

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
Session XCIX

General Body Meeting
7:00 pm, Tuesday, February 6, 2018
Devon Hall 120

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Roll Call -

Flag Salute – Representative Scimeca

Approval of Minutes

Representative Hedgcorth seconded by Representative Rojas

Chair's Report- Hello, thank you all for coming in on this cold day. I thought we would have to cancel because of snow, but we didn't end up getting any! First, let's all give a big round of applause for Sanah for putting on such a great orientation this past weekend. If you are a brand new member, meaning you just got appointed or you won your election in the fall and you have not attended an orientation yet, come talk to us after the meeting to get what you missed, so we can catch you up. One other thing, the University Policy Chair applications are out and are due this Sunday at 5pm. Keep that in mind because we won't be able to extend the deadline for that because interviews will be that next day, Monday, from about 4-6pm depending on the number of applicants we get. If you have any questions, come talk to us. Another thing is that CAC, who is a part of SGA as the programming branch, is having their student film festival applications out now. If you know anyone majoring in film or anything like that, encourage them to apply or get more information. They also have the Ignite the Flame Day tomorrow where they try to raise money for Soonerthon. Help them out tomorrow! Last thing, my office hours are cancelled on Thursday because I will be out of town, but will be having them tomorrow afternoon from 4-6pm if you need anything. Also, come talk to me about swearing in if you haven't already done that!

Vice Chair's Report- Thanks to everyone that came to orientation. I do have handbooks left, so let me know if you want one and come talk to me about what you missed if you weren't there. Another thing about the University Policy applications, if you are wanting to apply, put specific and sustainable ideas on your application. We want projects to be concrete and last the semester or beyond, so if you're considering the position, make sure to put in the due diligence on your applications and be specific. Lastly, I have the new and updated liaisons list from everyone that came to talk to me, so come check with me if you still want to be one it. If you don't get the update email later this week, let me know so that I can get you the budget information that we want you to give to your organizations.

Secretary's Report- Hi everyone! I have a long report tonight, so bear with me a for a minute. First and foremost, now that it is February, make sure you're staying on top of getting you constituent service and office hour done. I typed up a list of current constituent service opportunities and posted that on my office window above where you sign in for office hours. The first opportunity you have is Higher Education Day and the applications for that close tonight. You can apply for a morning or an afternoon shift, whatever works best with your schedule. That'll be next Tuesday the 13th. Next, Session 99 member biographies went

live today. Even if you are a returning member, please fill that out with updated legislative ideas and a picture. The form is on Orgsync under the “forms” tab. You can also get a service hour for attending the Meet Your Representatives event that Richard has put together. That’ll be going on from 11-2ish on February 26th and you will just need to stay for a while to talk to constituents. I’ll say it louder for the people in the back, everything that I just listed are easy constituent service opportunities. Let’s all get it done and remember that picture proof is the name of the game. I also wanted to update you all on the Google Drive, which is the handy thing I use to keep track of voting records, attendance, and also has copies of important Congress documents like the Code and Bylaws. Should you all ever want to look at that, the drive name has changed and is now bit.ly/CongressSession99. I know it’s long, but the normal bit.ly was taken. Lastly, if you are an associate, I’ve transitioned your attendance sheet onto Orgsync under the “forms” tab as well. Fill that out after you’ve attended your one meeting per month, and don’t forget to take a picture! That’s it, sorry that was really long! Let me know if you have any questions.

Committee Reports-

- **Communications:** I have a couple of things. First, the Meet Your Representatives event is February 26th. I’m meeting with HCSA this week to get concrete details about time and place. We have also registered SGA with The Big Event, so go sign up because we want an SGA turnout. Third, communications assistant applications are out on Orgsync. Go ahead and fill that out if you’re interested and come talk to me if you have any questions!
- **Congressional Administration:** We didn’t meet officially this week, but to let you know, next week we will see all of President Shurbaji’s Cabinet nominations, and the last bill of the code rewrite project which is the Title II bill. Election reform and Bylaws are also in the works. We will also be opening up the rolling applications to fill vacant representative seats, so when you go to the google drive and see the vacant representative spots in blue, let your friends know that might have those majors to apply.
- **External Affairs:** big thing is Higher Education Day registration. Higher education funding affects every student on campus and as representatives, this day is a great day to help serve everyone. Over the past couple years, public funding to higher educations has been cut by nearly 20% and we have lost a lot of faculty because of that. It is important to have our presence at the Capitol on the 13th. There is free transportation and lunch, so please consider registering. The applications close tonight Second, next week we will see OU’s version of the higher education resolution, which 6 colleges have already passed. Look forward to that next week. Remember that registration closes tonight.
- **Human Diversity:** really great to meet everyone that was new in my committee and get to hear some ideas. If you’re on my committee, meet with me after this meeting to get a discussion started about committee times and other things. I also want to encourage everyone to keep an eye out for BSA because it is Black History Month. They have great programs going this month.
- **Problems and Projects:** I really had a great time at orientation. I got so many project ideas from you all, and I’m really excited to get started this Sunday with my full committee. We’re just keeping it light and breezy and I will send information to Mackenzie about the light walks for constituent service hours.
- **Sustainability:** Yesterday Emma and I met with the SEC to brainstorm about the movie night with GSS. Still ironing out details on that, but hopefully it will be in Meacham Auditorium. We’re also looking into launching a recycling initiative on campus to tell students where to recycle and what to recycle on campus.
- **University Policy:**
- **Ways and Means:** I hope you had fun in the budget presentation at orientation! If you have questions about that or what WAM does or anything funding related, let me know because I would love to talk to you all about it. What we do is important and it’s really important that we all as representatives know about funding should a student ask you about it. Reminder that Primary is due February 22nd, which is a Thursday, at 11:59pm. Let all your organizations know to get their applications in. Other than that, we saw a few applications this weekend which we will see tonight on the aux bill. WAM, please meet after to iron some things out.

OI CHAIR: if you haven't contacted your committee chair yet and you're new, make sure you stick around after the meeting to talk with your committee.

Liaison Reports

Scimeca: shoutout to Vice Chair Lalani for orientation. Also, the Club Lacrosse team has a season opener in Nashville this weekend. I was able to help them out with their RSO registration and now they can travel.

Special Orders

- Committee of the Whole

OI Chair: we need a motion to move into committee of the whole. This is a time when we go into a very large committee in a general body meeting. We can then see legislation that couldn't go through committee the week before or is an emergency. We are seeing the bill tonight because of that.

OI Bishop: do associates have full rights in committee of the whole?

Chair: yes, associates have full rights.

Motion to move into Committee of the Whole

Representative Mazeitis seconded by Representative Behara

990610 – An Act Appointing Committee Membership for Session 99 (Rains-Saucedo/Lalani/Cordova)

Representative Mazeitis seconded by Representative Cassidy

Rains-Saucedo: we did this at orientation where you went through and preffed committees. A lot of you preffed the same ones, so there was a lot of moving around that had to be done. Even with that, 18 people got their first choice, 4 got their second, and 3 got their third. No one ended up on a committee that wasn't on their pref sheet. You can now all see who your committee chair is and your assignment. There were 2 scriveners' errors where Representative Behara's name and Associate Schneider's names are spelled wrong.

Duechting: would you accept a friendly fixing my last name?

Rains-Saucedo: yes

OI Fees: does that need an amendment?

Lalani: no, it's a scrivener's error

OI Fees: what is that?

Lalani: a scrivener's error is something that can be changed without changing the actual substance of the bill.

Hedgcorth: what happens if someone applies for the University Policy Chair? Do they still stay on their current committee?

Rains-Saucedo: if they apply to be the University Policy Chair and they get it, they will be moved to that committee because you cannot serve on two committees at once unless you are an assistant to the Communications Chair.

Hutchinson: would you accept a friendly striking Garrett Gappa and MaKayla Williams from EA seeing as they are no longer in our committee or in Congress?

Rains-Saucedo: they have not emailed me an official resignation. I've reached out, but haven't received a reply from them yet, but at the end of last semester they both said they still wanted to be in Congress. If they hit that attendance limit though, they will be expelled.

Hedgcorth: will you accept the scrivener's errors you asked for in your report?

Rains-Saucedo: yes, but scrivener's don't need to be accepted.

Motion to give this bill a rec of do pass

Representative Mazeitis seconded by Associate Crossley

Motion to move out of Committee of the Whole

Representative Mazeitis seconded by Representative Behara

Student Concerns

Behara: regarding the Presidential Search Committee, I have spoken to former SGA Vice President, Cameron Burleson about this, but I was wondering if I could get in touch with Carrie Pavlowsky and get all the

opinions as to why the committee has to keep some information back. I may write a resolution about being more transparent on that committee.

OI Rojas: can I say the student who has the concern?

Rains-Saucedo: if it is absolutely pertinent, but I would refrain unless you have their consent.

Rojas: there are students that think that minority groups on campus are being underrepresented especially with the new election of the Cabinet. I personally don't think it's completely true, maybe just a lack of people that applied for those positions. However, there is a concern that SGA, like the Exec Branch and CAC, doesn't reach out to many other organizations.

Rains-Saucedo: that's definitely something we're trying to work on. I know that we're working on that with Representative Chen. Vice Chair Lalani is also working on that with the liaisons. I'll also pass it on to Carrie, Alec, and President Shurbaji.

Old Business

Items to Be Considered

990504 – Auxiliary Allocation 15 Act of 2017-2018 (Chism) (WAM – rec of do pass)

Representative Behara seconded by Representative Hedgcorth

Chism: Different format this week, but we're just trying to save some paper. Autism Speaks OU received \$300 for outreach events, Health Law Student Association got \$565 for food and beverages for meetings. Latin Dance Club got \$800 for a live salsa band at the Salsa Ball. Powerlifting got \$140 for registration fees. Student Advocates for Pets got \$325 for a bake sale. They also received \$275 for fundraising and promotional events. STEM Communications Forum got \$265 for food for meetings. Oklahoma College of Law Board Advocates got \$400 for food for an end of year meeting. OU Fishing got \$150 for food for a party. OU Cycling Club got \$760 for registration fees. Lastly, Lambda Phi Epsilon got \$520 for travel to a conference. I don't know how much is left. I'll let you know next week.

Cassidy: is the author aware that this format is so much better?

Chism: now aware

Bishop: can you please enlighten us as to what Student Advocates for Pets is?

Chism: they are some students that got together that want to make campus more friendly and students more aware that there are some students that have pets for emotional or physical support. They also want to spread rules surrounding those types of animals.

Cassidy: last semester WAM set up a goal for aux every week. How's that been going?

Chism: we haven't been sticking with it. I can tell that there are 9-10 organizations this week on the aux bill, and that is way less than we've had in previous years, but I think that's partially because of Primary. I think maybe we will have less aux funding applications throughout the semester, but I don't see the same issues happening that did last semester.

Begovic: I was told by Oklahoma Model UN that they didn't get funding from this aux but were on the agenda?

Chism: the issue was that they have money in their account. I'm going to reach out to see if they know this, because I don't want them to have bad fiscal history. If they need a second application, they'll be seen again

Duechting: why is Student Advocates for Pets on this bill twice?

Chism: they had 2 separate applications. You can apply for aux 3 times a semester and you can also apply more than once at the same time. We just wanted to make it clear that they had 2 applications.

Scimeca: how many organizations have applied for primary so far?

Chism: I don't know

OI George: 9

Hedgcorth: how do we know that the 2 applications by Student Advocates for Pets refer to different events and expenses and aren't for the same things twice?

Chism: they describe that all in their application which the WAM committee goes through very thoroughly. It is not the same event twice.

Motion to move to a roll call vote

Representative Mazeitis seconded by Representative Lobaugh

OI Rojas: can you call for a motion to vote when it's about funding?

Chair: you can still call for a motion

OI Behara: the bill that we just saw in committee of the whole, does it need to be brought up in new business?

Chair: it'll be in items to be considered and go through the whole process.

OI Duechting: is the Secretary aware that she has been spelling my name wrong this whole time?

Cordova: The Secretary is now aware and I apologize

Passed by a roll call vote of 29-0-0

990610 – An Act Appointing Committee Membership for Session 99 (Rains-Saucedo/Lalani/Cordova)

Representative Hedgorth seconded by Representative Scimeca

Rains-Saucedo: we just saw this. Appoints you all to committees.

Consent

Passed by unanimous consent

New Business

Follow-Up Reports

Mazeitis: the computer lab is not being closed. They saw how many people use it.

Lalani: It's On Us will meet tomorrow at 7pm tomorrow. It's finally meeting and the taskforce is getting started. The Chair of that wants volunteers for events, so keep an eye out

OI Crossley: is that open or did you have to apply?

Chair: you had to apply last semester.

Items for Future Agenda

990505 – Auxiliary Funding 16 (Chism) → WAM

OI Hedgorth: are you expected to present these bills on Items for Future Agenda to committees this week?

Chair: you'll want the bill mostly done within the next 2 weeks. You would have to reintroduce that after the 2 weeks and get a new bill number.

990702 - An Act Appointing Cabinet Directors (Ball) → ConAd

990611 - Act Appointing the University Policy Chair (Rains-Saucedo/Lalani/Cordova)

990201 – A Resolution Encouraging the Re-evaluation of IB Credits (Crossley) → PnP

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

Announcements and Comments

George: safe ride is doing the airport shuttle on the 17th and 18th from OU to the airport, and the 24th and 25th from the airport back to OU. You can park in LNC and it will be free.

Bishop: I am a counselor for Camp Kesem, which is a camp where children whose parents have cancer can go and have a great summer. What we do over the year is each counselor raises \$500 for our self and a kid to go to camp for free. I'm making bracelets, so come get one from me. \$2-5 depending on the kind.

Thompson: I'm an ambassador for the Pink and Black Ball, and I have raffle tickets to sell. Come see me for those to get really cool prizes

Mazeitis: 1. You should have all gotten an Orgsync message from me today for the Outstanding Commuter Student applications due March 8th at 5pm. You cannot live on campus or be greek affiliated since this is with the President's Trophy Committee. 2. LGBTQ Health Week is next week. The GEC will have lots of speakers, so stop by and support us.

Lalani: OIL meets this Thursday. We will be going through a legislation workshop and learning how to write bills concerning the state of Oklahoma. If you're interested, please come by.

McClintic: free waffles and tank tops tomorrow in the union ballroom. I don't know what it's for, but it sounds cool.

Fees: it's for summer enrollment

Cordova: I have a message from Representative Williams for you all since he could not be here tonight. I'm just going to read word-for-word what he sent me. Esteemed members of the Undergraduate student congress. My sincerest apologies for my absence tonight. I am currently at our nation's Capitol standing up for the DREAM Act. I have an update regarding the meeting between the Norman Citizens for Racial Justice and the Norman Chief of Police. On Wednesday members of the NC4RJ met with the Norman Chief of Police. Both parties reported the meeting as productive. My friends in the NC4RJ tell me that they will soon be pursuing a petition to establish a citizen's oversight board for the Norman Police. They have asked me to draft a resolution in support of this petition. I will be doing so once I have more information. In other news, registration for OSGA is officially open and I will be sending a link to our wonderful Secretary Cordova so she can include it in our minutes. TW: Sexual Assault. Lastly, there have been sexual assault incidents reported in Couch Center. These serve as ever important reminders that our job as members of SGA is principally that of ensuring student safety and that we should strive to do our best to look out for our fellow students. I hope tonight's meeting went well and I wish you all the best.

OI Chair: I just wanted to let you all know that this is Dan's first meeting he's ever missed besides maybe once when he was actually like dying. Also when did you get here Representative Keefer?

Keefer: like 10 minutes ago

Scimeca: Spring career fair next Thursday from 12:30-4:30 in the Union.

Behara: don't know much about time, but I'm a marvel fan, and Black Panther is showing at Warren for \$5 on the 17th.

OI Ball: BSA is sold out of those tickets

Cassidy: if you are on ConAd, please stick around after to figure out a meeting time

Kuketz: if you were assigned to Sustainability, meet with me after

OI Chair: similar announcement from all the chairs?

Chairs: yes (besides Chair Holt)

Holt: book sale this weekend at Norman High. I'll be there so come hang out.

Mazeitis: Crimson Club applications are due February 20th. There is an information session tomorrow at 7pm in Jacobson Hall. Lastly, as a follow up on Representative Thompson's thing, Pink and Black Ball is the GEC's biggest fundraiser. Please come! It'll be so fun and you can also volunteer and get discounted tickets.

Blank: will University Policy not be meeting because there is no Chair right now?

Lalani: I'll talk to University Policy and we'll figure it out. Meet with me up here if you are on that committee.

Motion to skip final roll call and adjourn

Representative Chism seconded by Representative Liu

Final Roll Call

Chair: Kaylee Rains-Saucedo

Vice-Chair: Sanah Lalani

Secretary: Mackenzie Cordova

| Session 99 | General 2/6 |
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| Ball, Carson | x |
| Behera, Pranoy | x |
| Bhaktaram, Ananya | x |
| 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 | x |
| Duechting, Donald | x |
| Fees, Elaina | x |
| Hammond, Rabina | x |
| Hedgorth, Joseph | x |
| Hoefke, Madeleine | x |
| Holt, Richard | x |
| Kalvacherla, Vinay | abs |
| Keefer, Braden | ex |
| Khan, Adam | abs |
| Lee, Dib Quab | ex |
| Liu, Shihui | x |
| Lobaugh, Rachel | x |
| Mazeitis, Jake | x |
| McClintic, Alexander | x |
| Manohar, Kanjan | abs |
| Rojas, Julio | x |

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| Sanroman, Rosa | ex |
| Scimeca, Joey | x |
| Thomas, Hailey | ex |
| Thompson, Gabi | x |
| Waddell, Turner | abs |
| Walton, Jonathan | x |
| Williams, Dan | ex |
| Wilson, Taylor | x |
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| Present | 29 |
| Absent | 4 |
| Excused | 5 |
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| Ball, Carson | y | |
| Behara, Pranoy | y | |
| Bhaktaram, Ananya | y | |
| 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 | y | |
| Cordova, Mackenzie | y | |
| DeAngeli, Emma | y | |
| Duechting, Donald | y | |
| Fees, Elaina | y | |
| Hammond, Rabina | y | |
| Hedgorth, Joseph | y | |
| Hoefke, Madeleine | y | |
| Holt, Richard | y | |
| Kalvacherla, Vinay | | |
| Keefer, Braden | | |
| Khan, Adam | | |
| Lee, Dib Quab | | |
| Liu, Shihui | y | |
| Lobaugh, Rachel | y | |
| Mazeitis, Jake | y | |
| McClintic, Alexander | y | |
| Monohar, Kanjan | | |
| Rojas, Julio | y | |

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| Sanroman, Rosa | | |
| Scimeca, Joey | y | |
| Thomas, Hailey | | |
| Thompson, Gabi | y | |
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| Walton, Jonathan | y | |
| Williams, Dan | | |
| Wilson, Taylor | y | |
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