I. **Call to Order** of the Student Body Senate of the Student Government Association of Oklahoma State University

II. **Roll Call**
   a. Swearing in of New Senators, Supreme Court Justices, and Executives:
      “I, *state your name*, do solemnly affirm that I will discharge to the best of my ability, the responsibilities entrusted to me, as an officer of the Student Government Association of Oklahoma State University”

III. **Pledge of Allegiance**

IV. **Approval of Minutes** of the Previous Meeting
   a. January 23, 2019

V. **Guest Speakers and Student Concerns**
   a. Tod Halvorsen, New York Times

VI. **Advisor(s) Report** – Dr. John Mark Day/Melisa Echols

VII. **President’s Report** – Chase Blevins

VIII. **Vice President’s Report** – Vanessa Wiebe

IX. **Unfinished Business**

X. **New Business**
   a. **S19BL001**: A bill amending the process of the election agency outlines in Title X

XI. **Recess for Legislation** to be Forwarded to Committees

XII. **Executive Reports**
   a. Cabinet Executives

XIII. **Supreme Court Report(s)**

XIV. **Senate Reports**
   a. Committee Chairs
      i. Budget – Jessie Hickey
      ii. CSO – Mason Martin
      iii. Internal Affairs – Noah Murphey
      iv. PAC – Misael Hernandez
      v. University – Stephanie Rojo
   b. **Constituency Reports**
   c. **Other Senate Reports**
      i. Liaisons
         1. OSU Tulsa – Yuki Clarke
         2. OSU Institute of Technology – Vacant
            a. Nominations
               i. Amanda Botts
         3. OSU OKC – Vacant
4. GPSGA – Jessie Hickey
5. FRC – Vacant
   a. Nominations
      i. Ashley Gin
      ii. Kayleigh Crane
      iii. Stephanie Rojo
6. OU – Jessie Hickey
   ii. Representatives
      1. Board of Regents for A&M Colleges – Marcus Heald
      2. Board of Regents for Higher Education – Vacant
         a. Nominations
            i. Jacob Auer
      3. Faculty Council – Vacant
         a. Nominations
            i. Samuel Smith
            ii. Ashley Schultz
   d. Vice Chair’s Report – Jaden Kasitz
   e. Chair’s Report – Holland Gray

XV. Announcements
XVI. Informal Discussion
XVII. Adjournment

This agenda shall not be construed as preventing: The introduction of new legislation not listed, the reconsideration of any motion of the immediately preceding Senate meeting, or any regular procedural motion or any motions by an appropriate majority which allows the introduction and final consideration of Legislation in the same meeting so long as that legislation is listed in this agenda. Posted at 6:00pm on January 29, 2019 by Holland Gray, Student Body Senate Chair (sgasenate@okstate.edu) 405-744-7555
Bill: S19BL001
Date: 1/23/19
Committee: Internal Affairs

AS INTRODUCED

A bill amending the process of the election agency outlined in Title X; providing for short title, providing for an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENTS OF OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY THAT:

Section 1: AMENDATORY: Title X of the Student Government Association Bylaws shall be amended as follows:

SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS:

1.1. Election Agency EA: A board strictly directed by the bylaws to organize and certify elections (See Title 9-10 Section 2).
1.2. Intent to Run Filing: A filing announcing a candidate or candidate pair’s intent to run for an office (See Title 9-10 Section 3).
1.3. Candidate: Someone running for a senate seat or part of a candidate pair.
1.4. Candidate pair: Two individuals running together as a ticket for the offices of President and Vice President.
1.5. Campaign budget: An itemized budget including all campaign expenses and receipts.
1.6. Technological difficulty: A computer problem that inhibited voters from casting votes, that caused votes to be duplicated, or that did not accurately count casted votes.
1.7. Meaningful impact: Something that causes or could cause election results to appear as though a candidate won an election in which the candidate did not actually win.
1.8. Popular vote: A vote in which the entire student body of Oklahoma State University may participate.
1.10. Living Groups: Greek Life, Off-campus, and Residential Life.
1.11. Polling Station: Official SGA Constituency Day Table.
1.12. Enticement: Any tangible object given by a candidate/candidate pair for the sole purpose of persuading the recipient. Examples are, food, drinks, gifts, etc.
1.13 Advertisement Materials: Physical or digital objects that state the candidate/candidate pair’s name and/or the position for which they are seeking election. Examples are, buttons, flyers, promotional t-shirts, etc.

SECTION 2. Election Agency: Election Agency (EA) - Shall implement the provisions set forth in Title-9 10 of the Student Government Association bylaws and those set forth in the Student Government Association Constitution.

2.1. COMPOSITION – The EA shall be composed of members of the Graduate and Professional Student Government Association.

2.1.1. The students serving on the EA shall be nominated by GPSGA and then approved by the Senate.

2.1.2. No candidate for office shall serve on the EA. If a member of the EA resigns for the purpose of running for office, GPSGA will nominate a replacement candidate who will then be approved by Senate.

2.1.3. No member of SGA leadership, including, but not limited to members of the executive, legislative, or judicial branch shall serve on the EA.

2.1.4. No Member of the EA shall endorse a candidate/candidate pair.

2.1.5 The GPSGA Intergovernmental Liaison shall be the chairperson of the EA.

2.1.6 A Graduate Assistant from the department of Leadership and Campus Life shall serve as an ex officio, non-voting adviser for the Election Agency.

2.1.6.1 A Graduate Assistant from the department of Leadership and Campus Life shall be present at all Election Agency meetings.

2.1.6.2 If No Graduate Assistant from the department of Leadership and Campus Life is available to serve as an ex officio, non-voting adviser for the Election Agency then the GPSGA Intergovernmental Liaison will serve as the ex officio, non-voting adviser for the EA and the EA would then elect a chair within the EA.

2.1.7. The Coordinator for SGA Programs shall serve as an ex officio, non-voting Administrative Advisor to the EA.

2.1.8. The Graduate Assistant of Leadership and Campus Life Coordinator of SGA Programs shall facilitate the training of the GPSGA Intergovernmental Liaison of new members of the EA.

2.1.8.1. Training shall consist of a thorough education of the bylaws pertaining to the election, how to run a meeting, and a brief overview of the Oklahoma Open Meetings and Open Records Acts.

2.1.8.2 The Intergovernmental Liaison is then responsible for training the remainder of the election agency.

2.1.9 IN THE CASE OF A SPECIAL ELECTION– The EA shall follow all rules outlined in sections 2.2.6, 2.2.7, and 2.2.8.

2.1.9.1 In the case of a Special Election before the EA can be chosen by GPSGA and confirmed by the senate, the EA shall consist of three (3) members of the GPSGA Executive team, excluding the Intergovernmental Liaison who is still the chair of the EA.

2.2. RESPONSIBILITIES – Responsibilities of the EA shall include:

2.2.1. ACCEPT INTENT TO RUN FILINGS – The EA Coordinator of SGA Programs shall accept intention to run filings from any student of Oklahoma State University.

2.2.2. VALIDATE INTENT TO RUN FILINGS – The EA Coordinator of SGA Programs shall validate each potential candidate/candidate pair’s intent to run filing to ensure that the candidates meet the minimum requirements outlined in Title 9 10 of the Student
Government Association bylaws and those outlined in the Student Government Association Constitution.

2.2.3. CREATION OF BALLOT – The EA Chair shall work with the Senior Administrative Support Specialist Coordinator of SGA Programs to create a ballot composed of those candidate/candidate pair(s) whose intent to run filings were validated in accordance with section 2.2.2., the ballot should also include any constitutional amendments that have been approved for consideration by the student body.

2.2.4 HEAR REPORTS OF CAMPAIGN VIOLATIONS – The EA shall hear reports of campaign violations and misconduct and determine within 48 hours of receiving the complaint if enough evidence exists for a formal Supreme Court hearing.

2.2.4.1. The EA shall not determine guilt or innocence only if enough evidence exists to warrant a Supreme Court hearing.

2.2.4.2. IF it is determined that the complaint is valid and enough evidence exists for a trial; THEN the EA shall inform the Attorney General and the Supreme Court Chief Justice.

2.2.4.3. IF the EA determines that not enough evidence exists for a Supreme Court trial; THEN the decision cannot be appealed.

2.2.5. ACCEPT CAMPAIGN BUDGET(S) – The EA Coordinator of SGA Programs shall accept campaign budgets from every candidate/candidate pair.

2.2.5.1. VALIDATE CAMPAIGN BUDGET(S) – The EA shall validate each candidate/candidate pair’s campaign budget at 5:30 pm CST on the last Election Day.

2.2.5.2. The EA shall ensure that each candidate/candidate pair’s campaign expenditures are less than or equal to the maximum campaign expenditure outlined in Title 9 Section 4.2 of the Student Government Association bylaws.

2.2.5.1.1. IF a candidate/candidate pair is found, by the EA, to have exceeded the allowed campaign expenditure as outlined in Title 9 Section 4.2 of the Student Government Association bylaws, THEN that candidate/candidate pair shall be automatically disqualified.

2.2.6.7. VALIDATE ELECTION RESULTS – The EA will be provided the results by the Coordinator of SGA programs and shall validate the election results by determining that no technical issue affected the election results.

2.2.6.7.1. The EA shall investigate any report of technological difficulties to determine if the technological difficulty had a meaningful impact on the election results.

2.2.6.7.2. IF the EA finds that a technological difficulty did meaningfully impact the election results THEN the EA shall use its discretion to remedy the issue.

2.2.7.8. DECLARE ELECTION WINNER(S) – The EA shall review the validated election results and the validated campaign budget(s) to declare an election winner.

2.2.7.8.1. DECLARATION OF PRESIDENTIAL/VICE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION WINNERS – The Presidential/Vice Presidential candidate pair must receive a majority to be declared the winner unless a candidate pair’s budget is not validated.

2.2.7.8.1.1. IF a candidate pair has received greater than 50% of the popular vote as reported in the validated election results AND the candidate pair’s campaign budget WAS validated AND each candidate of the pair is in good standing with the University THEN that candidate pair shall be declared the election winner.
2.2.7 8.1.2. IF a candidate pair has received greater than 50% of the popular vote AND the candidate pair’s campaign budget WAS NOT validated OR either candidate of the pair is not in good standing with the University THEN that candidate pair shall be disqualified.

2.2.7 8.1.3. IF no candidate/candidate pair received greater than 50% of the popular vote AND there are more than one (1) candidate/candidate pair whose campaign budget was validated AND each candidate of each candidate pair whose budget was validated is in good standing with the University THEN a runoff election shall be held in accordance with Title 9 Section 5.4 of the Student Government Association bylaws.

2.2.7 8.2. DECLARATION OF SENATE ELECTION WINNERS - Senators shall be elected on a plurality basis.

2.2.7 8.2.1. IF the number of validated senate candidates from any constituency are less than or equal to the total number of available seats THEN all candidates shall be declared winners.

2.2.7 8.2.2. IF the number of validated senate candidates from any constituency is greater than the number of available seats THEN the available seats shall be filled with the candidates who have the largest percentages of the popular vote and those candidates shall be declared winners.

2.2.7 8.3. ADOPTION OF CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS – Constitutional amendments shall be adopted if the proposed amendment received the majority.

2.2.7 9. NOTIFY MEDIA OF ELECTION WINNER(S) – Upon declaring election winners the EA Chair shall notify the O’Colly.

2.3. MEETINGS – The EA shall hold meetings as necessary to fulfill the responsibilities outlined in 2.2. of Title 9 10 of the Student Government Association Bylaws.

2.3.1. A quorum (50% plus 1) of the All members of the EA shall be present in order to hold and meeting and transact business.

2.3.1.1 Failure to attend a scheduled meeting without extenuating circumstances, as determined by the EA Chair or University Chair, shall result in removal from the EA.

2.3.2. The EA Chair who is to be selected by their fellow EA members shall be responsible for posting an agenda at least 24 hours before any EA meeting, for recording minutes of any EA meeting, and for ensuring that any EA meeting is in compliance with any State or Federal laws that are applicable.

2.4 CANDIDATE INFORMATIONAL MEETING – The Election Agency shall host a non-mandatory informational meeting to review Title 9 10 in its entirety with all candidates as soon as possible after campaign filings have been made.

Section 2: Upon passage and approval, the Attorney General is hereby directed to update the By-laws to reflect these changes.

Section 3: This bill shall be forwarded to:

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