

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS Session CIV

General Body Meeting

7:00 pm, Tuesday, September 29, 2020

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Roll Call 7:00pm

Mission Statement

Moment of Silence

Approval of Minutes

Representative Nath seconded by Representative Bryant

Chair's Report - Hey everyone!

We have a couple things on our agenda. The OU food pantry has come to talk to us about their program and the Executive Cabinet members will be giving their progress reports. There will be time for questions for everyone.

Speaking of questions. I am a little concerned with the lack of questioning. One of the things Congress is here to do is to make sure that every bill we pass, everything we see is thoroughly thought about and checked. Something I want to see from everyone is engagement. No question is stupid in this body. I know it can feel intimidating, but it won't stop being intimidating until you say something. Authors of legislation love answering questions, so please do not be afraid to speak up. Questions can be about absolutely anything that is related to the bill or the topic at hand. If you do not know what is going on, ask. Remember "on information" can be used at any time, you are 100% allowed to interrupt the speakers. Questions can ALWAYS be asked by associates. Everyone is allowed to ask questions.

Now, I know there are some of you who want this meeting to be quick. I am aware of the presidential debate tonight, trust me. But that is not a reason to rush through a meeting. There will be plenty of debates and we live in the era of the internet so I am sure no one will miss much. Please also do not watch it while we are in session. You guys would not be streaming it live if we were in person and I expect the same level of respect to not only the guests time, but to every other member of this body who is giving their attention.

I have a couple more announcements. The joint committee will be meeting this Sunday to discuss Conoco 2nd and 3rd office space allocations. Vice Chair Bouch, UPOL Chair South and Vice Chair Max Murdock will be attending as well as other members of GSS. In big Exec we talked about the football game last weekend as well as plans for thanksgiving break. There are conversations about athletics overselling student tickets so we hope that will be looked into. There is also still nothing definitive for classes after thanksgiving break so keep holding on.

Lastly,

Due to a variety of personal reasons, I will be resigning effective December 1st from my position as Chair. I recently became aware of a financial issue that forces me to graduate in December. I am incredibly saddened at the idea that I have to leave so soon. It is never easy to move on, but I know you all will be in good hands. I will be talking with George and ConAd to nail down the dates for the election process for the new chair. The week after that will be the traditional vote of no confidence for the Vice chair and Secretary positions but instead of a Vote of no confidence for chair, there will be another election. If anyone has any questions or concerns, please contact me personally. Due to personal, recent events in my life, I ask that you all give me patience for the next couple of weeks. It is no lie that this body means the world to me. I will do everything in my power to make sure that the transition later this semester, moves as smoothly as possible thank you.

Vice Chair's Report – Went to every committee except UPol. I encourage collaborating between committees. I want to talk about how Congress has been so far. Everyone remain respectful of everyone else's views in the body. This is an election year and tensions are at an all time high. It's a divisive election. This body isn't partisan. It's to improve students' lives. We should put that mission first above anything else.

Secretary's Report – Hi everyone! Just a friendly reminder that you have until Friday, October 2nd at 11:59pm to get your constituent service hour in for the month. If you're having trouble finding one, please reach out and I can see if I can help. If you've done yours and haven't logged it yet, I'll be sending out the Google Form after the meeting tonight in the email as well as on Friday in the GroupMe.

Committee Reports-

- **Campus Outreach, Safety, and Concerns:** Hi everyone. We have a lot. Light Walk went well. Eleven people showed up. Two groups of three and one group of two. Everyone should sign up for the next one next month. Turn Up For Transit online and incentivizing it. Chris Glenn works with us on that. Childcare for faculty and staff. Inter-committee work with UPol and for Goddard, HD. Golf Cart project with ARC and not Housing and Food. International Student involvement. SGA and international student online mixer. COVID mask enforcement to make guidelines clearer for RSOs, same with Greek Life. Let me know if you have any questions.
- **Congressional Administration:** For bills, we saw True Democracy NOW. CB-104-19. We've decided to push it to next week's agenda. This bill won't take effect until next semester. We're changing SGA control of IFC elections. Reworking those policies. Moving election date feasibility. I always invite you all to ConAd.
- **External Affairs:** We registered 104 new voters. We tabled this Monday and again next Monday. Deadline is October 9. OK Votes hosting a nonpartisan online debate watch party as well as College Republicans and College Democrats. Tune in.
- **Human Diversity:** Gave projects to everyone. Email updates before the end of the week. Cross collaboration between HD and UPol and HD and COSCO. Friendsgiving, seeing if it can happen. Projects with the GEC. Legislation within the next month.
- **Sustainability:** We're looking into campus infrastructure projects. Next trash walk. Looking into City of Norman. Mid-to-late October. Maybe Lake Thunderbird. Talking with Second Wind about their to-go cups to see if we can get something better for recycling. Messaging and social media presence. Lucy's on that. Campus plastic use and recycling infrastructure and restaurant plastic use. Signage and recycling bins. Look around for campus updates on that. Legislation about divestment from petroleum companies. Controversial, so we want to research that thoroughly. Susty is big this year. Might have forgotten something.
- **University Policy:** Our projects are in the beginning stages, contacting administrators. Main update for this week. Massive petition going around for pass/no pass option for grading. Going to Faculty Senate executive committee meeting next Monday to speak with leadership to see our options and how we can move forward in getting that implemented for the semester. Any concerns specifically, get ahold of me and I'll relay that to Faculty Senate.
- **Ways and Means:** Saw Aux 3. Seeing that tonight. Honing in on what WAM will look like this year. We want a more hands on approach with ENGAGE and organizations. Last year's fiscal is not reliable because we didn't want to have it affect organizations negatively. A lot can change in two years. We're making sure we're having conversations with them so if they're not following through

it's on them. We're bridging the gap because of COVID and the new platform. In talks about what that might look like. Aux will be small this year.

Liaison Reports

Harman: Psychology club meeting. Pre-law society tonight.

Kerr: College Dems hosting Netflix party tomorrow night. Talking about SQ805 and watching bring down the house on Netflix.

Merchant: GEC hosting rape awareness week oct 5-7. What were you wearing exhibit, our voice training, and take back the night October 8 in the Unity Garden.

Garg: ISA Sing Along, ISA members performing live on IG tomorrow 7pm. Raffle going on. You could win.

Special Orders

- OU Food Pantry

Maddy: I'm the OU Food Pantry student director. We're at Stubbemann Place. Recent decline in numbers even though the need is there. Please reach out to your constituents. If you know anyone who needs the resources. Sometimes it's overlooked but it's important. Many people rely on it. If anyone has any questions, I'd love to answer them.

Nath: What are the Food Pantry hours?

Maddy: TW 10-6. Online order system. Go to ENGAGE to fill out form and we have them in a bag ready for you, 30 seconds in and out. We want to eliminate stigma.

Bouch: How many volunteers do you need on a day to day basis?

Maddy: Always looking for volunteers. We have volunteers able to come in 10-12 Monday. Any hour between 10-6 Tuesday and Wednesday. Organizations can come in and volunteer. We'd be happy to take a group. If you want to email us or go to our website you can contact us.

Lange: Do you collaborate with the Food Recovery Network?

Maddy: FRN takes wasted food on campus and donates it to places like the pantry. FRN hasn't been in contact with us. No product from them in a little over 8 months. If one of you has contact with them we'd take the product. I heard it had issues previously, not sure what they are. They're a great organization.

Bryant: If we wanted to donate or help, is there a list of items you need?

Maddy: Toiletries, menstrual products. Toothbrushes, toothpaste, toilet paper. If you have problems getting something, we always need that. When I go to Walmart I get a couple extra things to drop off for donations. Amazon wish list and also you can donate monetarily. Time is the biggest donation.

Marvin: Graphic or some way we can share this? I want to post it on Facebook.

Maddy: I'll email Savannah tonight.

Nath: How are you handling COVID?

Maddy: We want to make sure we're COVID secure. We spray everything down every day.

Donations wait in box for two weeks before going on shelves. We clean everything, only allow volunteers to bag food. We require germex and handwashing. Wiping things down every day. If you have suggestions on how to do that better I'm all ears.

Garg: Where is the food pantry?

Maddy: 1113 Elm. Right next to the freshman dorms, on the back side of Papa John's building. Stigma about food pantries and founder thought this might combat that. We also have parking.

- Executive Branch Progress Reviews

Yanez: Inclusivity director couldn't be here, I'm filling in. Inclusivity had our DEI week. Week full of events on all campuses. Potential event collab with GEC for menstrual product drive and campaign to develop a platform for all students.

Gray: Interior. We've worked on a toiletry drive with OU Food Pantry. Sometime in October hopefully. Leadership and Volunteers to advertise campus wide. Boxes in all campus housing buildings. Could incentivize by a raffle for donations.

Farzaneh: Co-director of exterior with Peter Hart. Collab with comms about restaurant brackets to show off norman businesses. Emailing businesses that attended last OU Loves Norman Day to show our support because OU Loves Norman Day won't really work virtually.

Castellano: Completed covid/labor day posts, SGA Congress and CLA applications graphic, BLM/diversity links and resources, OU SGA BLM support fund. Coming up, meeting to discuss grad cords and stoles for seniors, merch/discussing best safety protocols for getting orders out. To receive any updates for new posts and keeping SGA socials up to date.

Emini: Exec, appointments. Big 12 conference coming up, virtually. Election board applications coming up soon. Any questions feel free to ask.

WiFi kicked me off the Zoom for like one minute : (

Hillis: In our last congressional election, we said we need to make our social medias into one platform. How are you managing that?

Castellano: I've contacted Malachi and discussed it. I have some suggestions. I think it's scattered when you do have smaller IG. Not saying they're bad, but maybe just if we had a consensus on graphics or a collaborative IG. It does need to happen to make deadlines and elections more accessible.

Hillis: How did the general application go?

Emini: Justin and I have discussed this before. I think the general application works very well. There might need to be some work to make things more cohesive but it's a great idea to keep everyone's application on one thing. It needs work but it's a good thing.

- U.S. Census

Ahmadi: Oklahoma response rate one of the worst. If you haven't filled out the Census, it's vital you go to the website to take the Census for Norman. Doesn't matter where your parents' permanent residence is, it's just where you were on April 1 2020. It's due tomorrow!! Also, we started an OU campaign to get better response rates with complete count committees. OU had one. Sent an OUMM, share with your families. Please take it. Only for off-campus residents, for upperclassmen. Deadline's tomorrow. Wanted to shout out Foster about his legislation. I look forward to a great conversation. Elections are one of the foundations of what we do.

Student Concerns

Few: Kevin Stitt on campus, viral tweet about people not wearing masks and he ignored someone who asked about it.

Patterson: I'll talk with Big Exec about it.

Tucker: Working conditions in Wagner Dining.

Patterson: COSCO or UPol.

Harder: Hand sanitizer spots out or barely giving any out in the machines. Library one out as well as in the Union. Didn't know if others noticed that.

Patterson: COSCO.

Old Business

Items to Be Considered

AB-104-05 Auxiliary Allocation 3 Act of 2020-2021 (Patton) (WAM, Do Pass)

Representative Nath seconded by Representative Few

Patton: Aux 3. 2 organizations. If we pass this, \$292,268.63 left in aux.

South: What do these organizations do?

Patton: Christians on Campus is a Christian org on campus. They have general meetings and smaller Bible studies. Okie Belles is a women’s organization that does service.

Patterson: Is the food you approved funding for in line with COVID policies?

Patton: As far as we know. We need to check up with receipts with Curt. Making sure they’re following procedures.

Hong: What does Okie Belles use their funding for?

Patton: \$300 is for office supplies and expenses like advertising and promotion. Rest of it is for food for events.

Follow-Up Reports

Broadbent: Voter Registration Bill and RBG bills passed. Supermajority of Senators put their names on the RBG bill as co-sponsors.

Harman: HASA bill passed GSS.

Items for Future Agenda

Announcements and Comments

Lange: Student Environmental Coalition. If you know of any environmentally focused RSOs that you think could benefit from collaborating with SEC, refer them to me. We’re trying to improve attendance and participation.

Broadbent: Please watch the debate. Important to inform yourself about November. I don’t care which watch party you go to.

South: Anything you want to say about Pass/No Pass, email me ASAP. You can come to UPol Sunday. You can email me, crispin@ou.edu.

Bouch: If you or anyone in an RSO have graphics about an event, send them to be. We’re going to publicizing RSO events. Get the word out about that. PR directors Loayza and Yanez.

Ahmadi: Feel free to invite me to meetings about the election bill that Foster wrote. We’re concerned about long meetings on Tuesdays. If there are opportunities where we can talk outside of committee, send me a meeting invite and I’d be honored to be a part of the conversation.

Final Roll Call

Adjourn 8:13pm

Representative Hillis seconded by Representative Nath

Chair: Savanah Patterson

Vice Chair: Malachi Bouch

Secretary: Emily Tucker

Session 104	General
Alpert, Lucy	x
Angstadt, Kennedy	x

Broadbent, Taylor	x
Bryant, Maegan	x
Buxton, Nate	x
Carmona, Ismael	x
Chenevey, Brandon	x
Cotton, Chad	x
Dobson, Jessica	x
Douglas, Zoe	x
Few, Kendall	x
Flaggert, Jayke	abs
Garg, Nishit	x
Grebe, Jordan	x
Harman, Caitlyn	x
Hillis, Foster	x
Hong, Anna	x
Kerr, Susan	x
Kevric, Hanna	x
Lange, Jake	x
Lewis, Lacey	x
Loayza, Robert	x
Long, Matt	x
Lynskey, Graeson	ex
Marvin, Alexis	x
May, Sidney	x
Mayes, Mark	x
McGee, Tess	x
Merchant, Mahak	x
Miller, Summer	x
Mojekwu, Peace	x
Murdock, Max	x
Nath, Joy	x
Roberts, Lauren	x
Rosen, Ashley	x

Smail, Taylor	x
Stormer, Sam	X
Thomas, Christopher	x
Tucker, Emily	x
Virtue, Haley	abs
Present	36
Absent	3
Excused	1

Session 104	AB-104-05
AB-104-03 and	
Alpert, Lucy	y
Angstadt, Kennedy	y
Broadbent, Taylor	y
Bryant, Maegan	y
Buxton, Nate	y
Carmona, Ismael	y
Chenevey, Brandon	y
Cotton, Chad	y
Dobson, Jessica	y
Douglas, Zoe	y
Few, Kendall	y
Flaggert, Jake	
Garg, Nishit	y
Grebe, Jordan	y
Harman, Caitlyn	y
Hillis, Foster	y
Hong, Anna	y
Kerr, Susan	y
Kevric, Hanna	y

Lange, Jake	y
Lewis, Lacey	
Loayza, Robert	y
Long, Matt	y
Lynskey, Graeson	
Marvin, Alexis	y
May, Sidney	
Mayes, Mark	y
McGee, Tess	y
Merchant, Mahak	y
Miller, Summer	
Mojekwu, Peace	y
Murdock, Max	y
Nath, Joy	y
Roberts, Lauren	y
Rosen, Ashley	
Smail, Taylor	y
Stormer, Sam	y
Thomas, Christopher	y
Tucker, Emily	y
Virtue, Haley	
Yes	33
No	0
Abstain	0

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UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CIV
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GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GF20
September 27th, 2020

CONGRESSIONAL BILL AB-104-05
SENATE BILL NO. GF20-XX

AS INTRODUCED

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An act relating to appropriations; providing for short title; stating purpose; appropriating Auxiliary Funding for the 2020-2021 process; stating appropriation guidelines; establishing expiration deadline; directing transfer of unused funds by deadline; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION:

Section 1: This act shall be known and may be cited as the “Auxiliary Allocation 3 Act of 2020-2021”

Section 2: PURPOSE. The purpose of this act is to appropriate the funds of the University of Oklahoma Student Government Association to the organizations mentioned within.

Section 3: APPROPRIATION. The following amounts are hereby allocated to

Organization	Programs, Events & Activities	Capital Investments	Office and General Expenses	Total
Christians on Campus	800			800
Okie Belles	400		300	700
			TOTAL:	1500

Section 4: All guidelines and provisions in Title 10 of the Code Annotated shall apply to all funds appropriated in this act.

Section 5: This fiscal year for the account listed in these sections shall end May 7, 2021

Section 6: All unspent money remaining in the accounts listed in Section 3 shall revert to the SGA General Account after May 7, 2021, and the remaining appropriations shall be canceled.

Section 7: This act shall become effective when passed in accordance with the SGA Constitution.

Author(s): Lauren Patton, Chair, SGA Budget Committee

Co-Author(s): SGA Budgetary Committee

Submitted on a motion by: Representative Nath seconded by Representative Few

Action taken by Student Congress: 33-0-0

Verified by Chair of Student Congress: _____ Date: _____

Submitted on a motion by:

Action taken by Senate:

Verified by Chair of Senate: _____ Date: _____

Approved by SGA President: _____ Date: _____