

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS  
Session XCVI

General Body Meeting  
7:00 pm, Tuesday, November 1st, 2016  
Devon Hall 120

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Chair: Kaylee Rains

Vice-Chair: Austin Reid

Secretary: Jake Mazeitis

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CONGRESSIONAL SESSION XCVI

November 1st, 2016

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE

SENATE SESSION GF-16

November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016

CONGRESSIONAL ACT NO. 960201

SENATE BILL NO. GF16-22

AS INTRODUCED

A Congressional Act authorizing a survey of the student body on behalf of the Undergraduate Student Congress; providing for specific questions; and providing for distribution.

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

Section 1: TITLE: This act may be known and shall be cited as the "OU Minor/Certificate Expansion Act of 2016"

Section 2: PURPOSE: To establish a survey as per the SGACA Title VII, Chapter 1, Section 7.

Section 3: The SGA Undergraduate Student Congress shall survey undergraduate students to discover the interest of students in requesting that administration petition the Accreditation Board to add 13 Minors and or Certificates in addition to the already large and diverse selection of Minor offerings at the University of Oklahoma.

Section 4: The following questions shall be administered via OrgSync survey:

1. Are you a full-time student?
  - A) Yes
  - B) No
  
2. What year in school are you?
  - A) Freshman
  - B) Sophomore
  - C) Junior
  - D) Senior
  - E) Graduate Student
  - F) Law Student
  
3. What is/are your current majors? \_\_\_\_\_
  
4. What, if any, are/were your declared minors? \_\_\_\_\_

5. Are there minors that you want to declare but cannot? \_\_\_\_\_
6. If yes to the above question, why? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. Are you a part-time or full-time working professional?
  - A) Part-Time
  - B) Full-Time
  - C) No
8. If yes, did declaring and completing a minor impact your job prospects or increase job performance in your current job? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
9. Currently, the University of Oklahoma has study centers in Brazil, Mexico and Italy. Do you plan on studying abroad to one of these study centers?
  - A) Yes
  - B) No
10. Would receiving a minor in **Brazilian Studies**, **Mexican Studies** or **Italian Studies** upon completion of your study abroad make you more likely to study abroad at these study centers?
  - A) Yes
  - B) No

The University of Oklahoma currently has over 100 minors, the purpose of these minors is broad. They can be a foundation for a future career or simply an area of interest beyond one's major for a student. Minors require extra classes, coursework and possibly internships or travel abroad. Following are 10 possible minors (necessary classes are not confirmed) on a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 being no interest and 5 being high interest please indicate your interest in the following possible minors or certificates.

11. If the University of Oklahoma offered a minor in **Buddhist Studies** would you/would you have been likely to complete the required 15 hours of coursework to complete this minor?
  - A) Yes
  - B) No
12. If the University of Oklahoma offered a minor in **Hindu Studies** would you/would you have been likely to complete the required 15 hours of coursework to complete this minor?
  - A) Yes
  - B) No
13. If the University of Oklahoma offered a minor in **Christian Studies** would you/would you have been likely to complete the required 15 hours of coursework to complete this minor?
  - A) Yes
  - B) No
14. If the University of Oklahoma offered a minor in **Islamic Studies** would you/would you have been likely to take the required 15 hours to complete this minor?
  - A) Yes
  - B) No

15. If the University of Oklahoma offered a minor in **3rd Parties/Election History** would you/would you have been likely to complete the required 15 hours of coursework to complete this minor?  
A) Yes  
B) No
16. If the University of Oklahoma offered a minor in **Conservative Studies** would you/would you have been likely to complete the 15 hours of coursework to complete this minor?  
A) Yes  
B) No
17. If the University of Oklahoma offered a minor in **World Justice Systems** would you/would you have been likely to complete the 15 hours of coursework to complete this minor?  
A) Yes  
B) No
18. If the University of Oklahoma offered a minor in **Conspiracy Theories** would you/would you have been likely to complete the 15 hours of coursework to complete this minor?  
A) Yes  
B) No
19. If the University of Oklahoma offered a minor in **Rock and Roll** would you/would you have been likely to complete the 15 hours of coursework to complete this minor?  
A) Yes  
B) No
20. If the University of Oklahoma offered a minor in **Oklahoma Studies** would you/would you have been likely to complete the 15 hours of coursework to complete this minor?  
A) Yes  
B) No

Section 5: Upon passage of this bill through committee, it shall be referred to the Congressional Administration Committee to be compiled into a separate Survey Act as mandated by Title VII, Chapter 1, Section 7 of the SGACA.

Section 6: This survey shall be conducted in conjunction with the Fall 2016 SGA Elections on November 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>.

Section 7: This act shall be for information purposes to authorize future Resolutions from the Undergraduate Student Congress in November & December 2016 on behalf of the Undergraduate Student Body in support of Proposed Minors/Certificates to add University selection and represent/show Student Support to Administration for adding these Minors/Certificates.

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Action taken by Congress:  
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GRADUATE SESSION GS16

November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016

CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION NO. 960304

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. GS16-XX

AS INTRODUCED

A concurrent resolution strongly encouraging the Student Government Association, OU administration, and students to take additional steps to ensure the psychological and physical safety and wellbeing of students; and providing for distribution.

- Whereas: Recent sightings on campus of posters promoting a white-nationalist organization have incited fear and discomfort in many students; and
- Whereas: The aforementioned posters were adhered using materials that damaged surfaces throughout locations on campus, making their adherence vandalism; and
- Whereas: While these posters are not in any way affiliated or associated with any OU students or student organization, they create concerns by negatively affecting students' experiences on campus; and
- Whereas: We recognize that these posters represent an organization that frequently makes racist and hateful speech; and
- Whereas: We also recognize the bigotry rooted in this fascist-promoting organization, and support an open dialogue on campus with regard to the ethno-religious Jewish community, the African American community, Hispanic American community, American Indian community, among other marginalized communities which this organization has previously demeaned or put under erasure; and
- Whereas: We recognize the harm hate speech perpetuates on members of our student community. Hate speech and hate groups can make students feel uncomfortable in the campus environment and negatively impact their overall experience with campus life according to studies; and
- Whereas: We support students' right to exercise free speech, but renounce all forms of hate speech including those directed at race, religion, nationality, ethnicity, disability, sexual, orientation/identity, or other defining trait.

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

- Section 1:** This resolution shall be known and may be cited as “A Concurring Resolution Addressing Vandalism and Hate Speech.”
- Section 2:** The Student Government Association condemns the crime of vandalism, on campus or otherwise, or any activity that damages or destroys property.
- Section 3:** The Student Government Association commends and supports all programs, organizations, and student activism which have worked to educate students and administration on matters of racial, ethnic, and religious hate speech, violence, trauma, etc. and continue to make our campus a more open and safe environment for all students.
- Section 4:** The Student Government Association emphasizes our current commitment to combat hate speech and discrimination of any kind here at OU.
- Section 5:** The Student Government Association commits to taking additional steps to address racial, ethnic, and religious hate-speech on campus and in our community. Both as individuals and representatives, we will continue to expand the initiatives of our association with regard to our diverse, multi-cultural student community. We will strive to better represent students of every background, and will actively work to encourage additional multicultural organizations in our liaison program moving forward.
- Section 6:** Copies of this resolution will be sent to:
- David L. Boren, President of The University of Oklahoma
  - Jabar Shumate, Vice President of the University of Oklahoma
  - Kathy Fahl, Director of the Gender and Equality Center
  - Nathan Damigo, Founder of Identity Evropa
  - *The OU Daily*
  - *OU Nightly*
  - *The Norman Transcript*

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Action taken by Congress:

Verified by Chair of Congress: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Boeckmann & Liew, 2002-found in the Journal of Social Issues; Hate Speech: Asian American Students' Justice Judgments and Psychological Responses.



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CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION NO. 960403

AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution addressing the OU population's concerns  
regarding the negative impacts of SQ777  
and providing for distribution.

- Whereas: Many students have expressed their concerns with State Question 777 by tabling on the south oval, holding a rally across campus, and writing an article in the OU Daily; and
- Whereas: In a recent survey of the OU population, 64% of the 581 OU students, faculty, and staff claimed that they either prefer this state question without the language “compelling state interest” or did not like the question at all, compared to 19% who claimed they prefer the question as is, and 17% who claimed that they were still unsure of their opinion on the matter; and
- Whereas: In a recent survey of the OU population, 69% of the 581 OU students, faculty, and staff claimed that they will vote NO on the state question, compared to 17% who claimed they would vote YES on the state question and 14% who claimed they are still unsure on how they will vote; and
- Whereas: In this recent survey, members of the OU population, made claims against SQ 777 including: “All SQ 777 does is give corporate farms immunity from any harm they may do to our land, water, and animals. It's less ‘right to farm’ and more ‘right to harm’ in my opinion.” and “I dislike how this question has been twisted as beneficial to small farmers by many of the supporters. It is not in any way going to help small farmers but I am afraid many people will vote yes because they have seen the signs but have not taken the time to research the issue.”; and
- Whereas: On November 8th, all eligible Oklahoma voters will have the option to vote on many state questions, which are proposed amendments to the Oklahoma Constitution, including SQ 777.

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

**Section 1:** The Undergraduate Student Congress would like to disclose that the data of the recently conducted survey shows that the majority of the OU population that responded to the survey does not support SQ 777.

**Section 2:** The Undergraduate Student Congress would like to bring awareness to the negative implications of SQ 777, and encourages all of the OU population to look further into these implications of SQ 777 before voting on the measure November 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Section 3:** The Undergraduate Student Congress reminds all OU students, faculty, and staff to go vote on November 8<sup>th</sup> or to send in absentee ballots. All the state questions are crucial matters to our state that need to be properly researched and voted on.

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

- Mary Fallin, Oklahoma Governor
- Todd Lamb, Oklahoma Lieutenant Governor
- Oklahoma House
- Oklahoma Senate
- David Boren, President of the University of Oklahoma
- *OU Daily*
- *OU Nightly*
- *The Norman Transcript*

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