



University of Central Oklahoma Student Association

6th Meeting, Fall Session of the 25th Legislature

Will Rogers

October 11th, 2021 4:00 PM

I. Call to Order

(Begins the meeting, includes opening customs and procedures)

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Chao at 4:03 pm.

II. Approval of the Minutes

(This approves the secretary's record keeping of the last meeting)

The minutes were approved.

III. Special Orders

(Formalities or Proceedings not according to law or custom)

Bobby Dorrell, Public Affairs Specialist spoke to Congress about potential partnerships with UCOSA moving forward. Regarding weapons on campus, Mr. Dorrell emphasized how for the past fourteen years bills have been brought to the state legislature to remove protections on college campuses regarding firearms, and is happy to see UCOSA continuing the tradition of speaking out against having weapons on campus.

Mr. Dorrell encouraged Senators who are familiar with the Oklahoma's Promise initiative or take part in it to relay their stories and support for the program to the state legislature on Higher Education Day and Oklahoma's Promise Day, generally held at the Capitol the first week of April.

IV. Items to be Considered

(Business to be seen today)

- CR21-102
 - A resolution declaring the position of the UCO Student Association in regards to firearms on campus; providing for distribution.
 - The author, Senator Grim, utilized 1:18 for questions, yielding 1:42 for an allotment of 3:42 for questions.
 - Senator Valdez inquired as to what the current rules are on campus regarding firearms, to which Senator Grim clarified that requirements include written permission from the President of the University as well as a permit.
 - Senator Scarberry asked what steps should be taken to acquire permission from the President to have a firearm on campus; on information, Senator Sheffield clarified that there is a form for individuals to fill out through the President's Secretary and at that point the President may approve or deny the request.
 - Senator Byfield asked if open carry applies the same as some wording is specific to concealed carry weapons, to which Senator Grim stated they were uncertain but
 - Senator Harlow motioned for passage by unanimous consent, Senator Howry seconded; without objection, CR21-102 was passed by unanimous consent.

V. New Business

(New legislation to be sent to committee)

VI. Student Concerns

(Open forum for any student to address concerns to the UCO Student Congress)

Senator King inquired as to whether Lot 4's status as a multipermit lot would be renewed, to which Senator Grim (Campus Development Chair) clarified that they would be meeting with housing later this week.

Senator Sheffield inquired as to whether the Nigh would be available for storm sheltering during severe weather, to which Chairman Chao clarified that it was not a certified storm shelter and that it would be a liability for UCO to admit people into an unofficial storm shelter during an emergency.

Jessica Addai brought forth concerns regarding UCO's lack of sustainability efforts since the Office of Sustainability closed this past year. Their friend, Tyson, an executive member of a sustainability student organization mentioned that they are working towards organizing more efforts for sustainability without guidance from the university.

Senator Patrick brought up that housing parking is extremely limited, and that accessible parking is difficult to find.

Senator Moss brought up the lack of covered parking on campus to be utilized in the event of severe weather. On information, Senator Grim reiterated that the parking fees have been raised in past years for funding of a parking garage to be built on campus and that steps are being taken on the administrative level for construction to begin.

Maya Williams brought up concerns about Chick-Fil-A being housed in the food court, and that there are concerns of students who identify as a part of or support the LGBTQ+ community because Chick-Fil-A does not support that community.

VII. Announcements

(General Announcements)

Senator Grim announced that Campus Development will be meeting in Will Rogers directly after the UCOSA meeting.

Senator King announced that Orientation Leader applications for next year are open.

Jessica Addai announced that the AAUW will be holding a panel on October 28th at 6pm in the Ballrooms for students with disabilities, and are looking for 2-3 students or Senators to sit on the panel.

Senator Davis announced Homecoming Lipsync Battle tonight at 7pm in Constitution Hall, and that students are able to volunteer to decorate for homecoming from 9-5 on Saturday on campus (food will be provided for those volunteering). There will also be a Halloween jazz concert Tuesday night.

Senator Lewis announced that there will be an event on Thursday from 5-7pm supporting Breast Cancer Awareness and the first 100 people will get free bondi bowls.

Senator Vuong announced Big Event will have a fundraising event at Ted's on Wednesday, and Little Event volunteer applications close at 11:59pm on October 22nd.

Senator Howry announced that UCO Theatre ATO is an honor society within the theatre department and will be accepting members from all majors as well.

Senator Owens announced Fall Congress will be held at Rose State College on November 6-7th, encouraging Senators to attend and represent UCO as well as to apply for Floor Leadership positions. Senator Owens also announced that CKI's next meeting will be October 21st from 4-5pm and will be making cards for kids; snacks and drinks will be provided, and the meeting will also count towards service hours.

Adjournment

(End of meeting, must be motioned and seconded)

The meeting was adjourned at 4:47 pm.