

Student Senate Minutes

September 13, 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. **Pixley: Yield time to constituent**
 - i. **F17RS004-** This bill puts students at risk for hostile protest.
 1. Fighting words are unconstitutional. We suggest a permitting process to vet organizations in order to perpetuate a safer environment.
 2. Consider legislation that requires a permit to protest to keep fighting words off our campus.
- V. **Advisor's Report – John Mark Day**
 - a. SUAB is doing Campus Feud Sept 28, 7-9PM, sign up this week in the SUAB office in the basement.
 - b. Miss OSU pageant is this week. Make sure to check it out!
- VI. **Executive Reports**
- VII. **New Business**
 - a. **F17BL004-** A BILL TO GRANT RECOGNIZED STATUS TO THE HONORS COLLEGE STUDENT ASSOC.
 - i. **Muwanika:** How many students do you have currently?
 1. First meeting of the semester we had 125 show up. The better the speakers we have, the more of a turnout we can attract.
 - ii. **Thornton:** Are they already registered?
 1. Yes, they are!
 - iii. **Botts:** Must you be a member of the Honors College to be in the organization?
 1. Not necessarily. We like to offer up our events for anyone to attend.
 - iv. **Thornton:** The amount they can receive will be \$1,000 as of last year.
 1. **Whitney:** Move to pass by unanimous consent
 - a. **Motion to pass**
 - b. **F17RS006-** A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE NOMINATED CANDIDATE FOR SENATE PARLIMENTAIRAN
 - i. **Muwanika:** Madame Chair, why did you choose him for this position?
 1. I announced if you wanted to apply, please email me. He emailed me with his interest and has previous experience with parliamentary procedure. He's here to help and I am happy to have him.
 - ii. **Turner:** Do you have a copy of Robert's Rules?
 1. It is at home.
 - iii. **Kinnison:** Do you think in the future we could do this as a voted position?
 1. If you would like to see this process changed, I encourage you to write legislation and make that change.
 - iv. **Russell:** Motion to pass with unanimous consent
 - v. **YEA: 39 NAY: 1 ABSTAIN: 2**
 - c. **F17RS007-** A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE NOMINDATE ATTENDEES OF THE SGA BIG XII CONFERENCE
 - i. **Botts:** Who is Ryan Tracy
 1. He is our new PR Director
 - ii. **Hughbanks:** Is that the correct last name for Muwanika?
 1. No, it is not.
 - iii. **Vance:** Will this prevent Muwanika from going?
 1. No, but I feel it is only proper.

- iv. **Heald:** Motion to take Hostile amendment 1 off the desk for consideration
 - 1. **Motion to pass**
- v. **Thornton:** Motion to pass amendment with unanimous consent
 - 1. **Pass with consent**
- vi. **Resolution to pass**
 - 1. **YEA: 37 NAY: 1 ABSTAIN: 3**
- d. **F17RS003-** A RESOLUTION DECLARING “ARMED FORCES APPRECIATION DAY” AT OSU- STILLWATER
 - i. **Vance:** Is this a one year thing or annually?
 - 1. It will be up to you all if you would like to continue to carry this.
 - ii. **Vance:** Where will the funding for this be coming from?
 - 1. Dr. Bird is hoping to help with funding
 - iii. **Muwanika:** Will you be working to make this day successful or will others do this?
 - 1. Myself and the University Committee will work hard on this.
 - iv. **Close:** Do you have a Plan B if Dr. Bird doesn’t help with funding?
 - 1. We can always just use social media. We have other options.
 - v. **Kinnison:** Motion to recess for 5 minutes
 - 1. **Motion to fail**
 - vi. **Heald:** Motion to take hostile amendment 1 off the desk for consideration
 - 1. **Motion to pass**
 - vii. **Heald:** Motion to accept by unanimous consent
 - 1. **Motion to pass**
 - viii. **Wiebe:** Motion to pass by unanimous consent
 - 1. **Bill to pass**
- e. **F17RS005-** A RESOLUTION TO CREATE ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIPS AT OSU FOR THE UNDERGRADS, GRAD STUDENTS, AND GRADUATE, THROUGH A COMMITMENT TO INVESTING A PORTION OF THE UNIVERSITY ENDOWMENT FUND WITHIN THE ENERGY SECTOR
 - i. **Bui:** Who are the companies you’re thinking of?
 - 1. There is no specific company.
 - ii. **Turner:** Do you know how this has effect Texas State since they started this?
 - 1. I can get them, but they did say that more students were hired since implementing this.
 - iii. **George:** Did other universities set a hard cap on the spending or was it up to Presidential discretion?
 - 1. There was no cap in place. It would be up to the discretion of President Stephens and President Hargis to decide that.
 - iv. **George:** Would there be anything to direct these Presidents to help bring in new industries?
 - 1. Yes, this is isn’t specific to oil and gas. This deals with the energy sector as a whole.
 - v. **Botts:** President Stephens, do you support this bill?
 - 1. **Stephens:** When do you plan to get the ball rolling on this idea?
 - a. We don’t have to get this going immediately. We just want to start implement this when we can.
 - 2. **Stephens:** How would SGA be involved?
 - a. Deciding on what industries to invest in and connect with.
 - 3. **Stephens:** I would want to see how it affected Texas and see more of the numbers before I could give you a specific answer. I appreciate the bill and I look forward to working with you on it in the future.
 - vi. **Botts:** So you were not aware of the legislation?
 - 1. Stephens: I was aware. I just was not aware that SGA would be so directly attached in this process.
 - vii. **George:** It does not specify the SGA president
 - 1. It states “SGA student body President”...which would be our president.
 - viii. **Hickey:** Would the author be open to an amendment to help diversify the investment we make?
 - 1. Yes, I would be.

- ix. **Russell:** Does the author have data to compare our students and these other campuses who are involved with the energy sector?
 - 1. We do not.
- x. **Thornton:** Have you considered that energy companies are already a major recruiter on campus and maybe if we diversified who we are bringing in?
 - 1. Yes, but this is diverse because it is the entire energy sector, not just oil and natural gas. This creates more opportunity for smaller companies to attend our fairs and recruit our students.
- xi. **McLeod:** Motion to move this bill back to University committee
 - 1. Pass with clear majority
- xii. **Turner:** Is there questioning time limitation?
 - 1. Yes, but up to Senate chair discretion
- f. **F17RS004-** A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING FREE SPEECH ON THE OSU CAMPUS
 - i. **Blevins:** Motion to move legislation back to University committee
 - 1. **Motion to pass with unanimous consent**
- g. **F17BL001-** A BILL AMENDING TITLE II SECTIONS X AND XI; AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE
- h. Legislation to be forwarded to committees
 - i. **Gray:** Bill passed with Rec of No Rec in committee
 - ii. **Turner:** If Ryan Tracy is the PR Director and we get rid of that?
 - 1. This will affect the next exec cabinet
 - iii. **Thornton:** Sec of Comms swore in before we passed the bill so technically he was not sworn in
 - iv. **Martin:** If he technically isn't sworn in, can he go to Big XII?
 - 1. No, he cannot.
 - v. **Kinnison:** Motion to accept bill with unanimous consent
 - 1. **Ruled out of order**
 - vi. **Thornton:** This will not affect him going to XII because he is still already approved
 - vii. **Russell:** Motion to take hostile amendment 1 off the table to be heard
 - 1. **Out of order due to time for questions**
 - viii. **VP Farrell:** He is downstairs and we can bring him here to swear in right now.
 - ix. **Russell:** Motion to take amendment off desk to be heard
 - 1. **Motion to pass**
 - x. **Thornton:** Motion to pass amendment with unanimous consent
 - 1. **Motion to pass**
 - xi. **McLeod:** Motion to pass with unanimous consent
 - 1. **Motion to pass**

VIII. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

- a. 9/6/17 Approved

IX. President/Vice-President Reports

- a. President – Erica Stephens
 - i. Supreme court justice applications are due on Friday
 - ii. SUAB will be coming to exec meetings this year to get more involved
 - iii. Faculty Advisory council is filled
 - iv. My office hours are 3:30-5PM. Come see me if you need anything!
 - v. Exec has written a statement on DACA to be approved by President Hargis among others
 - 1. **McLeod:** Are office hours every day?
 - a. MWF 3:30-5
 - b. TTH: 12pm-whenever
- b. Vice President – Brayden Farrell
 - i. Cans will be going to “Our Daily Bread” and money will go to Hurricane Harvey relief from Lights on Stillwater

X. Senate Reports

a. Committee Chairs

i. Budget – Austin Bui

- 1. New Vice Chair, Payton Thornton

- ii. **CSO – Heather Henderson**
 - 1. Meetings are 5pm in the regency room
 - iii. **Internal Affairs – Holland Gray**
 - 1. Room 302 in SU tomorrow at 4:30
 - 2. New VC, Cam Close
 - iv. **PAC – Ridge Hughbanks**
 - v. **University – Vanessa Wiebe**
 - 1. Amber Dickinson to come Oct 17th. Please come out and join us!
 - 2. We really want to promote Town Halls to constituents
 - 3. Next Tuesday at 5, we will hear a Good Samaritan bill by Thornton and the bills we sent back this week in Senate.
 - a. **Pixley:** Where do you meet?
 - i. Campus Life East Tuesdays at 5PM
- b. **Liaisons**
 - i. **OSU Tulsa- Nick George**
 - 1. No report
 - ii. **OSU OKC- Alexis Vance**
 - 1. No report
 - iii. **OSU IT- Kase Doner**
 - 1. No report
 - iv. **GPSGA- Braden Kellogg**
 - 1. No report
 - v. **FRC- Brent Cunningham**
 - 1. Just finished interviews. Phone calls will be beginning soon, so congratulate new FRCers
- c. **Representatives**
 - i. **Board of Regents A&M- Braden Kellogg**
 - 1. No report
 - ii. **Board of Higher Education- Vanessa Wiebe**
 - 1. Approval to offer grad certificate for engineering
 - iii. **Faculty Council- Open Seat**
 - 1. Election of new Faculty Council Rep
 - 2. **Whitney:** Motion to open list
 - a. Motion to pass
 - 3. Nominations:
 - a. Mason Russell
 - 4. **Whitney:** Motion to close list
 - a. Motion to pass
 - 5. **Heald:** Motion to open nominations for one week
 - a. Motion approved
- d. **Constituency Reports**
 - i. College of Ed is now College of Ed, Health, and Aviation
 - ii. Three new A & S Senatos will be here next week
 - iii. If anyone has questions about the Good Samaritan bill coming up, please speak with me after!
 - iv. In Panhellenic, multicultural affairs are creating a statement on DACA
 - v. Next Tuesday is CEAT Career Fair. Mock interviews and resume checks will be available up until then!
 - vi. Spears Career fair is next Thursday!
 - vii. Eastin Center is taking donations for gently used professional attire
 - viii. OCSA has finalized budget and we now have new computers!
- XI. **Chair’s Report – Brooke Bastie**
 - a. Thank you for working with me!
 - b. We appreciate our student concerns for sticking it out the entire meeting as well!
 - c. Melisa Echols and Dr. Day will be helping us with Constituency days Nov. 7-8th.

- d. We are coming out with our own DACA statement
- e. Our statement will be in order to comfort those students affected, not particularly taking a stance.
- f. Vice Chair's Report- Marcus Heald
 - i. Senator Turner is drafting a DACA statement we will support
 - ii. Do your office hours!!

XII. Informal Discussion

- a. S/O to Chase Blevins and Chair Bastie for doing so well tonight!
- b. Battle of the Bands tryouts tonight
- c. Please get to senate early so Holland can get his photo

XIII. Announcements

- a. OSU OKC has a Pete's Pet Posse now
- b. SGA shirts will be a thing, but we need ideas!!!
- c. Open seats in OCSA

XIV. Adjournment

- XV. 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 Sept 12, 2017 by Brooke Bastie, Senate Chair (brooke.bastie@okstate.edu).