

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
Session XCIX

General Body Meeting
7:00 pm, Tuesday, February 27, 2018
Devon Hall 120

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Roll Call -

Flag Salute – Representative Behara

Approval of Minutes

Representative Hedgcorth seconded by Representative Behara

Chair's Report- Hi all! I hope you all enjoyed your week off! I'm sorry I cannot be there tonight; I am in D.C. with Big XII on the Hill. We are advocating for higher education reauthorization, sexual assault preventions and Title IX regulations, and DACA. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to ask and I will be happy to chat with you all about it. **ELECTION FILING!!** If you received an email from me this Saturday, then your seat is up for election meaning anyone within your district can run. You must complete an election filing form **THIS** week on Orgsync in order to be eligible to run. If you have questions about the campaign, please let me know. Also Sanah has a list of everyone who is up for this election so if you are confused or have a question then come talk to her after the meeting! Hope tonight goes well and I'll see you all next week!

Vice Chair's Report- Just a couple of things to mentioned. First, make sure you speak up during today's meeting and raise your hand like we've been doing. Also, if you want to be a new liaison, come talk to me. Lastly, if you're wondering whether or not your seat is up for election or if you're wanting to run for a seat, come see me after the meeting and I will answer your questions.

Secretary's Report- Just a reminder to do your constituent service and office hour! These are due tomorrow by 5pm, so please make sure to stay on top of that. For the constituent service requirement, you will need to fill out the constituent service form on our Orgsync page for credit. For office hours, you will sign in and out on the sheet on my office window. As I mentioned in the group me the other day, no record = no credit, so please make sure those get recorded. To get your constituent service hour, please fill out the Member Biography form on Orgsync. This lets us know information about you that our lovely Webmaster, Kim Bishop, then puts on the SGA website for your constituents to see. Also, that is open for associates because Kim and I talked about making an associates section on the website in addition to the representative's section. If you have any questions, please let me know. Also, during voting tonight, we will not be displaying votes on the screen. Exec talked about this and we thought we would try this as an effort to reduce bias and pressure in the voting process. They will still be displayed on the screen when I ask if anyone would like to vote or change their vote. If you have any questions or comments about this, please come talk to me after.

Committee Reports-

- **Communications:** hi everyone. Huge shoutout to everyone that came to Meet Your Reps, a lot of people loved it and were very interested. We also got a lot of people sign up for our newsletter. So,

thank you to everyone that helped. On Wednesday I'm meeting with my committee to talk about some future events in the next month or so, as well as working on getting the newsletter out. Also, The Big Event registration is open for SGA/OIL team. Lastly, huge shoutout to Amer for getting our Instagram 400 more followers!! Comms is rocking it.

- **Congressional Administration:** We didn't meet like everyone else. We are seeing one bill tonight about appointing our first rolling application representative seat. After the normal interview and application process, the unfilled representative spots have rolling applications open until elections to fill those vacancies. We interviewed the one applicant, Alan Lee, and are presenting legislation to appoint him tonight. Also, we have been continuing to work on election reform, which is going well.
- **External Affairs:** We had 5 people meet this past week, and we talked about plans for the semester. We are planning to do bi-weekly voter registration drives on Thursdays starting soon. We also have a gubernatorial election happening later this year. The 2 candidates will be here to debate against each other. We will be helping advertise that event. Also, Turner Waddell has been sending invites to the chairs of the political parties in OK to come talk at OU. The GOP chair has committed, and we are working on the others.
- **Human Diversity:** we didn't meet, but we will meet tomorrow. We don't have any new projects, but I'll be keeping everyone posted. Next week, be excited to hear about who is assigned to what project.
- **Problems and Projects:** we did not meet this week, but we have lots of great things going on. Also, we have the elevator directory in the Conoco now. If you're in my committee, meet after to catch up!
- **Sustainability:** we were unable to meet, but we did discuss some things. One thing coming up is the recycling in the Conoco flyer campaign. We are also looking into getting more/updated recycling bins in there as well. I have my final meeting tomorrow to finalize the movie night with GSS. Also, heads up, Green Week is the 16-20th of April, and I encourage you all to share their information on social media.
- **University Policy:** we have not met yet, because our meetings are 8-9pm on Wednesdays. We will meet tomorrow, though, so come if you're interested. For our agenda we will be finalizing research projects. Some of those are: expanding Crimson Cruisers, looking at the grading scale, raising the minimum wage for student workers, lowering the cost of counseling for students that cannot afford it, and lots of other things. We will also be doing the research info session tomorrow.
- **Ways and Means:** Last week there was ice, wow. On Wednesday night we decided to move the Primary deadline back to March 1st. You can apply until Thursday at 11:59. I repeat, the deadline is now March 1st at 11:59. Additionally, we saw an aux bill which you will see tonight. We will see primary funding soon, TBA on that. Probably after the March 1st deadline.

Liaison Reports

Rojas: Columbia Night is on Saturday at 5pm. Tickets are \$10, but that includes dinner from 5-7, then the show from 8-9:30, and then there is a party at the end!! Further details to come. It'll be a good time. Let me know if you want to buy tickets!

Holt: OU Rotaract is volunteering at the Food Bank on Saturday from 1:30-4, so come out if you're interested!

Manuel: African Student Association has a debate coming up on the African reality tomorrow at 8pm in Wagoner 235. There will be free food, and it will be a great chance to learn about the African reality and other things.

Kabrick: Traditions West Student Association will host George Henderson for a dinner and book talk tomorrow on Race and the University. Dinner is at 5:30 and the discussion will start at 6. It is open to all students at the Traditions West Clubhouse.

DeAngeli: orchestra concert Thursday at 8pm in Sharp Hall (in Catlett Music Center)

Liu: Annual Engineers Week was last week. There was an event every day, but a lot got rescheduled. They are happening this week now. Tomorrow night from 7-9 is casino night and it is free! Thursday is E-Olympics for cash prizes on the South Oval. You can sign up on our Orgsync page. Also, in the engineering college, we have new engineering royalty as well.

Motion to move into Committee of the Whole in Special Orders
Representative Hedgcorth seconded by Representative Behara
Special Orders

- Committee of the Whole

OI Secretary: Since Kaylee is gone, and Sanah is chairing, but the acting Chair can't chair Committee of the Whole, I'm stepping into the Chair position. We'll be seeing both of these bills again in Items to Be Considered, so we'd like to truly see them then, so our wonderful ConAd Chair does not have to do all those minutes.

OI Behara: Do we still need to move into a roll call vote on Aux in COTW?

OI Secretary: No, we will just give the bill a recommendation like rec of do pass, no rec, etc. When we see Aux in Items to be Considered, that's when we'll roll call vote on it.

- o 990508 – Auxiliary Funding 17 Act of 2017-2018 (Chism)

Representative Mazeitis seconded by Representative Holt

Chism: I'll tell you all about this in Items to Be Considered. Since I'm not giving any of my description now, I suggest we propose a rec of no rec? I'll tell you all about it later.

Motion to give this bill a rec of no rec

Representative Mazeitis

Objection – Representative Hedgcorth

Motion withdrawn

Hedgcorth: During Orientation, we talked about the Aux procedure. Did this bill get the same procedure?

Chism: yes

Motion to give this bill a rec of no rec

Representative Bishop seconded by Representative Mazeitis

- o 990612 – Rolling Appointment Bill 1 of 2018 (Cassidy/Mazeitis/Bishop)

Representative Mazeitis seconded by Representative Behara

Cassidy: Ok guys, this is our first rolling appointment bill. We're going to re-see this in Items to be Considered where I will explain everything more in-depth. Will y'all please give this a rec of no rec?

Motion to give this bill a rec of no rec

Representative Fees seconded by Representative Bishop

Motion to move out of Committee of the Whole

Representative Bishop seconded by Representative Hedgcorth

Student Concerns

Fees: I live right down Constitution, and I've noticed that on that road when it is dark or there are bad conditions, it is really dangerous. The lights aren't always on, but there are a lot of bikers or walkers that take that road. The sidewalk also starts and stops in weird spots, so maybe that would be an EA thing.

OI Williams: is the Vice Chair aware that it could be relayed to City Council and I could help with that?

Chair: that concern is directed to EA and I would like Representative Williams to assist them with that.

Liu: a lot of students in the Engineering College have come to me about the large pothole outside the parking lot of Sarkey's. It's pretty big and they asked if Congress can do something about that

Chair: That goes to PnP to look into.

Old Business

Items to Be Considered

990508 – Auxiliary Funding 17 Act of 2017-2018 (Chism)

Representative Behara seconded by Representative Bishop

Chism: Alright everyone, here is Aux 17. American Concrete Institute was funded \$300 for food for meetings. Men's Ultimate Frisbee was funded \$200 for travel to competitions. Informed Citizens Discussion Groups was funded for \$500 for food for meetings. American Society of Microbiology was funded \$500 for food and drinks, and a field trip. Black Student Association was funded \$5000 for Stompsdown. Catalyst for a Better Future was funded \$300 for meeting supplies. Institute of Industrial Engineers was funded \$475 for supplies for general meetings. Intercollegiate Legislature was funded \$700 for food for meetings. Capoeira Club was funded \$150 for an instructor. Oklahoma College of Law Board of Advocates was funded \$850 for Sooner Invitational. Oklahoma Model United Nations was \$250 for delegate fees. Integrity Council was funded \$630 for supplies for general meetings. Student Council for Exceptional Children was funded \$100 for a DJ for prom, which is adorable. Minority Women's Conference was funded \$1000 for food for the Conference. Lastly, Geography and Environmental Sustainability Club was funded \$200 for snacks for meetings. And no, I don't know how much is left in the budget.

Rojas: what's up with the difference in the allocations in the totals box?

Chism: That \$4175 should be struck

Rojas: *would you accept a friendly to strike that?*

Chism: *yes*

Fees: what is the American Concrete Institute?

Chism: The purpose of the student chapter of American Concrete Institute at the University of Oklahoma (ACI) is to expose and educate students on the concrete engineering field. In addition, ACI will provide opportunities for professional networking for its student members in order to help prepare them for employment.

Motion to move to a roll call vote

Representative McClintic seconded by Representative Rojas

Passed by a roll call vote of 32-0-0

990612 – Rolling Appointment Bill 1 of 2018 (Cassidy/Mazeitis/Bishop)

Representative Behara seconded by Representative Lee

Cassidy: A little bit of background: last year in the spring we passed the Continuity of Representation Act. This means that ConAd opens up applications for unfilled representative seats until filing opens. In the process, we had Alan Lee apply to the Physical Sciences seat. We are hoping to fill this very long-time vacant seat with him. He's excited to work on sustainability issues and I'm happy to present him. After last week and the "icepocalypse", this process was a little different. For the interview, we had ConAd's 3 most senior members interview him, otherwise the process was normal.

Williams: were the application questions asked to Lee the same ones asked in the normal process?

Cassidy: yes, I just copied and pasted the application.

Hedgorth: will you be applying for election for the seat next month?

Lee: I have not yet, but they are going to tell me about it tonight.

Williams: could you tell us a little bit about yourself and why you chose to join Congress?

Lee: I'm a sophomore math and computer sciences major. I'm interesting in being in Congress because I have lots of ideas to improve OU, specifically sustainability issues.

Waddell: could you describe a sustainability issue you're interested in working on?

Lee: one thing I would like to work on is creating a composting system for the university.

Consent – Representative Chism

Passed by unanimous consent

New Business

Follow-Up Reports

Williams: recently in this past weekend, at OSGA, we had 10 members of OU attend. Also, Jake Mazeitis was elected as the new SAB Representative.

OI Cordova: what was Representative Williams elected to?

Williams: I was elected as OSGA President

Mazeitis: following up, the SAB is the advisory board to the Regents. I am now OU's liaison to the regents.

OI Bishop: who is actually the SAB Representative?

Mazeitis: Kim Bishop is still the Representative for now, my bad. By my point, if you have questions, direct them to Kim first, then come to me!

Items for Future Agenda

990509 – Auxiliary Funding 18 Act of 2017-2018 (Chism) → WAM

990111 - An Act Amending Allowable and Non-Allowable Items in the Budget (Chism) → ConAd

Announcements and Comments

McClintic: for the Econ Club liaison, that's me. They are submitting their primary budget by March 1st, and are learning aux as well.

Fees: I am not in Botany Club, but I'm in their GroupMe. They've got great things happening. They are coming together with AISA to talk about plant resources in Jim Thorpe. If you like plants, you know.

Lee: Linda Sarsour is coming to speak on the struggle to embrace diversity. Registration begins at 6 and the event starts at 7.

Bishop: coming off a 2-0 weekend, the OU Men's lacrosse team plays their home openers this weekend. The first is on Friday at 7:30 pm at Putnam City North High School against TCU. The second one is on Sunday at 11 am on the IM Fields against Alabama.

Hedgcorth: this Saturday-Sunday is Hacklahoma, which is something pretty neat. It's apparently overnight as well.

Williams: in light of my recent election, I'd like to extend an invite to come to me with any ideas/questions about OSGA. I welcome anybody's involvement. An advisor once told me that OU's leadership has been missed, so I encourage everyone to get involved. OSGA is a Recommendation body to the Regent's and is an umbrella organization of all Oklahoma SGA's.

Thomas: this week is national eating disorder awareness week. There was a documentary tonight at 7pm, but there is a panel discussion at 9 as well. There is also a clothing drive to donate women's clothes to the battered women's shelter in Norman. There should be a box coming in the student life area as well as at every chapter house.

Mazeitis: First, Next Thursday at 6pm in the honors college, Dr. Kathleen Tipler is giving a talk titled "When Fundamental Values Conflict: The Supreme Court, Constitutional Entrenchment, and Masterpiece Cakeshop" put on by the Constitutional Studies Student Association. Also, don't forget that applications are out for Society of Fellows and the Outstanding Commuter Student, both of which have cash money. If you want someone to read over those apps, hit me up. Also, I know that interviews went out for a lot of things this week and that many more awards and scholarships are being announced over the next few weeks, so please just remember that no one can tell you whether or not you're outstanding and that OU campus awards are made up of just a few people's opinions about the work you do all year.

Begovic: on march 10 from 6-8 pm in Meacham, United World is having a cultural night. There will be a fashion show, dances, and singing. It's free, so come and support!

Patton: next Tuesday there is an Ask a Native Panel panel and it's in the basement of the library somewhere. You can ask questions and also get information on how to not be a fool at powwow, which you should all go to in April! But this thing is next Tuesday at 5:30.

Blank: Dr. Perry is giving a talk about the effect that pornography has on Christians and their faith.

Hedgcorth: I highly encourage each of you to apply for elections in the Physical Sciences district. It would be great to fill the seat with an elected representative.

Liu: Hackathon requires no need to know how to code. There are people coming from all over the world, and there will be over 250 students collaborating on project ideas. You don't have to participate to come and watch.

Rojas: From Earth and Energy, I want to say that there is an organization that bases off all Petroleum Engineering organizations. We qualified for 1st place and beat Texas!

Secretary: Just a reminder to do your constituent service and office hour. Those should be completed by tomorrow, the 28th. A super easy way to get that service hour is to fill out your Member Biography on Orgsync. Even if you have already done a service hour or previously filled the biography out, please still do it. Also, if you don't complete your service hour, that is 1 unexcused absence, and not completing your office hour is also 1 unexcused absence. So, 1+1=2 unexcused absences and you only get 4. I really want to make sure we're all getting these done and not having those unnecessary unexcused absences, so please come to me if you need help with anything and we will figure it out.

Lalani: it is Islamic Awareness Week. MSA is hosting several events throughout the week, so register for those.

Motion to skip final roll call and adjourn

Secretary Cordova seconded by Representative Behara

Final Roll Call

Chair: Kaylee Rains-Saucedo

Vice-Chair: Sanah Lalani

Secretary: Mackenzie Cordova

Session 99	General 2/27
Ball, Carson	abs
Behera, Pranoy	x
Bhaktaram, Ananya	abs
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	ex
Cordova, Mackenzie	x
DeAngeli, Emma	x
Duechting, Donald	x
Fees, Elaina	x
Hammond, Rabina	x
Hedgorth, Joseph	x
Hoefke, Madeleine	abs
Holt, Richard	x
Kalvacherla, Vinay	x
Keefer, Braden	x
Khan, Adam	x
Lee, Alan	x
Lee, Dib Quab	x
Liu, Shihui	x
Lobaugh, Rachel	x
Mazeitis, Jake	x
McClintic, Alexander	x
Manohar, Kanjan	x

Rojas, Julio	x
Sanroman, Rosa	x
Scimeca, Joey	ex
Thomas, Hailey	x
Thompson, Gabi	x
Waddell, Turner	x
Walton, Jonathan	abs
Williams, Dan	x
Wilson, Taylor	x
Present	33
Absent	4
Excused	2

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

Rojas, Julio	y	
Sanroman, Rosa	y	
Scimeca, Joey		
Thomas, Hailey	y	
Thompson, Gabi	y	
Waddell, Turner	y	
Walton, Jonathan		
Williams, Dan	y	
Wilson, Taylor	y	
Yes	32	0
No	0	0
Abstain	0	0