

SWOSU Student Government Association Begins Busy Semester

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Southwestern Oklahoma State University Student Body Vice President Samuel Jennings of Oklahoma City gavelled the 2nd Regular Session of the 61st Student Senate to order on January 17, beginning what promises to be a productive but very busy semester for SWOSU's student leadership.

"During the last session, the Senate spent many weeks crafting and debating a constitutional amendment that would give each student organization the opportunity to elect its own student senator," Senate Speaker Dana Mason of Oklahoma City said. "This session will see the Senate debating many issues presented to it by Student Body President Garrett King such as the Student Honor Code, the Academic Bill of Rights, and legislative items called for in the '10 Big Ideas for SWOSU' initiative."

SGA is also preparing for SWOSUPalooza 8, which will be held on April 12. According to SGA Special Projects Secretary Jessica Speegle of Oklahoma City, the annual musical event is known by the student body to be a celebration of the academic year. The unveiling of the SWOSUPalooza 8 logo and band line-up will take place in February, according to SGA Public Relations officer Donovan Fuller.

SWOSU students will go to the polls in a special referendum on Wednesday, January 31, and Thursday, February 1, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. in the Stafford Center lobby to vote on amendments to their constitution approved last semester. If ratified, the amendments would allow each student organization at SWOSU to elect its own student senator, potentially tripling the currently 50-member Student Senate.