Session XCIV

Call to Order 600
Roll Call
Elwick- absent unexcused
Approval of Minutes
Reid sec Nigh
Reports:
  o Chair- Looking ahead we have eventful march, no committees on the 13th because Spring Break! The second weekend the 20th we will be meeting. Obligations on the 20th, Also the 27th is Easter, I would rather not have committees on Easter. Not end of world if we don’t meet. April 3rd will be the last committee meeting. April 29th and 30th are elections, session closes on the 5th and open session 96, on the April 12th we will have nomination for exec on 19th Elections. 26th of April last week of congress for the year. Any legislation Exec will see it, the 24th will be the new exec obligation to have that committee meeting. We have 3 committee meetings left, possibly 4.
  o Cramm- Did it force exec to choose committee chairs before the new session?
  o Once candidates announced will meet with them and see what they want to do, if elected then withdraw application, not up to me at that point. 3 or 4 committee meetings left, this is crunch time, it is a big deal, that’s what I have for you guys. Will be having committee of the whole to see polling site legislation. If members have any questions let them know.
  o Vice Chair- I will be sending out poll on Tuesday regarding orientation so the new VC will have that. The liaison list is done and sending it out Tuesday because I told everyone they could email me up till then, if they didn’t email me picking it for them. I have a doodle poll each of you so we can have our one on one meetings to talk about everything going on and that’s it. Mock Congress not going to be this Tuesday but will be next Tuesday the March 8th.
  o Secretary- Really start pushing people to use the legislative forum. I’ve heard a lot of bill ideas that if posted on their before general meetings and discussed would clear up a lot of questions and save us all time. Also, just so you know, when you have legislation, please make sure to send it to the committee chair who is seeing it but also send it to me too so I can make sure it is saved on the drive. Office Hours and Constituent Service, usual stuff.
  o Academic Affairs- We met. Had a great turnout now having members. Moving ahead with the business school advisement and Kelling brought up to me last week there are issues with full time status with Veteran’s that have caused problems.
o Kelling- Problem is that graduation advisors are trained with GI bill and how it works because have to certify classes, the normal advisor doesn’t have a clue and doesn’t think to ask so want to add a question to advising check list so advisors asking and if veterans drop and then affect GI status and no one know it runs into problems.

o Watts-Cathleen Smith is the woman who holds office to get standard office Sunby working on business school. Pre Finals week legislation going to be moved off table next week

o Congressional Administration- We met today, it was a cluster, had a lot of bills to see but only had 3 bills sent to me, saw 2 bills and 3rd didn’t make it to agenda so seeing it Tuesday. Gave both bills rec of do pass. Tabled rest for a week.

o External Affairs- No report and no agenda on board so couldn’t meet or see any legislation and see it next because have two legislations to see.

o Human Diversity- Had a good meeting. Anti Semitism bill thinking about writing, found another University’s bill and going to reformat it to fit our SGA, talking to Hillel and also twist it to talk islamophobia. Israel talking with QUICK, activist group for queer inclusion and housing and food lady to discuss last name starts with W.

o Kelling- Why isn’t talking to LGBTQ?

o Williams- Meeting with all of them but they are first. One activist one organization so activist first. Me I talking with athletic department, discrimination contract that has been brought to her attention and going to talk to them about why they feel unsafe. Prepping for legislation we will see in a couple weeks

o Problems and Projects- We may be getting student concerns from college of republicans about diversity training, that would go to human diversity but have to speak to me to get on agenda, Monolux mentioned it, he seemed like why are they upset? They didn’t like being there for 5 hours or if legitimate concerns.

o Sample- I would appreciate it College of Reps come and not one of our members.

o Kelling- Community garden funded it with OUR earth, doing now want to integrate the healthy sooners garden outside the huff want to merge those with Our earth to join forces. Bill on that saying they are joining forces. Reece is in contact with Amy. CART still looking into that, need to talk to George and meeting hasn’t happened. Mental health at stand still, bill calling for OU to increase funding to hire more people.

o Brown- that has already been done,

o Sample- They have no money to fund a new position, Regents has no more money. State has a cash shortfall so asking them to hire a new position and just throw it away.

o JD Baker been doing that for the past year and a half, he started with P&P and has not been able to do that.

o Cannot afford to hire more staff unless raise price of health care.

o Kelling- tell Owings it might not be the best idea or see if he can take another avenue to support mental health. Bookstore- the open record office hasn’t given us contract so at 10 business days, at 20 business days they are violating title 9, have to follow the open records act and provide us with that. James meeting with HCSA and president of student housing. Tabling the drainage project because we don’t know what to do with that, no work was ever done on it so its just a dream. Tabling veteran center until end of the semester because we are getting the center!!! Basement of the ZAE house and getting that in the fall, in the beginning of next semester going to give it a name and establishment probably. Veterans Mental Health working with Dr. Miller so were talking. Bike lane- waiting on poll, public safety improvement- poll. Benches- on Asp to Lloyd noble to stadium story is old man parked at Lloyd noble and every time he came to a gutter would sit down literally in a gutter and helped him and brought up why we don’t have them. Reece found people who do the benches and said they’re 2500 each so. Reece reaching back out. Don’t think it would be the worst thing to fund on with congressional initiative.

o Sample- Reach out to class for the gift.

Printing Funded by SGA
Kelling- recycling issue is going to be tabled because I was feeling good about the answers I was getting until I saw them myself not doing it. It was the recycling bin had a white bag in it. It was the one outside my office in Buchanan. Water fountains- got to get more and Scott went around to check and see if it happened, there is space for them, speaking with Rash, he’s been working with the dean. 3 out of the 4 will be getting them, separate from bill we saw earlier. Bike Share I have a member who wants that and I told her to get in touch with Tim.

Public Relations- Going to meet with OU Printing to get paper campaign printed out. Two changes to papers and sending it over to them, working on next round. Shirts, I’ve learned about a lot of issues with ID solutions when it comes to credit cards. So no ID solutions

Ways and Means- Started primary interviews for admin organization, going to be a rough round of funding since they are all being slashed and its quite depressing, no emergency funding so that was nice.

Legislative Assistant- no report.

### Special Orders
### Old Business
### New Business
### Items to Be Considered
### Follow-Up Reports
### General Discussion
### Adjourn

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