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Session XCVI
Executive Committee
6pm, Sunday October 16th, 2016
Conoco Leadership Center

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Call to Order
Roll Call
Chair
Vice-Chair
Secretary
Academic Affairs
Communication
Congressional Administration
External Affairs
Human Diversity (excused)
Problems and Projects
Sustainability
Ways and Means (excused)

Approval of Minutes
Motion to Approve the Minutes Chair Elliott sec Chair Kovach

Reports:
  o Chair- Hey friends, hope you all had a nice break! Other news… the candidates meeting is tomorrow morning at 10:30 or on Wednesday at 4:30. They have to go to one of them or send a proxy. If they don’t attend those meetings, they aren’t on the ballot. Let me know if they need a proxy. Send those in your GroupMe’s tonight. Also, there is a Unity Symposium between all of the big multicultural groups and I think it’s important for SGA to show support. Its Nov 1st and 2nd from 4:30 to 8:30. It’ll count as Constituent Service.

  o Vice Chair- Hi everyone, hope OU/TX went well! Had a lot of fun hanging with Taylor at the SVA tailgate. Make sure that you’re getting your minutes in and things like that.

  o Secretary- Please get minutes in so that I have accurate attendance records. Thank you!
- Academic Affairs - We were finally able to get quorum to see the additional minors bill. We looked over the questions and thought they would be received well. We gave it a rec of do pass and got it send to ConAd.

- Communications - Waiting to hear back about the licensing approval form; talking to George about when we can start selling them. Cupcakes and Congress on Tuesday the 25th, please send the graphic to your committees. Shifts will be four people to a shift for 15 minutes. Last time I didn’t put a limit because we were trying it out. It runs from 1-4. We will probably do mini-cupcakes. Some people weren’t really given the opportunity to talk to their constituents. I will try to make that Doodle Poll tonight.

- Congressional Administration - We also saw the minors bill, which we unfortunately can’t truly say we passed because there was not an actual author. We also saw MJ’s 777 about sustainability, and it got a rec of do pass.

- External Affairs - We had our voter registration drive on Friday, and between that event and our Walker event we had 1% of the total student body registered. Preliminary winner of our poll was Clinton. We had some VIPs attend and I intend to send Thank-You Cards to them. Going forward, we will be working on state question information out as a PR push. There won’t be formal events. We saw MJ’s bill and we gave it a rec of do pass. Results of the poll will be published in the Daily. We will also be PR’s polling places on the actual election day. A few people thought about a bus system… maybe look into SafeRide? Maybe do a candidate’s forum for local elections? I’m not sure how we’re able to do that, but I’m looking into it.

- Human Diversity - Saw the Sexual Assault Awareness resolution and gave it a rec of do pass. Other than that, Chelsea wasn’t there, so we didn’t really talk about much else.

- Problems and Projects - I could not make quorum, but that’s fine because we didn’t need to see anything. It wasn’t anyone’s fault, we had a lot of folks at diversity training/tests, etc. We had a couple new initiatives come up. Someone wants to talk to administration about a general attendance policy. Some classes have really strict ones and some don’t. We are hoping to establish a baseline minimum. Huffling is working on that, and we are hoping to, at the least, establish the Faculty Senate. Construction notification project - meeting with George to talk to about who to talk to in Facilities Management. Maybe we get everyone together and have one big meeting? Marking project is still in the works. They are also working on Couch, which is causing lots of noise in the dorms, so we are hoping to avoid it during quiet hours. Maybe they need to stop during dead weeks and finals week? Regarding CART, they are excited to work with us and want to meet with our committee so that we can create a better system. Mental health project? Chelsea wanted to work on something, but I’m not sure. As was explained to some people at the tailgate, we are having a parking issue at the Veterans Center, so it’s now 24/7 Faculty Staff. I’m contacting DeAndre, Justin has talked to him through SVA, so I’ll be running it through PnP and SGA. I am hoping to chat with VP Shumate, and if not, I will talk to Boren. Lastly, we have reps coming from the OK department of vet affairs to talk with OU administration. There is a chance that we are getting state educational counselors on campus, but the problem is that they don’t have a conference room because they are all booked.
Sustainability- We met on Friday and we re-went over the survey which passed through both committees and Kayleigh is really excited about it. Projects include game day recycling. Reece reached out to the person in charge and asked what they needed help for, so we are waiting for a response. Maddy had some cool ideas that I want them to hear. We talked about getting more recycling at some of the bigger complex. One of Reece’s previous professors got told no because it takes up parking spaces. I’ll be talking to them to see where we can go with that project. The sprinkler systems are also wasting water, which was brought up by Tim K, who will be heading up that project. The system is not run by OU Facilities but by Molly Shi and the Beautification Project. I noticed that some of the sprinklers on the South Oval will shut off on the side facing the sidewalk, so maybe adding more of those? Someone tried in the past, but they were told they had a “special system”. It’s all automatic, which is why its problematic. We are working to figure out who to contact. Lastly, Reece is tackling outdoor recycling, especially on Jenkins. I told him to phrase it in terms of financing.

Ways and Means- There was some miscommunication between myself, the committee, and George, so funding is delayed another week, so in the next two days, we will update everyone that’s waiting on the budget. With that and a quorum scare, we didn’t meet today.

Special Orders
Old Business
New Business
Items to Be Considered
Follow-Up Reports
General Discussion
Rains: Please remember to send out the candidate’s forum in your GroupMe so people get there. Kelling: Thanks for coming out to the tailgate!

Adjourn
Motion to Adjourn Secretary Mazeitis sec Chair Elliott

Chair: Kaylee Rains
Vice-Chair: Austin Reid
Secretary: Jake Mazeitis