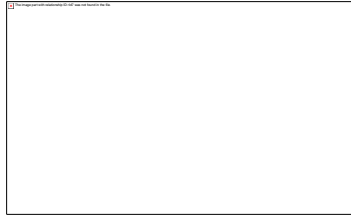


THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS Session CV

General Body Meeting
7:00 pm, Tuesday, December 1, 2020
Thurman J. White Forum Building
Forum Room

<https://oklahoma.zoom.us/j/96159309031?pwd=c2c1WDMyNGk3TXBuYVMzSXZjUEcwUT09>
Passcode: 74296497

Roll Call 7:00pm

Mission Statement

Moment of Silence

Approval of Minutes

Representative Griffin seconded by Representative Sertovic

Chair's Report – Hi! So excited we made quorum. Thank you everyone for your hard work this semester.

Vice Chair's Report -

Secretary's Report – Hi everyone! Hope you all had a safe and healthy Thanksgiving. I'm so, so glad we made quorum! A reminder that constituent service hours for the month of December are excused, and November was so crazy that if you did get one in, good for you! If you didn't, I won't count it as an absence. Additionally, I'm going to be working with ConAd next semester to see about making constituent service less of a penalty if you don't get it and more of a reward if you do, so look out for that.

Committee Reports-

- **Campus Outreach, Safety, and Concerns:** Right now, we have about 20 projects going on right now and they'll have to wait for next semester. I'll be meeting with my exec team to talk about long term goals with COSCO and things we want to see coming back from Christmas Break and adapting to COVID. If anyone wants to know what that looks like or has suggestions, feel free to talk to me about that. We're still working on surveys and revising questions. There is one thing we want to do, sending an OUMM about professors holding class when they shouldn't be. A professor held a class and required attendance during the ice storm. We'll let people know that they should contact their dean if that happens. We'll talk about things before the break about RSO guidelines with COVID, but hopefully we'll better equip our RSOs for next semester. Also, we're wanting to work with UPol on Students in Recovery from alcohol and drugs. Former President Gibbs worked on that before. If anyone wants to be a part of those conversations, let me know.
- **Congressional Administration:** I'm Foster, I'm the parliamentarian and ConAd chair. This meeting is very Parli Pro based so you can ask if you have questions. We saw CB-105-03 Mission Election Commission with a rec of do pass. Bylaws in line with True Democracy NOW to update the language. Saw appointments, but because of our legislative schedule, we couldn't see their appointment bill in time, so they'll be sworn in in the spring.

- **External Affairs:** Things we did this semester included the voter report. Looking forward, we have to prep for Higher Ed Day in the spring. We want to increase participation in local elections. Any questions or suggestions, let me know.
- **Human Diversity:** I'm Caitlyn, HD chair. Savannah, you were fantastic for this body. I know you are going to succeed wherever life takes you. In terms of HD, we wrapped up 2 weeks ago. Working on the newsletter for the spring. We're working with Frank Henry on the food menus. If you hear anything that needs to be addressed, let me know.
- **Sustainability:** I'm Jake, he/him/his, Susty chair. We're wrapped up for the semester in Susty. We'll engage with social media campaigns next semester to create content for education. Projects in the works, working with EA for trash walks every month. Also, HD on environmental justice issues. Projects continuing next semester, trash walk, and trash pickup for PR. Also, possibly looking into Norman water quality with EA. Also, TreeFest seeking to plant trees in the community. Big committee this semester, thank you all for your hard work.
- **University Policy:** I'm Crispin, he/him. UPol hasn't met officially because of quorum and life craziness. Projects for next semester: student needs survey, like physical needs to try to find ways to help them out working with admin or SGA internal programs. Also, policy audits. UPol will have a weekly report on some section of university policy like student conduct, etc. Additionally, we have some things going with Housing and Food, students in recovery, trying to keep that program going. Also, parking. We're happy to announce that over winter break, anyone with housing, commuter, and priority spaces will be able to park in any housing spaces.
- **Ways and Means:** Next semester, primary is a little different. Friday the 1 week of March.

Liaison Reports

Tucker: Red Dirt Collective is a Norman organizing group that's currently doing a Christmas food drive, they're taking donations via GoFundMe. They also have a community fridge on Vicksburg that could use some help. Also, OU Write Club 8:30 Thursday Zoom.

Kerr: OU Dems having a trivia night, and also Georgia runoff watch party.

Lange: TreeFest, if you're interested in helping out, reach out to me or Alexi Musick.

Special Orders

Recess for 5min

Representative Grebe seconded by Representative Carmona

- Chair Elections

Bryant: I'm excited to support Crispin in his run for chair. Crispin has worked hard in UPol chair position with VC before that. At one point, he was a representative and he knows the nervousness and excitement that comes with being in this body. Crispin South has knowledge and grit to be Congress chair. He's been a friend, ally, and support system in Congress. He has courage, trustworthiness, and leadership. He is unwilling to stand down against bigotry. His platform aims to make stronger connections between Congress and exec. He wants to make SGA more accessible to the student body. For us to have a functioning Congress, we need a chair to stand against hatred and be a leader.

South: I'm Crispin. I'm running to be chair. Thank you to Maegan for her wonderful speech. I'll tell you why I decided to run and my platform. This is my second year as a member of the body. What I've noticed about the body is that we have all the tools at our disposal to be a force for change. We're not just a mock legislature. We all joined to make life better for our fellow students. That's what I want to do as chair. My platform can push Congress past the status quo on campus. I want to work with the committee chairs to present things directly to administrators to improve the student experience at OU. That's making congress a force that communicates with administration. Next, for belonging, I want to improve our environment. Debate is a great thing. But, too often we've seen debates turn personal. It's the duty of the chair to maintain decorum. This is due to members not being able to speak to each other due to COVID, so I want to facilitate some social events to help

us get to know each other. I want to improve communication in Congress, between branches, and with the rest of the student body. I'll plug my website. www.tinyurl.com/crispin4chair

Harman: Would you drop your website in the GroupMe?

South: Sure.

Hillis: You said you want to help the body with parli-pro. How will you work with ConAd to prevent parli-pro being weaponized?

South: We could do a parli-pro workshop. Something last cycle, parli pro cheat sheets could be good. I want to hear your ideas though.

Lange: Maybe too early, but have you thought about April with your tenure?

South: If I want to retain my seat, there would be an election. I'll have to see how things go this semester.

Harman: Could you explain what you want to see out of our body in coming together more?

South: I think a lot of the issues this semester have been interpersonal. Some things with disagreement on policy, but we sometimes have personal issues. Pre-COVID these would be sorted out before and after meetings or in the Conoco. If we can find a way to increase social opportunities and get to know each other as people and not just as random people we see on Tuesday nights, it might be beneficial.

- Executive Session: Chair Elections

Enter Executive Session

Representative Marvin seconded by Representative Poupore

Exit Executive Session

Representative Broadbent seconded by Representative Grebe

- Votes of No Confidence

- Vice Chair

Carmona: What plans do you have in the next two months?

Bouch: The rest of my time will be around planning orientation and finding out who will be running for Vice Chair. I'll start that transition about responsibilities and duties. I'll continue where I'm needed.

Harman: Further explain your projects from this chair?

Bouch: This year we started on PR team and our social media projects. We formalized the social media process. This year we saw graphics from committees. Some projects, we didn't get to combine socials as well as the RSO directory being solved by ENGAGE. Liaison program, really just decided not to do it. Reps need to engage with constituents in more effective ways. It's never going to be effective to legislate its effectiveness requiring people to do it. They'll find a way out of doing it.

Poupore: Will the VC be paid if he has plans to resign?

Ahmadi: Effective date would be resignation date for pay.

Halsey-Kraus: How did orientation go and would you let the current VC plan it again?

Patterson: I thought orientation went well given the circumstances. There were hiccups, but with more oversight I would let it happen again.

Patton: Have you discussed if you are no confidence tonight if you'd stay on the payroll?

Bouch: I think as soon as you're no confided, it's over.

Ahmadi: I don't know how we'd treat that. That would be tough. We'd have to see if it'd be effective immediately.

Halsey-Kraus: During recess, you said you're concerned about the transition of the new vice chair. Why didn't you resign earlier?

Bouch: I reached out to the ConAd chair about this, but I never got a response. It was out of my control that it didn't happen that way. When I decided to resign, I reached out to those running for chair, and Crispin said I should resign on January 25th to ease transition.

Patton: Through the many blunders, are you going to take responsibility? Issues with orientation. All the issues you said you weren't to blame. Are you going to put it on others?

Bouch: I had a discussion with all the chairs. It was very helpful. I take responsibility for those issues, but no chairs brought up any significant issues, it was because it was going to be on Zoom and my first time running orientation. I take full responsibility for any decisions or blunders. Crispin asked me to not resign until January 25th. The people I reached out to about this decision didn't get back to me.

Griffin: If you are no confidenced today, what would the transition look like?

Bouch: I'd prepare transition materials, but I couldn't fulfill my duties as vice chair. If Chair South asked, I would help, but not with any duties specific to the Vice Chair position.

Hillis: Aware you never asked my input?

Bouch: I reached out saying I needed to talk to you.

Enter Executive Session

Representative Broadbent seconded by Representative Griffin

Exit Executive Session

Representative Smail seconded by Representative Lewis

Recess 5 min

Representative Kerr seconded by Representative Marvin

Nominations for Vice Chair

Flaggert: I nominate Taylor Broadbent for VC.

Bryant: Second.

Broadbent: I accept.

May: I nominate Alexis Marvin for VC.

Carmona: Second.

Marvin: I accept.

Close nominations

Representative Kerr seconded by Representative Sertovic

- Secretary

Grebe: How many words per minute can you type?

Emily: On a good day 85-90 words per minute, but normally around 75.

Harmon: How did you build communication streams with committee secretaries?

Emily: I have been in communication with them, and at the beginning of the semester we had an orientation on how minutes and how processes work. We are finishing up end of the semester meetings, I just want to see how they are doing and recap stuff.

Marvin: Have you seen a positive impact since the expulsion bill you passed it?

Emily: I believe we have had one member re-enter, when we have more applicants this is going to be good for members that want to come back after a hard or bad semester.

Enter Executive Session

Representative Broadbent seconded by Representative Grebe

Exit Executive Session

Representative Kerr seconded by Representative Broadbent

Student Concerns

Tucker: IMMY and Cate are closing.

South: IMMY, EA, Cate, COSCO.

Kerr: Housing. If you wanted a partial refund for parking, you emailed, but no one has seen anything come out of that. Also, can you explain more on ticketing?

South: Refunds can take up to eight weeks to process, be on the lookout. If nothing after that time, we can have conversations with Parking. Also, housing, priority, and commuter can park in any of those spots without being ticketed over winter break.

Thompson: Professor recording and posting classes on snow days and on election day. They had a quiz to make sure they watched the recordings. Does that count as in person classes? Second, a lot of students have complained about professors holding finals before Thanksgiving in person. Is there anything we can do to prevent that in the future?

Marvin: We have the one about professors holding classes. Talk to the dean, there's a policy.

South: COSCO on the first part. Second, COSCO collab with UPol on that one.

Sertovic: Student came to me about the coffee trucks in front of the Union and Bizzell. Campus dining says they should be here until 6pm, but I've never seen them there past 2:30. Can we clarify what their mandatory hours are? What's going to happen next semester?

South: Tentatively COSCO, we'll look into that.

Bryant: Previous students from OU have seen on social media of education students recording their tutoring sessions and making fun of the kids during their sessions. We sign an agreement for tutoring that we can't talk about our students outside of their tutoring sessions.

South: Talk to me about that after, sounds like something for legal.

Old Business

Items to Be Considered

CB-105-03 Mission: Election Commission (Taylor/Hillis) (ConAd, Do Pass)

Representative Halsey-Kraus seconded by Representative Broadbent

Taylor: This bill is called Mission: Election Commission. It updates our bylaws' language from election chair to election commissioner and board to commission.

Sertovic: Why do you deem this necessary?

Taylor: It's necessary because the body passed True Democracy NOW which changes the names of these positions so the Bylaws have to be updated.

Grebe: Wouldn't it be possible to make legislation to make all this process automatic?

Hillis: It's possible. We're looking into an online software for our Bylaws and governing books that will help us reformat our Bylaws.

Follow-Up Reports

Items for Future Agenda

Announcements and Comments

Harman: Wanted to say I'm proud of the work you've all done this semester. Given the state of the world, I'm proud of all of you. If you need anyone to talk to, reach out.

Marvin: Reiterating, we're having conversations in COSCO, so if there's any projects you're interested in or want to give input about, let us know.

Hong: Meeting with Dr. Morvant tomorrow, so if you have questions or student concerns, let me know.

South: To Savannah, thank you so much for your dedication and service to OU SGA. Thanks for being a friend and mentor and helping us get to this point where we're a functioning body through COVID. Thanks to your leadership, we're in a good spot to carry on, we appreciate you. Malachi, thank you for being a friend to me. I'm proud of the work we've done together and I wish you the best, thank you for your service to this university.

Final Roll Call

Adjourn

Representative Sertovic seconded by Representative Mojekwu

Chair: Savannah Patterson

Vice Chair: Malachi Bouch

Secretary: Emily Tucker

Session 105	General
Alcala, Talon	ex
Alfaro Sandi, Jafet	ex
Angstadt, Kennedy	ex
Beltz, Katie	x
Broadbent, Taylor	x
Bryant, Maegan	x
Carmona, Ismael	x
Chenevey, Brandon	x
<i>Cotton, Chad</i>	abs
Dao, Audrey	ex
Dobson, Jessica	ex
Douglas, Zoe	ex
Flaggert, Jayke	x
Garg, Nishit	ex
Grebe, Jordan	x
Griffin, Weslie	x
Halsey-Kraus, Abby	x
Hong, Anna	x
Kerr, Susan	x
Kevric, Hanna	ex
Lange, Jake	x
Lewis, Lacey	x
Loayza, Robert	ex
Lynskey, Graeson	x
Marvin, Alexis	x
May, Sidney	ex
Merchant, Mahak	ex
Miller, Summer	x
Mojekwu, Peace	x
Papahronis, Demetri	x

Poupore, Carson	x
Raymundi Pinheiro, Natalia	ex
Roberts, Lauren	ex
Rosen, Ashley	ex
Sertovic, Aida	x
Shelton, Jackson	x
Smail, Taylor	x
Smith, Kennedy	ex
Tesfaselassie, Robel	ex
Thompson, Faith	x
Present	23
Absent	1
Excused	16

Session 105	Ext time for questioning on VC No Confidence vote	CB-105-03
Alcala, Talon		
Alfaro, Jafet		
Angstadt, Kennedy		
Beltz, Katie	y	y
Broadbent, Taylor	y	y
Bryant, Maegan	y	y
Carmona, Ismael	y	y
Chenevey, Brandon	y	y
Cotton, Chad		
Dao, Audrey		
Dobson, Jessica		
Douglas, Zoe		
Flaggert, Jayke	y	y
Garg, Nishit		

Grebe, Jordan	y	y
Griffin, Weslie	y	y
Halsey-Kraus, Abby	y	y
Hong, Anna	y	y
Kerr, Susan	y	y
Kevric, Hanna		
Lange, Jake	y	y
Lewis, Lacey	y	y
Loayza, Robert		
Lynskey, Graeson	y	y
Marvin, Alexis	y	y
May, Sidney		
Merchant, Mahak		
Miller, Summer	y	y
Mojekwu, Peace	y	y
Papahronis, Demetri	y	y
Poupore, Carson	y	y
Raymundi, Natalia		
Roberts, Lauren		
Sertovic, Aida	y	y
Shelton, Jackson	y	y
Smail, Taylor	y	y
Smith, Kennedy		
Tesfaselassie, Robel		
Thompson, Faith	y	y
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Chair Elections

Session 103	chair
Alcala, Talon	
Alfaro, Jafet	
Angstadt, Kennedy	
Beltz, Katie	c
Broadbent, Taylor	c
Bryant, Maegan	c
Carmona, Ismael	c
Chenevey, Brandon	c
Cotton, Chad	
Dao, Audrey	
Dobson, Jessica	
Douglas, Zoe	
Flaggert, Jayke	c
Garg, Nishit	
Grebe, Jordan	c
Griffin, Weslie	c
Halsey-Kraus, Abby	c
Hong, Anna	c
Kerr, Susan	c
Kevric, Hanna	
Lange, Jake	c
Lewis, Lacey	c
Loayza, Robert	
Lynskey, Graeson	c
Marvin, Alexis	c
May, Sidney	
Merchant, Mahak	
Miller, Summer	c
Mojekwu, Peace	c

Papahronis, Demetri	c
Poupore, Carson	c
Raymundi, Natalia	
Roberts, Lauren	
Sertovic, Aida	c
Shelton, Jackson	c
Smail, Taylor	c
Smith, Kennedy	
Tesfaselassie, Robel	
Thompson, Faith	c
South	23
Abstain	0

Votes of No Confidence

Session 104	Vice-Chair	Secretary
Alcala, Talon		
Alfaro, Jafet		
Angstadt, Kennedy		
Beltz, Katie	y	n
Broadbent, Taylor	y	n
Bryant, Maegan	y	n
Carmona, Ismael	n	n
Chenevey, Brandon	y	n
Cotton, Chad		
Dao, Audrey		
Dobson, Jessica		
Douglas, Zoe		
Flaggert, Jayke	y	n
Garg, Nishit		
Grebe, Jordan	y	n

Griffin, Weslie	y	n
Halsey-Kraus, Abby	y	n
Hong, Anna	n	n
Kerr, Susan	n	n
Kevric, Hanna		
Lange, Jake	n	n
Lewis, Lacey	n	n
Loayza, Robert		
Lynskey, Graeson	y	n
Marvin, Alexis	y	n
May, Sidney		
Merchant, Mahak		
Miller, Summer	n	n
Mojekwu, Peace	n	n
Papahronis, Demetri	y	n
Poupore, Carson	y	n
Raymundi Pinheiro, Natalia		
Roberts, Lauren		
Sertovic, Aida	n	n
Shelton, Jackson	y	n
Smail, Taylor	y	n
Smith, Kennedy		
Tesfaselassie, Robel		
Thompson, Faith	n	n
Yes	14	0
No	9	23
Abstain	0	0

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UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CV

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CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-105-03

AS INTRODUCED

A Congressional Act of Legislation to update the name of the “Election Board” and “Election Chair” in our Congressional Bylaws; providing a short title; and an effective date.

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

Section 1: Title: This act shall be known and may be cited as the “Mission: Election Commission.”

Section 2: Purpose: The University of Oklahoma’s Student Government Association passed the “True Democracy NOW Act of 2020” changing the name of the “Election Board” to “Election Commission” and “Election Chair” to “Election Commissioner.” Therefore, the terminology in the Congress Bylaws must be updated to reflect this change.

Section 3: AMENDATORY: Update all terms and uses of “Election Board” to “Election Commission,” and “Election Chair” to “Election Commissioner” in the Undergraduate Student Congress Bylaws.

Section 4: Pursuant to the University of Oklahoma Student Government Association’s Undergraduate Student Congress Bylaws § 2.3.4, the Congress Vice Chair should update the terminology and add or remove any language needed to keep the grammatical integrity of the sections containing “Election Board” and “Election Chair” intact.

Section 5: This act shall become effective when passed in accordance with the SGA Constitution.

Author(s): Associate Coy Taylor;
Chairman Foster Hillis, Congressional Administration

Submitted on a Motion by:

Action taken by Congress

Verified by Chair: _____ Date: _____