Session XCIV

Roll Call – 7:01
Flag Salute
Approval of Minutes
Reid sec Riley

Chair's Report- It is homecoming week, pomp is done by tomorrow and be out of house by 1030, last day to pomp for constituent service. Tomorrow is philanthropy day from 12-2; money is going to The Children’s Miracle Network. Homecoming shirts are here in my office so come and get those if you ordered one, also there are no more chances to order. Rah Rally is at 8pm this Friday at Lloyd Noble, doors open at 7:00 pm. We have our own seating section. Parade check in is at 8:45 am on Saturday morning, if you want to walk with us and rest of group please feel free to come, also if you want to help chalk that is on Thursday you must be there by 12:30 to check in and it goes from 1-3. The mandatory candidate meeting is at 4:00pm on Thursday in the Conoco if you cannot go to that one then you MUST go to the meeting Friday morning at 10am. If you can’t attend ether you should’ve already told Abbey who your designated agent is. Attendance is mandatory, and you find out who you are running against and how contested your election is, do not ask us about election process we cannot answer those questions. If you have any questions ask the election chair, Abbey Taylor at electionchair@ou.edu she is the best resource. Thanks to WAM for spending over 30 hours working on subsidiary funding so we can give funding to RSOs! Yal rock.

Vice Chair's Report- If there is any confusion about RSO’s vs. liaisons, they are the same thing, you have the liaison position which you got via email, and your RSO list you sent in to me was the ranking so we could assign you a position you wanted. Hope this clears it up. Constituent service is liaison, one in the same. Going to a club and sitting for meeting that is fulfilling your constituent service requirement. Finally got newsletter formatting all good with OrgSync so you will see that tonight. Also, name badges are ready, you can’t keep them but come by and get them during your office hours or mine and I will check them out to you, they have your name on them. Legislative forum, I know there are a lot of ideas going on and projects being done, so if in the process of working on those put the ideas on legislative forum, link will also be on forum.

Secretary’s Report- Hi guys, make sure you are completing two hours of constituent service, your liaisons count as constituent service. Please make sure you are emailing me some sort of something so I know that you went. If you have already done it and just haven’t emailed me yet, don’t forget to do that. The next office hour is due on the 26th. I sent out emails this morning to those of you who are reaching the attendance max, if you got it and want to come talk to me about it, I will be here after and then in the Conoco for a while too. As usual, please don’t hesitate to come talk to me about question you have!

Committee Reports-
- Academic Affairs- I wasn’t at meeting but from reading the minutes there were a lot of good ideas, discussed the Spanish survey and other ideas that were brought up from last semester like adding videos for professors and making a lot of progress.
- Congressional Administration- We had a really great meeting, saw no legislation but saw some great reforms for code and bylaws, waiting for approvals on those, hopefully seeing that soon
- External Affairs- no report
- Human Diversity- Heard back from UNW the forum will be Sunday November 1st at 6pm. Location TBA. Also, Hawi brought a friend to the meeting and he came and spoke about his story and learned about what the HD committee is and how it works, I encourage everyone to bring friends to meeting
- Problems and Projects- Saw and gave rec of do pass to Kelling and Miller legislation for purchase of official flag for south oval, and rearranged projects we are working on.
- Public Relations- We had a cool milestone were we hit 150 followers on twitter, which is awesome! This weekend we viewed a lot about starting their own RSO elections and election board, also send an email to exec so you can fill that out if interest next month, SGA showed them all the ways they can do and who to contact for projects. We also started sending agendas in pdf form at end of each meeting. Next meeting was an OU crash course, ex. Changing OU email address, building knowledge about campus. Next meeting Becky Barker came and talked about various leadership events and the “one word”. Next week we had Congress come so Emily Balangue and Reid came for that and did the Cargo Embargo, we really enjoyed that and learning about parliamentary procedures. Next week, Kristen Partridge came and did UZoo exercise, our members figured out what their animals were and they really bonded. Yesterday, Quy Nguyen, Assistant Director Student Life came and showed them all the ways they connect and utilize Student Life. We will give another update next month, SGA month is this next time, this is so we can pair them with a mentor and I will send an email to exec so you can fill that out if interest in being a mentor, also doing mock elections and election board, also a student organizations and maybe WAM meeting so they can learn about starting their own RSO, and then of course a Christmas party. Agendas been really effective so far, the folders let them organize it really well, also we have strong bonding which is super important. We are hoping to get as many SFCer into SGA as possible. sfc@ou.edu emails us any questions!

- Student Concerns

- Items to Be Considered

940505 Veteran Recognition and Appreciation Week Funding Act (Kelling/Miller) (Rec of do pass)

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Reid sec Nguyen
Kelling: This is a billing asking for funding for our ribbons that have metal tags so we can reuse them every year and funding for the POW/MIA flag which is more expensive because it is made in special material for the wind we have here and it is huge to make it comparable to the American flag OU has in the south oval.
Miller: Retailers are an official brand that sells these.
Watts: Please direct my question Representative Cramm. How much is left in the congressional initiatives fund after this?
Cramm: $4000-372.70 so $3,627.50
Echols: Do you know the dimension of the flag on the other one?
Kelling: No I talked to OUPD and asked them to get them to bring it down to find out the size but they never got back to me.
Miller: It is larger
Echols: It is an equitable size?
Kelling: It is proportional
Watts: From where are you getting ribbons?
Kelling: serviceflags.com
Lefler: I’m assuming the flag is going to be stored in the veteran’s affairs office for the rest of the year?
Kelling: Yes all of this will be in the student veteran’s office since there is no office for SVA currently
Lefler: Any other uses for flag throughout the year?
Kelling: We have ideas to use it for Memorial Day and other holidays to ask if it can be flown then.

Motion to move to a roll call vote Watts sec Trinh
30-0-0 bill passes

940302 A Resolution Relating to Veteran's Week (Kelling/Miller) (Rec of do pass)

Nguyen sec Riley
Kelling: This is a joint resolution to declare veterans recognition week, it is never the same week but it is always the week of the 11th since that is always Veterans Day so this would permanently established that at OU. We currently have over 775 veterans at OU and that doesn’t include those who don’t tell admissions they are veterans. Also we currently have over 220 ROTC members. The big things we asked for was to fly the POW and MIA flag in south oval under our American flag and we got support from Boren’s office to do that.
Lefler: I wanted to suggest that we add another person to post this our local news and news@kgou.org good way to get more pr for this.
Kelling: Accept friendly amendment
Cosponsor- Echols, Reid, Scott, Riley, Elliott, Nguyen Rash Wise Watts Benjamin, Halpin Cramm Elliott Nigh Lefler Brown Rains Franzese James
Benjamin- Please excuse this but out of just my ignorance, what is the federally recognized flag, why is it recognized?
Kelling/Miller: It came about after the Vietnam War; we had so many service members who didn’t come home so they created the flag to recognize the POW/MIA
Miller: POW is Prison of War and MIA is Missing in Action so it’s those who didn’t come home we use this to honor them.

Watts sec Echols
29-0-0 bill passes

New Business
Follow-Up Reports
Items for Future Agenda
Cramm: Emergency Allocation #5 940506 WAM, Subsidiary Funding for RSOs for Fall 2015 940507 WAM, Subsidiary Funding for Administration Organizations for Fall 2015 WAM 940508
Kovach: Concurrent Resolution for Democracy Day 940403 EA
Sample: An Act Regarding Election Vacancies ConAd 940803 this is for the vacancies that arise after filing and fixing the change in OrgSync, also Presidential Transition Act 940106 ConAd

Announcements and Comments
Sample: If anyone is interested in being a member of fitness and rec advisory board let me know, you must be either in Greek Life or lives in Housing let me know, that will be for discussing the issues with the huff center.

Trinh- Associate Marshall is getting pied at 1:45 tomorrow on South Oval so don’t miss your opportunity to pie her. Yal missed your chance to pie Crisp today. Also, the Integrity Council membership drive is coming up; we are in need of members so if you want to apply for that an OUMM will come out soon, more info at integrity.ou.edu

Reid- We hit milestone of 150, but still some of you aren’t following us. Please follow our social media.

Kelling- Thank you passing bills tonight. Additionally, SVA is having our biggest tailgate of year on homecoming, and SGA is formally invited to come check it out, we are having alumni coming and current members too. It is going to be at 11:00 in front of graduate student life center on Elm. You don’t ever need a formal invite you can always coming but this is just formally inviting you.

Trinh- If you want to watch me pie Crisp in the face it is posted on the Facebook page so go like it.

Pae: In an hour the open house for The Oklahoma Group starts, it is in Room 140 in Wagner Hall. I am running for SGA president, Micheal Letter is my running mate and I am really excited for the campaign process to begin, it is a contest campaign. May the odds be ever in favor

Echols: Student Theatre Initiative is putting on God of Carnage this Saturday at 7:30, it is free so come out and support

Final Roll Call

Motion to skip final roll call and adjourn Kelling sec Reid

Chair: Emily Sample
Vice-Chair: Chelsea Brown
Secretary: Kaylee Rains
CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 940505
SENATE BILL NO. GS15-XX

AS INTRODUCED
A Congressional Act authorizing the purchase of a
POW/MIA flag and yellow display ribbons with the
Congressional Initiatives Fund, providing for a short title,
providing an effective date, and providing for distribution.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT ASSOCIATION:

Section 1: Title: This act shall be known and may be cited as the “The Veterans Recognition and
Appreciation Week Funding Act.”

Section 2: Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to provide a POW/MIA flag to be flown under the
United States Flag in the North Oval and yellow ribbons to be affixed to the light poles in the South Oval during Veterans Recognition and Appreciation week. The cost breakdown is as follows:

$207.20 for (48) Reusable, weatherproof yellow ribbons
$118.00 for (1) 5 ft x 8 ft POW/MIA Flag
$47.50 for Shipping and Handling
Total: $372.70

Section 3: The Undergraduate Student Congress hereby authorizes the purchase and delivery of 48
yellow ribbons and 1 Large POW/MIA Flag to be provided to the Student Veterans
Association at a cost of $372.70 to be paid from the Congressional Initiatives Fund.

Section 4: Copies of this act shall be distributed to:
David L. Boren, President of the University of Oklahoma
The Oklahoma Daily
OU Nightly

Author(s): Taylor Kelling, Life Science District Representative
Jordan Miller, Engineering District Representative

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Submitted on a Motion by:

Action taken by Congress:
Verified by Chair of Congress: ____________________________ Date:_______
Submitted on a motion by:
Action taken by Senate:
Verified by Chair of Senate: ____________________________ Date:_______
Approved by SGA President: ____________________________ Date:_______
CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION NO. 940302
SENATE BILL NO. GF15-XX

AS INTRODUCED
A Joint Resolution relating to Veterans Recognition and Appreciation Week; declaring the week containing Veterans Day, which traditionally falls on November 11th, as Veterans Recognition and Appreciation Week at The University of Oklahoma; reaffirming the University’s ongoing commitment to and appreciation of the service of veterans of the United States Armed Forces; and providing for distribution.

Whereas: The University of Oklahoma has traditionally recognized and celebrated Veterans Day; and

Whereas: Since its founding in 1890, Alumni of The University of Oklahoma have served in defense of The United States of America in every conflict, including World War I, World War II, The Korean War, The Vietnam War, Desert Shield, Desert Storm, Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom, The Global War on Terrorism, and Operation New Dawn; and

Whereas: Currently serving members and veterans of the United States Armed Forces and their families have made great sacrifices in order to serve our great Nation; and

Whereas: Many members of the University community have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our great Nation; and

Whereas: The University of Oklahoma respects and appreciates the service and sacrifices of all currently serving members of The United States Army, The United States Navy, The United States Marine Corps, The United States Air Force, The United States Coast Guard, National Guard, Reserves, and all veterans of the United States Armed Forces; and

Whereas: The University of Oklahoma has seven hundred and seventy four students who have self-identified as veterans of The United States Armed Forces.

Whereas: The University of Oklahoma provides resources and support to all veteran students through the Veterans Support Alliance (Green Zone) with a membership that includes over 500 trained members of the Faculty and Staff, and a dedicated staff within the Veteran Student Services office; and

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Whereas: The University of Oklahoma has over 220 students enrolled in detachments of The Army Reserve Officer Training Corps, Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps, and Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps; and

Whereas: The University of Oklahoma Memorial Union, and the Blackhawk Memorial statue located near the Gaylord Family Memorial Stadium, were previously established in memory of all alumni who made the ultimate sacrifice to our great Nation; and

Whereas: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association and the student body have always strived and continue to strive to appreciate and support all within the United States Armed Forces community; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
THAT:

Section 1: The Student Body requests that the University of Oklahoma declare the week containing Veterans Day, traditionally held on November 11th, as Veterans Recognition and Appreciation Week to honor the service and sacrifice of the United States Armed Forces Community and have University Programming Calendars include Veterans Recognition and Appreciation Week.

Section 2: Furthermore, the Student Government Association requests that student organizations and administration direct funding to the organization of Veterans Recognition and Appreciation Week and the events that will occur during that week.

Section 3: Furthermore, the Student Government Association requests that The University Of Oklahoma fly the Federally Recognized Prisoner of War/Missing in Action flag under the United States Flag on the main flag pole in the North Oval for the entirety of Veterans Recognition and Appreciation Week in a demonstration of solid support for the United States Armed Forces community.

Section 4: Copies of this resolution will be sent to:
- The University of Oklahoma Board of Regents
- David L. Boren, President of the University of Oklahoma
- Jabar Shumate, Vice President for the University Community
- Kristen Partridge, Associate Dean of Students and Director of Student Life
- Shad Satterthwaite, Faculty Sponsor, OU Student Veterans Association
- Jennifer Trimmer, Staff Sponsor, OU Student Veterans Association
- Mary Fallin, Governor of Oklahoma
- Senator John Sparks
- Senator Rob Standridge
- Representative Claudia Griffith
- Representative Emily Virgin
- Representative Scott Martin
- Commander, Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps Detachment 675
- Commander, Army Reserve Officer Training Corps Sooner Battalion
- Commander, OU Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps Battalion

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