Congressional Administration Committee
SESSION XCIII
February 1st, 2015, 12:00 pm
Conoco Leadership Wing First Floor, OMU

• Call to Order 12:05
  • Attendance: Nigh, Delafield, Lewis, Molina, Alford, Hughes, Sample
    • Aragon and Bourland also in attendance

• Approval of the Minutes
  • Sample sec Bourland

• Reports

• SPECIAL ORDERS

• OLD BUSINESS

• NEW BUSINESS

• ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED

Resolution 930XXX for the commencement of impeachment process
  Sample: move to see
  Bourland: censure is not enough. The poll was not enough to accurately reflect the opinion of the students. The students I’ve talked to do not want Kunal in office. This inquiry will let us sit down and ask Kunal questions with people from both sides. This situation requires looking into. This shows that we are serious. He was arrested while underage and intoxicated while trying to break into a house. Considering he won’t run for reelection, a censure is not enough. We owe our constituents a look at impeachment.
  Aragon: how do you know he’s not running for reelection?
  Bourland: I assumed.
  Aragon: did you know he is a sophomore and very well could?
  Bourland: I did not know that. He may or he may not run in that case.
  Molina: what will we gain from the impeachment?
  Bourland: it gives us time to see if he is still worthy to run and to be the SGA President. We can poll more students. Say we choose to write articles of impeachment, now we can impeach him if we so choose. If we choose not to write the articles, then this inquiry is the same as a censure. We might learn something new we might not.
  Sample: how many did you poll?
  Bourland: About a hundred. No more than 15 said “who cares?” 20 said “I don’t know what’s happening.” The rest said get him out of office.
  Aragon: These polls seem to all be giving us the answers we want. Do you think the way we frame the question influences their response? Are these polls truly reflective?
  Bourland: I’m not sure.
Molina: why do you think public opinion matters with respect to actually deciding whether these specific impeachable actions were fulfilled?
Bourland: this is a way for us to find out public opinion more clearly.
Molina: impeachment includes specific things, do any of our constituents know what impeachment actually entails?
Bourland: I don’t know if they understand it or not. It will become more important to know if they do or do not once we start the process.
Aragon: a lot of this argument is based on whether or not he can continue to do his job. Doesn’t our arguing about if he can do his job, in effect, prevent him from doing his job?
Bourland: I think it does. If the POTUS comes to OU the first student to meet him is SGA president, would you want this to be Kunal? Students should be able to voice their opinion on this.
Sample: is it not hypocritical? Many make mistakes and don’t get caught.
Bourland: he got caught. And that’s what’s important.
Alford: when was the last time a president was impeached?
Aragon: HCSA pres. did:
Alford: why?
Aragon: he was terrible. He did things that hurt HCSA
Sample: would president Obama really care?
Bourland: it’s about our representation as a student body.
Molina: motion rec of no rec
Lewis: second

**Bill 930304 resolution delivering censure**
Sample: Many people believe that impeachment is too harsh but Kunal did make a mistake over the break. A censure carries a lot of weight, many who receive one do not get reelected.
Bourland: So essentially we are just saying “naughty naughty?”
Sample: this is more than that. This is a formal statement. This will be sent everywhere; it will be sent to President Boren, the Dean of Students, the OU Daily, everywhere. This will taint his record, but it won’t be impeachment because he didn’t abuse his powers as president.
Bourland: motion rec of no rec
Hughes: second

**Bill 930XXX for amending CAC election rules**
Sample: move to see
Bourland: second
Byron: what this does is change the campaign finance cap. The reason we want to change that is because the current $2000 spending limit puts those without funds at a huge disadvantage to win a contested election. This helps get rid of the bias toward Greek organization. Candidates involved in Greek organizations running for election can receive large amounts of funding through their respective house. If you’re not Greek it can limit your ability to run. We want to change it to $500
Nigh: move to questions
Bourland: would you consider $1000? It’s a little easier, and I understand the bias, but I think $500 is very low and limits what ANYONE can do.

Byron: you could put that forward as a hostile amendment so we can see what the body thinks of it. TCU has a $500 cap and they subsidize their elections. We would like to model after that. The $500 limit can stimulate elections without getting too crazy.

Aragon: even $1000 is a lot for any student to raise. Without a house behind them it’s unreasonable.

Byron: I feel $500 is reasonable for myself, as a working student. When figuring out it’s easier to change all these things at once so we can make the changes whole hoc.

Alfred: do other campaigns meet $2000?

Byron: yes. Many of that comes from making t shirts. I would be willing to consider a higher limit but I’d like to see what the body thinks.

Bourland: rec of no rec

Alford: second

Bill 930XXX Renaming Department of Special Communities to Department of Diversity

Bourland: move to see changing department names

Hughes: second

Byron: to explain the origins of this bill, we used to have a department of international organizations that was changes to special communities to make it more inclusive bringing in organizations that aren’t necessarily international. Now we realize the department name can carry negative connotation. “Department of Diversity” is more inclusive and is a good change also in light of movements like “Unheard.”

Bourland: motion rec of no rec

Alford: second

• GENERAL DISCUSSION
  Redistricting and reapportionment?
  Nigh: does any

• ADJOURN
  Molina: motion to adjourn
  Delafield: second

Chair: Ryan Nigh
Vice Chair: Trevor Watts
Secretary: Cooper Delafield

Present:
Excused:
Absent: