

## Student Senate Minutes

November 29, 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
- III. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- IV. **Guest Speakers and Student Concerns**
  - a. **Steadley Family**
  - b. **Ms. Baxter- Institutional Diversity**
- V. **Advisor's Report – Dr. John Mark Day**
  - a. Have a wonderful pre finals week and finals week!
  - b. If we can do anything to help you prepare for the end of the semester, just let us know!
  - c. Lots of exciting things planned for the spring, stay tuned!
- VI. **Executive Reports**
  - a. **Sandoval (SGA MAC)**
    - i. Last meeting this past Monday
    - ii. Voto Latina having solidarity for DACA friends
- VII. **New Business**
  - a. **F17BL035- A BILL TO PROVIDE CO SPONSORSHIP FUNDS TO VETERAN STUDENTS ORGANIZATION**
    - i. **Whitney- what happens at the conference?**
      1. Lots classes on leadership
    - ii. **Holdman- How much did you originally ask for?**
      1. Originally \$1,000; however, a lot of that was going to food.
    - iii. **George- Do you have a finite number of money in the account for budget?**
      1. No, we do not
    - iv. **Heald- motion to recess until information can be found for budget**
      1. Motion to pass
    - v. **Heald- Motion to pull hostile #1 from the table**
      1. Motion to pass
    - vi. **Russell- Motion to pass hostile #1**
      1. Motion approved
    - vii. **Hostile amendment #1 to pass**
    - viii. **Gray- Motion by suspension of the rules to pass bill with unanimous consent**
      1. Motion to pass
  - b. **F17BL054- A BILL TO PROVIDE CO SPONSORSHIP FUNDS TO COWBOY MOTORSPORTS**
    - i. **George- are you open to a friendly amendment to change the amount to \$250?**
      1. I would welcome it
    - ii. **Russell- Motion to previous question**
      1. Motion to pass
    - iii. **Russell- Motion by suspension of the rules to pass with unanimous consent**
      1. Objection
    - iv. **Move to roll call vote**
      1. Bill to pass 36-3
  - c. **F17BL053- A BILL AMENDING TITLE I OF THE SGA BYLAWS**
    - i. **Kinnison- with budget cuts, why should we create more avenues to give more money which in turn might cause more issues?**
      1. Almost every group we see has some sort of food or drink listed. Budget has been recently kind of marking over that and our budget is typically big enough to help with that funding. We're just trying to give them more avenues.

- ii. Vance- Why is section 9.4.2.2 struck out completely?
  - 1. There are still a lot of kinks that need to be ironed out in that area.
- iii. Crane- So with this, there is no deadline to apply for funding, correct?
  - 1. Correct. There is no deadline.
- iv. Crane- What can your committee do for groups if there is a hard deadline?
  - 1. We're hoping to have applications on line by next semester to make the process easier. What I would like to see is the application on the sga website. We have also made organizations aware the process will likely change next semester a little.
- v. Idiobe- so we are pushing this back next semester?
  - 1. Yes. Since this is the last meeting, the bill will die on the floor today due to semester transition, but I wanted to everyone to see the bill and get familiar with it because it will be reintroduced in the spring.
- vi. Heald- motion to table bill indefinitely
  - 1. Motion to pass
- d. F17BL051- A BILL AMENDING TITLE I OF THE OSU SGA BYLAWS
  - i. Russell- Motion to previous question
    - 1. Motion to pass
  - ii. Heald- Motion by suspension of the rules to pass with unanimous consent
    - 1. Motion to pass
- e. F17BL052- A BILL AMENDING TITLE I OF THE OSU SGA BYLAWS
  - i. Russell- is there a reason you switched between using the terms "committee chair" and "PAC chair"?
    - 1. No particular reason
  - ii. Thornton- Motion to pass by suspension of the rules with unanimous consent
    - 1. Motion to pass
- f. F17RC003- A RECOMMENDATION TO RENAME MURRAY AND NORTH MURRAY HALL
  - i. Heald- Motion by suspension of the rules to extend author's explanation by seven minutes
    - 1. Motion to pass
  - ii. Thornton- is it in your opinion that fostering this inclusive learning environment is more important than being denied by large donors?
    - 1. Absolutely
  - iii. Gray- Sen. Blevins, as the Board of Regents liaison, how do you think they will react to this?
    - 1. They are always incredibly open to any suggestions that we might have!
  - iv. Weibe- So we talked about all of the negatives, does he have any positive attributes?
    - 1. He was instrumental to the founding of Oklahoma
  - v. Russell- would you be open to a friendly amendment to add board of regents to the forwarding list?
    - 1. Yes, very open to that.
  - vi. Idiobe- this has been a long process over years, why has it never happened?
    - 1. It has been said due to supposedly erasing history and not incredibly financially feasible.
  - vii. Heald- so what standard would we hold people to who have buildings or facilities named after them?
    - 1. OSU has it own standards that it considers for naming of buildings.
  - viii. Weibe- Have you gone to the administration about this and their thoughts on this issue?
    - 1. No, I have not spoken to any of them yet.
  - ix. Gipspm- Sen. Blevins, so would this not be heard until next semester by the Board?
    - 1. Most likely, yes.
  - x. Hughbanks- Due to having a Murray College and an Alfalfa county, would there be any way to definitely address his shortcomings without completely demonizing his character towards Oklahomans who are knowledgeable of this man?
    - 1. Change will happen in short steps. We cannot help that there are already many things in Oklahoma named after this man; however, I would not want his name to represent anything in my opinion. But changes will be slow and small.

- xi. Salcedo- I want to hear further your opinion going off of Sen. Highbanks' question.
    - 1. While some might say he is a "product of his time" I do not find that to be a permissible reason. We have the responsibility to consider his own actions. He had to have known the nation was fighting for change, so I find it completely unacceptable.
  - xii. George- Motion to previous question
    - 1. Motion rescinded
  - xiii. George- Motion to end time for questions
    - 1. Motion to pass
  - xiv. Bill to pass 13-1-2
  - xv. Pixley: Motion to dissolve into committee of the whole to hear F17RCXXX
    - 1. Motion to pass
  - xvi. Body will stand at ease
  - xvii. Body will come back to order
- g. F17RC004
- i. Thornton- In your opinion, is this a small price to pay compared to legal implications that could happen on campus?
    - 1. Of course, undoubtedly.
  - ii. Doner- What has caused the large jump in the price?
    - 1. The program is growing, which is causing it to be more costly.
  - iii. Doner- Since there is so much within this program, will these topics be broken down into sections?
    - 1. We are not sure at this time.
  - iv. Vance- Since this is such a critical issue, why are they throwing this on the backs on the students rather than finding donors?
    - 1. It is not okay to throw this on the backs of students, but our state does not typically take mental health awareness seriously enough. It is not prioritized enough.
  - v. Idiobe- In case the fee doesn't go through, do we have any other financial options?
    - 1. We currently do not have any real back up plans.
  - vi. Holdman- If we were to give this special funding, should we consider this for every issue that is considered important to the students for special funding?
    - 1. We all know that that would not be financially feasible, but I do understand where you are coming from and I do see what you mean.
  - vii. Salcedo- do you think there might be an option to cut any specific funding for any area that could help fund this?
    - 1. Nothing comes to mind off the top of my head, but I am sure there are places that we could cut. It would just take further research.
  - viii. Russell- yield to Sen. Henderson
  - ix. Henderson- since we are on contract with 1 is 2 many, if we found a more cost effective program, would our fee increase continue to be implemented?
  - x. Ferrell- This is a great program. We met with the entire student conduct team and we recommended them going through senate. A \$.25 increase is a large thing to ask students. This definitely is not something that should be decided in one week. We all feel very strongly about improving this. But like I said, \$.25 is a large thing to ask when only 4 people have been approached about the bill.
    - 1. We all know this is an issue. Board of regents can shut this down, but I don't feel that we should shut this down.
  - xi. Thornton- motion to extend time for 7 minutes
    - 1. Motion to pass
  - xii. Hood- would we miss the budget if it was passed in the spring
    - 1. There is no real deadline; however, they are wanting to see our support expediently.
  - xiii. Russell- Motion to previous question
    - 1. Motion to pass
  - xiv. Russell- Motion to pass bill with Rec of No Rec

- 1. Motion to pass
  - xv. Heald- Motion to consider F17RC004
    - 1. Motion to pass
  - xvi. Thornton- Motion to move into debate by previous question
    - 1. Motion to pass
  - xvii. Martin- Motion to limit to three speakers per side, five minutes per side
    - 1. Motion to pass
  - xviii. Whitney- motion to move into previous question of the bill
    - 1. Motion to pass
  - xix. Buchberg- Motion to pass bill with unanimous consent
    - 1. Motion to pass
- VIII. Legislation to be forwarded to committees
- IX. Minutes of the Previous Meeting
  - a. 11/15/17 Approved
- X. President/Vice-President Reports
  - a. President – Erica Stephens
    - i. SUAB is starting an advisory council with the director of the SU to allow students to have opinion with operations within the SU.
    - ii. We were not against the bill tonight, we just thought with a fee increase, that is a lot to take in for students and we want to be a voice for every student on campus. The time commitment put a little pressure on us, but we just don't want there to be any disconnect with Senate and Exec. We did not intend for that to be offensive.
  - b. Vice President – Brayden Farrell
    - i. Angel tree is still going on. Much needed help wrapping and distribution.
    - ii. Gifts are due next Wednesday, Dec.6<sup>th</sup>.
- XI. Senate Reports
  - a. Committee Chairs
    - i. Budget –
      - 1. Heald: Motion to untable nominations:
        - a. Mason Russell
        - b. James Hood
        - c. Kaleb Holdman
      - 2. Heald- Motion to close nominations
        - a. Motion to pass
      - 3. Heald- Motion to give each candidate 3 minutes to speak and 15 minutes discussion without candidates present
      - 4. Thornton- ran for this position last spring and did not get it. I hope that you all recognize Hood has sat on this committee for multiple semesters. He is not graduating and will be sticking around. Russell has also been around; however, I feel that the only time Russell gets involved with budget is when he wants to run for chair.
      - 5. Idiobe- Both candidates are good. With Hood, I am worried about his ability to commit time to the position. Russell wants to keep track of budget online, which I think is a fantastic idea. Budget has had issues this semester, having someone fresh and new coming in might help the committee.
      - 6. Martin- Known Mason since he was a freshman, very strong resume. The guy makes spreadsheets in his sleep, basically. Mason has the mind for this type of position. He has sat on the committee as the Vice Chair. He has big dreams for this position and is going to try and do his very best in this position. Hood also has the mindset for this job and has the longevity. It honestly depends on what you are looking for in a candidate, but both are great candidates.
      - 7. Jonsen- Hood's level of organization is incredible. Even with his schedule, somehow he manages to do it all, do it all well, and still have time to enjoy himself.

8. Blevins- Mason is very well organized and served under Jeremiah Taylor. Has great ideas and a great mindset. James would also be great, but I think he would be even better as the vice chair to learn more about the committee.
  9. Bui- Both candidates are really qualified. We need someone who has sat on the committee. Russell has a lot of great ideas, but Hood has been a great assistant to me in my ideas and my duties. Very organized and communicates very well. He will be able to correct the small things that really matter.
  10. Blevins- Russell did serve on the committee for a full year, just as Hood has. When there is not organization in a committee, it falls to SGA and can make us look bad.
  11. Heald- I think after 10 speakers, we have determined they are both good guys, very organized, very good at math. It comes down to policy. Something Sen. Hood touched on was consistency within the committee. He wanted budget to approach each group in the same manner. I do find his approach to be democratically dangerous because if we add more discretion to the budget committee, we as a Senate begin to lose power. We are not elected to establish a high-of-mind, forced to agree with one another way. We are here to work for the constituents. A codified ideology is dangerous.
  12. Martin- I agree with Sen. Heald and from what I have heard from budget, it doesn't always seem to be the fault of the leadership as much as the members. I'm afraid some members might be more willing and able to steamroll Hood.
  13. Heald- I move to put current calendar on the table
    - a. Motion to pass
  14. Henderson- As a committee chair who runs their committee fairly lax, I think Russell will have a strong voice and I think that committee definitely needs that. That committee needs someone who is not afraid to say no and to step up.
  15. Gray- My concern with Hood is him being RHA president that would be too big a time commitment.
  16. Bui- Talking about constituency, James is not trying to implement socialism. It's good to have consistency.
  17. Heald: motion to pull consideration of budget chair from the table
    - a. Motion to pass
- ii. CSO – Heather Henderson
    1. Update your campus link account please
  - iii. Internal Affairs – Holland Gray
    1. Preparing to end semester
    2. End of the semester report to be sent out soon
  - iv. PAC – Ridge Hughbanks
    1. Working to get blue lights still
  - v. University – Vanessa Wiebe
    1. Met last night and letter writing campaign.
    2. We look forward to next semester
  - vi. Special Committee- Holland gray
    1. Working on the suicide prevention video
    2. If you want to sign up to be on this committee, do so now because tonight will be the last reminder.
- b. Liaisons**
- i. OSU Tulsa- Nick George
  - ii. OSU OKC- Alexis Vance
  - iii. OSU IT- Kase Doner
    1. OSUIT fall grad dec 15<sup>th</sup> is the 208<sup>th</sup> graduating class
  - iv. GPSGA- Mauree Turner
    1. We are wanting to get involved. If you want graduate support, please, come see us!
  - v. FRC- Brent Cunningham

1. Letter campaign main event from 2-6pm by the main doors in the SU where you can write more letters. If you write a letter, you get free Aspen.
- vi. OU- Election
  1. Cam Close
  2. Jessie Hickey
  3. Mattie Betts
- vii. Martin- Motion to close the list
  1. Motion to pass
- viii. Martin- Motion to elect Cam by unanimous consent

**c. Representatives**

- i. Board of Regents A&M- Chase Blevins
  1. Meeting Friday at Langston. Sen. Gipson going on my behalf
- ii. Board of Higher Education- Vanessa Wiebe
- iii. Faculty Council- Mason Russell
  1. Meets Tuesday of Dead week and ill be there speaking on Resolution for Murray and North Murray Hall.

**XII. Constituency Reports**

- a. Vance: CEAT selling ornaments for philanthropy
- b. Doner: CASNR dean came to talk about budget issues CASNR is facing and informed us that we have been cut \$340,000 going into the next year. We are looking into tacking on a fee to help keep us operating.
- c. Kansas State ag council really liked their trip to OSU and commented on how nice everyone was to them when they came.
- d. Greek councils have elected their new officers.
- e. OCSA had final dinner last week. If you want to know who won what, ask them.

**XIII. Chair's Report – Brooke Bastie**

- a. Senate is sponsoring 3 angels.

**XIV. Vice Chair's Report- Marcus Heald**

- a. Next semester we will be cracking down on absences
- b. Next semester we need to have deeper conversations on our ideologies when it comes to budget

**XV. Informal Discussion**

- a. Martin: Motion to limit discussion to 15 minutes
  - i. Motion to pass

**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 November 29, 2017 by Brooke Bastie, Senate Chair (brooke.bastie@okstate.edu).