

**UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
GENERAL MEETING AGENDA
February 8, 2015 7:00 P.M.
Sarkeys Energy Center, Room A235**

Call to Order

Reading and Approval of the Minutes:

Officer Reports:

- Chair
- Vice-Chair
- Secretary

Committee Reports:

- Academic Affairs
- Development & Philanthropy
- External Affairs
- Human Diversity
- Internal Affairs
- Problems & Projects
- Public Relations
- Ways and Means

Special Orders:

Old Business:

New Business:

- GS15-01 Emergency Allocation #7
- GS15-02 Campaign Spending Change
- GS15-03 Department of Diversity Bill
- GS15-04 A Resolution Responding to Sally Kern
- GS15-05 Director Appointment

Announcements:

- Kunal Naik, SGA President, plans to apologize to GSS regarding winter break behavior.
- Next general meeting scheduled for Sunday, February 22, 2015.

Adjournment

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION XCIII

January 27, 2015

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GS-15

February 8, 2015

CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 930502

SENATE BILL NO. GS15-01

AS INTRODUCED

An act relating to appropriations; providing for short title; stating purpose; appropriating emergency funding for the 2014-2015 process; stating appropriation guidelines; establishing expiration deadline; directing transfer of unused funds by deadline; and providing an effective date.

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

Section 1: This act shall be known and may be cited as the “Emergency Allocation #7” Act of 2015.

Section 2: PURPOSE. The purpose of this act is to appropriate the funds of the University of Oklahoma Student Government Association to the organizations mentioned within.

Section 3: APPROPRIATION. The following amounts are hereby allocated to:

Powerlifting Club

Office and General Expenses:	\$0
Capital Investments:	\$0
<u>Programs/Events/Activities:</u>	<u>\$400</u>
Total:	\$400

Filipino Student Association

Office and General Expenses:	\$0
Capital Investments:	\$0
<u>Programs/Events/Activities:</u>	<u>\$250</u>
Total:	\$250

Section 4: All guidelines and provisions in the Comprehensive SGA Financial Responsibilities Act shall apply to all funds appropriated in this act.

Section 5: This fiscal year for the account listed in these sections shall end May 4, 2015

Section 6: All unspent money remaining in the accounts listed in Section 3 shall revert to the SGA General Account after May 4, 2015, and the remaining appropriations shall be canceled.

Section 7: This act shall become effective when passed in accordance with the SGA Constitution.

Author: Matthew Cramm, Chair of SGA Budget

Co-Author (s): Budget Committee

Submitted on a Motion by: Representative Skelton, second by Representative Echols

Action taken by Student Congress: Passed by Roll Call Vote 41-0-0

Verified by Chair of Student Congress: _____ Date: _____

Submitted on a motion by:

Action taken by Senate:

Verified by Chair of Senate: _____ Date: _____

Approved by SGA President: _____ Date: _____

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION XCIII

February 3, 2015

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GS-15

February 8, 2015

CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 930102
SENATE BILL NO. GS15-02

AS INTRODUCED

An act amending Title VII of the SGACA, providing for a short title; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT ASSOCIATION

Section 1: This act shall be known and may be cited as the “Campaign Reform Act”

Section 2: The purpose of this act is to update the campaign spending limits.

Section 3: AMENDATORY. The following parts are to be amended to Title VII Chapter 3 the SGACA:

c. Campaign Spending

i. There shall be an upper limit placed on all campaign spending. The spending limit shall be established at ~~\$2000~~ **\$500** for each SGA Presidential, CAC Chair, HCSA Presidential, and SBA Presidential ticket, and **\$250** for each Student Congress Representative candidate.

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

Author(s): Kunal Naik, President of the Student Government Association
Nathan Thompson, Associate, Legislative Assistant to the Executive Branch

Co-Author(s): Alex Byron, Vice President of the Student Government Association
Cooper Lund, Executive Assistant

Submitted on a Motion by: Representative Bourland, seconded Representative Johnson

Action taken by Congress: Passed by Roll Call Vote 27-9-4

Verified by Chair of Congress: _____ Date: _____

Submitted on a Motion by:

Action taken by Senate:

Verified by Chair of Senate: _____ Date: _____

Approved by UOSA President: _____ Date: _____

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SENATE SESSION GS-15

February 8, 2015

CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 930103
SENATE BILL NO. GS15-03

AS INTRODUCED

An act amending Title IX of the SGACA, providing for a short title; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT ASSOCIATION

Section 1: This act shall be known and may be cited as the “Department of Diversity Act of 2015”

Section 2: The purpose of this act is to update the Department of Special Communities title and responsibilities within the SGA Executive Branch

Section 3: AMENDATORY. The following parts are to be amended to Title III Chapter 9 the SGACA:

Title III – The Executive

Chapter 9 – The Department of ~~Special Communities~~ Diversity

50. Purpose

The Department of ~~Special Communities~~ Diversity shall provide assistance, services, and advocacy within the SGA executive branch for underrepresented students on campus. The Department shall address issues that affect international students, students with disabilities, as well as gender and sexual minority issues and multicultural issues. This list is not intended to be restrictive, and more offices may be appointed within the Department at the discretion of the President.

51. Director

There shall be a Director of ~~Special Communities~~ Diversity, responsible for executing the provisions of this act, overseeing and coordinating the Offices in the Department, and managing and ensuring the execution of the Departmental Purpose.

~~52. Office of International Students~~

~~a. Purpose~~

~~The office of International Students shall communicate and interact with the International Student Services Office, International Advisory Committee and International Students to ensure that SGA is addressing their concerns.~~

~~**b. Coordinator**~~

~~The Coordinator of Exchange Programs shall be responsible for managing and ensuring the execution of the purpose of the Office of International Students~~

~~**53. Other Offices**~~

~~The President shall appoint other offices to advocate for underrepresented groups at OU. These offices shall coordinate with appropriate student organizations and university offices to ensure that SGA is addressing the concerns of each community.~~

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

Author(s): Kunal Naik, President of the Student Government Association
Nathan Thompson, Associate, Legislative Assistant to the Executive Branch

Co-Author(s): Alex Byron, Vice President of the Student Government Association
Cooper Lund, Executive Assistant
Bert Bailey, acting Director of the Department of Special Communities

Submitted on a Motion by: Representative Bourland, seconded Representative Crisp
Action taken by Congress: Consent without objection
Verified by Chair of Congress: _____ Date: _____
Submitted on a Motion by:
Action taken by Senate:
Verified by Chair of Senate: _____ Date: _____
Approved by UOSA President: _____ Date: _____

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UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION XCIII

February 3, 2015

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GS-15

February 8, 2015

CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION NO. 930401

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. GS15-04

AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution responding to HB 1598; and providing for
distribution.

- Whereas: House Bill 1598 would allow parents to obtain conversion therapy for those under 18 for “unwanted sexual attraction” without state interference; and
- Whereas: Conversion therapy, or sexual orientation change efforts (SOCE) include any practices by mental health providers seeking to change an individual’s sexual orientation or gender identity; and
- Whereas: A 2009 report from the American Psychological Association found that conversion therapy techniques can include inducing nausea, vomiting or paralysis while showing the patient homoerotic images; providing electric shocks; using shame to create aversion to same-sex interactions; orgasmic reconditioning; and satiation therapy; and
- Whereas: There has been no proof that conversion therapy is effective. The American Academy of Pediatrics has stated: “Therapy directed at specifically changing sexual orientation is contraindicated, since it can provoke guilt and anxiety while having little or no potential for achieving changes in orientation;” and
- Whereas: California, New Jersey, and Washington D.C. have approved laws banning conversion therapy due to the harmful effects on children; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
AND THE GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN THAT:

- Section 1:** The student body of the University of Oklahoma opposes Oklahoma House Bill 1598, as it violates the human right to choose one’s own therapy.
- Section 2:** Additionally, we believe it to violate the intent and integrity of multiple sections of Oklahoma Statute 43a, regarding Mental Health Statutes, particularly infringing upon the rights of minors.
- Section 3:** Hence, we urge the Oklahoma State Legislature not to consider HB1598.

Section 4: Copies of this resolution will be sent to:

- Representative Sally Kern
- Representative Pam Peterson
- Representative John Paul Jordan
- Representative Jason Nelson
- Representative Tom Newell
- Representative Pat Ownbey
- Representative Ben Sherrer
- Representative George Young
- Representative Mike Ritze
- Representative Elise Hall
- Representative Doug Cox
- Representative David Derby
- Representative Jon Echols
- Representative William Fourkiller
- Representative Claudia Griffith
- Representative Jeannie McDaniel
- Representative Glen Mulready
- Representative Sean Roberts
- Representative Bennett
- *OU Daily*
- *OU Nightly*
- KOCO News Station
- *Tulsa World* Newspaper

Authors: Lauren Aragon, Chair of the Undergraduate Student Congress
Emily Sample, Secretary of the Undergraduate Student Congress

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Emma Francois, Associate Member of the Undergraduate Student Congress
Ryan Echols, Fine Arts District Representative
Jiyoun Yoo, Language District Representative
Kendall Riley, Business District Representative
Morgan Benjamin, Social Science District Representative
Christopher Carter II, Earth and Energy District Representative

Daniel Holland, Humanities District Representative
Alexandra Owens, Humanities District Representative
Nathan Thompson, Associate Member of the Undergraduate Student Congress
Luis Molina, Humanities District Representative
Cooper Delafield, Associate Member of the Undergraduate Student Congress

Submitted on a motion by: Representative Elwick, seconded by Representative Crisp

Action taken by Congress: Passed by Roll Call Vote 32-3-5

Verified by Chair of Congress: _____ Date: _____

Verified by Chair of Student 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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SENATE SESSION GS-15

February 8, 2015

CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 930701

SENATE BILL NO. GS15-05

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 ASSOCIATION:

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

Section 2: PURPOSE. The purpose of this act shall be to appoint the directors of Executive committees so that they may officially serve in the positions that they have been selected for.

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:

Department of Communications: Tory Looney

Department of Development: Michael Lutter

Department of the Exterior: Aspen Real

Department of the Interior: Kendall Burchard

Department of the Special Communities: BerThaddeus M.P. Bailey

Department of Student Organizations: Tyler Smith

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

Author(s): Kunal Naik, President of the Student Government Association

Nathan Thompson, Associate, Legislative Assistant to the Executive Branch

Co-Author(s): Alex Byron, Vice President of the Student Government Association

Cooper Lund, Executive Assistant

Submitted on a Motion by: Representative Cramm, seconded Representative Elwick

Action taken by Congress: Consent without objection

Verified by Chair of Congress: _____ Date: _____

Submitted on a Motion by:

Action taken by Senate:

Verified by Chair of Senate: _____ Date: _____

Approved by UOSA President: _____ Date: _____