

Student Senate Minutes

March 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:

a. Mercedes Mace
b. Kaleb Holdman
c. Kevin Coughlin

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

V. Advisor's Report – Dr. John Mark Day

- a. Thursday, there will be a blood drive at for a student put on by the honors college from 12-5PM outside of Stout.
- b. Entrepreneurship showcase in Legacy room of Wes Watkins tomorrow at 6PM
 - i. **Muwanika**: Do you have any trivia for us?

VI. Executive Reports

VII. New Business

- a. Unfinished Business
 - i. S17BL018- A BILL TO GRANT REGISTERED STATUS TO P.E.T.E. PROJECT
 - 1. **Passed with unanimous consent**
 - b. Regular Legislation to be heard
 - i. S17BL025- A BILL TO GRANT REGISTERED STATUS TO SIERRA CLUB
 - 1. **Martin**: Move to put S17BL025,026,027 on a consent calendar
 - 2. **Motion to Fail**
 - 3. **Bill to pass with unanimous consent**
 - ii. S17BL026- A BILL TO GRANT REGISTERED STATUS TO COWBOY RECESS
 - 1. **Muwanika**: Do you have any security or safety precautions for these activities?
 - a. **A**: There will be waivers for students to sign before play and alcohol is NOT allowed. We have first aid and CPR certified members to help.
 - 2. **Bill to pass with unanimous consent**
 - iii. S17BL027- A BILL TO GRANT REGISTERED STATUS TO NATIONAL BROADCAST SOCIETY
 - 1. **Heald**: Madame Author, what is the difference between registered and recognized?
 - a. **A**: Registered is a new group. Recognized has already been on campus and wants to take the next step up.
 - iv. S17BL028- A BILL TO PROVIDE CO-SPONSORSHIP TO RELAY FOR LIFE
 - 1. **Price**: Your proposal in budget was that you're putting on an event to help fundraising. Would you not be able to use your funding to help yourself back out?
 - a. **A**: We are not allowed to take anything raised from the event.
 - 2. **Muwanika**: How do you expect to get the money from organizing for the event?
 - a. **A**: Typically school organizations help with funding.
 - 3. **Heald**: How much are you asking for? How much will this event cost? Who all have you asked for financial help from?
 - a. **A**: We have asked for \$300. The event will still go on, it just depends on the quality of the event.
 - 4. **Martin**: Motion to table bill for one week in order to get finances in order
 - a. **Motion to pass**

- v. S17BL029- A BILL TO PROVIDE CO-SPONSORSHIP TO COWBOY MOTORSPORTS
1. **Kinnison:** Have you thought about increasing your dues amount to help
 - a. **A:** We feel this would effect out membership.
 2. **Martin:** Move to Previous Question
 - a. **Motion to Fail**
 3. **George:** Where else have you looked for alternate funding?
 - a. **A:** Putting on a lawnmower clinic this weekend to help with funds.
 4. **Muwanika:** Is it okay to do a friendly amendment to the bill to give them \$700 instead of \$1000
 5. **Kinnison:** What kind of speed do you get out of these?
 - a. **A:** They're event for pulling events, not speed.
 6. **Price:** What is the absolute bare minimum we can give you that you may still go to the event and compete?
 - a. **A:** I have not considered a bare minimum yet due to the fact we're still spending on parts. \$750 is the number I would come to.
 7. **Bui:** How does this benefit your members in their professional future?
 - a. **A:** This is good for industries to come see our work and what we do.
 8. **Betts:** We discussed these exact same things at budget committee, about \$12,000. The amount it costs for them to put this event on is astounding. This \$1,000 is significantly lower than what they were hoping for. There are major corporations and businesses there to give resumes to for hopefully future jobs.
 9. **Muwanika:** Would you be unhappy if we decreased your funding just a little?
 - a. **A:** I would not be unhappy if we got any funding at all. Anything helps!
 10. **Sauer:** Given our budget, do you think it is a good idea to lower the funding we give to this group?
 - a. **A:** Organizations have picked up on getting their funding applications in quickly, so the budget itself looks normal for as many groups as we have seen. We should not let groups suffer this semester for money we won't have next semester.
 11. **Gray:** After tonight, we will be hovering at around \$550 for the rest of the semester. Do you think that this will send a message to administrators that we're struggling this bad for money only halfway through the semester?
 - a. **A:** It definitely will send a message to them.
- 12. Bill to pass YEA: 41 NAY: 1**
- vi. S17BL030- A BILL TO PROVIDE CO-SPONSORSHIP TO AMERICAN SOCIETY OF INTERIOR DESIGNERS
1. **Muwanika:** How many students are you sending?
 - a. **A:** 8 Girls
 2. **Thornton:** How much is in your account currently?
 - a. **A:** Approximately \$2,800
 3. **Coughlin:** Would commuting be possible?
 - a. **A:** Yes, we we're planning on paying for gas, regardless.
 4. **Heald:** Was there ever an amount raised for the group?
 - a. **A:** the money from donations and fundraising is not finalized yet. They will not use personal funds until they know how much they need to spend.
 5. **Price:** You said that you will pitch in for gas but on your form, it says that you are expecting us to help pay for gas.
 - a. **A:** Yes, we were waiting to see how much funding we would get.
 6. **Holdman:** How long is your conference?
 - a. **A:** 3 days and 2 nights in Norman.
 7. **Heald:** Given their estimated prices, wouldn't it be cheaper for them to drive back and forth rather than staying in a hotel.

- a. **A:** Yes, but we cannot control what they want to do.
- 8. **Kellogg:** Is there a reason you have 61 members, but none of them pay dues to offset the steep costs?
 - a. **A:** Since we are such a new group, we will start dues next semester.
- 9. **Holdman:** If commuting was an option, how many vehicles would you use?
 - a. **A:** Probably multiple, since there are about 8 of us planning to go.
- 10. **Price:** You expected this trip to be approximately \$2,400 but you have \$2,800 in your account, is there a reason you're not wanting to use all of your funds for that?
 - a. **A:** I honestly do not know. I am not the treasurer.
- 11. **Wiebe:** The International Org of Interior Designers came in a few weeks ago. Was that for the same conference and if so, could you go with them to cut expenses?
 - a. **A:** I suppose, maybe.
- 12. **Holdman:** Motion to table bill for one week in order to answer any other questions.
 - a. **Motion to Fail**
- 13. **Debate**
 - a. **Kinnison:** Motion for two speakers per side, 30 seconds per speaker.
 - i. **Price:** Amendatory motion to change to 1 minute per speaker.
 - ii. **Amendatory motion to fail**
 - b. **Recess to draw up debate lists.**
- 14. **Debate:**
 - a. **Opponency: Heald**
 - i. I think this is the first time I have ever seen so much deliberation ever about budget bills.
 - ii. They have \$2,800 in their budget and only using \$2,400.
 - b. **Proponency: Sauer**
 - i. We gave a group a couple weeks ago money to go to this conference. We are not being consistent if we don't give to this group now.
- 15. **Bill to Pass YEA: 40 NAY: 2**
- vii. S17BL031- A BILL TO PROVIDE CO-SPONSORSHIP TO AFRICAN STUDENTS ORGANIZATION
 - 1. **Price:** Motion to previous question
 - a. **Motion to pass**
 - 2. **Bill to pass with unanimous consent**
- viii. S17BL032- A BILL PROVIDE CO-SPONSORSHIP TO CRICKET CLUB
 - 1. **Coughlin:** As a sports club, did you present this idea to your parent group, sports club?
 - a. **A:** yes, we have presented this to them already.
 - 2. **Martin:** The cricket club has to pay for the replacement for the field and they don't even really have a say who uses their field and equipment so this in my opinion is a fair amount to give them.
 - 3. **Bill to pass with unanimous consent**
- ix. S17BL033- A BILL TO PROVIDE CO-SPONSORSHIP TO INDIAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION
 - 1. **Bill to pass with unanimous consent**
- x. S17BL034- A BILL TO PROVIDE CO-SPONSORSHIP TO INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ORGANIZATION
 - 1. **Muwanika:** I pay an international student fee. Do you get some of that money to help pay for this?
 - a. **A:** That would be a question for ISS. I am pretty sure that fee is mainly to deal with immigration, not really for events.
 - 2. **Close:** When is this event?
 - a. **A:** March 31st to April 1st
 - 3. **Price:** Motion to dissolve to committee of the whole to add S17RS004 to the agenda
 - a. **Motion to pass**
- xi. S17BL005- A BILL AMENDING TITLE VII

1. **Price:** motion to table indefinitely
 - a. **Motion to pass**
- xii. S17RS004- A BILL TO APPOINT SUPREME COURT NOMINEE
 1. **Lostlen:** Could you give us a background of why you're interested in this position?
 - a. **A:** Both of my parents are OSU alum and I believe strongly in moral integrity. I want to bring that to the court.
 2. **Heald:** What is your legal background?
 - a. **A:** My parents are both lawyers.
 3. **Doner:** I would like to see someone without lawyer aspirations. Someone with good intentions.
 4. **Price:** Motion to give this bill a Rec of No Rec.
 - a. **Motion to pass**
 5. **Price:** Motion to go back into session
 - a. **Motion approved**
 6. **Bill to pass with unanimous consent**
- VIII. **Legislation to be forwarded to committees**
- IX. **Approve Minutes of the Previous Meeting**
 - a. 2/22/2017 **Approved**
- X. **President/Vice-President Reports**
 - a. President – Dillon Johnson
 - i. Need students to be on panel to help with late AFAP hearings
 - ii. Red Dirt Film Festival happening this week, check it out! It's free!
 - b. Vice President – Ridge Howell
 - i. Glad to be here!
 - ii. Mom's day is April 8 in the browsing room in the Library. Want to do it outside but the weather is risky!
- XI. **Senate Reports**
 - a. Committee Chairs
 - i. Budget – **Taylor Osborne**
 1. After tonight, we have \$855 with budget to start with tomorrow!
 2. Dates of events are in advance.
 3. Most all information is in applications, please look at them before asking questions.
 4. Going to start a sheet for each bill with a synopsis of what the bill was about to help with any questions you might have.
 - ii. CSO – **Heather Henderson**
 1. Dealt with a student complaint this week.
 2. Meet Tuesday at 4 in SU302
 - iii. Internal Affairs – **Cam Close**
 1. No meeting tomorrow due to career fair
 - iv. PAC – **Noah Kinnison**
 1. City Manager came to our meeting last week.
 2. Passed Rec for Sidewalks and the City manager added that to their list of Capital Items
 - v. University – **Erica Stephens**
 1. Tuesdays meeting went well. Muwanika came to speak about some bill ideas.
 2. In talks with other big 12 schools about a food pantry getting started.
- XII. **Constituency Reports**
 - a. Tomorrow Night is the Pres/VP debate. Questionnaires will be sent out soon. ANSCI 124. There will also be a live webstream.
 - b. Renter's Fair March 22nd in the SU ballroom from 9AM-3PM
 - c. GPSGA passed a resolution that they are against the fee increase proposed by the Student Government Association
- XIII. **Liaison Reports**
 - a. OSU Tulsa- Noah Kinnison

- b. OSU OKC- Mason Martin
 - c. OSU Institute of Technology- Kase Doner
 - d. GPSGA- Mason Russell
 - i. Meetings are open if anyone would like to attend our meetings
 - e. FRC- Ridge Hughbanks
- XIV. **Representative Reports**
- a. Board of Regents A&M- Erica Stephens
 - b. Board of Higher Education- Chase Blevins
 - c. Faculty Council- Briar Lostlen
- XV. **Vice Chair's Report-** Andrew Price
- a. Do your office hours
- XVI. **Chair's Report** – Bradley Burt
- a. Senator Russell will no longer be our GPSGA liaison, we will nominate next week.
- XVII. **Informal Discussion**
- a. **Kinnison:** If student groups show up and prepare to talk, show them the respect they deserve.
- XVIII. **Announcements**
- a. Winston: Budget, meet me after!
 - b. PAC will be meeting tomorrow!
- XIX. **Adjournment 9:05PM**
- XX. 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 March 1, 2017 by Bradley Burt, Senate Chair (bradley.burt@okstate.edu) 405-744-6500.