UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
Session XCV

General Body Meeting
7:00 pm, Tuesday, January 26th, 2016
Devon Hall 120

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Final Roll Call
Chair: Emily Sample
Vice-Chair: Chelsea Brown
Secretary: Kaylee Rains

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AS INTRODUCED
A Concurrent Resolution Regarding the Syrian Refugee Humanitarian Crisis; and Providing for Distribution

Whereas: Various governors throughout the country, including Oklahoma Governor Mary Fallin, have taken a political stance to not admit any Syrian refugees into their respective states; and

Whereas: The stances taken by Oklahoma Governor Mary Fallin and various other governors around the country have been deemed unconstitutional by a variety of sources; and

Whereas: Each refugee undergoes extensive interviewing, security screening, and medical examination prior to admittance as a refugee into the United States; and

Whereas: Not every qualified refugee is admitted into the United States due to limitation by national regulations; and

Whereas: The United States screening system of refugees in place is found to be suitably thorough and strict as demonstrated by the demographic description in the U.S. Department of State’s “Background Briefing on Refugee Screening and Admissions”; and

Whereas: Syrian refugees are in dire need of assistance from other countries, including the United States, in the form of safe haven and harbor; and

Whereas: The current climate of concern over the Syrian refugee crisis has brought about unwarranted racism and Islamophobia that endangers the Muslim citizenry and Syrian refugee communities currently in the United States; and

Whereas: Syrian refugees are not attempting to come to the United States to spread terror, but rather to flee violence and extremism in their home country; and

Whereas: The United States is an upholder of the belief of freedom and safety for all and especially those in dire need; and

Whereas: The political stances and statements of the various aforementioned governors, including Oklahoma Governor Mary Fallin, are not only unconstitutional, but unwarranted and harmful to many people within the United States, Americans, immigrants, and refugees alike;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS AND GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN THAT:

Section 1: The Undergraduate Student Congress, the Graduate Student Senate, and the student body of the University of Oklahoma do not stand nor agree with Governor Mary Fallin’s position to not accept Syrian refugees into the state of Oklahoma.

Section 2: The Undergraduate Student Congress, the Graduate Student Senate, and the student body of the University of Oklahoma stand with President Obama and his administration’s goal to continue to admit Syrian refugees into the United States at a higher rate during this and following years.

Section 3: Copies of this resolution will be sent to:

- President Barack Obama
- Secretary of State John Kerry
- Secretary of Homeland Security Jeh Johnson
- Director of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Sarah Saldana
- Oklahoma Governor Mary Fallon
- Texas Governor Greg Abbott
- Georgia Governor Nathan Deal
- Alabama Governor Robert Bentley
- Arizona Governor Doug Ducey
- Arkansas Governor Asa Hutchinson
- Florida Governor Rick Scott
- Idaho Governor Butch Otter
- Illinois Governor Bruce Rauner
- Indiana Governor Mike Pence
- Iowa Governor Terry Branstad
- Kansas Governor Sam Brownback
- Louisiana Governor John Edwards
- Maine Governor Paul LePage
- Maryland Governor Larry Hogan
- Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker
- Michigan Governor Rick Snyder
- Mississippi Governor Phil Bryant
- Nebraska Governor Pete Ricketts
- Nevada Governor Brian Sandoval
- New Hampshire Governor Maggie Hassan
- New Jersey Governor Chris Christie
- New Mexico Governor Susana Martinez
- North Carolina Governor Pat McCrory
- North Dakota Governor Jack Dalrymple
- Ohio Governor John Kasich

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• South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley
• South Dakota Governor Dennis Daugaard
• Tennessee Governor Bill Haslam
• Wyoming Governor Matt Mead
• Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker
• CNN News (Dallas Affiliate)
• NBC News (Dallas Affiliate: KXAS-TV)
• Fox News (Oklahoma affiliates: KOKH & KOKI)
• CBS News (Oklahoma affiliates: KWTV & KOTV)
• The Oklahoman
• The Tulsa World
• The Norman Transcript
• The OU Daily
• The OU Nightly

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Matthew Cramm, Ways and Means Chair of the Undergraduate Student Congress

Submitted on a motion by:
Action taken by Congress:
Verified by Chair of Congress: _____________________________ Date: __________

Submitted on a Motion by:
Action taken by Senate:
Verified by Chair of Senate: _____________________________ Date: __________

Approved by SGA President: _____________________________ Date: __________

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CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 950605

AS INTRODUCED

An Act of Procedure appointing committee officers for Session 95; providing short title; and providing for an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS:

Section 1: This Act shall be known and may be cited as “An Act Amending Committee Officers for Session 95.”

Section 2: PURPOSE. The Purpose of this Act is inherent in the Title.

Section 3: APPOINTMENT. The Following Persons shall be appointed to Committees and other positions as follows:

**Academic Affairs**
Trevor Watts– Chair

**Congressional Administration**
Ryan Nigh– Chair

**External Affairs**
Kara Elwick– Chair

**Human Diversity**
Morgan Williams– Chair

**Problems and Projects**
Taylor Kelling– Chair

**Public Relations**
Austin Reid– Chair

**Ways and Means**
Matthew Cramm– Chair
Section 4: This Act shall become effective when passed in accordance with the SGA Constitution.

Author: Emily Sample, Chair of the Undergraduate Student Congress

Co-Author(s): Chelsea Brown, Vice-Chair of the Undergraduate Student Congress
Kaylee Rains, Secretary of the Undergraduate Student Congress

Submitted on a motion by:
Action taken by Congress:
Verified by Chair: ____________________________ Date: ________
CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 950606

AS INTRODUCED
An Act of Procedure amending committee membership for Student Congress Session 95; providing short title; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS:

Section 1: This Act shall be known and may be cited as “An Act Appointing Committee Membership for Session 95.”

Section 2: APPOINTMENT. The Following Persons shall be appointed to committees:

Academic Affairs
Trevor Watts–Chair
Michael Balangue
Jenna Henderson
Akash Bhojwani
Jordan Abney
Kyle Meyer
Nick Morris
Conor Park

Human Diversity
Morgan Williams–Chair
Liza Marhanka
Dayten Israel
Ali Klima
Emily Mee
Naomie Ryana
Rafael Rengifo
Andi Zahra

Public Relations
Austin Reid–Chair
Morgan Benjamin
Maxell Nguyen
Lillian Trinh
Seoulec Gunvalson
Karlee Marshall
Nick Pappas
Mais Zuaiter
Molly Sparks
Bum Chun

Congressional Administration
Ryan Nigh–Chair
Kaylee Rains – ex officio
Sarah Steward
Shelby Elliott
Tanner Capehart
Danielle Lewis
Daniel Pham
Maddy Thompson
Logan Penney

Problems and Projects
Taylor Kelling–Chair
Cassie Scott
Madison James
Brian Owings
Reece Cox
Chris Browning
Daniel Williams

Ways and Means
Matthew Cramm – Chair
Ryan Echols
Tave Wise
Lauren Long
Jonathan Rash
Alex Byron
Matthew Mullins
Pengze Dong
Zeeshan Malik

External Affairs
Kara Elwick–Chair
Paulius Velesko
Chase Kovach
Connor Moore
Jaclyn DeSanto

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Section 3: This Act shall become effective when passed in accordance with the SGA Constitution.

Author: Emily Sample, Chair of the Undergraduate Student Congress

Co-Author(s): Chelsea Brown, Vice Chair of the Undergraduate Student Congress
Kaylee Rains, Secretary of Undergraduate Student Congress

Submitted on a Motion by:

Action taken by Congress:

Verified by Chair: ___________________________ Date: _______
AS INTRODUCED

An act appointing SGA Directors; providing for codification; providing for short title; and providing for an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION:

Section 1: TITLE. This act may be known and shall be cited as the “SGA Directors Appointment Act”

Section 2: PURPOSE. To appoint Directors to their respected SGA departments.

Section 3: In accordance with Title III, chapter 1, section 5, subsection a of the SGACA, “The President shall appoint Directors with the advice and consent of the Legislative branch,” the following students shall be appointed as Directors to their respective departments:

- Jack Schaefer | Department of Interior
- Kimberly Bishop | Department of Exterior
- Elizabeth McCready | Department of Communications
- Angie Tran | Department of Inclusivity

Section 4: This act shall become effective, while in accordance with the SGACA, immediately following passage and approval.

Author(s): Emily Sample, Chair of the SGA Undergraduate Student Congress
Daniel Pac, SGA President

Co-Author(s): Tim Crisp, Chief of Staff

Submitted on a Motion by:

Action taken by Congress:

Verified by Chair: __________________________ Date: ____________

Submitted on a Motion by:

Action taken by Senate:

Verified by Chair: __________________________ Date: ____________

Approved by SGA President: __________________________ Date: ____________