



## **Internal Affairs Committee**

Student Government Association

Thursday, November 2, 2017, at 4:15pm

The Council Room

### **I. Call to Order**

**A. 4:22**

### **II. Roll Call**

- A. Amanda Botts (OC) - present
- B. Nikko Buchberg (CAS) - present
- C. Cam Close (Vice-Chairwoman) - present
- D. Sarah Desharnais (CEAT) - present
- E. Alex Garcia (CAS) - present
- F. Lauren Gipson (OC) - present
- G. Muwanika Idiobe (OC) - present
- H. Joshua Johnsen (RHA) - present
- I. Noah Kinnison (OC) - absent
- J. Mercedes Mace (OC) - present
- K. Daniel McLeod (CAS) - present
- L. Lauren Pixley (CAS) - present
- M. Sarah Rechtin (CEAT) - present
- N. David Salcedo (RHA) - present
- O. Hunter Thomas (FRC) - present
- P. Wade Witcher (FRC) - present
- Q. Holland Gray (Chairman) - present

### III. Guest Speakers and Student Concerns

A. Vice Chair, Marcus Heald

### IV. Old Business

A. Delegates Bill (Author McLeod and Buchberg)

1. **DM:** Voicing concerns from Senators after last night's meeting

2. Author yields to questions

a) **AG:** Did Christian have anything to say about undo burden?

(1) **AI:** Not really...we could allow council to opt out for a year so they don't have to fill the spots if that would appease lazy councils that is fine.

b) **HG:** 20 delegates may be somewhat high...maybe between 15-20

(1) **NB:** The reason we chose 20 is its because the lowest number we could do to function properly

c) **LG:** What if we did an hour limit? Like 18 hours...

(1) **NB:** Chase was concerned with constricting it at all

d) **MH:** The IA chairman does most of the recruiting for OCSA, who hasn't done the best job of getting the news out...

(1) **AB:** I would volunteer to do the process of going around to students from Stillwater still living with their parents

(2) **MI:** International students have to live on campus freshman year

(3) **MH:** There is a waiver for Stillwater students

e) **MI:** SGA should have to first take responsibility of implementing this. CEAT isn't currently struggling with senators, but adding this small task this may seem like too much given to them.

(1) **DM:** I am a student council president, if finding two delegates is the difference between if I want to do my job or not, I shouldn't be doing my job. And we are thinking of adding a clause of allowing a council to decline to have delegates

(2) **MI:** I think that is wise.

(3) **NB:** I am willing to allow this, but that is against the spirit of what this bill is for but if that is what it takes to get the bill pass.

(4) **DS:** SGA should be encouraging all council to do this however

f) **KH:** Have you guys contacted OU about any issues they have had with this program?

(1) **NB:** I have spoken with a girl from OU SGA...

3. **LP:** On a motion...recognized...motion to table this bill for one week

a) **Seconded**

## V. New Business

### A. A Bill Amending Title I (Author Salcedo)

a. **DS:** Explanation of clerical fixing and yields to questions

i. **KH:** Budget committee meets at 530, working on bylaw changes

1. **DS:** I talked to Bui and he wants other reforms and introducing them into my bill simultaneously

ii. **AB:** Do we have any specified jobs for the Chair and VC for IA?

1. **HG:** To my knowledge, I don't know if the VC is responsible for taking minutes, I suppose the committee could elect a secretary if they wanted, this is just what we've done in the past

2. **AB:** If it isn't specified who posts the minutes, the Chair or VC, that could be...
- iii. **MI:** Why are the other committees having those issues? When it comes to the budget committee, I think there is no understanding of one another. It is much better to just go to the budget committee and sit with them as a team to go over these things...
- iv. **AG:** Would you consider an amendment for wording?
  1. **DS:** Accepting all friendly amendments
- v. **DS:** I wanted to hear if you guys have any ideas before I went to the budget committee...
- vi. **DS:** On a motion...recognized...motion to table for one week
  1. **KH:** Objection
  2. **Vote**
  3. **Aye's have the majority, motion passed, bill tabled for one week**

B. A Bill Regarding the Senate Rules (Author Heald)

- a. **MH:** Explanation
- b. Yields to questions
  - i. **HG:** Could you explain what the steering committee is?
    1. **MH:** It is made up of the Chair, Vice Chair and the committee chairs
  - ii. **MH:** The rules that are established in the committees must be congruent with the senate rules as well
  - iii. **HG:** For these committee rules, would they be on the SGA website
    1. **MH:** They would have to be
  - iv. **AB:** Is there anything that you can think of that the committee should be aware of that could come up when this hits the floor?
    1. **MH:** Some of these things are a problem, quorum, and budget bills

- v. **HG:** Encourages questions
- vi. **MI:** I think we should take a week to review this information
- vii. **KH:** I think budget meets two more times including today, I would prefer it to go to th floor to get the opinion of the body
- c. **MI:** On a motion...recognized...I motion to table this bill for one week
  - i. **KH:** Objection
  - ii. **Vote**
    - 1. **Aye's have the majority, motion passed, bill tabled for one week and properly seconded**

## **VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

### A. October 26, 2017

- 1. Motion to approve minutes
  - a) **Seconded**

## **VII. Chair's Report**

### A. Holland Gray

- 1. Title assignment reports (If there is time)
  - a) Send me an email with your thoughts over your titles, we will discuss next week when we have more time
  - b) If you can't find anything, that's fine
- 2. Liaison Bill Poll
  - a) I will send a google form for your thoughts on positions to add and take away
- 3. Proud of you guys for getting the reform bill passed
- 4. If you need help writing bills, hit me up
- 5. Idk what we are going to do about this committee being so large...Marcus and Brooke may be asking some of you to swtich committees, I will try and keep you in the loop. You can still come to IA if you want
  - a) AG: I would be interested in attending other committees! ☺

## **VIII. Vice Chair's Report**

### **A. Cam Close**

1. Quote that makes you think of the week:
  - a) "No snowflake in an avalanche ever feels responsible."  
-Voltaire

## **IX. Announcements**

### **A. Next Meeting: Thursday, November 9 at 4:15**

1. Looking into larger rooms

## **X. Informal Discussion**

**A. KH:** Budget produces a lot of controversial bills, I would hope for more of a turn out to budget committee to hear concerns and understand before going to senate

**B. MI:** I don't know if I am the only person who has an issue with how long senate goes...I know I signed up for this but keep in mind we are students. It should be made known that meetings will go for 4 hours because people may not want to sign up if they knew that. It is rude in my country to walk out early of events, I know in America that is fine but then the event loses its purpose. We need to define the times limits

1. **KH:** In my opinion, when we represent the student body, it's our obligation to stay however long we need and put their needs before our own
2. **AB:** I agree senate has been long but the issue here is, there are plenty of things we can cut out that are not necessary, but we can't put a time limit on senate as a whole
3. **AG:** Meetings should go long enough to cover all that needs to be addressed, not just cutting things to cut them out. But perhaps not asking so many questions to registered and recognized groups. Maybe limiting amendment time

4. **MI:** Everyone stopped paying attention at some points last night, no one was taking it serious and it was wasting my time. The very least amount of time for senate, 5 hours, just tell me how long senate is going to be so I know not to make other appointments.
  5. **NB:** Using consent calendars, reading the docket before hand...putting in more work before hand about the info will get. The body will move as the body will move at the end of the day.
- C. **DM:** Motion to end informal discussion by suspension of the rules
1. **Seconded**

## **XI. Adjournment**

A. 5:17