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Roll Call -

Flag Salute – Representative Hoefke

Approval of Minutes

Representative Behara seconded by Representative Bishop

Chair's Report- Welcome back everyone, I hope you all had a great spring break and are ready to tackle these next few weeks! I have a few reminders for you all. Seniors, graduation cords orders are due March 31st. Those are \$10 cash, check, or venmo to me. Those cords are also for those of you graduating in December because we don't normally do an order then. Also, we have some events coming up on campus to look out for. First, Arbor Day is this Thursday from 12-2 on the South Oval. They want a big SGA turnout, so try to show up to that. It's important to the OU community that there be an SGA presence, and to the Boren family as it's their last Arbor Day. If you're free, stop by! Another thing, the current teacher strike is happening next week. Norman is in need of volunteers to watch the kids during the day, and I believe there were some emails sent out about how to sign up for that. It's a great way for us to give back to such a great community that really helps us. I'll be volunteering next Monday, so if you want, you can volunteer with me! It's a great way to lead by example and show others how to get involved.

OI Behara: is the strike happening only if there's no funding bill passed by the 1st?

Chair: unless they pass one that meets their requirements, they will have the strike.

Also, elections are coming up for the Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary positions on April 17th. Nominations are on the 10th. If you want to run for one of these positions, you will need someone to nominate you as well as give a nomination speech and make the motion. Heads up on that because it is coming up soon! If you have questions, come talk to any of us.

OI Mazeitis: it's only Session 100 representatives voting in that right?

Chair: yes. Elections for congress seats are next week, and then swearing in will happen the week after that.

You will not vote in elections for congress if you are not a representative in Session 100.

Vice Chair's Report- I just have 2 quick things. One, it's your last chance to come to the senior dinner. If you're a senior, just come talk to me after the meeting so I can add your name to the list. That's on April 13th at 8pm. Also, if you're a liaison, remind your organizations to apply for auxiliary funding up to 3 times a semester. That does not include last semester, so they can still apply for this semester.

Secretary's Report- Hi everyone! I have a bit of a long report tonight, but hang in there with me. First, emails went out for those of you who have not completed your constituent service or office hour yet for this month. You will have until Saturday the 31st to complete that, so make sure you don't forget! Record your office hour on the window of my office and fill out the Orgsync form once you have done your service hour.

There are several service opportunities this week that can help you guys out. First, there is a Sustainability trash walk this Friday at 2pm that Representative Scimeca arranged. Talk to him our Sustainability Chair Kuketz if you want to come, so that they don't leave you behind. Meet in the Conoco by the way. There is also another voter registration drive this Thursday. I don't have the details on that, so talk to Alex McClintic if you're interested in helping out with that. You can also bring cans for the Canstruction event I mentioned in my email. If you bring 5 cans and fill out your constituent service form, you can get credit for that. Just set those cans on the desk outside my office window. You can also volunteer to work the actual Canstruction event which will be this Friday from 3-5. You will just need to stay an hour of that to get the credit. If you have any questions, come talk to me or Communications Chair Holt about that. Turn Up for Transit has been moved, so don't count on using that to get your service hour, just heads up. Also, associates, your attendance is still online, so please make sure to snap a selfie and fill out that form. If you don't fill it out, I sadly cannot give you credit for attending your general body meeting. Also, you wouldn't know this unless you've read the Bylaws, but if you author a bill, you're excused from doing your office hour. I've got a list of those authors from this month and have excused you. That's only for authors by the way, not co-authors. Lastly, if you're interested in being Secretary come talk to me. Sorry that was long!

Committee Reports-

- **Communications:** Hello everyone. Thank you to people who volunteered at the Cookies and Congress event. That went great, so fill out the orgsync form if you helped with that! I sent Mackenzie the list of people, but make sure to still fill out the form. Big Event registration is closed now, and I will update you all with information closer to the day of. We are doing the Canstruction event this Friday like Mackenzie said. Fill out the doodle poll link if you can go to that. Also, bring cans if you can because that's all we'll have to use to build out design. Next, we have finalized the IAC/SGA mixer and that will be Thursday April 12th from 6-7pm in Jim Thorpe. Please come out to that if you can, so that you as a member of SGA can interact with the international community. Our Congress t-shirts are open now, so make sure to go order those. The date it closes is midnight on April 3rd. Order them ASAP; they're awesome, so I don't know why you wouldn't want one. We are also now doing Meet Your Representatives on Instagram. If you're interested in being spotlighted and are not running for a seat right now, let us know! We do that 2 times a week. We also just sent out our first newsletter, so let us know if you have feedback on that.
- **Congressional Administration:** we saw 2 bills this week, which you will see tonight. 990114 got a rec of do pass. 990512 also got a rec of do pass. We also took up a bill appointing another parking court member, but we tabled that for a week to ask more questions. We are in the final stages of our election, SFC, and bylaws projects. If you have thoughts about that before we finish them, please let us know so that we have your input on the front end. Hopefully those will all be out soon!
- **External Affairs:** we met this past Sunday and will meet again this Thursday at 7pm to talk about a resolution regarding next week's teacher strike. You're welcome to come to that! This is also news to my committee, but we'll be meeting in the Conoco on the 3rd floor. There is a voter registration drive this Thursday from 12-2 at Crossroads. And every other Thursday until the end of the year. This fall is when midterm elections are, so we'll be really pushing getting people registered. There is also some news: next week is the teacher strike which will be on April 2nd. That might take the whole week, so remember to volunteer if you can. In terms of Norman council elections, there is a run-off election on April 3rd for ward 8. If you have friends from Norman, tell them to go vote. There will be more updates about higher education day part 2 to come. That's on April 12th where students will go back to the capitol to talk finances with the exec department as well. I'll confirm all details soon.
- **Human Diversity:** regarding our project on ADA compliance, we have a list of those and we're going through them. Talk to me or Shayla about that if you have any questions. We're also wanting to update the syllabus about making sure Goddard is put in the right place. The IAC/SGA mixer is SGA-wide, so let all your friends know to come out for that. Lastly, Stick it to Stigma week is April 23-27th. Turn out for that!
- **Problems and Projects:** Turn Up for Transit is now April 12th, so don't forget about that. We have also finally gotten dogs for Problems, Projects, and Puppies, so that's exciting! Waiting for final event validation for that. That will be April 10th. Also, shout-out to Rachel and Ian for checking out the

ASL cross-listing with modern languages issue. It turns out that the reason behind that is that ASL does not have a reading or writing component, so that's why it's not in the language department. The flooding in the fine arts basement has been taken care of. We're also looking into the pothole by Sarkey's, open play times on the IM fields, and ADA compliance things. We are still wanting to push the suggestion box as well because still we want to hear more from students!

- **Sustainability:** on Sunday we talked about the movie, which will be on April 12th at 7pm. We are trying to secure the movie right now; it'll be Before the Flood. Just a reminder that we will also have free food there, so come out. The event I mentioned last meeting, Crudfest, has been moved to next week, most likely on April 4th from 11-1. Go and get a free plant. Our resolution had to get delayed because we are still finalizing it. Sustainability will not meet this next week because of Easter and me being out of town. Talk to Joey about the trash walks on Friday if you have any questions since I will not be able to attend. Also, the Lettuce Club is a club about lettuce. The whole club's purpose is to promote the popularization and consumption of all types of lettuce. They have a meeting on April 4th at 7pm. Word is that if you eat iceberg lettuce fast enough, you can be a club officer. Clear your schedule for that.
OI Rojas: there are types of lettuce?
Chair: I guess
OI Hoefke: is the Chair aware that if you win the competition, your title is Head of Lettuce?
Chair: now aware and loves it
OI Fees: is the Chair aware if the Lettuce Club is funded by SGA or not?
Chair: not aware.
To wrap up, there is a search engine out there called Ecosia. If you search 4-5 internet items like Google, they'll plant a tree!
- **University Policy:** we met Wednesday before spring break. We are finally writing legislation this week for some of our projects! It's been officially decided who will write legislation this semester and next semester. That's it.
- **Ways and Means:** It's cold and I'm wearing these shorts because I made them out of jeans. Second, we think we're almost done with aux funding! It's dwindling down for the year. We saw several organizations this weekend and tabled others for reasons like not being aux requests or other things. Talk to me if you want to be WAM Chair because I won't be here next year and somebody has to do this. Also, heads up, Primary is coming soon!

Liaison Reports

Thompson: Botany Club has a plant sale on 4/20

Liu: Engineer's Club has new leadership! Really excited about that, and there are 18 other officers. Next Thursday on April 5th, we are having our Cinco de April celebration. That'll be in the Devon Atrium and there will be food and fun activities.

OI Hedgorth: chair aware that a resolution proposed 2 weeks ago concerning the idea of the teacher strike and not been put in front of the body?

Chair: it wasn't finished until today. It'll go to EA hopefully this week to be seen next week.

Rojas: next Friday the 6th is the 48th Eve of Nations hosted by the IAC. That'll be at Lloyd Noble from 7-9pm. Tickets are \$8 for students, \$12 for non-students. There is also a dinner from 6-7 right before the show for \$16 for students and \$20 for non-students. There will also be a fashion show that I'm in!

OI Behara: where do we buy tickets?

Rojas: get in touch with me after

Chair: is the price for tickets for dinner including the show?

Rojas: it includes the show as well. Group discounts as well!

Manuel: if you want to volunteer at that event, you can get in that way. Reach out to me if you want to help because I was told they need it.

Special Orders

- Committee of the Whole
Representative Behara seconded by Representative Blank
990801 – Polling Location Act of Spring 2018 (Abernathy)

Representative Cassidy seconded by Representative Liu

Abernathy: thank you all for having me again. I am the Honorable Corey Abernathy, the Election Chair. I'm here again before you this semester. You saw similar legislation last semester to get your input on polling locations, and I'm here to present more for the Spring Elections. These locations were taken from your recommendations last semester with some other things considered. One of your recommendations was to put a location in Dale Hall itself. An issue in the past was that weather and Wi-Fi were bad around Dale this time of year, so we looked at putting one inside instead of the normal one outside. But, we discussed how the traffic gets very bad inside Dale itself, so we looked at putting one in Walker Tower instead. Having a location in Walker facilitates more involvement with the freshman class as well, with just as much foot traffic. We also have a location in the Food Court in the Union and the Bookmark in the Bizzell Library. We talked about maybe increasing the number of locations this semester, but we are going to stick with 3. We agreed that polling locations today are a little less relevant with elections being all online. With that move online to Orgsync, we've seen a decline in the use of polling locations anyway. We are also paying organizations to work those locations, and it's a hassle to get them to work those. We are seeing them be less effective than they have in the past really.

Motion to suspend the rules and extend time for authors explanation by 3 minutes Representative Chism seconded by Representative Ball

So with that said, with the less effectiveness and the fact that we still have to pay people to work them, yet it's hard to find people, we just agreed to settle with three locations this semester. That's our line of thinking.

Williams: I noticed that Dale isn't listed. In previous years, Dale has been frequently used. Why the change?

Abernathy: it has been used in the past. But, with the unpredictable weather, the often last-minute cancelling of that location due to weather, and the bad Wi-Fi there, we've run into complications many times before. We want to move exclusively to inside locations. We also didn't want to increase the traffic in Dale Hall during the day, so we didn't include it.

Ball: the bill says near Xcetea? Will that be right outside of it?

Abernathy: we're working to see where the best place for that would be. We think that would be the prime location, but working on that with the housing coordinators.

Waddell: is there any reason why there couldn't be a voting booth in the Caf for residents that live in other dorms? I live in Couch and I almost never to Walker, but I do go to the Caf.

Abernathy: that's very fair. The Caf is just also not open all the hours of election day, but Walker is accessible throughout the day to all students. We can't have a polling location at a place students can't get into. We considered the Caf, but during the hours it is closed, it's not accessible.

Kelling: does GSS actually meet on April 1st?

Abernathy: no

Fees: what kind of advertising are you going to do in order to publicize these new locations?

Abernathy: we have signs and we also have a large SGA banner that we use. We also utilize graphics from our amazing webmaster, Kim Bishop, as well as using the SGA accounts. We also really rely on candidates spreading the news of the elections.

Ball: how much do student organizations get paid to run the locations?

Abernathy: \$50 a day I believe.

Kelling: if it's able to be not seen by GSS, this bill won't be approved before the election correct?

Abernathy: that's correct. I take full responsibility on this one. I will say that in the past, you haven't always seen polling location legislation before. I believed that the best remedy, instead of completely avoiding the legislative process, was to kind of try and fix it in the best way I could with the time that I had. That way you can kind of weigh in on these locations as a body instead of never seeing them. Sorry I dropped the ball a little, we're all students and we all make mistakes.

Bishop: the way that this bill reads, you're the only author on it. However, it requires a congress author to technically be seen on the floor. Would you accept a friendly to add one?

Abernathy: I would take your name, but yes I would take that amendment from anyone.

Motion to extend time for questions to end of the list and close the list
Representative Fees seconded by Representative McClintic

OI McClintic: did Representative Fees motion to move to the end of the list and close it?

Vice Chair: yes

Fees: did you consider reaching out to all of the tower coordinators and putting flyers in the elevators for publicity?

Abernathy: yes. I'm working with Maggie to get everything publicized. That would definitely be something to help promote this new location.

Fees: even though this legislation won't be seen in GSS before the election, is this what will happen this semester?

Abernathy: yes. Like I said, you have previously not always seen this legislation. The Code reads that the legislature does approve polling locations, but in the past it hasn't always been the case. This was just the best remedy with the time I have.

Bishop: would you accept a friendly amendment adding Joey Scimeca, Engineering District to the co-authors list?

Abernathy: yes

OI Parliamentarian: You can't do that; you can only add your own name.

Scimeca: would you accept a friendly to amend the previous friendly amendment to add my name as a co-author?

Abernathy: yes

McClintic: given congress's approval of these locations, should we have to approve that the poll itself get released on orgsync?

Abernathy: that's a student life issue because they handle online polling. No student has access to the poll during the days of the elections, it's made the week before. I don't believe the legislature should have that power to approve or deny the poll itself.

Powers: how do organizations sign up to work the locations?

Abernathy: there will be an OUMM that goes out soon about those. Be on the lookout for that. If you have any organizations that you want me to reach out to, please tell me afterwards. In the case that we don't receive enough organizations that sign up, we probably will be reaching out to other organizations anyway. If the Lettuce Club wants to work a location, that would be amazing.

Debate – Representative Mazeitis

Motion to recess for 1 minute to draw up Debate lists
Representative Cassidy seconded by Representative Holt

Proponancy

Opponancy

Representative Mazeitis

Motion to rise from Debate

Representative Holt seconded by Representative Thompson

Abernathy: I would like to respond to those concerns by saying that the legislature shouldn't have the dominion to approve the locations. I was responding to the question about the orgsync poll specifically that we fill out. This includes pictures of candidates and bios, and that is approved by student life. Also, I completely understand that there is a process and I dropped the ball and I apologize. But this is polling location for the upcoming election. The alternative is to not have

locations and that isn't really an option. We can't hurt the candidates and student body for my actions. I don't disagree that using the past isn't the best argument, but we can't neglect it either.
OI Cassidy: because we are in COTW, can associates make motions?
Vice Chair: yes

Motion to give this bill a rec of do fail

Representative Mazeitis seconded by Representative Ball

Objection – Representative Hedgcorth

OI Hedgcorth: does a rec of do fail make this bill able to be seen in Items to be considered?

Vice Chair: yes

Motion fails by hand-vote of 18-15

Motion to give this bill a rec of no rec

Representative Hedgcorth seconded by Representative Kelling

990801 receives a rec of no rec in Committee of the Whole

Motion to rise from Committee of the Whole

Representative Holt seconded by Representative Scimeca

Student Concerns

Williams: regarding the election. None of the candidates have received an email about bios or pictures yet. Why?

Chair: this concern would normally go to ConAd, but the election chair can respond since he is here.

Abernathy: a week before the election and you have until Sunday to do it.

Old Business

Items to Be Considered

990114 – Public Office Hour Act of 2018 (Ball) (ConAd – rec do pass)

Representative Behara seconded by Representative Waddell

Ball: this is a bill requiring a public office hour for the SGA President and Vice President. It is to provide more transparency and better access to students all across campus. It just stipulates that they each have 1 office hour a week in 3 different locations in a month that are not the Conoco.

Holt: what is a "prominent campus location"?

Ball: I would think that is just a place where students come in and out through a lot - a noticeable one. We talked about having those in most of the colleges, the Biz, and other places where there are a mass amount of students

Fees: *would you accept a friendly amendment changing "need to be" to "must be"?*

Ball: *yes*

Chism: what kind of advertising will you be doing to show that they will be somewhere?

Ball: we'll be using all the social media accounts: Snapchat, Instagram, Twitter -any way to get it out there.

Hedgcorth: what exactly is the history of this bill? Was it proposed to you by the President and Vice President or did you bring it to them?

Ball: Yaseen brought it to me to write, but I think he got it from Jake Mazeitis.

OI Fees: is the Chair aware that members of the body here tonight were members of the campaign and cannot be referenced?

Chair: that's just for Debate in congress

Waddell: I don't believe it will be an issue, but what are the consequences if they don't do these public office hours?

Ball: there's not a punishment listed, it's just a standard they're held to and I would hope they would meet it

Chism: I noticed that you said most colleges, does that exclude smaller colleges like Farzaneh Hall?

Ball: I would say all colleges are prominent locations, but I won't be the one deciding what locations they will go to. It's just to go places where a lot of students go to. We would probably go to some place like Farzaneh to reach the international community, in my personal opinion.

Kelling: I'm confused on the language here. Where is says no less than 1 per week in 3 different locations, what's going on, those seem like 2 thoughts?

Ball: there's a period separating the sentences, so it's 2 different thoughts.

Hedgorth: what exactly is the point of binding all future presidents in the future to this as opposed to just expecting the current administration to do it?

Ball: the President and Vice President have to have office hours during the week in the Conoco. A lot of students don't know where that is or don't want to go in there, and the point of this is to get the President and Vice President better access to the students now and in the future.

Fees: would you accept a friendly amendment striking "prominent" and replacing with "various"?

Ball: no because I think "various locations" is too vague

Powers: will this public office hour take away from their current office hours?

Ball: they are each free Wednesdays from 2:30-3:30 and that is one that they have in the Conoco now.

Fees: would you accept a friendly amendment striking "single month" and replacing with "each month"?

Ball: yes

McClintic: because these office hours happen once a week and are scheduled, should there be recourse if they have to cancel their office hour?

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

OC Ball: are you asking if there will be any recourse if they miss an office hour?

OI Ball: I don't know the current standing if they miss an office hour?

George: students will generally try to make them up.

OI Holt: if this is in salaries and stipends, aren't they subject to having that taken away?

Chair: yes

OC McClintic: because these happen once a week, if they have to cancel, should there be a codified recourse?

Ball: if a circumstance comes up in advance and they tell someone about it, I don't have a problem with that.

If it's regularly canceled, maybe their stipend should be looked at.

Chism: did the President and Vice President try this out before creating this bill?

Ball: I don't believe they've had them before, they just thought it would work.

Chism: I'm concerned about the accountability of this because the bill doesn't provide any publication of where the office hours will be. How can we expect them to show up and publicize where they will be?

Ball: it's their duty to tell where it is every week. But, their schedule will be the same every week. They want to be more transparent, so they'll want to say where they will be.

Liu: do they have a different location every week? How are you planning to reach the whole body outside of social media?

Ball: many of the students don't see their posted office hours in the Conoco either. We're putting it out there for people to see, and we can hope that they will see it. They will try their best to get the word out to make sure they can talk to students

Holt: if it's one per week and the idea is to do different locations each week, why only 3 locations as opposed to 4?

Ball: that originally wasn't even in there, but the ConAd committee proposed it so we can reach different parts of campus. But if they have a successful location one week, they may want to do it for one more week. Really just at least 3 a month.

Bishop: is it true that right now these office holders do not publicize their current office hours and this is just a way to make the rest of campus more tuned-in to the SGA workings?

Ball: I agree with that statement

Consent – Representative Mazeitis

990511 – Auxiliary Allocation 20 Act of 2017-2018 (Chism) (WAM – rec do pass)

Representative Kalvacherla seconded by Representative Scimeca

Chism: This is Aux 20, guys. Arab Student Association was funded \$706 for the Arab Fashion Show including snacks, drinks, flags of nations, and promotional materials. Student Association of Bangladesh was funded \$800 for food and beverages for the Bangla New Year. Student Healthcare Outreach was funded \$143 for banquet supplies for a fundraiser including silverware and room rentals. Public Health Discussion was funded \$50 for supplies and legal pens for a group function. Pakistani Student Association was funded \$865 for food and beverages for general body meetings and supplies for a mock wedding.

Mazeitis: mock wedding?

Chism: from my understanding they have these lit weddings in Pakistan and they're fun, wow lit. They want everyone to be able to experience the degree of litness of these weddings. They have put together an event that will be a mock wedding because of that. We will find out if people will actually be getting married.

Kelling: is most of the WAM committee going?

Chism: yeah we talked about doing that.

Fees: what are the student organizations that got tabled?

Chism: One EMS, and a couple others.

Fees: why?

Chism: one applied for primary, some were chill, some others had \$1200 in their account and don't need money, and with One EMS we are looking into funding that through congressional initiatives (we can't so we'll see it next week).

Rojas: when is the mock wedding?

Chism: this semester. In the meantime, while I look for it on my computer, I can tell you that this organization is an organization that includes students that all attend OU, which is wild. They didn't give me a date, sorry. I will email them to see.

Motion to move to a roll call vote

Representative Scimeca seconded by Representative Holt

Objection- Representative Hedgorth

Motion rescinded

Passed by a roll call vote of 30-0-0

990512 – Allowable Items Amendment Act (Chism) (ConAd – rec do pass) (WAM – rec do pass)

Representative Mazeitis seconded by Representative Behara

Chism: Yo okay, so what we did here is amend the allowable and non-allowable items list for 2 reasons. First, to allow marketing items for groups that want to promote themselves. Second, to put limits on what counts as a marketing item. Those items are subject to Budget committee approval. We also redefined personal items so that nametags, which are necessary for the professionalism of groups so they can buy them, can be bought. Marketing items and Nametags, there great!

Hedgorth: regarding allowing marketing items. What exactly prevents this new allowance from being a loophole for other things like T-shirts and Mugs just because they have the organization's logo on them?

Chism: Because these items are subject to approval by the Budget committee, we can ask them specifically what they are buying in their budget request so they can't say they're buying a bunch of pens and then go out and buy a washer or something.

Fees: So does this mean that any time an RSO wants SGA to pay for paper for flyers, for example, that WAM needs to approve that purchase?

Chism: we have to do that anyways

McClintic: If this means that more things are bought by RSOs, what will the financial impact be?

Chism: Rather than an SGA-wide budget concern, this will instead alter RSOs internal spending procedures. For example, spending less on food and more on marketing instead.

McClintic: is the funding coming from SGA primarily or the RSOs themselves?

Chism: Depends upon the group

Holt: What about the idea that a group may only ask for money for marketing items and nothing else? What do you think about that?

Chism: Well its subject to review by the Budget committee, so if you're only buying marketing items and not hosting events, then it's not likely to get approved or you'll get approved for less money. We didn't put a cap because it's outside of OrgSync and we don't want to give Kurt too much work.

Hedgcorth: By allowing marketing items, we are saying that SGA has an interest in hosting things on campus, but this isn't always the case right?

OC Hedgcorth: Do you think that advertising may not always be something that we want to fund?

Chism: I think it's good for us to help groups promote their organizations, at least for right now. If in the future we disagree, we can amend the code.

McClintic: How do we predict the groups' spending habits? Why would they shift internal spending rather than just ask for more money?

Chism: Well it's on the Budget committee to decide if they deserve more money on a year-by-year basis, based on fiscal history and other things. We can see how they use their funds.

**Move to extend time for questions to the end of the list
Representative Holt seconded by Representative Thompson**

Holt: How soon would these criteria go into effect?

Chism: We would use these for primary.

Hedgcorth: Do you think that there may be some organizations that we want to market less than others?

Chism: We consider all organizations equally and we cannot discriminate on groups based on our personal tastes.

Chen: Does WAM still intend to not fund personal items that could be construed as marketing items? For example, t-shirts?

Chism: Clothing is still a no.

DeAngeli: Are all the things listed in non-allowable items a hard and fast no, even if they could count as marketing?

Chism: Yes.

Debate- Representative Hedgcorth

**Move to suspend the rules to go back in time to allow one question
Representative Hedgcorth seconded by Representative Bishop**

McClintic: Given that WAM looks at RSO policies on a year-by-year basis and given that many groups don't use all 3 auxiliary opportunities per semester, is there an inherent limit on how much money a given group can spend per year?

Chism: No, because Auxiliary funding is not competitive enough to cap it.

Debate – Representative Hedgcorth

Proponency

Williams

Opponency

Hedgcorth

Move to introduce a hostile amendment

Representative Hedgcorth seconded by Representative Bishop

Hedgcorth: There were 3 things about the bill that I want to address. First, I just do not like marketing items. Second, I do not understand the Budget committee's role in this process. Finally, I think SGA should fund student life and vibrant student events, not marketing items. I do not believe we should fund groups to promote themselves. There may be some groups that we do not wish to use SGA funds to promote, like a kitten kicking club that we saw in orientation. I'm not entirely sure we want to subsidize their self-promotion
OC: anything more than a flyer counts as a personal item

Liu: Are you aware that by marketing an RSO, we are helping the student body to know more about that organization on campus, thereby benefitting student life in general?

Hedgcorth: I don't necessarily think we should fund their self-promotion

Liu: How should groups be found then?

Hedgcorth: As they are now.

Rains-Saucedo: Are you aware that it is illegal for us to say that some clubs deserve funding and others don't?

Hedgcorth: Yes, which is why I oppose this legislation. I do not think we should promote clubs in general, because there may be some groups we don't want to promote and this is the only way we cannot fund their promotion.

Holt: You mentioned the club we referenced in orientation, but isn't the purpose of that exercise for us to practice non-bias and it was also a fake club?

Hedgcorth: I agree, but like I said before, the only way for us to not fund undesirable groups' PR is by not subsidizing anyone's PR.

Thompson: but wouldn't this harm other, beneficial groups from PR-ing themselves? Don't RSOs go through a lot of hoops, so we don't end up with these bad groups?

OC Chair: All the orientation groups are fake, by the way.

Hedgcorth: Yes, I am aware. We may want to fund some of it, but I don't think we will want to fund everything.

OC Thompson: are you aware that Student Life prevents detrimental RSOs from existing?

OI Cordova: Can you explain the general process of how an RSO is created?

OI Chair: you have to have 10 people and submit a constitution to Student Life to approve your organization, which 99% are because we cannot discriminate. Violence and illegal acts are the only thing we can prohibit.

Hedgcorth: We want to know what happens to good groups that want to PR themselves but currently can't. I agree it's regrettable, but I think it's the lesser evil. I think allowing for marketing is inherently dishonest and not in the best interest of the student body. We need to be more limited.

Kelling: Would you rather us fund an event that no one attends, or spend more money so events we fund are better attended?

Hedgcorth: the latter

**Motion to move to a roll call vote on the Hostile Amendment
Representative Chism seconded by Representative Mazeitis
Hostile Amendment fails 1-24-0**

**Move to rise from Debate and move to a roll call vote
Representative Chism seconded by Representative Holt**

Bill passes by a roll call vote of 24-1-0

990801 – Polling Location Act of Spring 2018 (Abernathy) (COTW – rec of no rec)

Representative Scimeca seconded by Representative Liu

Abernathy: thanks for having me again. This bill just establishes polling locations on campus for the Spring election at the Bookmark in Bizzell, the Food Court in the Union, and near Xcetera in Walker Tower. We believe that these locations will be used by students very often throughout the voting days. We discussed and agreed that polling locations are less and less relevant these days, though. We saw nearly record voter turnout last semester due to great candidates and due to the nature of elections moving online. 4,787 students voted,

which is comparatively not a lot, but it was still pretty high and record turnout. This is where we're at regarding these locations.

OI Behara: should the COTW rec be by the bill name?

Secretary: I've got it

Fees: are you aware of the concept of precedent?

Abernathy: we deal with that a lot because decisions have come before us and opinions have been made. We have used it as a guide for the future process and decisions regarding similar things. It's important and we consider it, but it is not always the deciding factor in our decisions.

Holt: if this didn't pass, would you see a significant drop in voting?

Abernathy: maybe. We don't have the means to measure the interaction students have with polling locations because it is really hard to do with worker turnover and such. Potentially, yes. I expect to see a drop in turnout anyway this semester because we have a single candidate running for the highest position in the spring election. But I want to still have them.

Rains-Saucedo: regardless of this passing, we will still have these locations?

Abernathy: yes

Cassidy: we don't have a contested CAC election and you're a few weeks behind. What are you going to do to make up and make sure voters come out?

Abernathy: use social media to make sure we reach students. I've talked about having a dope graphic made for the elections as well. A lot of turnout last semester may be due to the great graphics we had. We'll be using electronic PR a lot, really. The board itself can only do so much because it is really up to having great candidates that push the election and the dates. I think we have those once again, but just due to the nature of elections in general, uncontested elections usually have a lower turnout.

Kelling: would you accept a friendly amendment changing the language in section 3 to say that polling locations are set?

Abernathy: yes. The amendment strikes those dates in the bill, for your information.

Cassidy: are you trying to change the language in the Code with that amendment?

Abernathy: no, the amendment just eliminates the specificity of when the election is. This just says that for the spring general election, these will be the polling locations.

Motion to extend time for questions to the end of the list and close the list Representative Ball seconded by Representative Khan

Cassidy: would you accept a friendly amendment undoing the friendly you just accepted?

Abernathy: I don't see a purpose in doing that. This amendment just takes out the dates of the general election. Those dates are set in the Code, and those are not being undone. We are just taking those off the bill and only saying "Spring Election".

Blank: if this bill doesn't pass, will we still have these locations?

Abernathy: yes. I thought that the better way of handling my dropping of the ball would still be to hear your input on these locations.

Rains-Saucedo: have you begun PR-ing the election yet?

Abernathy: not yet, but working on it.

Hedgcorth: if someone were to miraculously delay elections for a week, how much money would that cost?

Abernathy: That would be quite miraculous, but I know that the Code said that dates need to be changed a couple of weeks prior to the elections. I don't know the financial side of that.

Waddell: would these locations be the previous locations from fall if the legislation did not pass today?

Abernathy: we had 2 locations last semester. This legislation just takes those and also adds Walker.

OC Waddell: if this legislation doesn't pass, where are the locations going to be?

Abernathy: remain where they are in this legislation.

OI Hedgcorth: where are the current ones?

Abernathy: in the Biz near the bookmark, Food Court of the Union, and near Xcetera in Walker Tower

OI Chair: On Information can only be questions to the Chair, but I will excuse that because it was directly in the bill.

Kelling: we've authorized the 2 locations before and you're trying to make a 3rd. Are you breaking the Code by creating a 3rd location?

Abernathy: the fact that GSS won't see these basically breaks the Code in that way, but I'm not sure that adding a 3rd location specifically would break the Code.

Bishop: considering that that friendly you added makes this a permanent piece of legislation, yet not codified, would you be in favor of getting rid of that amendment and helping the ConAd committee change the language in the Code instead, so that there is permanent codified language?

OC Bishop: would you be willing to start up a conversation with ConAd about how to address this?

Abernathy: I would be open to speaking about that.

OC Bishop: you would accept that amendment to add the dates back in?

Abernathy: I'm not opposed to that

Bishop: would you accept a friendly amendment to make section 3 read as it does in the agenda?

OC Abernathy: I don't understand

Abernathy: I would accept that.

Secretary: reads bill as it is on agenda

Debate – Representative Chism

Motion to recess for 1 minute to make Debate lists

Representative Holt seconded by Representative Liu

Proponancy

Opponancy

Representative Chism

Motion to see a hostile amendment

Representative Hedgcorth seconded by Representative Khan

Kelling: this is the same amendment that I placed before. We're here all night looking at a bill that won't see GSS and won't have a legislative effect before the dates on the bill. I'm just removing the dates and making the language just like it says in the Code. We can change the polling locations again later; we just want to remove the dates on the bill

OI Cassidy: can sec read the amendment?

Secretary: reads the amendment

Bishop: is this making these locations permanent?

Kelling: technically, yes. If ConAd wants to go ahead and after this write legislation to change the Code, that's fine.

Bishop: since this doesn't affect this election, would it not be wise to let the bill go as it is?

Kelling: I'm just trying to make this bill worth something because otherwise, why didn't we just table it in the beginning?

Cassidy: your intention is to make a permanent change with this bill. Would you then be in favor of tabling the bill or sending it back to ConAd so we can discuss about changing the Code and making permanent locations?

Kelling: my actual intent here is that we seem to have a bad habit of not passing these bills on time. If we forget in the fall, we still have these locations.

Debate – Representative Cassidy

OI Hedgcorth: when can we entertain a motion next?

Chair: it depends on the motion. To rise form Debate, then after we go through Debate.

OI Hedgcorth: I want to table it this bill. When can I do that?

Chair: after Debate on the hostile amendment

Proponancy

Opponancy

Representative Cassidy
Representative Bishop

Kelling: my whole thought process is that if we don't table it and we vote and it passes, we voted on a bill for no reason.

Hostile Amendment fails 4-23-0

Motion to rise from Debate
Representative Hedgorth, no second
Motion fails by a hand vote

Motion to rise from Debate
Representative Hedgorth seconded by Representative Behara

Abernathy: you've heard it all and it's late. The legislation was my best attempt at a remedy to the situation and to get your input on the polling locations. This was my best attempt at getting that. I understand the process and the importance behind it, but I still stand by the belief that I made the right decision to propose this regardless of it having an effect on the election. I look forward to working with ConAd on the Code changes, which I believe will be happening.

Motion to refer this bill back to the ConAd Committee
Representative Cassidy seconded by Representative Holt

Bill has been sent back to the ConAd Committee

New Business

Follow-Up Reports

Chair: the OSU people are coming this Friday for mental health filming. If you want to be there, come at 2.

Items for Future Agenda

990513 – Auxiliary Funding 21 (Chism) →WAM

990514 – Auxiliary Funding 22 (Chism) →WAM

990515 - Primary Funding (Chism) →WAM

990406 – A Resolution Regarding the Oklahoma Teacher's Strike (Williams) →EA

Announcements and Comments

Chair: If you want political volunteer experience, reach out to me about an event this Saturday.

Motion to suspend the rules and skip Announcements and Comments and adjourn
Representative Mazeitis seconded by Representative Rojas
Motion carries by a hand vote

Final Roll Call

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

Session 99	General 3/27
Ball, Carson	x
Behara, Pranoy	x
Bhaktaram, Ananya	ex
Bishop, Kimberley	x
Blank, Faith	x
Bonic, Karla	x
Bray, Matthew	x
Bridwell, Trey	ex
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	ex
Hedgorth, Joseph	x
Hoefke, Madeleine	x
Holt, Richard	x
Kalvacherla, Vinay	x
Keefer, Braden	x
Khan, Adam	x
Lee, Alan	x
Liu, Shihui	x
Lobaugh, Rachel	x
Mazeitis, Jake	x
McClintic, Alexander	x
Manohar, Kanjan	abs
Rojas, Julio	x

Sanroman, Rosa	abs
Scimeca, Joey	x
Thomas, Hailey	abs
Thompson, Gabi	x
Waddell, Turner	x
Walton, Jonathan	ex
Williams, Dan	x
Wilson, Taylor	x
Present	30
Absent	3
Excused	5

Session 99	990114	990511	990512	990801	Hostile on 990801	Hostile on 990512
Ball, Carson		y			n	
Behara, Pranoy		y	y		y	n
Bhaktaram, Ananya						
Bishop, Kimberley		y	y		n	n
Blank, Faith		y			n	
Bonic, Karla		y	y		n	n
Bray, Matthew		y				
Bridwell, Trey						
Cassidy, Thomas		y	y		n	n
Chen, Julianna		y	y		y	n
Chism, Hennessey		y	y		n	n
Coen, Noah						
Cordova, Mackenzie		y	y		n	n
DeAngeli, Emma		y	y		n	n
Duechting, Donald		y	y		n	n
Fees, Elaina		y	y		n	n
Hammond, Rabina						
Hedgcorth, Joseph		y	n		y	y
Hoefke, Madeleine		y	y		n	n
Holt, Richard		y	y		n	n
Kalvacherla, Vinay		y				
Keefer, Braden		y	y		n	n
Khan, Adam		y	y		n	n
Lee, Alan		y				
Liu, Shihui		y	y		n	n
Lobaugh, Rachel		y	y		n	n
Mazeitis, Jake		y	y		n	n
McClintic, Alexander		y	y		n	n
Monohar, Kanjan						
Rojas, Julio		y	y		n	n

Sanroman, Rosa						
Scimeca, Joey		y	y		n	n
Thomas, Hailey						
Thompson, Gabi		y	y		n	n
Waddell, Turner		y	y		n	n
Walton, Jonathan						
Williams, Dan		y	y		y	n
Wilson, Taylor		y	y		n	n
Yes	0	30	24	0	4	1
No	0	0	1	0	23	24
Abstain	0	0	0	0	0	0