

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
Session CII

General Body Meeting
7:00 pm, Tuesday, October 29th, 2019
Devon Hall 120

Roll Call

Mission Statement

Moment of Silence

Approval of Minutes

Chair's Report -

Vice Chair's Report -

Secretary's Report -

Committee Reports-

- Campus Outreach, Safety, and Concerns: All of our projects are going well. We started a project to make sure all buildings are American Disability Act compliant.
- Congressional Administration: We saw the rubric for interviews.
- External Affairs: We are planning Higher Ed Day.
- Human Diversity: Hey guys. This week I sent out lots of emails for the Friendsgiving, so that's coming together really well. Please don't forget to sign up for the International Bazaar this Thursday from 10-3! It's your last chance for your service hour this month. Next month Human Diversity will have another forum for Affordable Housing.
- Sustainability: We are working on a project for reusable containers within Housing and Food. Tess is still working with Big Event and Campus Activities Council. Aspen is planning an educational event for November 20th. On the 3rd we're going to do a trash walk. It will be at Saxon wilderness at 2:30 pm.
- University Policy: We saw a resolution advancing mental health education on campus. We gave it a recommendation of do pass, and it saw some friendly amendments. We have a meeting this week with parking services director and student affairs director for counseling services.
- Ways and Means: We saw Aux 9 and gave the bill a recommendation of do pass.

Liaison Reports

Special Orders

Adran Gibbs, SGA President

Logan Rust, Sooner Freshman Council

Student Concerns

Old Business

Items to Be Considered

AB-102-11 Auxiliary Allocation 9 (Wilson) (Ways And Means > Do Pass)

CR-102-15 A Resolution Advancing Mental Health Education on Campus (Tucker) (University Policy > Do Pass)

CB-102-22 An Act Amending Title IX, Chapter 8, outlining the Student Environmental Coalition (Werdel) (Sustainability > Do Pass)

Follow-Up Reports

Items for Future Agenda

Announcements and Comments

Final Roll Call

Adjourn

Chair: Emma DeAngeli

Vice Chair: Mahak Merchant

Secretary: Savanah Patterson

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UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CII
October 29th, 2019

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GF19
November 4th, 2019

CONGRESSIONAL BILL AB-102-11
SENATE BILL NO. GF19-XX

AS INTRODUCED

An act relating to appropriations; providing for short title; stating purpose; appropriating Auxiliary Funding for the 2019-2020 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 “Auxiliary Allocation 9 Act of 2019-2020”
- 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

Organization	Programs, Events & Activities	Capital Investments	Office and General Expenses	Total
African Women’s League	50			50
Black Student Association	1406.56			1406.56
Intellectual Property Society	275			275
International Advisory Committee	2230.47			2230.47
OUr Earth	150			150
Society of Plastic Engineers	300			300
World Literature Today	150			150
TOTAL:				4,561.03

- Section 4:** All guidelines and provisions in Title 10 of the Code Annotated shall apply to all funds appropriated in this act.
- Section 5:** This fiscal year for the account listed in these sections shall end May 8, 2020

Section 6: All unspent money remaining in the accounts listed in Section 3 shall revert to the SGA General Account after May 8, 2020, and the remaining appropriations shall be canceled.

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

Author(s): Lauren Patton, Chair, SGA Budget Committee
Taylor Wilson, Vice-Chair, SGA Budget Committee

Co-Author(s): SGA Budgetary Committee

Submitted on a motion by:

Action taken by Student Congress:

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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UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CII

October 29th, 2019

CONCURRING RESOLUTION NO. CR-102-15

AS INTRODUCED

A concurring resolution calling for the enactment of adequate campus mental health education; providing for a short title; and providing an effective date.

Whereas: Mental health is defined as “a state of well-being in which the individual realizes [their] own abilities, can cope with the normal stresses of life, can work productively and fruitfully, and is able to make a contribution to [their] community.”¹

Whereas: In 2018, approximately 25 percent of young adults aged 18 to 25 reported having any mental illness.²

Whereas: 55 percent of adult Oklahomans who had any mental illness in 2018 did not receive it and continue to go untreated.³

Whereas: Suicide is the second most common cause of death for youth ages 15 to 24.⁴

Whereas: There is a stigma surrounding mental health that has persisted in society for decades.

Whereas: There is currently no module in place that educates students about mental health and campus mental health resources that might erase this stigma surrounding conversation of mental health.

¹ “Mental Health: a State of Well-Being.” World Health Organization. World Health Organization, August 15, 2014. https://www.who.int/features/factfiles/mental_health/en/.

² Key Substance Use and Mental Health Indicators in the United States: Results from the 2018 National Survey on Drug Use and Health § (2019).

<https://www.samhsa.gov/data/sites/default/files/cbhsq-reports/NSDUHNationalFindingsReport2018/NSDUHNationalFindingsReport2018.pdf>.

³ “Mental Health in America - Data.” mhanational.org. Mental Health America, 2018.

<https://www.mhanational.org/issues/mental-health-america-all-data>.

⁴ 10 Leading Causes of Death, United States, 10 Leading Causes of Death, United States § (2017).

Whereas: In a survey conducted by Public Health Discussions, nearly 85 percent of respondents reported being interested in a mental health educational module.⁵

Whereas: Public Health Discussions has researched and built a mental health education module that has the potential to be a resource for students to learn about mental health on campus and in the community as a whole.

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

Section 1: Title: This resolution shall be known and may be cited as “A Resolution Advancing Mental Health Education on Campus.”

Section 2: The University of Oklahoma Undergraduate Student Congress recognizes that mental health is vital to the full health of a person and that more must be done to ensure the mental health of all students on campus.

Section 3: The University of Oklahoma Undergraduate Student Congress supports the advancement of mental health awareness and education on campus and supports the training module researched and built by Public Health Discussions.

Section 4: The University of Oklahoma Undergraduate Student Congress will continue to work with Public Health Discussions through Spring 2020 to enact an independent trial period in Fall 2020 for the aforementioned module for first year students, faculty, and staff.

Section 5: Upon the success of a trial period for the module, Public Health Discussions and the Undergraduate Student Congress will present their findings to University administration to encourage further support of the program and the establishment of a permanent module and self-sustaining team to be made available to students, faculty, and staff.

Section 6: Copies of this bill will be sent to:

- Joseph Harroz, Interim President of The University of Oklahoma
- Kyle Harper, Senior Vice President and Provost of The University of Oklahoma
- Public Health Discussions
- OUr Mental Health
- The University Counseling Center
- The Disability Resource Center

⁵Ji, Jenny. “Column: Developing a Mental Health Educational Framework for Campus.” OUDaily.com. OU Daily, April 18, 2019. http://www.oudaily.com/opinion/column-developing-a-mental-health-educational-framework-for-campus/article_777b9b92-6200-11e9-baa2-df726944d0d2.html.

- The Gender and Equality Center
- *The OU Daily*
- *The OU Nightly*

Author(s): Emily Tucker, Representative of the Humanities District

Co-Author(s):

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: _____

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CII
September 24th, 2019

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GF19
October 20th, 2019

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-102-22
SENATE BILL GF19-16

AS INTRODUCED

A Congressional Act of Procedure to amend
the Student Government Association Code Annotated,
Title IX – SGA Boards, Committees, and Commissions,
Chapter 8 – Student Environmental Coalition;
providing short title; and providing an effective date.

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

- Section 1:** The Student Environmental Coalition does not function as written in the student government code, and never has functioned as written in the code.
- Section 2:** The Code Annotated should accurately reflect the Student Environmental Coalition and how the committee is run.
- Section 3:** Title: This act shall be known and may be cited as the “An Act Amending Title IX, Chapter 8, outlining the Student Environmental Coalition.”
- Section 4:** Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to amend the Student Government Association Code Annotated regarding the Student Environmental Coalition in order to accurately reflect the operations of the Coalition.
- Section 5:** AMENDATORY: Title IX, Chapter 8, is amended as follows. All additions are underlined and all deletions are marked with a strikethrough:

Title IX – SGA Boards, Committees, and Commissions
Chapter 8 – Student Environmental Coalition⁴⁵⁹

459 An Act Establishing the Student Environmental Coalition, CBN 980128, SBN GS17-26. Revised on:
November 17, 2017.

40. Delegation Purpose

The SGA Student Environmental Coalition, “SEC,” will ensure that various environmental groups communicate well to accomplish goals in the most effective way possible and serve as environmental advisors to the campus at large.

41. Membership Requirements and Responsibilities

All students currently enrolled at the University of Oklahoma shall be eligible to submit applications. These applications shall be reviewed and interviews shall be held by the executive members. ~~serve as a representative for any campus environmental initiative, RSO, or non-student organization. Faculty and staff are also eligible to serve on the coalition in order to speak for university-based initiatives.~~ Students must remain in good standing with the University.

42. Officers

The officers of the organization shall be Chair, Vice-Chair, Communications Director, and Secretary.

a. Eligibility

Members of SEC in good academic standing will be eligible to run for office; the chair of SEC must have adequate time to devote towards stewarding the council.

b. Selection

SEC Officers will be elected by a majority vote ~~or consensus~~ of current SEC members ~~present~~. ~~Current SEC members shall be defined as members who have attended at least sixty percent of the meetings of the previous semester.~~

c. Term Length and Limit

All officers will be elected for one academic year. ~~With exception of the Chair, officers may serve more than one academic year, but they shall be reelected by the coalition each year.~~

d. Responsibilities

The Officers will work closely with the SGA and, most importantly, the various Registered Student Organizations related to Environmental Sustainability to ensure the mission of SEC is actualized.

e. Vacancies

If a vacancy arises, an ad-hoc election will be held for the corresponding position. Until that election is held, the position immediately subordinate (Descending from Chair to Vice-Chair to Secretary to Director of Communications) will serve as the interim officer; if the Secretary resigns, the Director of Communications will assume those responsibilities. ~~an interim officer will be chosen by the current members of the SEC by majority vote or consensus. The coalition will decide how officer responsibilities will be transferred for the remainder of the academic year.~~

f. Officer Removal

The SEC shall have the authority to remove an officer with a simple majority, with the advice and consent of the legislature, and with reasonable evidence of wrongdoing or violation of SEC policies.

43. Internal Proceedings

The Student Environmental Coalition shall establish rules of procedure for the internal operations for the organization. These rules shall be published and available to students upon request. Any proposed and

adopted rule changes must be sent to the SGA President, Graduate Student Senate Chair, Chair of the Undergraduate Student Congress, and Campus Activities Council Chair.

44. Meetings

a. Meeting Times:

The Chair of the SEC shall establish meeting times for the full academic year academic semester by the third academic week of the fall each semester. The meetings shall be open to the public and are subject to the Oklahoma Open Meetings Act and minutes will be recorded by the secretary for future records.

b. Attendance:

Members will be allowed two excused absences (outside of academic obligations) with prior notification to Chair or Vice-Chair. An unexcused absence without notification will count as strike, and after three strikes the membership will be under review.

The SEC shall function as a resource to members. Responsibility to attend shall be strongly advocated for by the officers. SEC members must attend at least sixty percent of the meetings in order to vote in officer elections.

45. Power and Authority

The SEC shall be empowered to create any such committees, boards, commissions, or other such entities that it deems are necessary to further its purpose.

46. Funding

The SGA Student Environmental Coalition shall be provided financial support through the Executive Branch.

47. Student Advisement

The SEC shall report to the SGA Vice President Faculty Advisor for advisement on major initiatives or changes.

Section 6: This act shall become effective when passed in accordance with the SGA Constitution.

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Co-Sponsor(s):

Submitted on a Motion by: Representative Tucker seconded by Representative Spangler-Day

Action taken by Congress: 27-1-0

Verified by Chair: _____ Date: _____

Submitted on a Motion by: Senator Norwood and seconded by Senator Lay

Action taken by Senate: Passed by Unanimous Consent

Verified by Chair of Senate: _____ Date: _____

Approved by SGA President: _____ Date: _____