Session XCV

Call to Order 6:07
Roll Call
Watts and Cramm absent
Approval of Minutes
Williams sec Reid

Reports:

- Chair- We need to discuss about Easter next weekend. This point, a lot of pieces of legislation that should be meeting as much as possible on the 5th of April. Only two meetings left if you do meet on Easter. I am support of you not meeting on Easter. I want you to not meet on Easter, plan it for another day just get an agenda up 24 hours before you meet. Working on reformatting the chairs binder, this is what is required on the acts and resolutions, what they go and what they do. That they have to edit it before they sign it. I have to fix those because that is what I do. Beyond that, session will switch on April 5th, make sure everyone who is a rep in your committees that they HAVE to be there that night, we still have to meet quorum. Beyond that, April 12th, nominations. The week after that, elections, week after that, new exec leads first meeting and will be appointing committee chairs.

- Williams- Still doing interviews and things for committee chairs?

- Applications will probably be out between nominations and elections. We will work with nominees to get those going. Cannot campaign till after nominations. Your nominator must be in the room,. Your nominee must also be in the room. You do not have to be a member of congress. If you have lost your elections. You can drop out of the election before that. Please come talk to us, these jobs have a lot more to it than you realize. Talk about how elections will go later, say a lot of this on Tuesday night again

- Vice Chair- Please let me know when your meetings are going to be, if I cannot make it, I prefer if you do not meet, if we have another meeting like human diversity, if you have no one who can help meet quorum and I am in class you are then stuck. Let me know when you are meeting and if I cannot make it I prefer you change your meeting times

- Secretary-

- Academic Affairs- No Report. Wesley did not attend, Watts going to reach out and try to get ahold of him

- Congressional Administration- We saw three pieces of legislation and gave it all a rec of do pass, polling sites, multicultural survey and parks code amendments.
External Affairs- Saw mental health joint resolution, gave it a rec of no rec, not completely amended because it was not amended before we saw, going to continue to work on it. We did make amendments in committee. Some not completely solidified till Tuesday. We are seeing it this Tuesday!

Human Diversity- Saw multicultural legislation gave rec of do pass, talked about the inclusive contract, Mee talking with campus and Carol L. She had a student concern that student athletes have to sign a contract saying they will be inclusive but that is not happening, some athletic coaches not taking the training, so we are going to try to push and make that happen. Talked about anti-semitics thinking about making it more fact based legislation and coming up with informative campaigns for graphics to be put out. Hoping to do a series of these, LGBTQ, AISA, BSA, NASA, HSA, Afghan Student Association. We are very aware of timeline, if you want to keep working on it after, you can just wont be a formal committee. It really will be an informal thing. You technically wont be chair but if you guys want to keep on working on that go ahead

Problems and Projects- We had informal meeting. Saw no legislation. Engineering computers has been completely solved without having to do legislation. Confirmed that every water fountain requested has been installed. Water fountains are happy for us! The Garden situation apparently our earth saw healthy sooner’s garden and blown away. They are still doing their garden, we are doing bill supporting gardens on campus, maybe get Healthy Sooners garden some publicity. Cox asked if he could write puns in the bill, so it should be good. Parking issue, apparently parking is ticketing off of OU campus, its not legal, it is not OU property, so we are asking about that.

Brown- that was addressed last year when parking came up and the ticketing email was in place, they have rights to ticket certain streets that they do not own.

Sample- OU tickets are cheaper than Norman

Kelling- I guess it is the field by Sarkey’s, there is no signs on it and it says nothing. Students getting tickets there even if no sign.

Reid- OUPD told me they have jurisdiction within a mile of their property

Kelling- Thinking we will request a sign about no parking. We put a lot to bed because already done or not feasible. Cox is still working on benches.

Public Relations- WE set meeting time for being able to pass out new pamphlets, beautiful and so nice, going to be from 10-12:45 on Thursday about possibly making it a constituent service?

Rains: Yes I would count it if it is an hour long of service.

Kelling: we have money in student initiatives, if we want to spend it this session, is that possible?

Sample: Talk to Watts about pac man machine

Sample: No we didn’t because pac man is $2000 and bench is like $1500. Arcade machines very expensive, so is maintenance and upkeep. So we have $3600 roughly left.

Sample: Yes we can buy one bench, way set up next year with budget crisis, instead of requesting as much as we normally do for student initiative we request only $1000. We weren’t expecting to spend all of our funds so the contingency fund would go back into student initiatives. So we could buy one bench. But think about it.

Ways and Means- No report

Legislative Assistant- No report

Sample- Let committees know that when they go to visit RSOs they need to set up an interview for primary. Not many signs ups full because of the switch to this new email thing. So remind them to sign up for an interview because that is causing a problem in reaching out to RSOs.

Special Orders
Old Business
New Business
Items to Be Considered
Follow-Up Reports
Reid: WE WON!!!! 85-81 YAY. So we are in the sweet sixteen!
General Discussion
Nigh: When nominations for new exec?
Sample: April 12th in special orders.
Reid: Two committee members, Morgan and Sparks
Elwick: I was thinking that for upcoming committee chair we could do some kind of transition so they don’t have a semester of not knowing what they are doing. I know DG does an officer transition period and it is helpful, you meet with old committee chair.
Sample: Before haven’t had that opportunity, now in April we will be able to. We used to have transition binders for all committee chairs but they lost them after one week. So we gave up on that, we are going to do something like that for future.
Reid: Talk about Safe Place getting on campus. Talk to any staff member and ask for a safe place and they take you to a place in the room and let you have that area until the authorities get there no questions ask.
Sample: We have a lot of places that function as safe place. Gender and Equality Center. RA’s can function as a safe place. We have blue lights and OU PD, we have a lot of things that function as that, if going to do something for that, we should raise awareness about these current services before starting a new one.
Reid: Things about QuikTrip are like, if lost child or anyone needing assistance, for people around campus, this could be an area or two on campus that could be safe places just not to students. Just an idea to think about.
Sample: Look into current resources because that also is for other people in the area.
Kelling: SafePlace started more as a child situation, safe child abandonments, domestic violence, I think the domestic violence is a big one. But every staff members has to take the training about domestic violence.
Nigh: Appeal is that it is a neutral environment, very un-intrusive. Which is why going to OUPD, professor, etc. could be dicey.

Adjourn
Motion to adjourn Elwick sec Williams

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