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Roll Call -

Flag Salute – Representative Bray

Approval of Minutes

Representative Chism seconded by Representative Scimeca

Chair's Report- First off, just a reminder that elections for Congress and CAC chair are today and tomorrow. You can vote at elections.ou.edu or at any of the polling locations. I believe those locations are Walker Tower and the Bookmark. Make sure you're encouraging people to vote and don't forget to do so yourself. We've seen that there are issues with some of the voting, so if you or your friends are not able to vote in your district, please message me so that we can get it worked out. Just be aware of that and let us know if you have any problems. Also, reminder that since elections are coming up, Session 99 will also end next week. If your seat was up and you didn't file, next Tuesday is your final meeting as a representative because we will adjourn sine die Session 99 and open Session 100. We are excited to welcome our new members, but are very sad to see those of you go! Please make sure you're still here for that meeting because we'll have a few things for you all to say our goodbyes. You still have to come next week even though it will be a longer meeting with us seeing all the Session 99 legislation left. Be prepared for that. Once we close Session 99 and open Session 100, which should be about an hour or an hour and a half in, you all are free to leave. At the start of the new session we will have our new members come down to get sworn in. One important thing is that nominations for our three positions positions will be next week. If you're running or are a nominator, you have to be at the meeting. No exceptions except for emergencies. I will say it again: you have to be there if you're running. Also, if you've requested a bill number from me for Session 99 but have not presented your bill yet, you won't get a new one from me. If you still want to write that bill, those will need to go through committee this Sunday, which means they need to be done by this Thursday. If you have questions, come talk to us. Other news outside of congress: Oklahoma Creativity Fest through CAC is this Thursday in Walker Adams Mall. I'll try to go, so let me know if you want to! Also, Mom's Day is this weekend, and it will be the last Boren Mom's Day tea at Boyd House. That will be Saturday at 2 pm. If you have questions, please let me know!

Vice Chair's Report- I just have 2 quick things. One, in case serving your constituents isn't enough incentive to come, we will have Fuzzy's at our meeting next week, so come hungry. Also, make sure if you're running for one of these 3 positions that you come talk to us before nominations.

Secretary's Report- Just to reiterate what Kaylee said, attendance still counts next week. Let me know if you can't attend, but it's really important that you're there! For some of you, this is the last time you'll be with all your representative friends, so come next week. Normal attendance rules apply.

Committee Reports-

- **Communications:** 2 big things. One, we are coming to the end of ordering Congress t-shirts. That will close on the 5th now because I extended the deadline. Make sure you order soon, and I will post the link in the GroupMe for you all. Also, the IAC/SGA mixer is scheduled for April 12th from 6-7 pm. Please RSVP for the event on Facebook if you can actually go. We just want to get a head count of who all is coming from which organization. Also, shoutout to Amer for getting us to like 800 followers on Instagram!
- **Congressional Administration:** we didn't meet this weekend because of Easter. This coming weekend we will have a long meeting, though. We'll be finishing up projects from this semester which means we will see our Bylaws/Standing Rules rewrite, election reform, SFC reform, and some other minor bills. I know you're really pumped to talk about all that, so come if you want!
- **External Affairs:** we met on Friday of last week to see legislation relating to the Oklahoma teacher walkout. That's on the agenda tonight. We also have a speaker tonight for Special Orders, Anthony Francisco. Also, we have a voter registration drive every other Thursday until the end of the year and starting up again in the fall. Quick update: we have a couple members, Victoria White and Isaac Kabrick, working on getting the temperature of how students feel about Norman infrastructure in places like Constitution Street. With this information we will probably go talk with City Council to see if things need to be done. Also, on April 12th, there is a higher education funding panel at the Norman Library. There will be 4-5 panelists who are all very knowledgeable. A couple of EA members will be riding together to that. Lastly, the teacher walkout will continue tomorrow and maybe the rest of the week.
OI Chair: what time on April 12th was that higher education panel?
McClintic: 11:30, so vehicles will leave about 11 am.
- **Human Diversity:** we did not meet this past week. Still going forward with projects, though! On April 12th, I know there is a lot going on on that day, but the IAC/SGA mixer is going on, so come out! Also, Stick it to Stigma Week is coming up, so the graphic will be out soon for that. Come out for at least one event during the week!
- **Problems and Projects:** we didn't meet this past week. But, we do have some cool things coming up. Problems, Projects, and Puppies is April 10th from 11-4 pm on the south oval. Come out to that and hear students and what they want us to work on. Also, Turn Up for Transit is April 11th, and that is the final date, it will not be moved again. That's from 11-2 om on the south oval. OU Innovate, Parking Services, and CART will be there along with SGA. Both events get you a service hour, so come help out with those! I've gotten a dozen more suggestions in the suggestion box lately, so keep sharing that!
- **Sustainability:** this Sunday we will meet and see the EPA resolution. In other news, the sustainability movie is April 12th at 7pm. I know it's a busy day, but if you have a chance to swing by, check it out! We will have free food at that event, too. Crudfest is tomorrow from 11-1 pm on the south oval. Everyone who goes gets a succulent, so you don't want to miss it. Also, Joey and Advika completed the water conservation flyers, so look out for those in Cate!
- **University Policy:** We did meet last week. We have 3 bills we're writing that will come next Tuesday.
- **Ways and Means:** We did not meet on Sunday, so no aux this week, which feels so weird. We are meeting this Sunday to do aux, and this will probably be our last round. Make sure to reach out to people and let them know to apply this week if they need funding for the rest of the semester. Let people know PLEASE. Just some notes: tell your friends and organizations that May 4th is the last day to spend SGA funds. Any funding leftover will give that organization bad fiscal history, so it's important for them to spend that money before May 4th. If they have an event after May 4th, they need to get that all squared away before then. Just be aware of that deadline. So, because this is our last aux, I just wanted to mention that the last couple aux applications that have come through have been a little off. Let people know that they need to be specific about their events happening during this semester. Also, if you are in an organization that is having or had elections for new officers and you have a new treasurer, please let them know that they can reach out to me if they need help.

Lastly, if you would like to be the WAM chair, please come chat with me. It's great and you get to make people listen to you most Tuesday nights.

OI Chair: is May 4th the last day for reimbursements?

Chism: yes

Liaison Reports

Kabrick: I'm the SGA liaison for HCSA. We've been working to make HCSA better, so that said, our exec applications are out. There are now 11 positions open after some restructuring. Also, since I last checked, there are no applicants for any of those! It's a great organization, and I'll send the application link to the Secretary to send out with the minutes. There is a housing waiver, too!

Scimeca: men's lacrosse has their last regular season home game at 12 pm at the IM fields against Nebraska. They're also looking into collaborating with Destinee from Interior to create the Stick it to Stigma Charity Game. Not sure about all those details yet.

Thompson: Botany club has a plant sale on 4/20. Don't read into it. It's from 8-2 in the greenhouses.

Rojas: Eve of Nations is this Friday. Please go, I'll be dancing and in the fashion show

OI Begovic: I will also be performing

Special Orders

- City of Norman Finance Director, Anthony Francisco

McClintic: first of all, the view of what EA does is that we try to have city government groups communicate with OU. We invited Anthony Francisco here tonight, who previously spoke with Economics Club to discuss how we can be better representatives of students. We will also hear a variety of other things related the workings of city government.

Francisco: it's my pleasure to be here. I'm at your disposal to answer any questions you may have. First, I want to mention that back in the 1980's, I was an OU congressman. I am familiar with what you do here. I am also aware that the importance of what you do is vastly underrated on campus. I try my best to make everyone aware of what you do and the influence you have on campus. What I will say though is that I am most impressed with, and what I learned the most from my time in congress, is how to operate a meeting using Robert's Rules. Just know that that will serve you for the rest of your life. I can't tell you how the Mayor falls short of your [Chair Kaylee Rains-Saucedo] ability to lead. Meetings with Robert's Rules go quickly and efficiently, but they are so misused. It's useful for your future! Now, you're all residents of Norman and a lot of times, the student dichotomy set up makes that difficult to remember. When you answer the census in 2020, please say that you live in Norman. You live here 10 months out of the year, and are being represented by city council members here. We meet every Tuesday night to conduct things like study sessions or at the full meetings on the 2nd/4th weeks of the month. If you call your city council member or email them, they will answer you. I will also always answer you. Everything we do and all the financial information, is always public information. I have brought a couple of documents here that I will show you. Here is the comprehensive financial report for Norman. You really have to have some basic knowledge of accounting for this. When you know that though, you can read these reports, and see that the reports are the same all over the country. Norman reports different numbers of course, but in the same way as every other city. Same with this document, which is our city's budget. The city's budget is the forward-looking plan of how we will use the city's financial resources in the coming fiscal year. I want to point out that I said "f-i-s-c-a-l". "Physical" does not equal "fiscal", they are very different. A fiscal year is a period in time defined for a financial period- there is no "physical" year. All the documents I talked about are online at cityofnorman.gov if you ever want to access them. Just a couple of things that I want to highlight in this budget document. First, on page 2, is the per capita measurement of our city government against other comparably sized cities. We're a very "lean and mean" government, as you will see, which means that we operate on a small budget to fund all of these things citizens need. On Page 6, you will see the city's expenditures and that the revenues we spend are things that you notice and apply to your day-to-day life. I heard from your sustainability committee that Norman is the most sustainable city in Oklahoma and one of the most sustainable in the country. Also, that Norman has some of the best water in the state. You can think of water as a cycle starting from rain, to rivers, to sewage, and so forth. A lot of people don't want to hear that you

drink your sewage, but that treated waste water is what you drink. Also, when you drive over streets, that's a city service. You were given an example of Asp Avenue, but the campus streets are actually not city streets. That ain't me. The entire street network is a city service though, like traffic signals. Those are the things that we use our budget to fund. I also heard about a meeting at the Norman library coming up that all of you are carpooling to, but the city is providing you a transportation service for that! Students, you ride for free. Norman has a great transportation service, and a lot of citizens don't know that or take advantage of it. It's very convenient and useful and covers all the major streets. You'll watch a movie coming up called *Before the Flood*. We have some fairly significant storm water drainage problems, but we will vote on improvements to that this summer. We are the only city of our size that does not have a storm water utility already because our voters have to approve utility rate increases unlike other cities. It's like going to the store and voting on the price of the goods you're going to buy. There was a city constitutional amendment made to make it this way. Don't complain about how often you have to vote in Norman because this is what wanted! Exercise your right to vote here in Norman! You would be amazed at how much you can get done by sending those emails and calls to your city council members. Anytime 10 people join and show up to the city council meetings too, the council thinks that's a mandate from the people and addresses the issue as such. Get people together if you want to do something, and you will be amazed what you can get done. One thing to point out about what's different about Norman, is that Oklahoma cities are dependent on cities for all of these things. The revenue pie for Oklahoma is vastly different than others', because cities in Oklahoma don't get property taxes for operations. Let's reference all of you shopping online. The law says that when you buy something online and have it shipped to Norman, you have to report that sales tax. It's very difficult to enforce that however. Therefore, when you shop online, we are losing hundreds of thousands of dollars each year. Go to the stores right down the street! I would ask you to support Senate Bill 337, which is the local marketplace act. It asks all of those retailers selling things to you, to collect and remit that sales tax to Norman, so that we can continue to provide all of these services to you!

Williams: you're in charge of finances here in Norman. Regarding the the proposed TIFs on the University North Park Development, what's your opinion?

Francisco: you will never hear me refer to that develop as the TIF. TIFs is a way to generate money to make public improvements to a specific part of your time. At a given point in time, we draw a line and say the incremental taxes from that area go to that TIF district to make improvements to that area. TIFs are supposed to be in an area that wouldn't develop, but that North Park development isn't in that kind of area. But, it's in the city's enterprise zone, which is how it got created in the first place. The TIFs deal was proposed because we thought that we would build that area up above its original value by adding things like Dillard's and Saks Fifth Avenue. That obviously did not happen. There is a lot of incremental taxes that have been collected from that area since then, and the proposal now is that we use those to build the new Lloyd Noble arena. The downside to that TIF is that the incremental taxes being apportioned are property and sales taxes. Now, we are apportioning about 4 million dollars a year to the North Park TIF that would otherwise be going to the city things we just talked about. I think it has served its purpose, but I would like to not see the arena paid for out of our sales tax. I'm a huge OU basketball fan, and I'd like to see the arena happen, but I don't want to see the general public fund it. I want you all to vote to do something like that. The history of TIFs though started in California as an effort to avoid having the people vote while still getting a tax increase passed.

McClintic: relating to Constitution Street and infrastructure in general, how have students in the past communicated with the government to get these expenditures?

Francisco: usually students have not shown up to ask for those things. About that certain street, if you live on 12th Avenue East and Lindsey, you've noticed "complete streets" with the bike lanes and things. That was something that the OU Institute for Quality Communities advocated for. They wanted the betterment on those streets, and that's what got passed because of that student influence.

Chism: some of us are from other cities in Oklahoma and others are from different states, so what's your opinion on moving your voter registration?

Francisco: I would recommend that you register here. Register here, that's it. Only that.

Rojas: OU has a big international population. For any of those students, if they have some concern about the city, can they still contact the city representatives and do they have a voice?

Francisco: at every meeting there is a section called Miscellaneous Discussion. Any resident of Norman can come talk for 5 minutes about whatever they want to address to the full city council. No one is checking to see if you're a citizen, so you have just as much right as anyone to talk in that time. There are things you can do. We have a large international community in Norman, and that often gets overlooked because you don't show up and make your voice heard.

Williams: what is your opinion on the Central Oklahoma Go project?

Francisco: Norman is actually the chair of that committee. We have a huge stake in mass transit for central Oklahoma. We want to make the metro area transportation more connected. Mass transit is very important to Norman, and we want our folks to be able to get places without having to sit in traffic.

Waddell: you said many don't know about the importance of SGA, and I think that's the same for local government. Any ideas about how to get more people involved in government and showing up to meetings and such?

Francisco: get them to understand what's in it for them. There was a huge voter turnout for the storm water utility vote a few years ago. Rural East Norman residents never show up to vote, but showed up for the storm water utility vote because they'd be paying for something they previously hadn't. Regarding SGA, I think if students knew that they can get funds and all you have to do is show up and ask it, that would be great. My answer is that you need to get out there and help people understand what's in it for them and then they'll show up!

- Lauren's Law Advocates, Lauren Atkins and Franklin Kaleka

Kaleka: I'm a senator at OSU SGA, please don't judge me. I'm studying political science, philosophy, and psychology, and I'm a senior at OSU and member of SGA.

Atkins: I'm Lauren Atkins, I go to Norman high and I will be here next year in the fall!

Garcia: I'm Alex Garcia and I'm a student at OSU, I apologize. I'm a junior studying philosophy and history.

Kaleka: we're here because there is a lot going through the legislature right now called Lauren's Law. It's a law that is going to ensure that sexual assault is prevented long before people actually get to college. We want to teach consent and make sure that everybody knows exactly what that means because when you get to college or as you go around talking to people, you realize how many of these news stories keep popping up and you see that people really don't understand what it is that consent means and how important it is. That's because we continuously have these issues of sexual assault across college campuses and even high school campuses. Alex will give us some statistics here in a second, but one of them is that the problem doesn't fade away for people that don't go to college. They still have issues facing them with sexual assault.

Garcia: Franklin asked me to take a look about some statistics about sexual assault and sexual violence. One of the most jarring ones that I found in my research that most college age victims of sexual violence often do not report it to law enforcement or to anybody. A couple of reasons provided as to why they did not report it is because they believed it was a personal matter. The victims have a fear of reprisal. They believe that it was not important enough to report, or didn't want to get the perpetrator to get in trouble. They did not believe that the police would do anything or could do anything to help. And now, why is that? Why are these reasons the most popular reasons that people don't report sexual violence? It really is because we have a culture of not acknowledging that the problem is with the perpetrator and not with the victims, and that is what this bill is looking to explore. The problem is not on the victims. It's not a problem about what the victim was wearing or how the person was acting. The problem is with the perpetrators and it's a problem of not understanding consent and why it's important.

Kaleka: when we don't have open conversations about what sexual assault is and then we condemn people, it really pushes them into the shadows and we don't have a way of resolving the issue if

people don't feel like they can ask questions or become more informed about it. That's part of the reason why we're here tonight. Lauren has a personal story now, and will share a little more.

Atkins: how this all started is last year at a party I was incapacitated and I was throwing up, woke up in a bed and this guy was raping me. It was terrible. The next day, I told my parents. I obviously didn't want to – from the statistics you can hear that I didn't want my parents to have to worry, I didn't want him to get in trouble, I didn't want conflict. I just wanted to avoid everything, but then I realized how important it would be to actually speak up. So, I told my parents and we tried to file a police report. The party was in Oklahoma City, so an officer from there came to my house, got my story, and then I went to the hospital and got a SANE exam done. I did everything that I was supposed to do. The following Wednesday, I went to the Oklahoma City Police Department and I told a detective my story and I gave her all the evidence. The day after the event, I was texting him about it because he was telling me “please don't tell my girlfriend about this” because he thought we had had sex, but like I was throwing up on a toilet and that doesn't make any sense. I was telling him that he had raped me and he was denying it. He was like “no, I didn't”, and at first he was making up excuses because I think he was trying to just shy away from that fact. He was saying like “oh I didn't even do that, I did this”, but that's the same thing. But anyway, he was telling me that he didn't really understand that it was wrong. Well, he just really didn't get the fact that he just wasn't allowed to do that, and that's the main problem. The fact that he wasn't educated growing up that you can't just have sex with someone that's passed out and you can't have sex with someone that can't give you consent. So, even though I had evidence of him texting me and admitting it, it didn't go through. The DA denied it because there wasn't enough evidence, even though he admitted it and I had to go through all that. It was too much. Then, after that a reporter from babe.net actually came to Norman, did some more on it and covered my story and wrote an article about it. After that, it went out and someone named Stacey Wright, she's an advocate for people. If you've heard of Yes All Daughters, she's the founder of that. She came to me and started talking to me and said “I have a plan. I feel like we can work together to get this done”. She told me about what's now Lauren's Law and how she introduced it a couple years ago, but they didn't really listen to it and it didn't even pass through committee or anything. But, we changed it up a little bit. Before it was more like healthy relationships, but we also added consent in there. It's still pretty open about the curriculum just because it has to pass through committee and everything, and people are adding amendments. As of right now, it'll be implemented maybe in the sex-education portion of school, but that's not even what it's about. That was a big problem when it was going through the House. Like on the floor when people were asking questions about it, they were just like “oh is this going to be just like sex-ed?” No, this isn't sex-ed at all. It's just telling you what the law is. That's what their biggest problem was. It's just telling you that the situation is that you can't do that and what's right and what's wrong – it's the law.

Kaleka: Essentially what we're going to do is we just want OU to pass a resolution. On the 25th, Lauren is going to come with me to OSU and we're going to pass the same resolution there. Then, we're going to present it to the legislature. Just to basically say that as college students we support this, we see the issue and we want it fixed. Throughout Lauren's story she mentioned things like that the guy who did this did not have a clear idea of what assault was, and that is the first problem that we need to address. We need to make that crystal clear exactly what it is that constitutes sexual assault, so that then there is no ambiguity at all. Next, we have issues with the way that her case was taken up. If you have evidence like text messages about what happened, and then you don't press charges, I don't know who would say that that's justice at all. That's something not being addressed, but something that we need to understand. I'm going to go on a little rant here. So, we live in a male dominated society and the people making these laws are mostly male. Males don't experience sexual assault as much as females and that gives males a much different perspective on what sexual assault is and how it affects people. It's important to listen to people who have been affected by this and support them in any way we can, because clearly there are things working against them, whatever forces they may be, getting justice for these types of things. So, that's why we want to pass this resolution.

Blank: as students and citizens of Norman, what kinds of things can we do other than supporting this resolution to support you or your mission?

Kaleka: Like Mr. Francisco mentioned, if 10 people show up to a city council meeting, it's viewed as a mandate from the people. If people speak up about it in that way, that's something. Something can be done at the local level much faster.

Rains-Saucedo: First of all, thank you all for coming to advocate and share your story about this important issue. You mentioned the bill has been on the House floor already, so now where is the bill now?

Atkins: It actually passed the House floor about 2 weeks ago. We got a co-author from the Senate, and she's working with it now.

Rains-Saucedo: if you want to let us know the day it reaches senate floor, we will roll out for that.

Atkins: yes!

Waddell: First of all, I am so impressed with the strength of your spirit and character in the wake of this incident. Do you have any specifics of how this will be implemented into public school curriculum?

Atkins: it's still pretty broad right now. It will most likely be throughout the middle school and high school years that they'll learning sex-ed. It'll be basically about going over the law. Some legislators are concerned about it becoming a feminist point of view, but it's just about the law.

Kaleka: because it's so fluid right now, this is the time when we will have the most impact. If you could reach out to your senators and representatives from Norman, contact them and encourage them to pass this bill and make amendments and such. If just 50 people call their representatives and express this, I think they will go along with it.

Blank: are you aware of any law like this in any other states? If not, do you have any intention of getting it passed nationally?

Kaleka: it's just different variances of consent laws. With the education department not really helping out with issues of sexual assault on college campuses, it seems like state-level might be our best option at this point.

Bateman: has anyone talked to the local school district that you're from about what they can do as an independent school district?

Atkins: a couple years ago when Yes All Daughters started, it was passed that student advocates would be in schools. I go talk to my school's advocate all the time, she's great. I don't think anything has been done throughout the district, but I think that student advocates might be starting in middle schools.

Bishop: what was the school district's response to this?

Lauren: I told my teacher the day after it happened. She legally had to tell my principal, and later that day, he reached out to my dad and provided great support. He made sure that I felt really comfortable. The school is really helpful, and they want to give you whatever they can to make you feel comfortable. They couldn't do anything to him because the party happened off school property, but they expressed that I could change my schedule if I wanted, or if he approached me at school or something, they could do something.

Francisco: while I was sitting here, I got a text. For the first time that I know of, an OU student has been elected to the city council!

OI Rojas: who is this student?

Chair: Alexandra Scott

OI Waddell: she is a Masters in Public Administration student and she is the new Ward 8 councilmember. She was also formerly in SGA.

OI Begovic: would I be allowed to take a step behind the secretary to take a photo?

Chair: yes

Student Concerns

Waddell: there are a group of extremist religious protestors on the south oval who are expressing degrading terms towards women. I know that they have a right to free speech, but people have the right to not be harassed.

Chair: These kinds of things have come about several times while I've been in Congress, and from those times, it is my understanding that the south oval is a free speech zone. We have heard reports about this new protestor, however, we can't really do anything major about it. If it's more than just free speech, and someone is singled out and a confrontation arises, that's the only time the protestor can be escorted off campus. I would recommend that you reach out to someone in Student Affairs if you have any more questions.

Liu: more engineering students came to me about the pothole outside Sarkey's. They would like to know if there is anything that can be done?

Chair: That will go to PnP.

Kalvacherla: regarding the IB credits, I've had a personal fought war with the math department about this and what we found out is that it's actually the State Regents that set the boundaries for what can and cannot get credit. Standard level credit has been declared "uncreditable". The problem here is with the State Regents. Maybe we could write a resolution to address that?

Chair: That will go to University Policy.

OI Bonic: is the bill that Crossley did not applicable?

Chair: I wish I knew more about IB Credits, so I don't want to speak on the subject if I'm wrong. I can give you contacts, though.

Old Business

Items to Be Considered

990403 – A Congressional Resolution Calling on the Oklahoma Legislature to Pass HB 2734 Otherwise Known as "Lauren's Law" (EA – rec no rec)

Representative Behara seconded by Representative Blank

Williams: this resolution is the resolution that supports Lauren's Law, which you just heard about. What this bill explains is why we need this law. The first statistic I want to reference, is that 58% of students at The University of Oklahoma come from Oklahoma public schools. But, if you went to Oklahoma schools, you know that our sex-ed programs in public schools suck, and are insufficient. It leads to a lot of problems, including making it so OU organizations like Sexperts and others have to pick up the slack. I joined Congress because I wanted to help people, and helping sexual assault victims, is something we can easily do with this. Also, what the Healthy Education would be based off of is how to ask for consent and not be a horrible person, basically.

Waddell: are you aware of the scrivener's error in Section 2?

Williams: I will get that fixed.

Fees: I have some scrivener's and friendly amendments. So, would you accept friendly amendment to add Senator Rob Standridge to the list of people?

Williams: yes

Fees: Are you aware of the scrivener's errors in 5th clause in that "16%" should be spelled out, and in the 3rd clause that those should be lowercase?

Williams: now, yes

Fees: in the 5th clause it says that only "16% of students currently receive information about sexual assault in school". Would you accept a friendly amendment clarifying what "school" is?

Williams: primary and secondary. "K-12". Yes

Fees: would you accept a friendly amendment striking "currently" in the 5th whereas clause?

Williams: yes

McClintic: would you accept a friendly amendment adding 2 more people to the list? Those would be Representative Emily Virgin and Representative Rosecrants.

Williams: I wanted to focus on the passage in the Senate originally since it's been to the house, but if you feel it necessary, then yes.

Mazetis: are you accepting co-sponsors?

Williams: yes

Consent

Bill passed by unanimous consent

990406 – A Resolution Regarding the Oklahoma Teachers Strike (Carter/Williams) (EA – rec do pass)

Representative Mazeitis seconded by Representative Scimeca

Carter: The purpose of this resolution is straightforward: to give support to the teachers and educators protesting at the state Capitol, to support the teachers demanding that they be treated fairly and be valued, and to support teachers fighting for public education in Oklahoma. Public education in Oklahoma is not valued and is not prioritized by our state legislature, as this resolution points out in its whereas clauses. My father, mother, aunts, grandmother: all educators who have watched this situation get worse and worse over the past 20 years. They've seen their pay stagnate, funding decrease, and experienced increasing hostility from the state legislature when these issues are acknowledged. Being an educator used to be a profession that was valued. Teachers used to encourage their best students to consider a career in education. Now, they warn their students to stay away from education, because they care about their students and know that as an educator, they won't be valued. A healthy and strong education system is essential for a healthy and strong society. I saw a great tweet the other day that said: "education is the socioeconomic equalizer that, in general, puts all students on an equal playing field. Without it, we cannot advance." The state legislature will not change their priorities or actions if the state does not stand up and say "enough is enough." Oklahoma educators are doing that this week, and they deserve the support of this body and this campus in their effort to improve and sustain public education in Oklahoma, and in doing what the state legislature should have been doing for the past 20 years: supporting public education.

Cassidy: in the 12th whereas clause, would you accept a friendly amendment changing it from "will strike" to "began striking"?

Carter: yes

Fees: was there a reason that the Senate was left off of the list of people to send this bill to?

Carter: Really only because I follow the House a lot better.

Fees: would you accept a friendly amendment adding the necessary members from the Senate to that list?

Carter: yes

Mazeitis: are you aware of the scrivener's error in the last whereas clause? Just spacing.

Carter: We'll get that fixed.

Mazeitis: are you accepting co-sponsors?

Williams: yes

OI Chair: if you don't want to be a co-sponsor, please indicate so now or after the meeting. Otherwise, we will assume everyone here wants to co-sponsor the bill.

Consent

Bill passed by unanimous consent

New Business

Follow-Up Reports

Rains-Saucedo: there's been a lot of scheduling conflicts, but this Friday, OSU will be here to film the mental health PSA at 2pm. If you're interested, please come talk to me!

Items for Future Agenda

990203 - A Resolution Calling for Early Cost Estimation for Class Materials (Bridwell) → Upol

OI Kalvacherla: if we were to add a resolution later, could we just come to you for a number?²

Chair: yes, at any time or email me. Session 99 is ending though, so you have a limited amount of time on that.

990307 – A Resolution Calling for the Expansion of Crimson Cruisers (Sanroman) → Upol

990204 – A Resolution Calling for the Addition of Teacher Evaluation (Bonic) → Upol

990513 – Governmental Primary Funding Bill (Chism) → WAM

Announcements and Comments

Motion to Skip Announcements and Comments and Final Roll Call and adjourn
Representative Chism seconded by Representative Rojas
Objection
Motion carries by a hand vote

Final Roll Call

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

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Ball, Carson	ex
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	x
Cordova, Mackenzie	x
DeAngeli, Emma	x
Duechting, Donald	x
Fees, Elaina	x
Hammond, Rabina	abs
Hedgorth, Joseph	x
Hoefke, Madeleine	x
Holt, Richard	x
Kalvacherla, Vinay	x
Keefer, Braden	x
Khan, Adam	ex
Lee, Alan	ex
Liu, Shihui	x
Lobaugh, Rachel	ex
Mazeitis, Jake	x
McClintic, Alexander	x
Manohar, Kanjan	abs
Rojas, Julio	x

Sanroman, Rosa	x
Scimeca, Joey	x
Thomas, Hailey	ex
Thompson, Gabi	x
Waddell, Turner	x
Walton, Jonathan	ex
Williams, Dan	x
Wilson, Taylor	abs
Present	28
Absent	4
Excused	6

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No	0	0
Abstain	0	0