THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS

Session CVIII General Body Meeting 7:00 pm, Tuesday, October 25th, 2022 Gaylord 2020

Call to Order – 7:04 pm Opening Roll Call

Mission Statement: The mission of the University of Oklahoma Student Government Association Undergraduate Student Congress is to represent the interests of undergraduate students in their pursuit of academic and individual achievement. The Undergraduate Student Congress is committed to building a strong campus community, promoting civic engagement, and enhancing the quality of the undergraduate experience at the University of Oklahoma.

Moment of Silence: 20 Second Moment of Silence to allow an opportunity for reflection. Officer Reports -

- **Chair's Report:** We are on a tight timeline so we will have everyone do their committee and officer reports after the speakers. During special orders, each candidate will have 5 minutes to discuss their platform and there will be a collective 20 minutes for questions. The questions must be for both candidates and cannot be targeted. 2 minutes are allotted for each response and there will not be extensions of time.
- Vice Chair's Report: Hi everybody we got the merch designs done and we will show them later. There are lots of CSP opportunities I will mention later as well.
- Secretary's Report: Hi y'all! I have nothing to report other than remind your friends who are associates that next week's meeting will be the monthly meeting everyone must attend!

Committee Reports-

- **Campus Outreach, Safety, and Concerns:** COSCO met unofficially, will talk about it later.
- o Congressional Administration: ConAd did not meet, will talk about it later.
- o External Affairs: EAdid not meet, will talk about it later.
- Human Diversity: HD met officially, will talk about it later.
- Sustainability: Susty met unofficially, will talk about it later.
- University Policy: UPol met unofficially, will talk about it later.
- Ways and Means: WAM did not meet.

Liaison Reports

Special Orders

- Dr. Porwancher Announcement
- Firch/Shultz Campaign Presentation
- Poupore/Felkner Campaign Presentation

Motion to suspend the rules and go back in time for approval of the minutes Representative Griffin seconded by Representative Mullins 26-0-0

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes Representative Griffin seconded by Representative Reynolds Officer Reports -

- Chair's Report: Please visit Meacham auditorium tomorrow night and attend the presidential debate and see who you're going to vote for. We are working to get that polling site on campus for next semester. Oklahoma Votes is having Vote Early Day this Friday. There will be wellness week this week and we will have a sign up sheet for SGA poll workers for the 1st and 2nd.
- Vice Chair's Report: We have merch designs done and ready! We have two designs, one for the t-shirt and one for the crewneck, here is a picture of what we are thinking. We are going to start working on printing and how much money each will be. For your constituent service points there are going to be some opportunities coming up- susty is beginning their Teracycle pickups and will need volunteers every two weeks. Reach out to Chair Houston. We are also going to go ahead and do in person and online elections this semester so that means we will have two days where we need poll workers! That will be a CSP for anyone who does thar, and we also need your participation to make this in person election possible and it will create way more election turnout, so please help out, the dates will be November 1st and 2nd from 10-2. There is also going to be an opportunity to get a point from donating to the HD homeless shelter clothing drive, for donating two items to the drive (a picture is required!). We also have an opportunity from a former member of the body for men who want to pursue politics. Reach out to me for details if you are interested, this would count as a CSP. I am also working on legislation, if you have questions come and ask me! Thank you!
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Committee Reports-

- **Campus Outreach, Safety, and Concerns:** COSCO had a light walk this last Sunday which was a great success! Thank you to everyone that came, got your service point, and made the night so fun. Additionally, we learned of prayer and ablution areas on campus and narrowed partnerships for our skin safety project. That's all! Thank you.
- **Congressional Administration:** Hi, Friends! ConAd did not meet this weekend, but we are still working on our projects. With elections coming up, we are focusing on our work with the election commission. As well as, if you have a seat that expires in the upcoming election and you would like an associateship, please use the Reapplication Form on the Congress Engage page to reapply. Our goal is to have all Reappointments finished by November 15th. Remember the Reapplication Form is only for current members of the body. New members cannot apply for the body using that form. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns please let me know!
- **External Affairs:** EA did not meet this weekend, but we did get to go out today and post election flyers. We are still sitting on our election day holiday bill to hear back from the provost. The 28th is the deadline to send in your absentee ballot if you're in Texas. Ask me for any other dates specific to your state.

- **Human Diversity:** HD met officially on Thursday to plan projects. We have our donation drive scheduled for November 1-14th, and we will be tabling from 10:30-12:30 on Halloween. We will have sign-ups for anyone who wants to help table with us. Donating two items will be considered a constituent service point as well, but you must have proof that you donated the item. We also have Friendsgiving set for November 17th from 5-7pm, and I will have more information about helping out with that event later.
- **Sustainability:** Susty met unofficially this week, but we're hoping to launch our TerraCycle project on National Recycling Day, November 15. We will be sending out a signup sheet for volunteers to pick up the recycling soon, as well as people to table. Our Trash Walk will be this Sunday, October 30th at 1:30 pm and we will be meeting at the OUBCM to do post-Halloween weekend cleanup around campus.
- University Policy: Hey guys! UPOL met unofficially on zoom on Sunday. We just got up to date on the projects we are working on right now. I know you have heard a lot about our legislation on student wages and we are really excited to soon see that in the body. I just want to point out that in our legislation we are overcompensating for the wage. We are suggesting a 15-dollar wage and we know that is quite a jump. More to come on that and why it is that much. If anyone wants to be a co-author on this legislation, please reach out to me. After we are finished with this, we are going to start focusing on accessibility in classrooms and buildings on campus. That's all I have!
- Ways and Means: WAM did not meet last week. We will meet this Thursday to see aux 5. Liaison Reports
 - Houston: The SEC met yesterday and we also heard from both campaigns. Green Week had their group bike ride sponsored by Veo and they also did the Little Event. Next Monday at 1 they are doing a collaboration with the City of Norman to clean up lake Thunderbird. They have a fundraiser at the Chipotle on 24th on Nov. 2nd from 6-8pm and on the 4th with The Tower. The Sustainable Energy Society is going to have a discussion with alumni working in the renewable energy industry.

Student Concern Link Items to Be Considered Follow-Up Reports

Follow-Up Reports

• **Kathuria:** The Save Bedlam Act will be seen in GSS soon and I have reached out to OSU's Speaker of the Senate and the OSU student body president. I have gotten responses back from both and we will meet with them sometime this week with Chair Mullins and Chair Lewis.

Items for Future Agenda

• **Reynolds:** Me and Representative Kathuria will be writing a bill that has to do with military parking. We are looking to increase that to at least 13 to represent the 13 stripes on the flag.

Announcements and Comments

- **Mullins:** Friday is Vote Early Day. OK Votes is tabling and it will be a CSP. 10:30 to 2:30pm
- **Kathuria:** I did meet with the Course Mark committee. Course Material will officially include textbooks, online platforms, textbook rentals, iClickers, calculators, etc. Unfortunately, certain material such as a violin or paint will not be included in that list. If there is a situation where you have 2 or 3 classes using the same textbook that should be mentioned in the ClassNav so you can purchase the most accurate subscription.
- **Griffin**: Everybody's election is on November 8th. Make sure you've got a voting plan a great way to make one is on Turbovote.com

• **Kathuria:** There will be a time where the Course Marking committee will present to the provost.

Final Roll Call Motion to adjourn Representative Griffin seconded by Representative Brown Adjourn - 8:20 pm

Chair: Lacey Lewis Vice-Chair: Bailey Trautman Secretary: Amelia Landry

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