



Student Body Senate Minutes

Wednesday, September 11, 2019 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. September 4, 2019
 - i. Approved.
- V. Guest Speakers and Student Concerns**
- VI. Advisor(s) Report** – Dr. John Mark Day/Melisa Echols
 - a. **Melisa Echols**
 - i. There is a lot less of us in this room then there should be. It is important that you are being respectful during the debate and that it is important to listen to every voice. You have to listen to everyone. This is a place of learning. Everyone in this room should be respected. It doesn't matter what you look like, your race, and anything else that might biase you from others. I expect everyone to listen and respect everyone not only on campus but in this room.
 - ii. XII will be this week/weekend. That you to those who have signed up to attend. In the future senate meeting we look forward to hearing your experience from the conference.
- VII. President's Report-** Kaitlyn Kirksey
 - a. Really excited for the next class of FRC that will be in this year. All of them are great and we are so excited for what they are going to do. Interns will be coming soon.
 - b. Be excited about them coming and help them learn. Let them feel just as welcomed in Senate as they are in FRC.
 - c. Big XII is less than 24 hours away. We are excited to get the ball rolling.
 - d. If you see SGA from different campus, make them feel welcomed
 - e. If you are coming we will have some events happening
 - f. Supreme Court app due next Tuesday, will be pushed on social media. Great way to be a part of sga
 - g. Mental Health Monday's starting this upcoming Monday. We will be tabling and would love to have help.
 - h. Announcements will be on Slack.

- i. Slack: official transition deadline is Slack. Let someone know if you need help with Slack. It will make our lives easier and hopefully simpler. Every person in SGA will be on slack.

VIII. Vice President's Report- Kristen Ball

- a. **No report.**

IX. Unfinished Business

X. New Business

- a. **F19RS002: A resolution appointing a Senate Parliamentarian.**

- i. Hutto: Motion to pass resolution by unanimous consent.
 - 1. Second.
 - 2. Motion to pass.

- b. **Time for Floor Debate**

- i. **Election reform: establishing polling places**
- ii. Murphey: Motion to table indefinitely elction reform: establishing polling place.
 - 1. Second.
 - 2. Motion to pass.

- iii. **Election reform: disclosing or banning 501(c)(3) (PAC) involvement in elections**

- 1. **Pro**

- a. PAC's exist in pollical campagins so it if we ban it, we aren't functioning like the real world.

- 2. **Opp**

- a. I believe that when we started this discussion, I don't see how including party money in our elections is staying outside of our individual parties. We have had limitations on PAC money and allowing it could swamp out voice on our campus like it does on the national level.

- 3. **Pro**

- a. Thinking about this topic, the structure is to resemble the national government. Why would we stray from what our nation does?

- 4. **Opp**

- a. First, we are a student government. We are concerned about the students. Our constituencies are for students, not politics. What would stop a company from buying votes to get something that contols our campus. Why are we spending crazy amount of money influence our votes and who we want in office. People have come on campus and we don't want that here at osu. We want to be here to be students.

- 5. **Pro**

- a. The fact we are students does not take away the fact we are adults. If we can allow a pac to fund a student as a national level, why can't they do that here. Why would sit back in an environment that isn't in the real world. Freedom of speech does not equal freedom from consequences. Just

because money is offered, does not mean that you have to accept it. Someone can give money as a freedom of speech, and to take away that right takes away our freedom of speech.

iv. Establishment of OSU as a sanctuary from prosecution for DACA Students

1. Pro

- a. Currently there are a lot of laws in place currently against this. We have the opportunity to make a change even if it was in law because we spoke up. This isn't a situation that affects most of us, but making this school a sanctuary school that allows them to feel safe and stay at college. It is instrumental to have osu as a sanctuary.

2. Opp

- a. To protect the rule. If we became a sanctuary campus, we would be put against the current administration and we could see osu receive funding cuts which as a campus we cant afford. This could also potentially put a target on our campus.

3. Pro

- a. The lack of results and rule of law. The issues that people think of is take jobs and welfare. That doesn't exist on a college campus. 72% less like to commit crime if they are at campus. It is a different pool of people. It is illegal for the local government to take action. The idea against the sanctuary, that is local and state government. We should be supporting people who want to better our country.

4. Opp

- a. Our country was founded by immigrants and everyone should have that opportunity. But we are also a country of laws. In this country we live cushy lives, and other countries is not the same. What we have isn't a perfect system but it is set up to work. We can alter today's rules to fit the circumstances, but it isn't required.
- b. The risk does not outweigh the reward and we must make our community safer. We must do something to make our country better together.

5. Pro

- a. Story of a man who only had \$25 when he started and achieve a bachelors degree in engineering. He had to have gap years in order to earn money to gain his degree. We are here as a land grant and to give accessible education to the public. Why would we not allow the people who are working hard to get an education.

v. Oklahoma State Senate Bill 361 (College Campus Free Speech Bill)

vi. Pell Grant eligibility for those formally incarcerated

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 – Ashley Schultz
 - 1. Budget meeting on Thursday. Those meetings are mandatory. Please come see me if you did not get an email. Also if you aren't in slack come see me.
 - ii. CSO – Logan Hutto
 - 1. If you aren't in slack let me know.
 - iii. Internal Affairs – Aaron Carmichael
 - 1. “salutations everybody”
 - 2. Meeting tomorrow same time.
 - 3. Currently no legislation
 - iv. PAC – Samuel Smith
 - 1. Senator swearingin contacted me about fixing roads in Stillwater. Currently in the works.
 - 2. Limiting the amount of access codes needing to be used and to get one on the university.
 - a. Fisher: Any concerns you have let me know I sit on the committee.
 - v. University – Luke Muller
 - 1. No legislation as of yet, talking about college elections this fall. Make sure you are taling to your constituencies about running.
 - b. **Constituency Reports**
 - i. Hickey: please work to fill the seats with your constituencies.
 - ii. Hoelting: In a residential hall meeting, I held a poll by raising of hands to see who knew of SGA. Only 10 out of 16 did.
 - c. **Other Senate Reports**
 - i. Liaisons
 - 1. OSU Tulsa – Cody Swearingin
 - a. No report.
 - 2. OSU Institute of Technology – Garrison Allen
 - a. No report.
 - 3. OSU OKC – Rachel Slater
 - a. No report.
 - 4. GPSGA – Daniel Hoelting
 - a. No report.
 - 5. FRC – Bobby Marchy
 - a. No report.
 - 6. OU – Jessie Hickey
 - a. OU President, OU Vice President: both excited about indigent land with the campus.
 - ii. Representatives
 - 1. Board of Regents for A&M Colleges – Joshua Fisher
 - a. Meeting happens on Friday.

- 2. Board of Regents for Higher Education – Logan Hutto
 - a. No report.
- 3. Faculty Council – Ashley Schultz
 - a. No report.
- d. Vice Chair’s Report – Noah Murphey
 - i. Chairs you should have received an email that has committee info. Has one google sheet that has different committees and you are to track attendance here.
 - ii. Laptop is back in the office so now you can log your hours here! Please do your office hours. Senator Fisher has the most office hours as of now.
 - 1. Schultz: Do chairs still need to put agendas and minutes out on the bulletin board?
 - a. Yes.
 - 2. Hickey: how do we send agendas out?
 - a. Having a hard email is easier.
 - iii. I am having meeting with James tomorrow about the drive so more info to follow.
- e. Chair’s Report – Marcus Heald
 - i. CEAT and CAS talked to them and they are in the process of filling seats. I am trying to get them to push in new senators before next Thursday so that we can have a full body for joint.
 - ii. Shoutout to all the senators who debated tonight. If you need tips, please ask.
 - iii. As a senate, we are going to continue to talk about mental health. Mental Health Monday’s will be every Monday from 10-2.
 - iv. Big XII is this weekend here. We finalized delegation yesterday. If you didn’t apply and would like to end please let us know and we can get you to some events hopefully. It will be a great exchange.
 - v. Some of the bills we have passed in the past have not updated the finalized copy of the legislation.

XV. Announcements

- a. Fisher: September is suicide awareness and prevention month. About 21 veterans commit suicide in a year. It is a very serious conversation. Please continue to spread the important of mental health awareness. 1 is way too many and there is no problem that can’t be fixed.
- b. Hickey: September 11, for those of you that don’t remember, listen to peoples story and see how they are connected to it. Reach out and learn where they were when the world stopped turning.
- c. President Kirksey: tonight during the debate there was a lot of the word “they”. As representatives of the student body, we should be talking about we. We are one cowboy family.
- d. Hutto: we have resources on campus if you are dealing with mental health issues. Podcast called Heart of a Volunteer.

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 5:00pm on September 10, 2019 by Marcus Heald, Student Body Senate Chair (sgasenate@okstate.edu) 405-744-7555

Last Name	First Name	Attendance
Gin	Ashley	present
Hoelting	Daniel	present
Tidwell	Keona	present
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Marchy	Robert	present
Loseke	Andrew	present
Chessmore	Joe	present
Walker	Cody	present
Nguyen	Phillip	0
Hickey	Jessie	present
Murphey	Noah	present
Boyd	Hunter	present
Burger	Jacob	present
Carmichael	Aaron	present
Fisher	Joshua	present
Jdiobe	Muwanika	absent
Mead	Noah	present
Allen	Garrison	present
Kironget	Laura	absent
Swearingen	Cody	present
Taylor	Melissa	present
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Compean	Lexi	present
Dennis	Isaac	present
Dougherty	Payton	present
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Schultz	Ashley	present
Smith	Lauren	present
Auer	Jacob	present
Muller	Luke	present
Taylor	Truitt	present
Degner	Cooper	present
Dowers	Kylie	present
Dumbauld	Callie	present
Williams	Ariana	absent
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Hutto	Logan	present
Anderson	Craig	present
Slater	Rachel	present
Berks	Elizabeth	present
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Smith	Samuel	present	1
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Meeting Information	
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