Session XCVI

Call to Order
6:01
Roll Call
HD
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Chair
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PnP
Secretary
Vice-Chair (excused)
WAM (excused)
AA (excused)

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

Reports:
- Chair- Couple of things: You all are doing great. I've heard things from your members and they're super excited. I'm super proud. Make sure you're checking the minutes to get pieces of legislation onto your committee. We want to avoid Committee of the Whole. Hasn’t been a problem yet, but be cognizant. Be sure to encourage people that come present to us to make them feel included and we still understand our own limitations in Student Government. Be sure that everyone remembers to be nice and welcoming and encouraging. Whenever you’re giving your Chair’s Report, remember to let me know about projects or people that we need to write Thank-You’s to. Please ask me if you need any, especially if you’re talking to someone. Additionally, Cupcakes and Congress needs to be publicized. Members look to you, so please be sure to show up if you can. Please give me a heads up if you can. That's this Tuesday 1-4. This Wednesday 6:30-8:30 is the SGA Open house, which will be super informative and I also encourage you to go. Please be sure to let me know if people are having a problem or if they aren’t show up. Homecoming pomping starts this week. Our members should go! Unfortunately, all of our members had to drop the dance, so we need to get involved in other
ways. Filing is going up and Danielle and I met up a reapportioned the districts. This is the first time the ConAd Chair has actually done their job in this regard. We have 28 people up for election out of our 48, we really need to make sure that we get the word out. I want more members, but please campaign.

- Vice Chair-

- Secretary- Please be sure to upload or e-mail me minutes as soon as you can. Constituent Service for CandC.

- Academic Affairs-

- Communications- We’re going to get blue pocket T’s and red sweatshirts and I need to talk to ID Solutions. It'll probably happen Thursday morning. I'm going to try to send them an e-mail with graphics and ideas and do most of the work over the phone. I might also be looking into places other than ID Solutions due to potential credit card fraud. If ID Solutions is going to be cheaper, then I'll go with that. Please for the love of everything that is good and Congressional tell your committees to sign up for Cupcakes and Congress. The slots are only 15 minutes and I want to get a bunch of people out there. Thirteen people have signed up. I don't want this to be a monthly SGA event and not have a large turnout because it makes us look dumb. Many people don't know what we are, so I want to be sure are there. Maybe having District-specific Town Halls? (PnP Suggestion)

- Congressional Administration- I’m signed up for Cupcakes and Congress. We did redistrict. We no longer have an IAS seat, because you serve about 500 people which is much less than most other representatives do. It wasn’t fair for those students to be overly represented. IAS is now under Social Sciences because it fits better there and it gives people a chance to run. Continuing Education is now moved under Education. Education now has three seats. We only have one Liberal Arts seat, which has now been allocated to UCol. One disparity that we need to look at is that Pre-Med and Pre-Law are in UCol, but other pre-designations aren’t filled. Language is now under Humanities. We expanded districts and representation. Today we saw a really important piece of legislation that Kaylee brought to our attention. It does away with interviews for WAM and instead, everyone will be required to fill out a form on OrgSync. We gave it a rec of do pass, because we think it’s important and we believe it to be the most efficient/least biased option. (Rains: This is something that we’ve been looking into for a while, and last semester it was brought to our attention that we may need to investigate a little more. As the WAM VC, I looked into it and realized that there are no regulations aside being punished for not showing up. It makes more sense to level the playing field and open up the process, in addition, this puts our practices with other Big 12 schools. It also cuts down on time. We are going to see it on Tuesday, and if you need more of an explanation, come to GSS. It’s going to be contentious, so please be sure to guide the members to be respectful. Make sure that when this comes to the floor, be sure to demonstrate the tone that we need.)

- External Affairs- We had a pretty good meeting today. We have a few events coming up. Tomorrow, there is a debate watch part in Dale Hall 122 at 8pm with HSA, ICDG, and AEI. Boomer Buzz is also having a party in the Lower Level of Bizzell. ON Wednesday, we are co-hosting an event with Walker RSA, making fliers now. That is open to anyone, geared at people living on-campus. There will be free food and voter registration. Lasts from 6-8. Please stop by and encourage local voting if you would like. October 14th is the last day to register to vote, so we will be putting together an event for that day on the South Oval. Maybe a mock election, or something similar to encourage people to register. I’m going to run some things by Debbie tomorrow to see what it costs and how to reserve those spaces. We would love if that event on the 14th could be Constituent Service. Also, talk to your liaison organizations about the importance of voting so that they know what’s going on.
Human Diversity- We had an outstanding meeting today. I'm so so excited! We took a more active approach to our issues. We talked about a few key ones. We saw the Survey legislation and tabled it pending other meetings with administrations. It has turned into a series of surveys hitting three top issues on campus, and my committee was largely in support. The key issues on campus included hate speech, being aware of surroundings, and mental health. I know it's been harped on. They really really want to push it. We are wanting to get a voting booth on campus, and hoping to work with EA and PnP to make that a reality. We want to make sure that the HD meeting is an open space. My committee really liked the idea of informative and informal campaigns throughout the semester about things like mental health awareness and other things. Next week, we are moving forward to actual logistics. This may also include things like diversity v inclusivity. We want to invite student leaders and speakers of other organizations to come and talk to us to make sure that we are hearing all voices. We want them to be involved in the process.

Problems and Projects- We had a very productive meeting. I am going to leave the big one for the end. We talked about a construction notification project so that we can notify the student body if doors/roads are going to be blocked off. I have a student concern I'm going to bring up on Tuesday. A friend of mine was riding his bike and some people didn't mark a number of poles and he swerved to avoid a pedestrian and cut his arm open. He told me about it last night and I will be bringing it up to Facilities Management. RSO interaction project- Lalani wasn't there so we couldn't talk about it. Brian will be talking to George about CART improvements. He wants improved hours. There are some issues with late-night busses, and it takes forever. They need to look at the class schedule and make sure they're meeting the times students need the bus. He also wants to look at a program where OU will take you to the airport. Brian is from Maryland and sometimes isn't able to get to OU from the airport. I am meeting with a rep from OKC VA to talk about Veterans Mental Health, in case that Goddard might be recognized as an official Veterans Mental Health Center, which would mean that veterans don't have to go OKC for services. I think we are talking 25 people at the most. Public safety issue- we are still mulling over the survey. We will likely put it in a format that is acceptable to OUPD and then sit down with the chief to talk about concerns. We are going to look into it more. It's morphing more into using OU Innovate or the Guardian App to help alleviate concerns. They also just need to light up some areas on campus. There is an active shooter thing that Brian Bray wants to look into. OUPD does training for active shooter situations, and we would like more publicity regarding it. We are still trying to figure out the bench thing with the old man story. The productive portion of the meeting was the mental health bill. GSS is going to speak to us next Tuesday. They phrased it as a concurrent resolution without consulting us. Criticism and questions were not well taken by the GSS representatives. The bottom line is that we have an issue with the lifetime cap. They don't believe that we should prescribe anyone how to do their job. It's also waivable. We did not actually see the bill today. I was trying to defuse the situation. It's basically just our bill re-written. I was trying to mend-fences, so I asked them to add PnP as a co-sponsor. This bill was written by a member all summer long and then he introduced it, and technically, anyone member of either body, and while the precedent for a concurrent resolution is that there is a meeting, that is not required. GSS also wants to do a number of projects related to this bill that aren't in writing. We will see this bill next Tuesday.

Sustainability- Rep Mee had Christina Owen who knows a lot about SQ 777 (Right to Farm) come in. She is running for the Oklahoma Congress seat. She was involved in speech/debate, owns a sweet shop, worked for hotels, founded Yes All Daughters. She got legislation passed in the normal government too. She talked to us about SQ 777. You could tell that she was for the No side, but she provided information about both sides. This question says that the state must provide a compelling state interest in order to regulate any kind of farming. You have to prove beyond a shadow of a doubt that the practice is unsafe, instead of proving that it is safe. The yes side is saying that we want the rights to farm, which goes into the State Constitution. Maybe a slippery slope? They want people
to be able to make their own decision. No side worries about cock fighting and dog fighting. We are looking at the impact on clean air and clean water, which isn’t a compelling state interest. We want to submit a poll (Chance and Mee heading it up) and bring up that legislation in Congress this week. Christina had the idea of having a forum where her and her friends could come and talk. She was willing to come talk to our body. Parking doesn’t want to split passes because it would burden their system. I asked what if we just put two cars on the pass. Water fountains- the guy is going to see if Fine Arts can be one of the 10 they do a semester. Talked to Reece who is going to talk to Sprouts and Aldis about where they get cheap produce. Simmons had a meeting with Matt Marks who heads up the food pantry. He wanted to have a formal event to promote the food bank (low, mid, high income experience assigned to event-goers). Marks was very receptive and they’re going to meet again soon. Thompson wants recycling competitions on game day. Something separate for Greek houses. Maybe incentivize students to pick up cans and maybe get into places on Campus Corner sooner? Focus maybe more on an express line for the game.

- Ways and Means- We conducted interviews and saw legislation.

Special Orders
Old Business
New Business
Items to Be Considered
Follow-Up Reports
General Discussion
Adjourn
Motion to Adjourn Secretary Mazeitis sec Chair Elliott
6:52

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