

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
Session XCV

General Body Meeting
7:00 pm, Tuesday, February 9th, 2016
Devon Hall 120

Session XCV

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Vice Chair's Report-

Secretary's Report-

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950112 An Act Expelling Representatives (Rains) (Rec of do pass)

950404 A Resolution Regarding Education Funding Budget Cuts (Williams/Elwick) (Rec of do pass)

950405 A Resolution Regarding the Collegiate Housing and Infrastructure Act (Byron)(Rec of do pass)

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Final Roll Call

Chair: Emily Sample

Vice-Chair: Chelsea Brown
Secretary: Kaylee Rains

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION XCV

March 6, 2016

CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 950112

AS INTRODUCED

An Act of Procedure Expelling Members
of Congressional Session 95 for excessive
absences; providing for a short title;
stating purpose; and providing an effective date.

Section 1: Title. This act shall be known as “An Act Expelling Representatives and Associates”

Section 2: Purpose. The purpose of this act shall be to expel a member for excessive absences. Because Chris Browning, Jaelyn DeSanto, Seoulec Gunvalson, Tave Wise, have accrued excessive unexcused absences and have failed to petition the Executive Committee for an attendance waiver, and as a result have failed to represent their constituents, the membership of the aforementioned is pending expulsion.

Section 3: In accordance with the Section 3.4 subsection 2 of the SGA Undergraduate Student Congress Bylaws, “*Upon accruing a fourth absence, the Student Congress Secretary shall prepare an act of procedure to expel any member or committee officer who has accrued excessive unexcused absences.*”

Expulsion. Chris Browning.

Expulsion. Jaelyn DeSanto.

Expulsion. Tave Wise.

Expulsion. Seoulec Gunvalson.

Section 4: This act is hereby enacted.

Section 5: This act shall become effective when passed in accordance with the SGA Constitution.

Authors: Kaylee Rains, Secretary of Undergraduate Student Congress
Ryan Nigh, Congressional Administration Committee Chair

Submitted on a motion by:

Action taken by Student Congress:

Verified by Chair of Student Congress: _____ Date: _____

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UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION XCV

3/1/2016

CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION NO. 950404

AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution Against Higher Education Funding Cuts; and
providing for distribution.

Whereas: The Oklahoma state budget is currently underfunded by 1.3 Billion for the fiscal year of 2017; and

Whereas: The State of Oklahoma has already proposed a higher education cut of 24.1 million with larger cuts possible; and

Whereas: The State of Oklahoma has cut higher education in the past, making it more difficult for students to attend state funded universities; and

Whereas: The cost usually covered by the state is passed on to the students in the form of higher tuition and fees; and

Whereas: The University of Oklahoma generates \$8.94 of positive economic impact on area income for one dollar in legislative appropriations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS THAT:

Section 1: The Undergraduate Student Congress, on behalf of the students of the University of Oklahoma, does not support the proposed cuts to higher education.

Section 2: The Undergraduate Student Congress, on behalf of the students of the University of Oklahoma, wishes to maintain the budget for higher education for the fiscal year of 2017

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

- Governor Mary Fallin
- Representative Scott Inman
- Representative Emily Virgin
- *The Oklaboman*
- *The Tulsa World*
- *The OU Daily*
- *The Norman Transcript*
- Chancellor Glen D. Johnson

Authors: Dan Williams, Political Science Major

Co-Author: Kara Elwick, External Affairs Chair of the Undergraduate Congress

Co-Sponsor: [ex. Juliet Smith, District Representative]

Submitted on a motion by:

Action taken by Congress:

Verified by Chair of Congress: _____ Date: _____

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
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Date

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GF-16

Date

CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION NO. 950406

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. GF-XX

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution requesting improvement of
mental health services on campus, in the state of
Oklahoma, and across the United States; and providing for
distribution.

- Whereas: The students, faculty, and staff of the University of Oklahoma are currently, and have always faced mental health challenges; and
- Whereas: The University of Oklahoma has repeatedly expressed their commitment to improving mental health care for students, faculty and staff on campus; and
- Whereas: The University has only had the funding available to hire one new staff member in pursuit of this goal; and
- Whereas: In light of current events, the mental health situation at the University has not improved; and
- Whereas: The University has experienced budget cuts and chronic underfunding from the State of Oklahoma; and
- Whereas: Mental health funding is vital to public health and safety; and
- Whereas: Mental health issues are a nationwide crisis that requires immediate attention and action; and

Whereas: Mental health issues affect millions of Americans on a daily basis, including thousands of Oklahomans; and

Whereas: Mental health issues affect thousands of armed services veterans, causing 22 veterans to commit suicide a day; and

Whereas: The University of Oklahoma has a large veteran population; and

Whereas: Mental health is a multifaceted issue that requires work at all governmental levels to be confronted.

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

Section 1: First, the Undergraduate Student Congress, the Graduate Student Senate, and on behalf of the student body of the University of Oklahoma urge the University of Oklahoma Board of Regents and President David Boren to increase funding for mental health programs at the University and to investigate ways to improve mental health on campus.

Section 2: Secondly, the above fore mentioned bodies of the University of Oklahoma Student Government Association, and on behalf of the student body respectfully request Governor Fallin and the Oklahoma Legislature increase funding for the University of Oklahoma's mental health programs and for other statewide mental health initiatives and programs, as well as to take action on the mental health crisis facing Oklahomans every day.

Section 3: Lastly, the governing bodies of the University of Oklahoma Student Government Association, on behalf of the student body of the University of Oklahoma urge President Barack Obama and the United States Congress to take action to immediately improve mental health funding for mental health programs across the country.

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

- President Barack Obama
- Speaker Paul Ryan, Speaker of the House
- Representative Nancy Pelosi, House Minority Leader
- Senator Orrin Hatch, President Pro Tempore of the US Senate
- Senator Mitch McConnell, Senate Majority Leader
- Senator Harry Reid, Senate Minority Leader
- Senator Jim Inhofe
- Senator James Lankford
- United States Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
- Representative Jim Bridenstine
- Representative Markwayne Mullin
- Representative Frank Lucas

- Representative Tom Cole
- Representative Steve Russell
- United States House Energy Subcommittee on Health
- Governor Mary Fallin
- Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives
- President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma Senate
- Oklahoma State Senator John Sparks
- Oklahoma State Senator Rob Standridge
- Oklahoma Senate Health and Human Services Committee
- Oklahoma State Representative Emily Virgin
- Oklahoma State Representative Scott Martin
- Oklahoma State Representative Josh Cockroft
- Oklahoma State Representative Jon Echols
- Oklahoma State Representative Claudia Griffith
- Oklahoma State Representative Chris Kannady
- Oklahoma State Representative Mark McBride
- Oklahoma State Representative Paul Wesselhoft
- Oklahoma State Representative Bob Cleveland
- Oklahoma House Committee on Public Health
- President David Boren, University of Oklahoma
- University of Oklahoma Board of Regents
- Dr. Scott Miller, Director of the University Counseling Center
- *The OU Daily*
- *The OU Nightly*
- *The Oklahoman*
- *The Tulsa World*
- *The Norman Transcript*
- *ABC News, KOCO*
- *Fox News, KFOR*
- *CBS News, KOKH & KOKI*
- *NBC News, KWTV & KOTV*
- *KGOU*

Authors: Brian Owings, Humanities Representative

Co-Author: Taylor Kelling, Chair, Problems and Projects Committee, Life Science Representative
Abbey Crutchmer, Associate

Co-Sponsor:

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
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February 23, 2016

CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION No. 950405

AS INTRODUCED

Act;
A Congressional Resolution Supporting the Collegiate Housing and Infrastructure
and directing distribution.

WHEREAS: The Collegiate Housing and Infrastructure Act eliminates a distinction in existing tax law that would result in allowing tax-exempt charitable and educational organizations to make grants to non-University owned not-for-profit student housing entities that provide collegiate student housing; and

WHEREAS: The Collegiate Housing and Infrastructure Act would make college more affordable at no cost to taxpayers by offering a housing alternative less expensive than University housing; and

WHEREAS: The Collegiate Housing and Infrastructure Act results in safer student housing by encouraging charitable contributions to collegiate housing for installation of life saving equipment such as fire sprinklers, smoke detectors, and alarm systems; and

WHEREAS: Approximately 1,400 University of Oklahoma students live in non-University-owned not-for-profit housing during a collegiate year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS:

Section 1: That the Undergraduate Student Congress reaffirms its support of the Collegiate Housing and Infrastructure Act.

Section 2: Copies of this resolution shall be distributed to:

The Honorable James Paul Lankford, United States Senator from Oklahoma
The Honorable James Mountain Inhofe, United States Senator from Oklahoma
The Honorable James Frederick Bridenstine, United States Representative from

Oklahoma

The Honorable Markwayne Mullin, United States Representative from Oklahoma
The Honorable Frank Lucas, United States Representative from Oklahoma
The Honorable Steve Russell, United States Representative from Oklahoma
The Honorable Thomas Jeffery Cole, United States Representative from Oklahoma

Author(s): Alex Byron, Representative, Undergraduate Student Congress

Co-Author(s):

Co-Sponsor:

Submitted on a Motion by:

Action taken by the Undergraduate Student Congress:

Verified by Chair: _____ Date: _____