

Student Senate Minutes

November 1, 2017

7:00 pm Case Study 2

In the Student Union on the OSU-Stillwater Campus

- I. **Call to Order the Student Senate of the Student Government Association of Oklahoma State University**
- II. **Roll Call and 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

 - a. **Gray: Motion to approve Exec Lobmeyer as proxy**
 - i. **Motion to pass**
- III. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- IV. **Guest Speakers and Student Concerns**
 - a. **Representative Cory Williams**
 - b. **SUAB**
 - i. **Upcoming Events:**
 1. **Nov 3rd 9:30pm : pep rally**
 2. **Nov 4th 1pm : spirit walk**
 3. **Following week: comicon week in the starlight terrace**
 4. **Meetings are Tuesday at 6pm in the SU Underground**
 - c. **Supreme Court Justice Reece**
 - i. **Sat in room for over an hour while Senate debated over the money that was to be allotted to the group.**
 - ii. **HOCO came in for buttons and got the money that they asked for. I don't know how they validated buttons that they did.**
 - iii. **I was forced to go through unnecessary steps to get my money. I was forced to do more than any other budget group to get money.**
 - iv. **We were not treated differently by senate.**
 - v. **Cowboy Motorsports got all their money because they were a majority.**
 - vi. **I was not given my money because by group is a minority.**
 - vii. **If you don't see the systematic racism that was brought towards my group, you don't need to be sitting in your seat.**
 - viii. **You decided to derail us because we were a minority.**
 - ix. **Minority groups do not get the same amount of money as a minority group that non-minority groups get.**
 - x. **When we don't get the same amount of respect and compassion as non-minority groups, no one feels safe.**
 - xi. **I came to school to be a student not an activist.**
 - xii. **OSU prides themselves on being inclusive, but where is that inclusivity?**
 - xiii. **I feel half of my time at school has been being an activist. If you don't have to do that, why should I have to do that?**
 - xiv. **This was systematic racism.**
 - xv. **There is an imbalance in the way groups are treated in senate.**
 - xvi. **If I offended you, then I did my job.**
- V. **Advisor's Report – Dr. John Mark Day**
 - a. **Melissa Echols will be filling in while Dr. Day is away for the time being.**
 - b. **I have an open-door policy. If you have a concern, please, come see me. I need to know what is going on so we can better improve senate meetings.**
- VI. **Executive Reports**
 - a. **Averie Hinchey (AFAP and Cowboython)**
 - i. **Cowboython week of miracles kicks off next week.**
 - ii. **\$24,000 in 24 hours next week as well for Cowboython.**
 - b. **Zach Kensinger (Chief of Staff)**

- i. Kickoff for angel tree will be Nov 16th 11:45am in the Campus Life Lounge
- ii. Needing help with distribution of gifts on the 12th and 13th.
- c. Amanda Sandolval (MAC Director)
 - i. Many allocation hearings this semester.
 - ii. Make sure senate stays inclusive. We have done our part to promote diversity, you need to do your part as well.

VII. New Business

- a. **F17BL032- A BILL TO tGRANT REGISTERED STATUS TO COMPOSERS AND PERFORMERS PARTNERSHIP OF OKLAHOMA STATE**
 - i. Idiobe: Do you have any music that is heating?
 - 1. Excuse me?
 - ii. Idiobe: You know..heating!
 - iii. Turner: You mean fire? Like, straight fire music?
 - iv. Idiobe: yes! That!
 - 1. Well, we are still a small group, so we are just working on building up our membership currently.
 - v. Turner: I wouldn't consider myself necessarily a composer... but, do you accept mixtapes?
 - 1. Why not?
 - vi. Kinnison: motion to pass with unanimous consent
 - 1. Motion to pass
- b. **F17BL033- A BILL TO GRANT REGISTERED STATUS TO INTERVARSITY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**
 - i. Kinnison: Motion to pass bill with unanimous consent
 - 1. Motion to pass
- c. **F17BL041- A BILL TO GRANT REGISTERED STATUS TO R CAFÉ**
 - i. Gray: Motion to pass bill with unanimous consent
 - 1. Motion to pass
- d. **F17BL025- A BILL TO PROVIDE CO SPONSORSHIP FUNDS TO ROOTED**
 - i. Turner: How much will be left if we give everyone the funding they ask for tonight?
 - 1. After tonight, we would have \$3,160 if all bills were approved.
 - ii. Heald: One of your line items says "logistics" what exactly would they be for specifically?
 - 1. Speakers, travel, ect
 - iii. Heald: Did budget take into account travel, food, ect during committee?
 - 1. Yes, it was.
 - iv. Thornton: Motion to pass bill with unanimous consent
 - 1. Motion to pass
- e. **F17BL036- A BILL TO PROVIDE CO SPONSORSHIP FUNDS TO OMEGA DELTA PHI**
 - i. Bui: How did you meeting go with MAC?
 - 1. We pitched our case and were awarded \$325 that went to use. This money asked for here tonight will go straight to facilities, referees, and lighting.
 - ii. Heald: Not receiving that \$1,000 from MaC, has that affected your plans any?
 - 1. Not really. What we cannot get will come straight from our pockets.
 - iii. Salcedo: Motion to pass bill with unanimous consent
 - 1. Motion to pass
- f. **F17BL037- A BILL TO PROVIDE CO SPONSORSHIP FUNDS TO SOCIETY OF HISPANIC ENGINEERS**
 - i. Idiobe: How many students are you taking to your conference?
 - 1. There will be 9 students taken who are selected by an application process.
 - ii. Doner: Are you planning to compete in any events at this conference?
 - 1. Yes, we are planning to at least compete in the "hack-a-thon"
 - iii. Whitney: Motion to pass bill with unanimous consent
 - 1. Motion to pass
- g. **F17BL038- A BILL TO PROVIDE CO SPONSORSHIP FUNDS TO ISA**
 - i. Bui: Motion to table bill for one week
 - 1. Motion to pass

- h. **F17BL016- A BILL REGARDING THE CREATION OF DELEGATE POSITIONS**
 - i. Blevins: is this not bypassing FRC?
 - 1. FRC is a separate organization. This is just expanding Senate to freshmen.
 - ii. Blevins: Some constituencies can't event keep their seats filled. How will we keep the pool full?
 - 1. There are only two delegates per college, so it shouldn't be that difficult.
 - iii. Blevins: Who will enforce this?
 - 1. AG will enforce all bylaws?
 - iv. Weibe: So do they have to attend constituency meetings?
 - 1. That would be up to the discretion of the constituency.
 - v. Holdman: why are delegates getting voting privlidges in committee but not in senate?
 - 1. Just like in the actual congress, they can vote in committee but not actually in session.
 - vi. Blacet: Do you think that adding more people might become out of hand?
 - 1. We checked, we have enough seating.
 - vii. Turner: is it your opinion that we cannot pull from FRC because they are not necessarily representative of everyone in this room?
 - 1. Yes, we want to expand out of SGA to make freshmen feel more comfortable.
 - viii. Weibe: There are requirements for non FRC delegates. Does this count for freshman councils of constituencies?
 - 1. No. they can still be delegates.
 - ix. Holdman: Is the point of the delegation program to keep the room full?
 - 1. This just helps them to learn the issues better.
 - x. Heald: Motion to extend questions until the end of the list.
 - 1. Motion to pass
 - xi. Turner: Would you be open to clarifying the start date of this?
 - 1. Yes, definitely.
 - xii. Blacet: By giving them power in committee, are you giving them more power than full power in full body?
 - 1. No. Nothing goes into effect unless we all vote on it in full body. It's best to give them this opportunity in committee rather than in full body.
 - xiii. Crane: do you think constituencies will be pulled from the freshman councils to where this really is not encouraging expansion?
 - 1. No, we are not concerned about that issue.
 - xiv. Pixley: Does OU have an FRC?
 - 1. No but they are interested in getting one.
 - xv. Whitney: How would off campus seats be filled if they cannot live off campus as freshmen?
 - 1. Some can live off campus.
 - xvi. Gray: Motion to move back to committee
 - 1. YEA: 28 NAY: 14
- i. **F17BL040- A BILL AMENDING TITLE I OF THE OSU SGA BYLAWS**
 - i. Thornton: When would this go into effect if passed?
 - 1. I assume elections would begin next week, hopefully.
 - ii. Kinnison: How did this go in committee?
 - 1. Almost full unanimity. Only one nay and one abstention.
 - iii. Pass with unanimous consent
- j. **F17BL042- A BILL AMENDING TITLE I OF THE OSU SGA BYLAWS**
 - i. Holdman: Why is it up to your discretion to give a verbal warning?
 - 1. The point is actions in the past were taken to go straight into a lengthy process, we want to avoid that.
 - ii. Holdman: Why? I feel committees should have discretion over verbal warnings every time.
 - 1. This is a form of encouragement. This warning has absolutely no authority.
 - iii. Weibe: So when is the subcommittee formed?
 - 1. Only when there has been an infraction that would force a subcommittee to be formed.
 - iv. Weibe: How do we go about getting physical evidence?

- 1. Basically only public social media.
 - v. Thornton: What if a chair is helping out a friend?
 - 1. We have called into question the qualification of a chair before, you can always do it again.
 - vi. Turner: Will these incidents be reported?
 - 1. These incidents will be reported in the minutes of committee meetings.
 - vii. Heald: Motion to extend time to the end of the list
 - 1. Motion to pass
 - viii. Thornton: If I have a vested interest in the situation, can I sit in on the hearing?
 - 1. Anyone can sit in; however, only committee members can vote.
- VIII. Legislation to be forwarded to committees
- IX. Minutes of the Previous Meeting
 - a. 10/25/17 approved
- X. President/Vice-President Reports
 - a. President – Erica Stephens
 - b. Vice President – Brayden Farrell
- XI. Senate Reports
 - a. Committee Chairs
 - i. Budget – Austin Bui
 - ii. CSO – Heather Henderson
 - iii. Internal Affairs – Holland Gray
 - iv. PAC – Ridge Hughbanks
 - v. University – Vanessa Wiebe
 - b. Liaisons
 - i. OSU Tulsa- Nick George
 - ii. OSU OKC- Alexis Vance
 - iii. OSU IT- Kase Doner
 - iv. GPSGA- Mauree Turner
 - v. FRC- Brent Cunningham
 - c. Representatives
 - i. Board of Regents A&M- Chase Blevins
 - ii. Board of Higher Education- Vanessa Wiebe
 - iii. Faculty Council- Mason Russell
- XII. Constituency Reports
- XIII. Chair’s Report – Brooke Bastie
- XIV. Vice Chair’s Report- Marcus Heald
- XV. Informal Discussion
- XVI. Announcements
- XVII. Adjournment
- XVIII. 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 3:00 p.m. on October 31, 2017 by Brooke Bastie, Senate Chair (brooke.bastie@okstate.edu).