



Student Body Senate Minutes

Wednesday, August 29, 2018 at 7:00pm

Student Union, Case Study 2

- 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. April 25, 2018
 - i. Approved.
- V. **Guest Speakers and Student Concerns**
- VI. **Advisor(s) Report** – Dr. John Mark Day/Melisa Echols
 - a. **Melisa Echols**
 - i. Available at all times when her door is open.
 - ii. Not available on Sundays.
 - iii. She will answer emails in a timely response when available.
 - iv. Her office number is 211Q.
- VII. **New Business**
 - a. **Senator Orientation PT. 1**
 - b. **F18RS001:** A resolution confirming the appointment for the office of Student Body Supreme Court Chief Justice
 - i. **Committee as a whole**
 1. **Hickey:** Motion to move resolution out of committee by unanimous consent
 2. **Motion to pass.**
 3. **Martin:** Motion to move to final passage.
 4. **Motion to pass.**
 5. **Roll call vote to move out of committee with no recommendation.**
 - a. **AYE: 36, NAY: 0, ABSTENTIONS: 1**
 - ii. **Senate**
 1. **Russell:** Yield to Senator Hickey.
 2. **Hickey:** Resend.
 3. **Heald: second**
 4. **Roll call vote**
 - a. **AYE: 38, No: 0, Abstentions: 0**
 - c. **F18RS002:** A resolution confirming the appointment for the office of Oklahoma Intercollegiate Legislature Director
 - i. **Committee as a whole**

1. **Hickey:** Motion by suspension of the rules to move out of committee with recommendation of no recommendation by unanimous consent.

2. **Motion to pass.**

ii. Senate

1. **Hickey:** Motion to refer bill back to Internal Affairs committee.

2. **Doncer:** Second

3. **Motion to pass.**

d. Senator Orientation PT. 2

e. Russell: Motion to move back in time to swear in new senators and supreme court justices by unanimous consent.

f. Martin: Second

g. Motion to pass.

VIII. Recess for Legislation to be Forwarded to Committees

IX. Executive Reports

a. President – Chase Blevins

i. First executive meeting was last night where we set a goal to work as one group and collaborate together with each other.

ii. Executive cabinet decided to start a Student Government Association tailgate starting with Dad's Day to give everyone a place to go on games.

iii. Advisors are looking to do some type of event every month. For September, they are looking to do something for Dad's Day.

iv. Sustainability is looking for help to set up bags and recycling bins for game days, if interested contact Adrienne.

v. Advisory board will start meeting soon.

vi. Working to create a campus climate summit to see what we can do to better campus.

vii. Office hours announced, check his door to view hours.

viii. Dr. Bird let us know about leadership summit, held on September 28, at South Western Oklahoma State University. Entry is covered by student affairs, A&M Board of Regents, and travel is covered by SGA,

b. Vice President – Vanessa Wiebe

i. Lights on Stillwater was a success. Thank you for helping everything run smoothly.

ii. Shirts can be picked up in office if you specified what size and did not pick it up before Lights on Stillwater.

iii. Now that Lights on Stillwater is over, Vanessa will be helping with programming events when needed.

iv. Open door policy whenever she is available.

v. Still finalizing office hours, should be posted Friday.

vi. Garcia: Since both Chase and Vanessa were previously senators before being becoming President and Vice President, what kind of advice do you have to give the Senate body?

1. Vanessa: It was nice to look at the issues, discussing them on the senate floor. I would like to see it continued in a positive way and keep in mind who you're creating legislation for.

2. Chase: Last year we went through a lot of big changes which was needed and we would like to see that continue. Be sure to be the voice for constituents that you represent.

c. Cabinet Executives

i. Conner and Joanna: FRC Coordinators

1. Bylaws states one living group senator including a Greek senator should be present for grading of FRC applications.
2. If interested contact Holland, must be voted onto the committee.

X. Supreme Court Report(s)

a. Chief Justice Lewis

- i. Thank you for the appointment, I am hoping to be more involved.

XI. Senate Reports

a. Committee Chairs

i. Budget – Jessie Hickey

1. No meeting tomorrow
2. There will be a meeting next week, meeting room to be announced later.

ii. CSO – Mason Martin

1. Not meeting for a few weeks to let faculty settle in.
2. So far there has only be one request for CSO committee.
3. Expectation: For those on the CSO committee, members will look at organization, learning about them and presenting it before the committee.

iii. Internal Affairs – Alex Garcia

1. No meeting tomorrow
2. September 6 is the first meeting.
3. We have legislation to discuss.
 - a. One piece of legislation is to move senator elections from fall to spring.

iv. PAC – Misael Hernandez

1. First meeting will be September 10 at 4pm in Pioneer Room, 456b.
2. Looking to hopefully go down to capitol again.

v. University – Stephanie Rojo

1. First meeting in 456 room next Tuesday 5pm.

b. Constituency Reports

i. Doner

1. 2 CASNR senate seats vacant
2. Applications for the vacant seats due Friday.

ii. Hickey

1. CSO has 3 vacant seats

iii. Kasitz

1. 2 vacant seats for CEAT, applications due this week.
2. CEAT Student Council is open, applications due next week.

iv. Kensinger

1. Arts and Sciences Student Council open
2. 2 vacant senate seats for Arts and Sciences

v. Cunningham

1. 2 vacant Business seats

- vi. Doncer
 - 1. University has one vacant seat
 - 2. Student Council applications are open now.
- c. **Other Senate Reports**
 - i. Liaisons
 - 1. OSU Tulsa – Seat Vacant
 - a. Russell: Motion to open nominations.
 - b. Martin: Second
 - c. Motion to pass.
 - i. Nominations:
 - 1. Yuki Clarke
 - d. Russell: Motion to suspend nominations for one week.
 - e. Motion to pass.
 - 2. OSU Institute of Technology – Kase Doner
 - a. No report
 - 3. OSU OKC – Katherine Manis
 - a. No report
 - 4. GPSGA – Jessie Hickey
 - a. Intro to Scott, who represents graduate and professional students on campus.
 - b. Scott will be at all senate meetings to relay info to GPSGA.
 - 5. FRC – Sydney Smith
 - a. Encourage freshman to apply for the Freshman Representative Council.
 - b. The application is on Campus Link under SGA.
 - 6. OU – Jessie Hickey
 - a. Congress chair at OU, Tom, sends his greetings
 - ii. Representatives
 - 1. Board of Regents for A&M Colleges – **Vacant**
 - a. Russell: Motion to open nominations.
 - b. Carmichael: Second
 - c. Motion to pass.
 - i. Nominations:
 - 1. Jacob Ventris
 - ii. Russell: Motion to suspend nominations for one week.
 - iii. Kensinger: Second.
 - iv. Motion to pass.
 - 2. Board of Regents for Higher Education – Samuel Gregory
 - a. No report.
 - 3. Faculty Council – Ely DeVillasante
 - a. No report.
- d. **Vice Chair’s Report – Mason Russell**
 - i. Senate office hours: will be logged at the computer at the info desk. It doesn’t have a password and will take you to a webpage to fill out a form about the information needed to log hours.

- ii. If there is any issues logging office hours, let Mason know.
- iii. Office hours will be four a month. Should be completed in between the hours of 8am to 5pm if possible.
- iv. If for some reason you cannot make a committee time, let Mason know.
- v. Number of times a proxy can be allowed before an unexcused absence is given will be discussed.
- vi. Martin: Do we have to log out when doing office hours?
 - 1. No.
 - 2. Martin: Can we send a proxy to committee meetings? And can they vote?
 - a. Yes to both questions.

e. Chair's Report – Holland Gray

- i. Declaration of Vacant Seats
 - 1. 3 OCSA
 - 2. 2 Arts and Sciences
 - 3. 2 CASNR
 - 4. 2 CEAT
 - 5. 2 COE
 - 6. 1 University
- ii. Constituency days
 - 1. September 14
 - 2. September 13
 - 3. Senators required to work one of those days.
- iii. Office hours posted on office door.
- iv. Joint Session
 - 1. Takes the place of senate meeting on September 19 and is required for all senators.
 - 2. Burns Hargis will be speaking.
 - 3. Doing a joint session to work on transparency with students on campus.
- v. Business of Next Week
 - 1. Business casual attire.
 - 2. Two speakers visiting to talk to the Senate body.
 - 3. September 10 there is a suicide awareness event, 100 chairs to represent those who have died from suicide.
 - 4. Setting a goal to have senate meetings be as efficient as possible.
 - 5. New senator orientation, next week after senate meeting.

XII. Announcements

- a. Russell: My office hours are Tuesday and Thursday from 12:30pm-2pm and 3:30pm-5pm.
- b. Martin: Top 10 Freshman applications are due this Friday 8am-5pm at Mortar Board cubicle, Blue Key applications are out now, Mortar Board applications will be out soon.
- c. Rojo: Homecoming royalty applications are out now, due September 6.

XIII. Informal Discussion

XIV. Brag Bags

XV. 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 **4:00pm** on **August 28, 2018** by Holland Gray, Student Body Senate Chair (sgasenate@okstate.edu) 405-744-7555