Session XCIV

Call to Order 7:00
Roll Call
No Balangue
Approval of Minutes
Pae sec Reid
Reports:
  o Chair- Hi, okay so we’ll meet in here at 6:00 on Sundays, were excited all of you are here. We’re participating in homecoming this year so if you can get out of fraternity/sorority to work with us that would be great because we need help since we can’t require hours. Trying to get as much involvement as we can from our body but we want you guys to lead by examples! Our group is BYX, AOPi, HCSA, and KA. More details to come later. Men dance try outs on Tuesday 8-10 at AOPi and women’s same time Wednesday. Make up tryouts will be Friday 5-7 also at AOPi. If not working with us let us know so we can plan accordingly.
  o Vice Chair- So liaisons are going to be extremely important this year want to project an outward view showing the student body our involvement and how we are here and listening to their concerns. Chairs lead by example; I will be following up with you all to make sure you guys are fulfilling your duties. HD required to have liaisons for all of your members.
  o Elwick: Should we push organizations that align with our committee?
  o Brown: I am going to accumulate a list of the 5 RSO's the body send in so I can make lists and then tell people that these are the organizations more geared toward the committee they are on but other than that it is up to them. Orientation is in Wagner this year, union was booked. Dinner this year after orientation we will discuss that later. Orientation will be September 20th from 2-6.
  o Secretary- Hi guys, okay so want to make sure that everyone is really fulfilling their constituent’s service and office hours this year. Really encourage your members to do their RSO’s and to come to office hours. Also, regarding homecoming, were still figuring it out but thinking of counting those hours spent there as constituent service and office hours. Also, selfies at the RSO meetings you attend are going to be a thing now, I want everyone to take selfies when they go to their organization half so I know they are there and it is great PR.
  o Sample: So reports are made to tell us what you are working on and what your committee recommendations are on legislation, it’s to make sure what’s going on in your committee so that is basically what I want to hear from you guys in here.
  o Academic Affairs- no report

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Congressional Administration- All we have is interviews coming up. Applications ending on the 10th and they will be scored by committee and we will interview them and see who we like and then give them a final score and take it from there.

External Affairs- OU Votes starts this week with tabling, Monday and Fridays from 9am -2pm in main lobby of the union. Sending sign up poll to Kaylee. Not just going to be SGA this year, it's going to be any organization that wants to volunteer, trying to reach out to politically active organizations on campus and we will try to attend some organizations meetings maybe set up a booth and hand out pizza. Trying to push this and make it a more involved and interactive event.

Sample: Is it on org sync?

Elwick: No doodle poll. We're trying to make it more of a competition this year, thinking of trying to do it with Greek life maybe since they are allowed to require this stuff. Either last week of September or first of October, we will be going to chapter meetings and we will talk more about that later.

Problems and Projects- Connor Park and I have discussed pursuing a discussion box, maybe using OrgSync so the student body can be able to reach us better. We want to talk to maintenance about over use of sprinklers. Will not be here next two weekends because I will be out of town. Vice Chair will most likely be Connor Park.

Sample: Do you want one to be different than the one we already have and just make it more known by PR?

Thompson: I wasn’t aware we already had one so yes just PR the one we already have.

Public Relations- Were looking at shirts now that could work, thinking about doing one like the Healthy Sooners used and looking at a long sleeve shirt or possibly a pullover. Looking at a couple of people to start helping run social media with me. Committee in flux right now since we have people coming in and out.

Sample: Committees will be set after we get associates.

Reid: Also, I won’t be at orientation or next two meetings because of my show. Dylan Droeg will mostly likely be my Vice Chair and we will be here for me.

Ways and Means- We saw 3 organizations on Sunday. Emergency allocation going to total $1030. We are figuring out mandatory quiz situation and how to do the new OrgSync budgeting system. PR subsidiary a lot, it is due by September 24th. Contemplating PR ing emergency funding since not well known on campus.

Human Diversity- Meeting scheduled with United World for this Thursday. Email from Deondra Fisher, talk about what we can do with OU administration, meeting with students who want to focus on social justice and going to send that to my committee members see if they are going to help out.

Legislative Assistant- Eventually submitting legislation for VP and parking appeals. Unsure of the date as of now.

Special Orders
Old Business
New Business
Items to Be Considered
Follow-Up Reports
General Discussion
Sample: Ideas on board are partly from what committees working on before and more for ideas for this semester if you have run out of ideas or need more for members to work on. So for AA we need to finish up the PACCA stuff. I personally want to reach out to Integrity Council and see if we can get test files codified as academic misconduct. Someone is already working on getting lectures to be uploaded to D2L that students can look at before they enroll in a class with that professor. And possibly working on improving the Spanish department, especially the beginning classes. EA we have OU votes, the capital organization you want to work on and the student mentor program.

Elwick: I haven’t gotten to talk to Aspen yet, not sure if she has reached schools yet, talked it through with George and he is all for it, wondering how we would get volunteers for that. Would it count for constituent service?

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Rains: How long does it last?
Elwick: Maybe during Student Council meetings and stuff very baseline as of now. Still working on ideas, wanting to get it up and running by next year. Capital visits is a huge project, want it to be a whole separate organization under SGA umbrella. It would be delegates that go through interview process would then go up to the capital twice a month and build relationship with representatives.
Rains: I would count that.
Cramm: What branch are they under?
Sample: Working on making it like a Green Week situation, until they can get on their feet and we can send them out on their own.
Elwick: It is split between Aspen and I, Aspen (Director of EA for executive branch) under our committees maybe Sample and Byron would do applications. Still need to figure out transportation costs. We want this because it is not enough just to have a higher education day just once a year. Want to build relationships and to put good relationship with OU in these representatives’ minds.
Sample: Anything for legislation for EA?
Elwick: I’m hoping that committee members will start writing responses. I want my committee members to become more involved outside of Congress, so with OU votes or any of these projects, liaisons, just more involved. Not sure what legislation producing at the moment.
Sample: Couple things for ConAd. Need to fix bylaws, looking at moving committee chair applications to end of Spring so you can have people working over summer or if organizations need money you guys are all already in place and can start working. You guys can also go through the code, couple a things that need to be updated, if you want to. Anything you want to work on?
Nigh: Not at the moment
Sample: HD things we have currently are transgender issues that are going to be a big project. Specifically safe family style bathrooms, we heard from transgender students that say that is a big issue and seeing if we can get a safer housing situation set up. You will need to work with LGBTQ on how to go about this appropriately. This is a very difficult issue to address since we want people to feel safe in their own dorm room. Also, Jim Thorpe taken over by CAC was promised to NASA we want to see if we can get that back to them somehow.
Pae: Who is my GSS counterpart?
Sample: It’s a new guy, I will find out info from Carrie, and get back to you. For RSOs we want them to be liaisons and focus on diversity groups since that is what you are working on. Anything else you want to work on?
Pae: Meet with as many RSOs as possible and get there feedback.
Sample: PP work on drainage issues, CART under fire for Turn up for Transit. Clark had a meeting with CART and see if we can make any progress on that. Recycling and lights to work on as well.
Cramm: There is recycling in dorms.
Brown: Not very well used, bins are oddly shaped and not very universal format so people do not want to use them.
Cramm: Dorms don’t actually care where you put it since they are going to sort it in the end.
Reid: They get all the stuff out of bins and then they sort it again to make sure everything is all in right places
Elwick: People are more likely to recycle if they know where to put it. Maybe a more universal labeling system?
Sample: Any other goals for PP?
Thompson: Water management. Reached out to Brian Ellis, never did hear back for them waiting on response for the sprinkler system.
Sample: We water in the afternoons. The city mandates it this way since that is the time we use them. Check with city mandates for that.
Sample: Anything else for WAM?
Cramm: Just revision for Title 12, putting Echols in charge of fixing that. And continue budget work I have been working on.
Sample: Did you ever get a hold of Tyler?
Cramm: Yes he emailed me last week, will check and get back to you.
Sample: PR?
Reid: My email address is Austin.m.Reid@ou.edu. Would love to start promoting what your project is and what you’re working on, when and where and anything else going on, will put that on our social media accounts, send in pictures can go on our Instagram. Going to keep our Instagram. If you want anything more promoted email me and I will get it out there. Also, I want to be in touch with lots of sponsors by Thanksgiving. I’d like to launch stuff with our sponsors names and logos on it in the beginning of next semester.
Elwick: What are the sponsors for?
Reid: I am wanting to get a lot of merchandise stuff for them. Maybe Hurts donuts to let us hand them out. Many members have food handler’s permits so I know we can do that. I just want to get our name out there and the people remember the organizations that give free stuff out.
Cramm: Not this week but next week, workshops with exec branch concerning budgets. Just to let you know that is coming up.
Reid: Send me and email to let me know and I will get it all out and done. Also working on the slogan, send me more ideas, hoping to have three options within the next two weeks for congress
Sample: Make sure you don’t over sell our project and make sure we have actual ground on them before you send it out.
Reid: Yes make sure to send it me as soon as is ready so as to maximize PR
Elwick: You can start with OU Votes now.
Sample: So most of legislation that would have been seen in exec is moving to PR. Like thank you’s and stuff like that. Exec seeing as little legislation as possible, except appointment stuff will be seen in exec.
Tell your members forums are happening, if your members are having trouble coming up with ideas, encourage them to host a forum and invite the organizations that it would apply too and then have a back and forth conversation with them in mass. PR will help to promote that. Let members know so they can have larger scale conversation. If you do not have legislation in by Thursday it will NOT BE SEEN IN EXEC.
WAM you are the exception for funding cases. Only emergency will be able to get out of doing this.
Reid: Promote to committees our social media!! Twitter name: @OU_SGACongress Instagram: OUSGACongress Please retweet and share what I post to help promote this stuff to the students.
Brown: Congressional legislative forum will be on OrgSync so that will go smoothly without making that complicated. Still working on if we want those ideas that are standing alone to have their own forums or not. Also for those going to be liaisons CC all three of us. As soon as the email goes out, remind the students to CC Chelsea and Kaylee.
Chair: congress@ou.edu
Vice Chair email: congressvc@ou.edu
Secretary email: congresssec@ou.edu
Rains: What do you think of the required selfies?
Cramm: Make required, it is a good idea.
Reid: Yes will post on our PR.
Rains: WAM will still have office hours this year just to make them more involved with the rest of the general body; they must be down in bottom level of the Conoco.
Cramm: Are we excused during interview weeks?
Rains: Yes
Sample: We have money in the Congressional administration fund, we can use just make sure it’s not an outrageous amount. Also, remind the members they can write legislation outside of their committee.
Brown: Also we really discourage WAM from having liaison, because could be seen as favoritism during the funding process.
Sample: Any questions for us?
Nigh: Do you a have the numbers for the seats we are trying to fill?
Sample: Yes we will print out and write what they can be for or if for associate’s position. Thinking about 15-20 associates. Ask what you want, just make sure to ask about Tuesday and Sundays availability.
Elwick: So south oval office didn’t have a great turnout, I think it is because we didn’t have anything to offer. Thinking about maybe coffee and congress or snow cones with SGA
Sample: Isn’t that with exec?
Elwick: They invited us to join, want to work to see if we can get food for the attendees and maybe having info cards for congress we could hand out for students to let them know what we have going on. Social media could you do meet your representative and do a different representative each week? Also, our website, does not actually say what we actually do need to fix that.
Brown: Yes I have been working on trying to fix that, the picture is not the best and want to work on making sure that is up to date, we want people to see that. Work on getting pictures of representatives so they can go on the website so people know who they are and who their representative is. Work on simplifying things since we have a lot of stuff not necessary. So we are all on the same page!
Elwick: Need to make it more descriptive to make it more known for applications.
Sample: Also working to get that transferred over to OrgSync to make things easier.
Elwick: Right now it is the logo and a picture of the union, so I want to update that.
Reid: The primary goal of PR this year is to kind of de-glorify us so people don’t think we are in here for resume boosters. I want to make our representatives people for people to get them to know who we are and that we are here to help. So do not want it to glorify us and I don’t want the students serving students slogan. This has already been taken off our social media accounts.
Sample: That is all of SGAs slogan it is from the 1960.
Elwick: We need some revamping with slogan as well.
Sample: Most meetings won’t be this long this is a special occasion since first meeting.
Brown: I will send you all an email about orientation to explain orientation so you know what to expect going into it.
Sample: Also, looking at doing another mock congress on the 15th so we want all of the people we are appointing to be there before they go to regular congress so not confused during general meeting.
Brown: Feedback from last year was that it was too intimidating since there were so many people that already knew everything.
Sample: If you want to be there and not comment just meet your new members so that way they aren’t overwhelmed please feel free to come.
Rains: Make sure to encourage your members to send in 5 RSO’s, currently have zero. Also, maybe go with them to their first meeting so they aren’t intimidated and they know what to expect.

Adjourn
Motion to adjourn Pae sec Nigh

Chair: Emily Sample
Vice-Chair: Chelsea Brown
Secretary: Kaylee Rains