project that they actually like.

Cassidy: one of the primary reasons we created this was to improve the quality of resolutions in congress. What plans do you have to ensure that Upol is doing that?

Bonic: it starts with referencing my ConAd chair, but also I think we will be making sure we have all the answers before we draft the actual resolutions. Yeah, and just passing it through a lot of different people to make sure it sounds great.

Motion to give this bill a rec of do pass

Representative Chism seconded by Representative Scimeca

**Motion to rise from Committee of the Whole
Representative Cassidy seconded by Representative Coen**

Student Concerns

Blank: they heard there would be an SGA sponsored mental health week. Is that true and is there a committee people could be on?

Chair: I know about Stick it to Stigma Week, which happens with HD and the Department of Inclusivity. They would have had to be in Cabinet or Congress for that, but input is welcome. There is also the mental health OSU coalition. I can clarify the differences between them for you after.

Rojas: lots of students that live in Greek Row are wondering why the campus loop bus cuts off at like 4:30?

Chair: I will direct that to PnP. I really don't know

Thompson: I don't know why it doesn't run past 4:30. Maybe because it runs in longer intervals

OI KEEFER: from my experience, it goes in 30 min intervals

Old Business

Items to Be Considered

990104 – Title II Rewrite Act of 2018 (Rains-Saucedo/Williams) (ConAd – rec of do pass)

Representative Cassidy seconded by Representative Bridwell

Williams: there were mostly small changes like changing “his/her” pronouns to “they/their”, and changing it from “student” to “SGA President”. In Section 2, we removed the Summer Legislative Council because it does not exist anymore. The Student Activity Fee allocation has been moved to Title I, so it was struck from this title. In section 3, we struck and rewrote it to explain for clarity. The big change in section 5 is making sure that when a Congress member authors a bill, it must be seen in Congress first so that we don't run into situations where a Congress person cannot make amendments after the fact. WAM bills are an exception to that. We struck the referendum section and made it its own section for importance. We also gave Advising and Consent Bills their own section. We also addressed the Presidential Veto by outlining that process. In section 9, we struck HCSA because we don't think we should have the power to impeach them. We then renamed the President's Executive Staff to the Executive Office of the President. We also made it so the CAC chair is impeachable, but not the members of the Programming Branch's general council. In the Executive Oversight part, it is ConAd who has complete oversight. Struck advise and consent and resolutions part. In section 17, all representatives...

Motion to suspend the rules and extend time for authors explanation by 2 minutes

Representative Chism seconded by Representative Hedgcorth

OI Fees: do you require this?

Chair: yes, he wishes to have this

Williams (continued): In section 17, we outlined what representative terms are and that half of congress gets elected in the Fall and half in Spring. In section 25 and 25a, we added that we are held by the Code Annotated. In GSS, no changes. SBA had no changes, just outlining that they are a part of SGA.

Cassidy: this was supposed to be figured out during ConAd, but in section 9b, there is a word “why???”. Would you accept a friendly amendment to strike that?

Williams: yes

Chism: why is the SBA outlined in legislative part?

Rains-Saucedo: they operate as SGA for all of the law school, and they are technically student government

Chism: why in this title, though?

Rains-Saucedo: it's about the legislature and it's a copy from the constitution.

Bishop: could you clarify who is in the Executive Office of the President?

Williams: The President's direct staff, not directors. It's the Executive Assistant, Legislative Assistant, and Chief of Staff. The VP is not generally considered part of that. These people exist only to help the President and are not subject to impeachment.

Consent

Passed by unanimous consent

990401 - A Resolution Addressing Oklahoma Higher Education (McClintic) (EA – rec of no rec)

Representative Ball seconded by Representative Williams

McClintic: today was Higher Education Day and what we did was that a lot of students from around Oklahoma went to the Capitol to talk about why higher education is important. I talked with people involved in prior years and they said that more cohesion between other colleges in addressing that issue could be more effective. The goal of this is really to address other resolutions at other schools and the plan is that everyone that participates can send a customized resolution on February 20th to legislators regarding higher education. In section 6, all those people will get a resolution. The way we went about writing this is addressing it to Oklahoma residents, the state government, and the federal government. I'll be asking for some friendlies on this bill. For instance, I would change some small scrivener's and add some sources to some whereas clauses. I can say those sources in order: the Oklahoma Policy Institute, the Regents for Higher Education, Regents for Higher Education, and then OU Financial Aid Services.

Williams: this is a higher ed resolution, so why are those whereas clauses referencing gross production taxes?

McClintic: there has to be a call to action with resolutions. There are multiple taxes to address, and gross production taxes come from the paying of 2% taxes on all production. It was introduced a long time ago, but now it is very pronounced and there is a variety of reasons that it is an area to tackle.

Bishop: I'm not going to count the whereas clauses, but the one about grants, why did you feel the need to include this?

McClintic: I created that clause partially because I think it's important to have a tangible number within the ballpark about how much students are awarded. To the extent that that provides a meaningful clause and intent, if it seems out of place I can re-evaluate it.

Bishop: are you talking about federal, local, etc. grants? It's kind of vague in a resolution talking about state funding

McClintic: every year the state regents make a statement about talking points. I looked over that list and whereas clauses and chose that one. It's not really specific, but it could be still relevant.

Chism: would you accept the friendlies you mentioned? Including the same whereas clause and changing that percentage sign as well?

McClintic: yes

Fees: are you in favor of a friendlies that are grammar?

OI Chair: those are scrivener's

Fees: it changes verb tenses really, so yes.

OI Williams: 2 cabinet guests have HSLC at 9, and in that interest, I wonder if we could suspend time on this bill, and then go to see those 2?

Chair: we talked earlier, but I don't think it will go much longer. I understand that we should be okay

Motion to extend time for questions by 5 minutes

Representative Rojas seconded by Representative Chism

Holt: in the 5th whereas clause, shouldn't this be more along the lines of students?

McClintic: with millennials, it encompasses many more people. I would be willing to change it though

Rojas: not really familiar with how the US government works, but assuming it is state and not federal, why are we sending this to 4 US representatives and 2 senators?

McClintic: last year at higher education day, one senator said that appropriations are a big issue.

Scimeca: you touched on this earlier, but could you elaborate on section 4 about increasing and decreasing?

McClintic: currently the tax is 2%. It's a pretty popular idea to rise that to 7% like other states. Why I included more than 5% is because the Step Up Oklahoma plan included that gross production tax rise to 4%. More than 5% is very meaningful.

Cassidy: considering that Step Up failed, does including this section about the tax might make representatives less receptive to our message?

McClintic: I think it's to show them that students care about this stuff. I think they think we don't pay much attention to higher education funding. They might actually think it a cool idea to think about raising.

Coen: In attempts to make this less controversial, would you accept a friendly eliminating 8 and 9?

McClintic: if the body thinks, yes. But personally, no

Williams: as you heard, there are concerns with clauses 8, 9, and section 4. Would you accept a friendly stirring 8 and 9 and section 4?

McClintic: I will say that other colleges have already been submitting these and have included the gross production tax. I really do think that by students showing that we care about particulars of taxes, I think that's important. So, no.

Holt: other universities have submitted similar ones? How many?

McClintic: I am open to co-sponsors just by the way. So far there are around 8.

Motion to extend time for questions to the end of the list
Representative Hedgorth seconded by Representative Rojas

Fees: are aware that you're killing it?

McClintic: thank you

Bishop: is it in your opinion that the Step Up plan didn't only have an increase in GPT and could have failed for other reasons?

McClintic: yes. If there is in the future a debate, I think congress will hear it

Bishop: is it also your opinion that the GPT by putting the state in the shortfall of the budget could actually do something?

McClintic: I'm aware of that.

Hedgorth: with the resolution you said was published last year, are you aware of the effect of that on legislative behavior?

McClintic: last year the OK government reduced higher education money by 4% and the year before was 15 or so %. I can't say if it will tangibly be effective, however.

Coen: I understand that giving legislators directors is beneficial, however would you agree that as individual students we can reach out to them?

McClintic: I do think that we should reach out to them about these sorts of things. The section that encourages OK residents to be more vocal is important.

Coen: in light of that, would you accept a friendly deleting whereas clauses 8, 9 and section 4?

McClintic: no

Kuketz: what is the relevance of the final whereas clause?

McClintic: Oklahoma's Promise is a scholarship program where students have an easier time going to college financially. It's more customized now to how there has been state intervention at OU.

Motion to table this bill for 1 week
Representative Chism seconded by Representative Cassidy
Objection
Motion fails

Motion to move to a roll call vote
Representative Bishop seconded by Representative Rojas

Passed by a roll call vote of 18-4-3

990506 – Auxiliary Allocation 16 Act of 2017-2018 (Chism) (WAM – rec of do pass)

Representative Hedgorth seconded by Representative Holt

Chism: Here is Aux 16. Christians on Campus was funded \$531.88 for a bible study and lunches. National Association of Black Journalists was funded \$200 for food for meetings. Student Advisory Committee on Issues of Diversity, Inclusion, and Equity for International Studies was funded \$300 for food and drinks for meetings. And, BSA was funded \$963 for Black History Month events. There is \$31,211.94 left in the aux account.

Cassidy: general question, does any aux funding left by primary is included in primary or rolled over?

Chism: we leave it in aux

George: we would look to you guys for guidance. But I would stay away from mixing it with primary

Motion to move to a roll call vote

Representative Williams seconded by Representative Rojas

Passed by a roll call vote of 26-0-0

990611 – An Act of Procedure Appointing the University Policy Chair for Session 99 (Rains-Saucedo/Lalani/Cordova)

Representative Cassidy seconded by Representative Lee

Rains-Saucedo: this is the exact bill you saw earlier to appoint Karla. She is amazing.

Consent

Passed by unanimous consent

990702 - SGA Communications Cabinet Director Appointment Act of 2018 (Ball/Shurbaji) (ConAd – rec of do pass)

Motion to see 990702-990705 as a block

Representative Chism seconded by Representative Hedgorth

Objection

Chair vote: motion fails

OI Shurbaji: Audas and Dickson need to leave early, could we see those bills first?

Representative Cassidy seconded by Representative Scimeca

Shurbaji: our choice for department of communications is Lexi Audas. From doing Public Relations for local companies in Norman to running the social media for her own business in high school, Lexi has been consistently passionate about public perception for many years. She has an impressive understanding of how communication, event planning, and social media will affect an organization's success. Along with this experience, her major has provided her with valuable information on PR and communication strategies.

Although she has not had much experience within the Student Government Association, her perspective and expertise will be beneficial for her specific position and positively impact our mission. Also, due to the focus that we are putting into transparency, Lexi will be able to give us insight on the student body perspective and make substantive improvements wherever necessary in terms of providing students with insight on what we are accomplishing in SGA. Lexi is an active student leader with great ideas and we know that she will add value to our organization from day one.

Bishop: this weekend in ConAd, you went over some of your ideas. Can you enlighten the body?

Audas: we want to do a monthly video for sure. One of the first ones is a video to kind of do a how to get to the SGA office because half the issue is that lots of people don't know SGA even exists and the other half is they don't know how to get to us. We're working on ideas on how to let students know they can be there even if they're not in SGA

Blank: what motivated you to do this?

Audas: I'm passionate about social media and I think that we know it is a big part of our generation and campus life. We're always hit with being told to follow things, so I'm passionate about finding a way for our specific social media to stand out so that our organizations can grow. Aside from it keeping students in the loop, I also think it will increase the number of applicants we get for SGA.

Fees: I was in the cabinet last year and I noticed that a lot of Communications members wouldn't come to meetings. How do you plan to engage members' attendance?

Audas: I do want to enforce the attendance policy. I really believe in the 3 people we have. They really want to be there and it doesn't feel like a job to them.

Fees: I noticed that there was an initiative in the Communications department to get signs outside SGA. Will that happen? Those were signs outside the Conoco showing where SGA is

Audas: I think that we see a lot of signs and I'm not sure they're effective. That's why we're doing the video series so that people will remember our things more.

OI Chair: a lot of problems were that everything that is a sign has to be approved, so it was difficult to get that going

Consent

Passed by unanimous consent

990703 - SGA Inclusivity Cabinet Director Appointment Act of 2018 (Ball/Shurbaji) (ConAd – rec of do pass)

Representative Ball seconded by Representative Bishop

Shurbaji: Destinee Dickson is our choice for this positions. Destinee Dickson is a sophomore majoring in Political Science and Women & Gender Studies. She is my choice to serve as the new Director of the Department of Inclusivity. Through her experiences and majors, Destinee has consistently worked on social justice issues and equality for all. She's aware of the issues that face our marginalized communities on campus and is ready to make some changes. Destinee is the Special Projects Coordinator for the Black Student Association, she programs events for Black History Month, Homecoming Week, and much more. This year, Destinee programmed a dinner featuring Karlos Hill that had over 140 members in attendance, as compared to only 23 in the previous year. She has sufficient SGA experience, having been a member of Sooner Freshman Council, and currently serving as a member of the Student Legal Services board. Last year, as a member of the Department of Interior, Destinee worked extensively on Academic Advising reform. She is very passionate and knows what resources need to be provided for students to flourish. She's excited to use her experiences from both the SGA and BSA to provide a better experience for ALL students on campus. Furthermore, Destinee has a wealth of social capital in various student groups on campus. Her friend group extends beyond simply the BSA, and this will prove advantageous when co-programming and upholding a strong sense of inclusivity.

Bishop: you've never served on inclusivity?

Dickson: no

Fees: how will you specifically represent underrepresented groups on campus?

Dickson: We are really wanting to do a diversity week. Specifically, in the month of September. We go through lots of training when we first get here, but we never actually put that in play. We want to co-program with HASA, international organizations, the GEC, LGBTQ groups, and many others. That is in the works. We've also started Stick it to Stigma week. The biggest thing is to co-program with a lot of organizations that don't often get heard.

Holt: how are you going to be changing things from how things have been done in the past?

Dickson: we want to do a lot more research. We want to also push for gender neutral bathrooms, and do a big benchmarking system for campus. We are working on those and that is very different from the past.

Fees: how do you plan to actually reach these groups and foster inclusivity?

Dickson: I feel like my representation with SGA hasn't always been there. SGA can't just do these programs by ourselves, so I'm setting up meetings with others to get things done. I've already reached out to OUR Mental Health. I want to talk to these organizations and work together with them to get things done.

Coen: have you reached out to Vanessa Meraz?

Dickson: I have a good relationship with her. I immediately texted her and talked with her about things that worked and didn't. She also created a transition list, so that will be great to look at. She has great experience I plan on reaching out about

Motion to extend time for questions by 5 minutes

Representative Coen seconded by Representative Bishop

Coen: what was your motivation to apply for this after being in interior?

Dickson: I actually originally wanted inclusivity. I got to end up working on great things, but with my BSA experience, I put inclusivity as an option because I recognize the problems hitting many groups on campus. There is a reason why diversity is a part of our organizations, and I'm ready to make the progress.

Rojas: how do you plan to address the issue of international students not being involved as much with SGA?

Dickson: I understand that. I know one thing I want to do is to actually work with them. I am going to be setting up a meeting with those presidents within the international groups and see how SGA can help them. I want to hear concerns and put them into things like diversity week and showcase the diversity on campus.

Rojas: of all candidates, why did you pick her?

Shurbaji: we're very results driven people. Inclusivity is a hard subject matter and it is hard to get students to come to events. One thing that stood out to me was that during black history month, there had previously been 23 members of a dinner group and she made it 144 people. I don't care a lot about words, I care about what you will produce. I think her skills can be translated into many areas and actual change. One thing that frustrated me last year was the duplicate work that kept happening. What she's going to do is set up to co-program to make sure that we're no reinventing the wheel happening. We don't want to tell ourselves that we are the only one with solutions. Those things stood out the most to us. She also has a lot of experiences within SGA and against some younger applicants, she stood out.

Lee: considering that gender neutral bathrooms are already in place and are strategically placed to be further from binary bathrooms for safety reasons, can you explain what you mean by pushing those?

Dickson: we don't have one in the union and I think we should have one. I have talked to Kathy Fahl and she also agreed we need one in a central hub like the union. From what I've gotten in my research, many want one there. Vanessa Meraz started this initiative last year and didn't get push back, but we're just really now in the process of getting it implemented.

Consent

Passed by unanimous consent

990704 - SGA Interior Cabinet Director Appointment Act of 2018 (Ball/Shurbaji) (ConAd – rec of do pass)

Representative Williams seconded by Representative Rojas

Shurbaji: Chris is a straight genius. Chris Carter is an accomplished, senior Industrial and Systems engineering student. He has worked hard to distinguish himself within his major, making the Dean's and President's Honor Roll during his sophomore and junior years and was awarded the ISE Faculty/Staff Scholarship during his junior year. As an ISE student, Chris has learned various project management tools and methodologies. He also has tangible experience putting these skills into practice, working as a project management intern and process automation intern. What he has learned in the classroom and in industry will enable him to successfully manage the numerous projects and initiatives the Department of Interior will undertake. Chris is proficient at project decomposition, scheduling and time management, benchmarking, task creation and allocation, system performance evaluation, and process creation. The interior department will undertake many projects during this administration and must accomplish a great deal within a shorter amount of time than usual. The Interior needs a director with mature project management skills that will ensure these initiatives are completed on time and meet the standards we desire. Chris is professional, easy to get along with, and works well with his teammates. I believe Chris will be able to responsibly oversee these initiatives, hold his team responsible, and work well with the rest of the administration. As for his SGA experience, Chris first served on the undergraduate student congress as a freshman, representing the College of Earth and Energy. He worked on (what was then) the academic affairs committee under president Kunal Naik and eventually president Alex Byron. As a junior, he represented the College of Engineering and worked on the sustainability committee during the Baker administration. His interview was so structured and indicative of things we're looking for. We want to co-program a lot, and ISE is so project management oriented. And with what we want to do, we find it very pertinent.

Holt: you talked a lot about project skills. Any specific ideas you have?

Carter: Yaseen has an entire platform, and the team and Julie also have tons of ideas. Personally, since we're in flu season, maybe doing flu prevention for the 4000 about to die from it. Specifically, we want to reduce the plate sizes at eating areas and research the feasibility of that, reduce wait times between Goddard and

campus, improve Goddard services, implement u-lifeline for screening and advice of who to talk to, and expand swipe to share to share meals as a whole, and the list goes on so much longer.

Consent

Passed by unanimous consent

990705 - SGA Exterior Cabinet Director Appointment Act of 2018 (Ball/Shurbaji) (ConAd – rec of do pass)

Representative Williams seconded by Representative Blank

Shurbaji: higher education day was so amazing this year. We had 67 applicants this year compared to the 40 or so last year. It's so important, and I thank all of you that went and were involved. It means a lot to me and others. Maddie McClung is a sophomore majoring in Political Science and is my choice to serve as the new Director of the Department of Exterior. Maddie's major will be a critical asset in working with local and state officials this year. Along with her connections with Norman businesses cultivated through her job at a local law firm, she is the best fit for the Department of Exterior. Living in Norman her whole life, Maddie has a deep passion for mending and strengthening the connection OU has with the Norman community and with Oklahoma. She is a problem solver through and through which is evident in her involvement with Student Legal Services, the American Enterprise Institute, and the It's On Us campaign to prevent sexual violence. Last year, as a member of the Interior Department in Cabinet, Maddie worked tirelessly to come up with solutions to campus safety problems students face. Based on Maddie's connections with the community, SGA experience, work ethic, and determination, she is the best pick for this position.

Bishop: what made you want to go from interior to exterior?

McClung: it's been my connections to Norman. I've seen the effect of what good and bad things happening at OU has on Norman. I wanted to try something new and see if we could really improve the relationship

Shurbaji: one thing we tried to do was place people where we thought people would perform best. We saw that she had a ton of interior experience, but we really looked at things objectively. Maddie had the most external experience out of every applicant and was a great fit. We wanted to put people in places they were passionate about for accountability.

Bishop: will you be continuing the OULN?

McClung: Alex and I have talked. We're thinking of doing it next fall. That's in the back of our mind and I've had several discussions with Rylee about it as well regarding steps

Fees: any other specific initiatives to enact?

McClung: we'll be partnering with the speaker's bureau and carl albert association to put on a debate. The details are all being worked out

Cassidy: one thing you mentioned was getting students on the city council. Could you expand on what you imagine this role being?

McClung: there has recently been a disconnect between OU and the city council. The way to bridge that would be to engage that support of a non-voting member. The role would be a member going to meetings and giving their input and being a voice for students

Fees: Is EA going to follow up on Rylee's work regarding the city council?

McClung: I've been directed to rebuild a positive relationship first and go about the process a little bit better

Consent

Passed by unanimous consent

New Business

Follow-Up Reports

Williams: follow up regarding the Norman citizens advisory board. There has been an official petition regarding a creation of an advisory board to have a mutual party looking over the practices of the city police. Resolution to come on that, contact me with questions.

Cassidy: with that bill, that was the last code rewrite bill. Still waiting on GC to type up those bills and put them all online.

Bishop: made a new committee and appointed the first chair!

Items for Future Agenda

990402 - A Resolution Regarding a Citizen Advisory Board (Williams) → EA

990507 - Aux 17 (Chism) → WAM

990905 – A Resolution Calling for the End of Conversion Therapy in Oklahoma (Williams) → HD

Announcements and Comments

Bonic: if you're on my committee, meet after

Bishop: next weekend, the 23rd and 24th is the OSGA spring congress. This is really important, so if you're interested in going all expenses paid, it was so cool to see how other SGA's function. Please come to me with questions it'll be a blast

Rojas: Latin Dance Club is hosting their intensive classes tomorrow from 7-9 pm. 7-8 is dinner, going to be yummy. Second, HASA's second general meeting is tomorrow 7-9 at Jim Thorpe. Please someone go there and talk about SGA. Feb 15th is the Mr./Mrs. International OU in Meacham. It's free. End of the month is Columbia Night on March 3rd. Details to come.

Holt: Big Event is open for all of you register with us. We're partnered with OIL, so register. It's April 14th

Chen: meet with me if you're in my committee

Williams: in regards to OSGA, I would like to announce my candidacy for the OSGA Office of the President.

Scimeca: are signups for meet your representative's day open?

Holt: they will be soon

Lee: On the 23rd the Pink and Black Ball is happening. It's going to be in the ballroom of the union. Tickets are on sale for \$15 and \$20 at the door. Alcohol free, semi-formal event to raise funds for GEC.

Hedgorth: today is my 21st birthday

Body: HAPPY BIRTHDAY SONG COMMENCES

Motion to skip final roll call and adjourn

Representative Chism seconded by Representative Cassidy

Final Roll Call

Chair: Kaylee Rains-Saucedo

Vice-Chair: Sanah Lalani

Secretary: Mackenzie Cordova

Session 99	General 2/13
Ball, Carson	x
Behera, Pranoy	abs
Bhaktaram, Ananya	ex
Bishop, Kimberley	x
Blank, Faith	x
Bonic, Karla	x
Bray, Matthew	x
Bridwell, Trey	x
Cassidy, Thomas	x
Chen, Julianna	x
Chism, Hennessey	x
Coen, Noah	x
Cordova, Mackenzie	x
DeAngeli, Emma	abs
Duechting, Donald	x
Fees, Elaina	x
Hammond, Rabina	x
Hedgorth, Joseph	x
Hoefke, Madeleine	x
Holt, Richard	x
Kalvacherla, Vinay	ex
Keefer, Braden	x
Khan, Adam	x
Lee, Dib Quab	x
Liu, Shihui	abs
Lobaugh, Rachel	ex
Mazeitis, Jake	ex
McClintic, Alexander	x
Manohar, Kanjan	ex
Rojas, Julio	x

Sanroman, Rosa	abs
Scimeca, Joey	x
Thomas, Hailey	ex
Thompson, Gabi	x
Waddell, Turner	abs
Walton, Jonathan	x
Williams, Dan	x
Wilson, Taylor	x
Present	27
Absent	5
Excused	6

Session 99	990401	990506
Ball, Carson	a	y
Behara, Pranoy		
Bhaktaram, Ananya		
Bishop, Kimberley	y	y
Blank, Faith	y	y
Bonic, Karla	y	y
Bray, Matthew	y	y
Bridwell, Trey	a	y
Cassidy, Thomas	n	y
Chen, Julianna	y	y
Chism, Hennessey	n	y
Coen, Noah	n	y
Cordova, Mackenzie	y	y
DeAngeli, Emma		
Duechting, Donald	a	y
Fees, Elaina	y	y
Hammond, Rabina		
Hedgorth, Joseph	y	y
Hoefke, Madeleine	y	y
Holt, Richard	y	y
Kalvacherla, Vinay		
Keefer, Braden	n	y
Khan, Adam		y
Lee, Dib Quab	y	y
Liu, Shihui		
Lobaugh, Rachel		
Mazeitis, Jake		
McClintic, Alexander	y	y
Monohar, Kanjan		
Rojas, Julio	y	y

Sanroman, Rosa		
Scimeca, Joey	y	y
Thomas, Hailey		
Thompson, Gabi	y	y
Waddell, Turner		
Walton, Jonathan	y	y
Williams, Dan	y	y
Wilson, Taylor	y	y
Yes	18	26
No	4	0
Abstain	3	0