

# THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



## UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS Session CIII

**General Body Meeting**  
**8:00 pm, Tuesday, November 5th, 2019**  
**Devon Hall 120**

**Roll Call**  
**Mission Statement**  
**Moment of Silence**  
**Approval of Minutes**

**Chair's Report** – Hi welcome new faces! I am super excited that everyone is here. I will be taking things a bit slowly throughout the meeting and I will be using “on information” to help you guys understand parli pro. It's hard at first if you've never experienced it. If you have any questions raise your hand and say on information. I'm Emma DeAngeli, I am the chair of congress. My pronouns are she/her/hers. I am from Boise and I'm a math and music major. Also, committees are a thing that you have to be a part of so we will get you more info on that. You will hear in a moment from the committee chairs from session 102. They will be saying their name, pronouns, hometown and major. Please talk to them. There will be 2 chair vacancies. Right now, we are in a transition period. University Policy chair and External Affairs chairs positions open. Please let them know if you are interested in the positions. For the committee meetings, the first one will be this Sunday, but it will be an informal meeting. This is a chance for every member to try out a committee either a new one for old members and if you wanted to switch you can.

**Vice Chair's Report** – Hi everyone, my name is Mahak Merchant. I am the Vice Chair of congress. I am excited to start this new session with you guys. I'm also in charge of making the name tags. Please check last names, spelling, and make sure you are the correct district. Tell me if they are wrong. My pronouns are she/her/hers. A fun fact about me is that I can fluently speak 4 languages. After this meeting, we will be walking to Conoco student offices.

**Secretary's Report** – Hi everyone! My name is Savannah Patterson. My pronouns are she/her/hers. I am from Edmond Oklahoma; I am a criminology major and I am the secretary of the undergraduate student congress. My job is to type up the minutes and everything everyone says. So, if you are new and talk fast, please slow down. I also deal with absences and attendance.

### **Committee Reports-**

- **Campus Outreach, Safety, and Concerns:** My name is Mark Mayes he/him/his. I am from Oklahoma City and I am majoring finance and I am a Russian minor. I won't speak for too long. My committee deals with keeping up do date with the SGA suggestion box where students and faculty can put in concerns and suggestions to be solved by student congress or changed on campus. This committee deals with less legislation and more on the ground type projects. This month and next month there will be quite a few projects. There will be an event that is a kind of Stress reliver during dead week and we are also working on getting free child care for student with children. Lastly, we are looking at making sure all the buildings are ADA compliant.

- **Congressional Administration:** My name is Malachi Bouch. My pronouns are he/him/his. I am from Tulsa Oklahoma. I am a letters and constitutional studies major. All the fun facts about me are illegal. I'm kidding. In the ConAd committee, we deal with the constitution, code annotated, and the bylaws. We deal with the applications, interviews. Applications for the associateships will come out soon. First day of next semester I believe. We have projects clarifying something in the code annotated in the election process. We will be reducing redundancies. The Code Annotated is the Student Government Association's governing document. It is like the constitution but easier to amend.
- **External Affairs:** Hello my name is Dalton Gau, I am the outgoing External Affairs chair. I am from Edmond Oklahoma and I am a political science major. My committee works with aspects outside campus. We deal with the City council, the city of Norman. Taylor and Nathan spoke with members of the council. We work with the mayors. This is a more political type committee. If this is something that interests you, please come talk to me or Taylor or anyone else.
- **Human Diversity:** Hi, my name is Lauren Miller and I am the Human Diversity Chair. I am an advertising major from Norman. My pronouns are she/her/hers. This committee is used to make campus a more inclusive campus. We do table for implicit bias. We are also hosting a Friendsgiving for the international students. This committee not legislation driven but we do write some. We are proposing a resolution soon about food signage across campus labeling gluten free, kosher, etc. My committee meets a 4:30pm on Sundays.
- **Sustainability:** Hi, my name is Gina. I am a biology major and an art minor. My pronouns are she/her/hers. The committee deals with environmental sustainability on campus. We work with admin and other organizations. We have monthly trash walks. It is nice getting outside and picking up trash. We invite everyone in congress. This committee is not very legislation heavy committee but have passed some things. A recent bill that we passed was one that SGA could no longer fund balloons and glitter anymore. We also founded the Real Food Challenge and environmental coalition.
- **University Policy:** My name is Abbey; my pronouns are she/her/hers. My major was health, University Policy is full of fun long-term projects. We are legislation heavy, but you work on one key initiative in the semester. We study peer institutions and innovative solutions that help campus.
- **Ways and Means:** Hey, my name is Lauren Patton. My pronouns are she/her/hers. I am a political science, criminology double major with a master's in public administration early graduate. I in a sense have two positions. I am the Ways and Means committee chair of congress, I am also budgetary chair for SGA. My committee funds organizations on campus. There are 2 types of funding. Auxiliary funding is ongoing now. We are probably the most legislation heavy. We will be meeting Sundays at 3pm. My committee stays generally pretty small. Please still talk to me you should still know about the process. Office hours tomorrow 11-1pm.

### **Liaison Reports**

Patton: Tonight, Alpha Chi is having a pizza event to raise money for woman's resources.

Chism: I am the liaison for PAN. We had a mixer with the international advisory committee.

Garg: I am the liaison for the international advisory committee. Thanks to PAN for organizing that event. We are having a new event soon. There will be a human library on November 22<sup>nd</sup> before thanksgiving. It will be really cool. The event is called Unjudge someone. You can sign up to be a book. You can have someone unjudged you and sign up to be a reader.

Coen: Bake sale!!!!

Marvin: There is a Tri Delta Phil event this Saturday from 2pm-6pm called the Delta House of Pancakes. The tickets are \$5 if you buy them from a sister now or \$7 at the door. Tri Delt is one of the top 10 in the nation, and that is due to everyone who attends events like these so please come! There will be unlimited pancakes, as well as other breakfast food even though it is at 2pm.

Spangler-Day: The Pre-law Society is selling t-shirts for \$15. They are amazing comfort colors so let me know if you want one. Also, please come to our next meeting next Wednesday at 6pm.

Lissau: Relay for life had an event two nights ago. Next semester there will be a 5k run.

Mohamoud: There is a rugby team game Saturday at 1pm. Please come watch us compete!

Broadbent: President's Community Scholars invited 30 middle schoolers from love works in the cafeteria at 5pm if you want to meet the kids come, if you want to eat, I would avoid the area!

Hillis: Soonerton Day of Miracles is tomorrow. It is one of the big donation days. You can also visit the Porch from 4-8 and the headington hall Qdoba from 5-9.

Marvin: Public Relations Students of America is selling t-shirts for \$15. All the proceeds are going to their philanthropy.

Miller: Hi from Lauren ☺

### **Special Orders**

Swearing-In Ceremony

### **Student Concerns**

Chism: I was walking to my car and parked in the corner of Lloyd Noble and 2 lights were out, and I felt unsafe. This is fake just an example.

DeAngeli: Then I would assign this concern to Campus Outreach Safety and Concerns.

Mohamoud: There is something in the parking garage behind headington that is broken.

DeAngeli: Okay, I'm actually going to assign that one to Campus Outreach Safety and Concerns.

### **Old Business**

### **Items to Be Considered**

#### **Follow-Up Reports**

Marvin: First, for the new members. Something that always comes up in Campus Safety and Concerns, we can't turn off the stadium lights, it could cause a power surge in the entire city of Norman. We cannot do turn them off and on all the time. It is more sustainable to just leave them on. Like my chair stated, we are looking at buildings and seeing if they are ADA compliant. There are quite a bit of issues so far and we will have a report soon. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

#### **Items for Future Agenda**

Patton: I need auxiliary 11.

DeAngeli: AB-103-01

Chism: I need a resolution regarding medical exemptions for class attendance.

DeAngeli: CR-103-02

#### **Announcements and Comments**

Patterson: If you guys said a liaison report, email me the details so everyone can get them when I send out the minutes! [congresssec@ou.edu](mailto:congresssec@ou.edu)

Merchant: We will be making a session 103 GroupMe, so please, if you are new, stay after the meeting so you can be added in the GroupMe. Also, come up to me so I can get you set up with an organization to be a liaison for.

Harman: Race over to Gamma Pi Sigma, Pi Lambda has coffee, tea, hurts donuts, and Einstein bagels!

Patton: If you have any questions about the funding process, email me at [sgabudget@ou.edu](mailto:sgabudget@ou.edu).

Schneider: The Instagram is @ou\_congress. We follow back!

Merchant: We have multiple Public Relations directors. Caitlyn Schneider and Audrey Heuser deal with the social media. Caitlin Harman is the HD PR director. I have a feeling that we lost another PR director tonight so if anyone is interested in designing merch or panning outreach events, please let me know!

### **Final Roll Call**

#### **Adjourn**

Chair: Emma DeAngeli

Vice Chair: Mahak Merchant

Secretary: Savanah Patterson