

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
Session XCVII

General Body Meeting
7:00 pm, Tuesday, March 28th, 2017
Devon Hall 120

Session XCVII

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Vice Chair's Report-

Secretary's Report-

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New Business

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Final Roll Call

Chair: Kaylee Rains

Vice-Chair: Austin Reid

Secretary: Jake Mazeitis

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION XCVII

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GS-17

3CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 970102
SENATE BILL NO. GS17-03

AS INTRODUCED

An Act establishing the SGA It's On Us Task Force,
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 "An Act Establishing the SGA It's On Us Task Force".
- Section 2:** The purpose of this act shall be to establish the SGA It's On Us Taskforce.
- Section 3:** For the purposes of this legislation, all addition shall be marked with an underline and all deletions shall be marked with a ~~strike through~~.
- Section 4:** Amending Title XI - SGA Boards, Committees, and Commissions of the Code Annotated and establishing:

Chapter 7- SGA It's On Us Task Force

25. Name

The committee shall be called the SGA It's On Us Taskforce.

26. Purpose

The purpose of the SGA It's On US Taskforce is to:

- a. Bring together students across campus to work on raising awareness and shifting the way students think about sexual assault through promotional items and awareness events.
- b. Serve as the student voice against sexual assault on campus and act as a direct avenue for students to work to raise awareness to end sexual assault.
- c. To organize, plan, and execute various events on campus throughout the national It's On Us Awareness week.
- d. To work with the Gender and Equality Center and the Title XI Office on their current initiatives to help connect more students to resources regarding sexual assault.

27. Chair

a. The Chair of the SGA It's On Us Taskforce shall be appointed by the leaders of the three SGA branches: the Student Body President, the Chair of the Undergraduate Student Congress, the Chair of the Graduate Student Senate, and the Chair of the Campus Activities Council.

b. Responsibilities:

1. The Chair shall run and organize the task force meetings, coordinate communication between task force members, oversee the planning of all awareness events, update the SGA leaders (the President of the Student Body, the Chair of the Undergraduate Student Congress, the Chair of the Graduate Student Senate, and the Chair of the Campus Activities Council).

2. The Chair shall be responsible for coordinating with the Gender and Equality Office and the Title XI office on programming events and providing promotional materials to the student body.

28. Membership

a. The membership of the SGA It's On Us Taskforce shall be open to any and all students on campus. All members will be required to file an application with the Chair who will then review and approve all applications so long as the applicant is a full-time student they shall be eligible to serve on the taskforce.

29. Meeting

a. The Chair shall set the meeting times for the taskforce depending on the members' availability.

b. The taskforce should hold bi-weekly executive meeting in order to organize, plan, and execute their initiatives and events.

31. Responsibilities

a. Organize the campus events and promotion for the national It's On Us Sexual Assault Awareness week.

b. Hold monthly general meetings open to all students, staff, and faculty on campus for the purpose of raising awareness, encouraging activism, and informing all attendees on the issue of sexual assault on campus and all the local resources at their disposal. The taskforce may also hold general meetings to address any additional issues or information they feel is necessary to the success of the campaign.

c. Coordinate with the OU Gender and Equality Center and the Title XI Office to create promotional materials with accurate information of all the resources available on campus.

Section 4: This act shall become effective when passed in accordance with the SGA Constitution and SGA Code Annotated.

Author(s): Kaylee Rains, Chair of the Undergraduate Student Congress
Mackenzie Cordova, University College Representative

Co-Sponsors: Tom Cassidy, Social Sciences Associate

Submitted on a Motion by:
Action taken by Congress:
Verified by Chair of Congress: _____ Date: _____

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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 XCVII

March 28th, 2017

CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 970108

AS INTRODUCED

A congressional act establishing a deeper hierarchy within the Congress, 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:** Title: This act shall be known and may be cited as the “Succession Act of 2017.”
- Section 2:** Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to establish a deeper hierarchy within the officers of the congress.
- Section 3:** All additions shall be marked with an ~~underline~~ and all stricken sections shall be marked with a ~~striketrough~~.
- Section 4:** C) VACANCIES. Vacancies in previously filled officer positions shall be filled by this same two-week procedure. Nomination shall be held during special orders during the most immediate regular general meeting. Speaking, questioning, and balloting shall occur during the immediately following regular general meeting. An officer elected to a vacant position shall serve only until the completion of the term to which his or her predecessor was elected in the immediately prior regular elections.
- i) The duties of any vacant office shall be performed by the next-highest ranking officer in addition to said officer’s regular duties. No officer shall serve as a substitute in this context for more than one office in addition to his or her regular duties at any one time.
- ii) ~~The Congressional Administration Committee Chair is the fourth highest ranking Student Congress officer. The Ways and Means Committee Chair is the fifth highest ranking Student Congress officer.~~ The line of succession of Congressional officers shall be as follows:
- 1) Chair of Congress
 - 2) Vice Chair of Congress
 - 3) Secretary of Congress
 - 4) Congressional Administration Committee Chair
 - 5) Ways and Means Committee Chair
 - 6) Problems and Projects Committee Chair
 - 7) Human Diversity Committee Chair
 - 8) Academic Affairs Committee Chair
 - 9) External Affairs Committee Chair
 - 10) Sustainability Committee Chair
 - 11) Communications Chair

iii) In the event no committee officers have been appointed or the regular system of ranking is otherwise insufficient to fill vacancies, rank shall be determined by seniority of representatives. Wherein this ranking is insufficient, the presiding officer shall determine a fair method of random adjudication. This ad hoc ranking shall only be employed for the purpose of substitute performance of the duties of vacant offices.

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

Author(s): Austin Reid, Vice Chair of Congress

Co-Author(s): Taylor Kelling, Problems and Projects Chair
Shelby Elliott, Communications Chair
Ryan Echols, Ways and Means Chair
Madison James, Sustainability Chair

Sponsor(s): Chase Kovach, External Affairs Chair
Hennessey Chism, University College 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
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION XCVII

March 28th, 2017

CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 970110

AS INTRODUCED

A congressional act defining the responsibilities and powers of the office of the Vice Chair of the Undergraduate Student Congress, 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: Title: This act shall be known and may be cited as the “Vice Chair Definition Act of 2017.”

Section 2: Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to better define and add responsibilities to the office of the Vice Chair.

Section 3: All additions to the Bylaws shall be marked with an underline and all portions stricken shall be marked with a ~~strike~~.

Section 4: Section 4.1: STUDENT CONGRESS OFFICERS

1) RESPONSIBILITIES OF OFFICERS

a) STUDENT CONGRESS CHAIR

- i) The Chair is the highest ranking officer of Student Congress. The Chair shall strive to facilitate the execution of Student Congress’ mission.
- ii) The Chair shall preside over general meetings and Executive Committee meetings.
- iii) The Chair shall not vote, except as necessary to break a tie.
- iv) The Chair shall interview Committee Chair candidates. Committee Chairs shall be appointed by a majority vote of the Student Congress Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary, with the advice and consent of Student Congress.
- v) The Chair shall appoint voting members of committees with the advice and consent of Student Congress.
- vi) The Chair shall appoint other positions with the advice and consent of Student Congress as directed by these Bylaws.
- vii) The Chair shall report to Student Congress all pertinent communication addressed to Student Congress.

- viii) The Chair shall guide members in the preparation and research of legislation.
- ~~ix) The Chair shall make the initial referral to committee of legislation and shall file and catalog legislation as specified elsewhere in these Bylaws.~~
- x) The Chair shall ensure that accurate copies of these Bylaws and all Standing Rules are available.
- xi) The Chair shall register meetings with the Cleveland County Clerk pursuant to the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act.
- xii) The Chair shall strive to ensure each election for a representative seat has more candidates than vacancies.
- xiii) The Chair shall be required to complete no less than 10 hours of “office hours” per week in accordance with the monthly stipend awarded to the position. Should the stipend change, this section shall be amended to reflect the new stipend.

b) STUDENT CONGRESS VICE CHAIR

- i) The Vice Chair is the second-highest ranking officer of Student Congress. The Vice Chair shall strive to facilitate the execution of Student Congress’ mission.
- ii) The Vice Chair shall advise and assist the Student Congress Chair on matters pertaining to the Congress.
- iii) The Vice Chair shall preside over general meetings and Executive Committee meetings in the absence of the Student Congress Chair and shall preside over the Committee of the Whole.
- iv) The Vice Chair shall organize and direct the orientation, as specified elsewhere in these Bylaws.
- v) The Vice Chair shall write, organize, maintain, and update a Student Congress Handbook of resources as specified within these Bylaws.
- vi) The Vice Chair shall serve as the Associate Coordinator, and shall work towards the successful integration of newly-appointed associates into Student Congress.
- vii) The Vice Chair shall be a voting ex-officio member of all committees. ~~The Vice Chair shall oversee the performance and guidance of committees.~~ The Vice Chair shall guide, advise, and assist the appointed Chairs of all established committees in their duties and responsibilities to the best of their ability. The Vice Chair shall report on committees as necessary to the Student Congress Chair.
- viii) The Vice Chair shall make the initial referral to committee of legislation and shall file and catalog legislation as specified elsewhere in these Bylaws. The Vice Chair shall follow up on this legislation throughout its time in committee and report the status to the Student Congress Chair.
- ~~ix) The Vice Chair shall be present at as many committee meetings as possible for no less than two hours on Sundays and shall assist in the collection of attendance records for purpose of recording committee attendance on the master attendance sheet. and assist in the collection and conspicuous posting of all agendas for committee meetings.~~

~~viii) The Vice Chair shall monitor and serve as administrator for the legislative forum by ensuring the civility of all member discourse, removing anonymous posts, addressing members whose posts may not be reflective of the purpose, mission, and governing documents of the Undergraduate Student Congress and the Student Government Association.~~

x) The Vice Chair shall oversee matters of morale and personnel not otherwise specified within these Bylaws, including, but not limited to, logistics for food and transportation for Student Congress events.

xi) The Vice Chair shall be responsible for updating and maintaining an updated version of the Student Congress Bylaws, as well as forwarding updated versions to the Student Congress Secretary to be posted on the Congress website.

xii) The Vice Chair shall be required to complete no less than 8 hours of “office hours” per week in accordance with the monthly stipend awarded to the position. Should the stipend change, this section shall be amended to reflect the new stipend.

c) STUDENT CONGRESS SECRETARY

i) The Secretary is the third-highest ranking officer of Student Congress. The Secretary shall strive to facilitate the execution of Student Congress’ mission.

ii) The Secretary shall preside over general meetings and Executive Committee meetings in the absence of the Student Congress Chair and Student Congress Vice-Chair.

iii) The Secretary shall be responsible for all records of Student Congress not otherwise specified in these Bylaws.

iv) The Secretary shall be responsible for conspicuously posting, in the SGA offices as well as on the SGA Congress website, a printed agenda for each general meeting and each meeting of the Executive Committee.

v) The Secretary shall take minutes at general meetings and be responsible for recording, via electronic media, the audio of all general Congress meetings, excluding executive session.

vi) The Secretary shall be responsible for recording and reading all submitted amendments to legislation pending before Student Congress.

vii) The Secretary shall be responsible for attendance roll calls of Student Congress and for taking roll call votes.

viii) The Secretary shall be a voting member of the Congressional Administration standing committee.

ix) The Secretary shall keep a record of the terms of districts and offices held by all members.

x) The Secretary shall keep a record of all attendance, including general meetings and constituent service. The Secretary shall weekly post this record conspicuously in the SGA offices as well as on the SGA Congress website.

xi) The Secretary shall keep a record of all votes cast in general meetings by all representatives. The Secretary shall weekly post conspicuously in the SGA offices as well as on the SGA Congress website a record of all votes cast in general meetings on legislation, amendments to legislation, or elections and on any other questions deemed appropriate by the Secretary or higher-ranking officer of Student Congress.

xii) The Secretary shall be ultimately responsible for maintaining and updating all records and documents which are required to be posted on the website of Student Congress.

xiii) The Student Congress Secretary may choose to either post all documents which are required to be posted on the SGA Student Congress website, or forward all said documents to the Student Congress Webmaster, which will in turn, post all said documents on the SGA Student Congress website.

xiv) The Secretary shall have the sole right to author any acts of procedure expelling a member for excessive absences. The Secretary shall do so in a timely manner upon the accrual of excessive absences by a member, as specified elsewhere in these Bylaws.

xv) The Secretary shall be required to complete no less than 8 hours of "office hours" per week in accordance with the monthly stipend awarded to the position. Should the stipend change, this section shall be amended to reflect the new stipend.

Section 4: This act shall become effective after the election of the Executive Officers for Congressional Sessions 98 & 99.

Author(s): Austin Reid, Vice Chair of Congress

Co-Author(s): Kaylee Rains, Chair of Congress

Sponsor(s): Taylor Kelling, Problems and Projects Chair
Chase Kovach, External Affairs Chair
Shelby Elliott, Communications Chair
Hennessey Chism, University College 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
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION XCVII

March 28th, 2017

CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 970113

AS INTRODUCED

A congressional act clarifying Representative appointment procedure, 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: Title: This act shall be known and may be cited as the “Continuity of Representation Act.”

Section 2: Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to allow for swift representative appointments in the event of irregular vacancies.

Section 3: For the purposes of this legislation, all addition shall be marked with an underline and all deletions shall be marked with a ~~strike through~~.

Section 4: The Undergraduate Student Congress Bylaws shall be amended as follows:

Section 3.2.3 MEMBERSHIP

a) APPOINTMENT. All members not elected according to the most current Election Procedures Act shall be appointed by the following procedure:

i) The Congressional Administration Committee shall conduct the appointment procedure.

ii) All appointed Representatives shall serve until the end of the current congressional session, with exception for special elections.

iii) Applications for membership shall be made available no later than the start of the business day on Monday ~~of the second week of the semester~~ immediately following the Chair of Student Congress’ notice of a vacated seat. In the event that the Chair receives notice of resignation according to bylaws section 3.2.3.C, the application window shall be set at the pleasure of the Chair, allowing for appropriate appointment proceedings to occur prior to the effective date of the resignation. The Chair of Student Congress shall set the application deadline.

iv) After the close of the application period, the Congressional Administration Committee shall interview membership applicants at the committee’s discretion.

v) Should a candidate not be able to attend general meetings as defined in these Bylaws, they will solely be considered for associateship until they are able to attend these meetings again.

vi) The Congressional Administration Committee shall author an act of procedure appointing members of Student Congress. This act shall be on the Items to be Considered agenda of the next general meeting following candidate interviews.

(1) The Congressional Administration Committee shall fill vacant seats, according to academic district, as specified by the SGA Constitution.

(2) Should the number of applicants in an academic district exceed the number of vacant seats in said district, applicants not appointed to

representativeship may be appointed to associateship, at the discretion of the Congressional Administration Committee. The only exception being a candidate who is unable to attend general meetings as a Representative (Section 3.2, 3, a, iv).

(3) Upon receiving a “Do Pass” or a “No Recommendation” recommendation from the Congressional Administration Committee, the act shall be posted conspicuously in the SGA offices as well as on the SGA Congress website.

vii) The Congressional Administration Committee shall make all reasonable effort to contact all applicants concerning their appointment status at the contact information on their applications and in university records.

viii) After the initial application process, a majority vote of the Executive Committee or a decision by the Congressional Administration Committee Chair shall cause the Congressional Administration Committee to accept appointment applications on a rolling basis. The appointment process shall proceed in the manner described above.

Section 4: This act shall become effective when passed in accordance with the SGA Constitution.

Author(s): Chase Kovach, External Affairs Chair

Co-Author(s): Kaylee Rains, Chair
Austin Reid, Vice Chair
Daniel Williams, Political Science Representative
Kandro Brown, Engineering 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
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION XCVII

Tuesday, March 28, 2017

CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION NO. 970302

AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution addressing hate speech directed at the African and black communities, and providing for distribution.

- Whereas: Approximately 5% of the student body is comprised of individuals with African or black ancestry [1]; and
- Whereas: Anti-African or anti-black sentiments are defined as hostility toward those communities and/or reacting negatively to normative habits belonging to individuals within either community; and
- Whereas: The 2015 Sigma Alpha Epsilon incident that took place at the University of Oklahoma continues to weigh heavily on African and black students and is a prime example of hate speech and its long-term harmful effects [2]; and
- Whereas: The Southern Poverty Law Center noted an astronomical rise in reported harassment and intimidation tactics against blacks in November of 2016 [3]; and
- Whereas: Anti-black crimes continue to be amongst the most common varieties of discriminatory criminal activity [4]; and
- Whereas: There continues to be a lack of African or black employees (696 out of 8,699, roughly 8%) with whom students of similar racial identity can connect with; and
- Whereas: Every African or black individual has the right to not be threatened or abused; and
- Whereas: Hate crime victims continue to have higher levels of depression, stress, anxiety, and anger for as long as five years after their victimization occurred [5]; and
- Whereas: School-age youth and young adults appear to be the most common perpetrators of hate crimes against strangers in public settings and college campuses are a common site of such activity [6]; and
- Whereas: The University of Oklahoma established the Office of University Community with the expressed purposes of enhancing the University's commitment to diversity and inclusion and aspiring to create a community of people representing a multiplicity of identities including,

¹ [Student body data](#)

² [SAE chant article](#)

³ [SPLC data](#)

⁴ [More SPLC data](#)

⁵ [Long-term effects](#)

⁶ [Common perpetrators and sites](#)

but not limited to, race, gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation, spiritual belief, geographic origin, abilities or disabilities, and socioeconomic status [7]; and

- Whereas: Instances of anti-African and anti-black rhetoric have occurred within the University of Oklahoma including, but not limited to, disparaging comments, intimidation tactics, cultural appropriation, the ridicule of African and black culture, and otherwise hateful rhetoric such as:
- I. The use of “blackface” as demonstrated by an Oklahoma State University student in January of 2017 [8]
 - a. The term “blackface” refers to the use of black paint to imitate African features in a derogatory, insensitive fashion.
 - II. The racist chant proliferated by members of Sigma Alpha Epsilon in March of 2015 [9]
 - a. Fraternity members of the University of Oklahoma’s Sigma Alpha Epsilon chapter were captured on video chanting: “There will never be a n****r SAE... you can hang him from a tree, but he’ll never sign with me...” The chapter was subsequently removed from campus.

Whereas: The University of Oklahoma is no place for hateful rhetoric targeted at other students by other students and holds its students, faculty, staff, and affiliates to a high standard in order to promote a positive and inclusive campus climate.

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

Section 1: This resolution shall be known and may be cited as “A Resolution Addressing Hate Speech Directed at the African and Black Communities and Diversity Statement”; and

Section 2: The Undergraduate Student Congress seeks to bring awareness to all forms of hate directed at the African and black communities, including the many incidents that have occurred on college campuses, both nationally and its own; and

Section 3: The Undergraduate Student Congress supports efforts against any form of hatred based on religion, race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, ability, nationality, citizenship status, class, or identity on our campus; and

Section 4: While the Undergraduate Student Congress will respect the right of all students to freedom of speech, it will not take an active stance in facilitating, promoting, funding, or participating in any activities that directly promote hate speech targeting marginalized communities; and

Section 5: The Undergraduate Student Congress shall continue to work together on ensuring our campus community is welcome to everyone, and committed to meeting with individual students and groups about issues of concern and constructive ways to move forward; and

Section 6: The Undergraduate Student Congress encourages the Deans of each College to provide support and information to African and black students; and

Section 7: Copies of this resolution will be sent to:

⁷ [OU Office of University Community](#)

⁸ [OSU and "blackface"](#)

⁹ [Boren statement on SAE](#)

- David L. Boren, President of the University
- Clark Stroud, Dean of Students and Vice President for Student Affairs
- Jabar Shumate, Vice President of Students Community
- Nathan Bowser, President of Black Student Association
- Kristina Berry, President of Women of Power
- Deondre Martin, Developing Black Males
- Ciore Taylor, President of National Society of Black Engineers
- Chelsea A. Davis, President of Freshman Action Team
- Melanie Wilderman, Advisor to National Association of Black Journalists
- Keyonte Leggins, President of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.
 1. Chelsea A. Davis, President of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
 2. Dominique Hammons, President of Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc.
 3. Patrick Graham, President of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.
 4. Decoriam Womack, President of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.
 5. Everett Brown, President of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.
 6. Jaden Edwards, President of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.
 7. Neyla Wilson, President of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.
- Dan West, President Black Law Student Association
- Bukonla Aloba-Williams, President of African Christian Fellowship
- Whitney Caldwell, President of Black Graduate Student Association
- Arnold Mitchell, President of Student African American Brotherhood/Brother to Brother
- Pedro Manuel, President of the Angolan Student Association
- Intervarsity Christian Fellowship; Black Campus Ministries
- Kelly Damphousse, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences
- Berrien Moore, Dean of the College of Atmospheric and Geographic Sciences
- Daniel Pullin, Dean of the Price College of Business
- J. Mike Stice, Dean of the Mewbourne College of Earth and Energy
- Gregg A. Garn, Dean of the Jeannine Rainbolt College of Education
- Thomas Landers, Dean of the Gallogy College of Engineering
- Mary Margaret Holt, Dean of the Weitzenhoffer Family College of Fine Arts
- Suzette Grillot, Dean of the College of International Studies
- Ed Kelley, Dean of the Gaylord College of Journalism and Mass Communication
- James Pappas, Dean of the College of Liberal Studies
- *The OU Daily*
- *The OU Nightly*
- *The OU Forum*
- *The Norman Transcript*
- *The Oklaboman*
- *The Tulsa World*

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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
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION XCVII

Tuesday, March 28th, 2017

CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION NO. 970303

AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution addressing hate speech directed at the
LGBTQ+ community, and providing for distribution.

- Whereas: All sexual orientations and gender identities are welcomed, appreciated, and needed at the University of Oklahoma, homophobic and transphobic acts and speeches are still prevalent; and
- Whereas: Homophobia is defined as the dislike or prejudice against people of any sexual orientation not classified as heterosexual; and
- Whereas: Transphobia is defined as the dislike or prejudice against transsexual and transgender people and this term can also be applied to the dislike or prejudice of those who are gender nonconforming, non-cisgender, or any gender not assigned birth; and
- Whereas: The Southern Poverty Law Center counts the number of anti-LGBTQ+ advocacy groups to be at 48; and
- Whereas: 3.8% of the population identifies as something other than cisgender or heterosexual [1]; and
- Whereas: 92% of students who identify as non-cisgender or non-heterosexual have experienced various forms of hate speech and bullying, such as slurs, ridiculing, and violence [2]; and
- Whereas: The Southern Poverty Law Center and the American Civil Liberties Union say that students perceived to belong to the LGBTQ+ community are at risk for harassment; and
- Whereas: 64% of non-heterosexual students do not feel safe and protected on their campuses, while 44% of non-cisgender students express the same sentiment [3]; and
- Whereas: 31% of individuals who have experienced forms of harassment say their schools did nothing in response to these incidents [3]; and
- Whereas: LGBTQ+ students are two to three times more likely to attempt suicide than heterosexual and cisgender students [3]; and
- Whereas: Transgender students may no longer use the public school restroom that matches their gender identity; and
- Whereas: Asexual people are recognized within the LGBTQ+ community and deserve equal acknowledgement and treatment; and

¹⁰ [Population data](#)

¹¹ [Percentage who experienced hatred](#)

¹² [Advocates for Youth data](#)

- Whereas: Every member of the LGBTQ+ community has the right to not be threatened or abused; and
- Whereas: Hate crime victims continue to have higher levels of depression, stress, anxiety, and anger for as long as five years after their victimization occurred [4]; and
- Whereas: School-age youth and young adults appear to be the most common perpetrators of hate crimes against strangers in public settings and college campuses are a common site of such activity [5]; and
- Whereas: The University of Oklahoma established the Office of University Community with the expressed purposes of enhancing the University's commitment to diversity and inclusion and aspiring to create a community of people representing a multiplicity of identities including, but not limited to, race, gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation, spiritual belief, geographic origin, abilities or disabilities, and socioeconomic status [6]; and
- Whereas: Instances of anti-LGBTQ+ rhetoric have occurred within the University of Oklahoma including, but not limited to, disparaging comments, intimidation tactics, the ridicule of LGBTQ+ culture, and otherwise hateful rhetoric; and
- Whereas: The University of Oklahoma is no place for hateful rhetoric targeted at other students by other students and holds its students, faculty, staff, and affiliates to a high standard in order to promote a positive and inclusive campus climate.

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

- Section 1:** This resolution shall be known and may be cited as “A Resolution Addressing Hate Speech Directed at the LGBTQ+ Community and Diversity Statement”; and
- Section 2: The Undergraduate Student Congress seeks to bring awareness to all forms of hate directed at the persons belonging to the LGBTQ+ community, including the many incidents that have occurred on college campuses, both nationally and its own; and
- Section 3:** The Undergraduate Student Congress supports efforts against any form of hatred based on religion, race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, ability, nationality, citizenship status, class, or identity on our campus; and
- Section 4:** While the Undergraduate Student Congress will respect the right of all students to freedom of speech, it will not take an active stance in facilitating, promoting, funding, or participating in any activities that directly promote hate speech targeting marginalized communities; and
- Section 5:** The Undergraduate Student Congress shall continue to work together on ensuring our campus community is welcome to everyone, and committed to meeting with individual students and groups about issues of concern and constructive ways to move forward; and

¹³ [Long-term effects](#)

¹⁴ [Common perpetrators and sites](#)

¹⁵ [OU Office of University Community](#)

Section 6: The Undergraduate Student Congress encourages the Deans of each College to provide support and information to all LGBTQ+ students; and

Section 7: Copies of this resolution will be sent to:

- David L. Boren, President of the University
- Clark Stroud, Dean of Students and Vice President for Student Affairs
- Jabar Shumate, Vice President of Student Community
- Kathy A. Fahl, Director of the Gender + Equality Center
- Daryl Callaway, President of Queer Student Association
- Kelly Dampousse, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences
- Berrien Moore, Dean of the College of Atmospheric and Geographic Sciences
- Daniel Pullin, Dean of the Price College of Business
- J. Mike Stice, Dean of the Mewbourne College of Earth and Energy
- Gregg A. Garn, Dean of the Jeannine Rainbolt College of Education
- Thomas Landers, Dean of the Gallogly College of Engineering
- Mary Margaret Holt, Dean of the Weitzenhoffer Family College of Fine Arts
- Suzette Grillot, Dean of the College of International Studies
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Action taken by Congress:

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THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION XCVII

Tuesday, March 28th, 2017

CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION NO. 970304

AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution addressing hate speech directed at the
Muslim community, and providing for distribution.

- Whereas: The University of Oklahoma prides itself on welcoming and advocating all students regardless of race, religion, gender, ethnicity, or sexual orientation, yet pockets of racism and hate still exist on this campus thereby causing an unwelcoming experience for certain communities; and
- Whereas: The University of Oklahoma is a recipient of the 2016 Higher Education Excellence in Diversity Award, given by INSIGHT Into Diversity, the largest and oldest diversity and inclusion publication in higher education [1]; and
- Whereas: The University of Oklahoma President David L. Boren said, “The university is especially pleased to receive this award because it confirms our goal of being a truly inclusive university family where all feel welcomed,” [1]; and
- Whereas: Discriminatory acts against Muslims and other minority identities on campus have been on the rise [2]; and
- Whereas: Islamophobia is defined as the irrational fear of Islam, Muslims, or anything related to the Islamic culture and traditions [3]; and
- Whereas: Since September 11, 2001, Islamophobia has become one of the leading forms of hate and discrimination, ultimately creating a chilling effect for Muslims in their communities, work-environments, and campuses; [3] and
- Whereas: According to a Gallup Study, 60% of Muslim Americans say that Muslims face prejudice from Americans [4]; and
- Whereas: 58% of Muslim Americans say that they have personally faced racial or religious discrimination, which is on par with Hispanic Americans (48%), and African Americans (45%), who have also experienced some type of discrimination [4]; and
- Whereas: Oklahoma State Legislature Representative John Bennett called Islam “a cancer that needs to be cut out of the nation” and has repeatedly stated he does not consider Islam to be a religion [5]; and

¹⁶ [OU wins diversity award](#)

¹⁷ [Attacks on the rise](#)

¹⁸ [Islamophobia data](#)

¹⁹ [Gallup data](#)

²⁰ [Rep. John Bennett quote](#)

Whereas: Claims such as those cited above create an unsafe and divisive environment for Muslim students in Oklahoma, and others who may be perceived as being of similar descent. These claims are completely opposite to the values of the University of Oklahoma; and

Whereas: Adam Soltani, Executive Director of CAIR-OK, America’s largest Muslim civil liberties and advocacy organization, responded to Representative Bennett’s statement with, “This hearing presented a biased narrative that achieves nothing more than demonizing and marginalizing the Oklahoma Muslim Community” [6]; and

Whereas: Every member of the Muslim community has the right to not be threatened or abused; and

Whereas: Hate crime victims continue to have higher levels of depression, stress, anxiety, and anger for as long as five years after their victimization occurred [7]; and

Whereas: School-age youth and young adults appear to be the most common perpetrators of hate crimes against strangers in public settings and college campuses are a common site of such activity [8]; and

Whereas: The University of Oklahoma established the Office of University Community with the expressed purposes of enhancing the University’s commitment to diversity and inclusion and aspiring to create a community of people representing a multiplicity of identities including, but not limited to, race, gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation, spiritual belief, geographic origin, abilities or disabilities, and socioeconomic status [9]; and

Whereas: Instances of anti-Muslim rhetoric have occurred within the University of Oklahoma including, but not limited to, disparaging comments, intimidation tactics, the ridicule of Muslim culture, and otherwise hateful rhetoric; and

Whereas: The University of Oklahoma is no place for hateful and inflammatory rhetoric and holds its students, faculty, staff, and affiliates to higher standards that promote a positive and inclusive campus climate.

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

Section 1: This resolution shall be known and may be cited as “A Resolution Addressing Hate Speech Directed at the Muslim Community and Diversity Statement”; and

Section 2: The Undergraduate Student Congress seeks to bring awareness to all forms of hate directed at persons with disabilities, including the many incidents that have occurred on college campuses, both nationally and its own; and

Section 3: The Undergraduate Student Congress supports efforts against any form of hatred based on religion, race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, ability, nationality, citizenship status, class, or identity on our campus; and

²¹ [Adam Solani information](#)

²² [Long-term effects](#)

²³ [Common perpetrators and sites](#)

²⁴ [OU Office of University Community](#)

Section 4: While the Undergraduate Student Congress will respect the right of all students to freedom of speech, it will not take an active stance in facilitating, promoting, funding, or participating in any activities that directly promote hate speech targeting marginalized communities; and

Section 5: The Undergraduate Student Congress shall continue to work together on ensuring our campus community is welcome to everyone, and committed to meeting with individual students and groups about issues of concern and constructive ways to move forward; and

Section 6: The Undergraduate Student Congress encourages the Deans of each College to provide support and information to Muslim students; and

Section 7: Copies of this resolution will be sent to:

- David L. Boren, President of the University
- Clark Stroud, Dean of Students and Vice President for Student Affairs
- Jabar Shumate, Vice President of Student Community
- Justin Tiger, President of American Indian Student Association
- Taylor Lawrence, President of American Indian Student Fellowship
- Katherine Hawes, President of Disability Inclusion and Awareness
- Ben Kannenberg, Chair of OUR Mental Health
- Rebecca Eden, President of Dyslexia Educational Support Community
- Kelly Damphousse, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences
- Berrien Moore, Dean of the College of Atmospheric and Geographic Sciences
- Daniel Pullin, Dean of the Price College of Business
- J. Mike Stice, Dean of the Mewbourne College of Earth and Energy
- Gregg A. Garn, Dean of the Jeannine Rainbolt College of Education
- Thomas Landers, Dean of the Gallogly College of Engineering
- Mary Margaret Holt, Dean of the Weitzenhoffer Family College of Fine Arts
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UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION XCVII

Tuesday, March 28th, 2017

CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION NO. 970305

AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution addressing hate speech directed at people with disabilities, and providing for distribution.

- Whereas: According to the Bureau of Justice Statistics, disabilities are classified according to six limitations: hearing, vision, cognitive, ambulatory, self-care, and independent living [1]; and
- Whereas: Disability biases take many forms, often resulting in discriminatory actions in employment, housing, and public accommodations, and can often manifest itself in the form of violence [2]; and
- Whereas: Hate crimes against persons with disabilities are defined as those that arise from the hostility of the perpetrator toward the disability or perceived disability of the victim and are frequently motivated by prejudice; and
- Whereas: In 2007, 79 hate crimes were reported against individuals with disabilities, one percent of the total reported. This represents a significant increase from the 44 hate crimes (0.44 percent of the total) reported in 2003 [3]; and
- Whereas: Hate crimes against people with disabilities are all too frequently mislabeled as “abuse” and are not directed from the social service or education systems to the criminal justice system; and
- Whereas: Among hate crime victims in the year 2016, 1.2 percent were people with disabilities, according to the FBI [2]; and
- Whereas: In 52 cases, the offenses were motivated by a person’s physical disability while 36 involved those with mental disabilities [2]; and
- Whereas: Individuals are not defined by their disabilities, and every person has the right to not be threatened or abused; and
- Whereas: Hate crime victims continue to have higher levels of depression, stress, anxiety, and anger for as long as five years after their victimization occurred [4]; and
- Whereas: School-age youth and young adults appear to be the most common perpetrators of hate crimes against strangers in public settings and college campuses are a common site of such activity [5]; and

²⁵ [Bureau of Justice stats](#)

²⁶ [Types of disability biases](#)

²⁷ [Rise in hate crimes](#)

²⁸ [Long-term effects](#)

²⁹ [Common perpetrators and sites](#)

- Whereas: Hateful rhetoric directed at persons with disabilities is amongst the least recognized form of hate crimes; and
- Whereas: The Disability Resource Center at the University of Oklahoma offers support services and resources for students, employees, and faculty and works everyday to provide equal opportunities to meet their needs; and
- Whereas: The University of Oklahoma established the Office of University Community with the expressed purposes of enhancing the University’s commitment to diversity and inclusion and aspiring to create a community of people representing a multiplicity of identities including, but not limited to, race, gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation, spiritual belief, geographic origin, abilities or disabilities, and socioeconomic status [6]; and
- Whereas: Instances of hate directed at persons with disabilities have occurred within the University of Oklahoma including, but not limited to, disparaging comments, intimidation tactics, gratuitous ridicule, and otherwise hateful rhetoric; and
- Whereas: The University of Oklahoma is no place for hateful rhetoric targeted at other students by other students and holds its students, faculty, staff, and affiliates to a high standard in order to promote a positive and inclusive campus climate.

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

- Section 1:** This resolution shall be known and may be cited as “A Resolution Addressing Hate Speech Directed at Persons with Disabilities and Diversity Statement”; and
- Section 2:** The Undergraduate Student Congress seeks to bring awareness to all forms of hate directed at persons with disabilities, including the many incidents that have occurred on college campuses, both nationally and its own; and
- Section 3:** The Undergraduate Student Congress supports efforts against any form of hatred based on religion, race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, ability, nationality, citizenship status, class, or identity on our campus; and
- Section 4:** While the Undergraduate Student Congress will respect the right of all students to freedom of speech, it will not take an active stance in facilitating, promoting, funding, or participating in any activities that directly promote hate speech targeting marginalized communities; and
- Section 5:** The Undergraduate Student Congress shall continue to work together on ensuring our campus community is welcome to everyone, and committed to meeting with individual students and groups about issues of concern and constructive ways to move forward; and
- Section 6:** The Undergraduate Student Congress encourages the Deans of each College to provide support and information to students with disabilities; and
- Section 7:** Copies of this resolution will be sent to:
- David L. Boren, President of the University
 - Clark Stroud, Dean of Students and Vice President for Student Affairs

³⁰ [OU Office of University Community](#)

- Jabar Shumate, Vice President of Student Community
- Chelle' Guttery, Director of Disability Resource Center
- Katherine Hawes, President of Disability Inclusion and Awareness
- Ben Kannenberg, Chair of OUr Mental Health
- Rebecca Eden, President of Dyslexia Educational Support Community
- Kelly Dampousse, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences
- Berrien Moore, Dean of the College of Atmospheric and Geographic Sciences
- Daniel Pullin, Dean of the Price College of Business
- J. Mike Stice, Dean of the Mewbourne College of Earth and Energy
- Gregg A. Garn, Dean of the Jeannine Rainbolt College of Education
- Thomas Landers, Dean of the Gallogy College of Engineering
- Mary Margaret Holt, Dean of the Weitzenhoffer Family College of Fine Arts
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Verified by Chair of Congress: _____ Date: _____

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION XCVII

Tuesday, March 28, 2017

CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION NO. 970306

AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution addressing hate speech directed at the Asian and Pacific Islander communities, and providing for distribution.

- Whereas: Approximately 6% of the student body is comprised of individuals with Asian or Pacific Islander ancestry [1]; and
- Whereas: Anti-Asian and Anti-Pacific Islander sentiments are defined as hostility toward Asians or Pacific Islanders and/or reacting negatively to normative habits of any individual within either community; and
- Whereas: Advancing Justice (define it here) has noted an increase in the number of hate incidents directed at the Asian and Pacific Islander community [2]; and
- Whereas: Hate speech directed at the Asian and Pacific Islander community is often not reported to authorities and many experience hate incidents where they may not want a police response [3]; and
- Whereas: Advancing Justice recently created a website called “#StandAgainstHatred” in order to track hate incidents within the Asian and Pacific Islander community that are not often captured or reported and this is the first-ever tracker of hate crimes directed at the aforementioned community; and
- Whereas: Every Asian and Pacific Islander individual has the right to not be threatened or abused; and
- Whereas: Hate crime victims continue to have higher levels of depression, stress, anxiety, and anger for as long as five years after their victimization occurred [4]; and
- Whereas: School-age youth and young adults appear to be the most common perpetrators of hate crimes against strangers in public settings and college campuses are a common site of such activity [5]; and
- Whereas: Anti-Asian sentiments have been present in the United States from the late 18th century onward, notably with the forced internment of Japanese Americans during World War II [6]; and

³¹ [Percentage of Asian Students](#)

³² [Increase in Hate Crimes](#)

³³ [Unreported incidents](#)

³⁴ [Long-term effects](#)

³⁵ [Common perpetrators and sites](#)

³⁶ [Forced Internment](#)

Whereas: The University of Oklahoma established the Office of University Community with the expressed purposes of enhancing the University’s commitment to diversity and inclusion and aspiring to create a community of people representing a multiplicity of identities including but not limited to, race, gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation, spiritual belief, geographic origin, abilities or disabilities, and socioeconomic status [7]; and

Whereas: Instances of anti-Asian or Pacific Islander rhetoric have occurred within the University of Oklahoma including, but not limited to, disparaging comments, intimidation tactics, the ridicule of Asian culture, stereotyping, and otherwise hateful rhetoric; and

Whereas: The University of Oklahoma is no place for hateful rhetoric targeted at other students by other students and holds its students, faculty, staff, and affiliates to a high standard in order to promote a positive and inclusive campus climate.

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

Section 1: This resolution shall be known and may be cited as “A Resolution Addressing Hate Speech Directed at the Asian and Pacific Islander Community and Diversity Statement”; and

Section 2: The Undergraduate Student Congress seeks to bring awareness to all forms of hate directed at the Asian and Pacific Islander community, including the many incidents that have occurred on college campuses, both nationally and its own; and

Section 3: The Undergraduate Student Congress supports efforts against any form of hatred based on religion, race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, ability, nationality, citizenship status, class, or identity on our campus; and

Section 4: While the Undergraduate Student Congress will respect the right of all students to freedom of speech, it will not take an active stance in facilitating, promoting, funding, or participating in any activities that directly promote hate speech targeting marginalized communities; and

Section 5: The Undergraduate Student Congress shall continue to work together on ensuring our campus community is welcome to everyone, and committed to meeting with individual students and groups about issues of concern and constructive ways to move forward; and

Section 6: The Undergraduate Student Congress encourages the Deans of each College to provide support and information to Asian American and Pacific Islander students; and

Section 7: Copies of this resolution will be sent to:

- David L. Boren, President of the University
- Clark Stroud, Dean of Students and Vice President for Student Affairs
- Jabar Shumate, Vice President of Student Community
- Angela Chang, President of the Asian American Student Association
- Joseph Tran, President of Lambda Phi Epsilon
- Kari Cai, President of Phi Delta Alpha
- Patrick Leung, President of Tau Kappa Omega
- Lillian Trinh, President of Filipino Student Association

³⁷ [OU Office of University Community](#)

- Kelly Dampousse, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences
- Berrien Moore, Dean of the College of Atmospheric and Geographic Sciences
- Daniel Pullin, Dean of the Price College of Business
- J. Mike Stice, Dean of the Mewbourne College of Earth and Energy
- Gregg A. Garn, Dean of the Jeannine Rainbolt College of Education
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UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION XCVII

Tuesday, March 28, 2017

CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION NO. 970307

AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution addressing hate speech directed at the Native American community, and providing for distribution.

- Whereas: The state of Oklahoma has a rich Native American history and students belong to an assortment of tribes including, but not limited to, Cherokee, Choctaw, Creek, Apache, Shawnee, Kiowa, Cheyenne and Arapaho; and
- Whereas: Approximately 5% of the student body is comprised of individuals with Native American descent [1]; and
- Whereas: Anti-Native American sentiments are defined as hostility toward Native Americans and/or reacting negatively to normative habits of any individual within the community; and
- Whereas: A 2005 Department of Justice report that showed the overall violent crime rate among American Indians and Alaska Natives was 100 per 1,000 persons, meaning that one out of 10 American Indians has been a victim of violence [2]; and
- Whereas: The study also found that “American Indians are more likely than people of other races to experience violence at the hands of someone of a different race,” with 70 percent of reported violent attacks committed by non-Indians [3]; and
- Whereas: The Southern Poverty Law Center has taken note of hate crimes against Native Americans and states that such violence is “more than the act of mean-spirited bigots...nor is it over when the perpetrator moves on,” [4]; and
- Whereas: Every Native American has the right to not be threatened or abused; and
- Whereas: Hate crime victims continue to have higher levels of depression, stress, anxiety, and anger for as long as five years after their victimization occurred [5]; and
- Whereas: School-age youth and young adults appear to be the most common perpetrators of hate crimes against strangers in public settings and college campuses are a common site of such activity [6]; and
- Whereas: The University of Oklahoma established the Office of University Community with the expressed purposes of enhancing the University’s commitment to diversity and inclusion and

³⁸ [Student body data](#)

³⁹ [Department of Justice Report](#)

⁴⁰ [Hate Crime Data](#)

⁴¹ [SPLC data](#)

⁴² [Long-term effects](#)

⁴³ [Common perpetrators and sites](#)

aspiring to create a community of people representing a multiplicity of identities including, but not limited to, race, gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation, spiritual belief, geographic origin, abilities or disabilities, and socioeconomic status [7]; and

Whereas: Instances of anti-Native American rhetoric have occurred within the University of Oklahoma including, but not limited to, disparaging comments, intimidation tactics, the ridicule of Native American culture, avoidance of Native American sovereignty, and otherwise hateful rhetoric; and

Whereas: The University of Oklahoma is no place for hateful rhetoric targeted at other students by other students and holds its students, faculty, staff, and affiliates to a high standard in order to promote a positive and inclusive campus climate.

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

Section 1: This resolution shall be known and may be cited as “A Resolution Addressing Hate Speech Directed at the Native American Community and Diversity Statement”; and

Section 2: The Undergraduate Student Congress seeks to bring awareness to all forms of hate directed at the Native American community, including the many incidents that have occurred on college campuses, both nationally and its own; and

Section 3: The Undergraduate Student Congress supports efforts against any form of hatred based on religion, race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, ability, nationality, citizenship status, class, or identity on our campus; and

Section 4: While the Undergraduate Student Congress will respect the right of all students to freedom of speech, it will not take an active stance in facilitating, promoting, funding, or participating in any activities that directly promote hate speech targeting marginalized communities; and

Section 5: The Undergraduate Student Congress shall continue to work together on ensuring our campus community is welcome to everyone, and committed to meeting with individual students and groups about issues of concern and constructive ways to move forward; and

Section 6: The Undergraduate Student Congress encourages the Deans of each College to provide support and information to Native American students; and

Section 7: Copies of this resolution will be sent to:

- David L. Boren, President of the University
- Clark Stroud, Dean of Students and Vice President for Student Affairs
- Jabar Shumate, Vice President of Student Community
- Sydne Gray, Co-Founder of Indigenize OU
- Kelly Damphousse, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences
- Berrien Moore, Dean of the College of Atmospheric and Geographic Sciences
- Daniel Pullin, Dean of the Price College of Business
- J. Mike Stice, Dean of the Mewbourne College of Earth and Energy
- Gregg A. Garn, Dean of the Jeannine Rainbolt College of Education
- Thomas Landers, Dean of the Gallogly College of Engineering

⁴⁴ [OU Office of University Community](#)

- Mary Margaret Holt, Dean of the Weitzenhoffer Family College of Fine Arts
- Suzette Grillot, Dean of the College of International Studies
- Ed Kelley, Dean of the Gaylord College of Journalism and Mass Communication
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CONGRESSIONAL SESSION XCVII

Tuesday, March 28th, 2017

CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION NO. 970308

AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution addressing hate speech directed at the Indian and Hindu communities, and providing for distribution.

- Whereas: Anti-Indian sentiment is defined as hostility toward Indians and Indian culture and or reacting negatively to normative habits of those in the Indian community [1]; and
- Whereas: Anti-Hinduism is defined as “A negative perception or religious intolerance against the practice and practitioners of Hinduism”; and
- Whereas: The University of Oklahoma is considered to have a more ethnically diverse campus than other campuses [2]; and
- Whereas: Every Indian and Hindu individual has the right to not be threatened or abused; and
- Whereas: In the FBI’s most recent report, 47% of hate crimes are motivated by racism, and 18.6% are motivated by religion [3]; and
- Whereas: Discrimination against Indians and Hindu people has been on the rise, most recently:
I. On February 25, 2017 a man shot at 2 people of Indian descent in Kansas City and told them to leave America [4]; and
- Whereas: After this event, The New York Times released a statement saying, “Moussa Elbayoumy, the board chairman for the Kansas chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations, said the government should ‘consider filing hate crime charges in order to send a strong message that violence targeting religious or ethnic minorities will not be tolerated.’”[4]; and
- Whereas: The Constitution of the United States of America guarantees that “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or the prohibiting free exercise thereof”; and
- Whereas: There are approximately 4 million Indian Americans in the United States [5]; and
- Whereas: 42% of the 886,000 international students at U.S. universities in 2013 to 2014 hailed from China and India, making these individuals increasingly important players in higher education [5]; and
- Whereas: 77% of Hindus in the United States are college graduates [5]; and

⁴⁵ [Definition of Anti-Indian sentiment](#)

⁴⁶ [Diversity data](#)

⁴⁷ [FBI report](#)

⁴⁸ [New York Times article](#)

⁴⁹ [Census data](#)

- Whereas: Hate crime victims continue to have higher levels of depression, stress, anxiety, and anger for as long as five years after their victimization occurred [6]; and
- Whereas: School-age youth and young adults appear to be the most common perpetrators of hate crimes against strangers in public settings and college campuses are a common site of such activity [7]; and
- Whereas: The University of Oklahoma established the office of University Community with the expressed purposes of enhancing the University’s commitment to diversity and inclusion and aspiring to create a community of people representing a multiplicity of identities including, but not limited to, race, gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation, spiritual belief, geographic origin, abilities or disabilities, and socioeconomic status [8]; and
- Whereas: Instances of anti-Indian and anti-Hindu rhetoric have occurred within the University of Oklahoma including, but not limited to, disparaging comments, intimidation tactics, the ridicule of Indian and Hindu culture, and otherwise hateful rhetoric; and
- Whereas: The University of Oklahoma is no place for hateful rhetoric targeted at other students by other students and holds its students, faculty, staff, and affiliates to a high standard in order to promote a positive and inclusive campus climate.

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

- Section 1:** This resolution shall be known and may be cited as “A Resolution Addressing Hate Speech Directed at the Indian and Hindu Communities and Diversity Statement”; and
- Section 2:** The Undergraduate Student Congress seeks to bring awareness to all forms of hate directed at the Indian and Hindu communities, including the many incidents that have occurred on college campuses, both nationally and its own; and
- Section 3:** The Undergraduate Student Congress supports efforts against any form of hatred based on religion, race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, ability, nationality, citizenship status, class, or identity on our campus; and
- Section 4:** While the Undergraduate Student Congress will respect the right of all students to freedom of speech, it will not take an active stance in facilitating, promoting, funding, or participating in any activities that directly promote hate speech targeting marginalized communities; and
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- Section 6:** The Undergraduate Student Congress encourages the Deans of each College to provide support and information to Indian and Hindu students; and
- Section 7:** Copies of this resolution will be sent to:

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- Amanah Fatima, Co-President of Religious Studies Student Association
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THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION XCVII

Tuesday, March 28, 2017

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CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION NO. 970309

AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution addressing hate speech directed at the Jewish community, and providing for distribution.

Whereas: The United States Department of State adopts the definition of anti-Semitism as “a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of anti-Semitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities” [1]; and

Whereas: The Department of State outlines the following as contemporary examples of anti-Semitism:

- I. Calling for, aiding, or justifying the killing or harming of Jews
- II. Making mendacious, dehumanizing, demonizing, or stereotypical allegations about Jews as such or the power of Jews as a collective—especially but not exclusively, the myth about a world Jewish conspiracy or of Jews controlling the media, economy, government or other societal institutions
- III. Accusing Jews as a people of being responsible for real or imagined wrongdoing committed by a single Jewish person or group, the state of Israel, or even for acts committed by non-Jews
- IV. Accusing the Jews as a people, or Israel as a state, of inventing or exaggerating the Holocaust
- V. Accusing Jewish citizens of being more loyal to Israel, or to the alleged priorities of Jews worldwide, than to the interest of their own nations [2]; and

Whereas: The Department of State recognizes that Anti-Semitism manifests itself relative to Israel through words and actions that:

- I. Demonize Israel
 - i. Using the symbols and images associated with classic anti-Semitism to characterize Israel or Israelis
 - ii. Drawing comparisons of contemporary Israeli policy to that of the Nazis
 - iii. Blaming Israel for all inter-religious or political tensions
- II. Apply a Double Standard for Israel
 - i. Applying double standards by requiring of it a behavior not expected or demanded of any other democratic nation
- III. Delegitimize Israel
 - i. Denying the Jewish people their right to self-determination, and denying Israel the right to exist

Whereas: However, criticism of Israel similar to that leveled against any other country cannot be regarded as anti-Semitic [3]; and

Whereas: In H. Res. 707, the U.S. House of Representatives resolved to condemn “the comparison of Israel to Nazis as an insult to the memory of those who perished in the Holocaust and an affront to those who survived and their children and grandchildren, the righteous gentiles

who saved Jewish lives at peril to their own lives and to those who bravely fought to defeat the Nazis” [4]; and

Whereas: This legislation does not represent any political position on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, and should not be interpreted as a statement of support for one side or another. Its only purpose is to define the line between civil, academic debate and hate speech; and

Whereas: This legislation is not intended to create restrictions on anyone’s right to free speech, academic freedom, or participation in social activism. It solely represents the University of Oklahoma Student Government Association exercising its First Amendment rights by using good speech to counter bad speech; and

Whereas: According to the ADL Global 100 (a study that measures public attitudes and opinions toward Jews in over 100 countries), 1.09 billion people in the world today harbor anti-Semitic attitudes [5]. ADL also reported that the 2014-2015 school year saw a “marked increase in the number and intensity of anti-Israel and anti-Semitic incidents on American college campuses” [6]; and

Whereas: Anti-Semitism is the bigoted targeting of a historically oppressed minority and should be taken as seriously as bigotry against all other historically oppressed minorities; and

Whereas: The University of Oklahoma established the Office of University Community with the expressed purposes of enhancing the University’s commitment to diversity and inclusion and aspiring to create a community of people representing a multiplicity of identities including, but not limited to, race, gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation, spiritual belief, geographic origin, abilities or disabilities, and socioeconomic status [7]; and

Whereas: Under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, students are protected from discrimination based on their race, color, or national origin at federally funded post-secondary educational institutions. Under the Marcus Policy initiated in 2004, Jewish students are now protected under Title VI, based on their perceived or actual ethnic, racial or ancestral identity [8]; and

Whereas: Campus anti-Semitism is a global problem:

- I. In February 2015, the student council at the Durban University of Technology in South Africa called for Jewish students to be expelled, referencing the BDS (Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions) Movement against Israel in their decision [9]
- II. Throughout 2015, there were many anti-Semitism-driven acts of violence, most notably:
 - i. The horrific attack on the Brussels Jewish museum
 - ii. Scores of attacks targeting Jews and Jewish institutions in Latin America, Australia, Europe and elsewhere
 - iii. Additionally, many of these attacks were attributed to Israel and Jewish institutions by known anti-Semitic and anti-Israel international media outlets and hate groups [10]
- III. On the heels of these other violent expressions of anti-Semitism, terrorist attacks against French Jews motivated by anti-Semitic beliefs occurred in Paris. Prime Minister Manuel Valls declared in his speech to the French National Assembly, “when the Jews of France are attacked, France is attacked and the universal conscience is attacked” [10]; so too, when the Jewish students of the University of Oklahoma are attacked, the University of Oklahoma system is attacked
- IV. Throughout 2016, there were many other expressions of anti-Semitism:

- i. Many Jewish-owned business and homes in several countries, including Canada, Argentina, the United Kingdom and Guatemala, were vandalized or marked with derogatory, anti-Semitic slurs, such as:
 - a. Signs with the image of Jesus Christ that read “Jews killed me on the cross...” (a commonly received anti-Semitic insult)
 - b. Swastikas accompanied with statements like, “kike”; “no Jews”; “kill all Jews”; and “f**k the Jews”
 - c. Buckets of feces smeared and thrown on the walls of a Jewish cemetery [11]
- ii. There were also physical expressions of anti-Semitism, most notably:
 - a. Some visibly Jewish persons were beaten, stabbed, had stones thrown at them or were threatened to be run down by a vehicle [11]; and

Whereas: Increasing incidents of anti-Semitism have occurred in United States, most notably:

- I. In recent weeks, three Jewish cemeteries in Rochester, New York, St. Louis, Missouri, and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, have seen large numbers of overturned or broken headstones, some of which bore swastikas [12]; the swastika is a symbol of hatred and terror meant to evoke the atrocities committed in the Holocaust.
- II. Also, hundreds of bomb threats have been phoned in to Jewish community centers and day schools [13]; and

Whereas: Incidents of anti-Semitism have occurred throughout the United States on college campuses most notably:

- I. In February 2015, disturbing anti-Semitic comments on the University of Chicago’s social media “yik yak” were posted stating “Gas them, burn them and dismantle their power structure. Humanity cannot progress with the parasitic Jew.” [14] Similar statements were made in 2016 on the University of Oklahoma’s social media “yik yak.”
- II. In April 2015, a swastika, the illuminati symbol, and the word “hail” were drawn in ash on the walls of University of Missouri, the following day another swastika and the words “you have been warned” were drawn [14]
- III. In April 2015, a menorah was knocked down and damaged outside of the University of Illinois Chabad the weekend before National Israel Week began. The same incident happened again four months later in August [14]
- IV. In May 2015, students at Bates University received mock eviction notices under their doors to raise awareness of “Israel’s policy of ethnic cleansing” [15]. Similar incidents have been reported at University of Michigan [16], New York University, Harvard University, and Northeastern University [16]
- V. At the University of California at Berkley in March 2015, “Zionists should be sent to the gas chamber” was written in a campus restroom [14]
- VI. Multiple swastikas have been found on the houses of Jewish fraternities, the most notable reports in 2015 have happened at the campuses of University of California: Davis, George Washington University, Vanderbilt University, Tufts University, and Stanford University [14]; and

Whereas: Incidents of anti-Semitism have occurred within the University of Oklahoma:

- I. Though no overwhelming, campus-wide acts of anti-Semitism have arisen, some Jewish students have received verbal assault, been confronted for their pro-Israel beliefs in which their Jewish identity becomes a point of conflict, and experienced distrust because of their identity; and

Whereas: These incidences of blatant anti-Semitism, whether across the country, globe or within the University of Oklahoma, are harmful and negatively affect Jewish students' ability to learn in a non-discriminatory environment; and

Whereas: Hate crime victims continue to have higher levels of depression, stress, anxiety, and anger for as long as five years after their victimization occurred [16]; and

Whereas: School-age youth and young adults appear to be the most common perpetrators of hate crimes against strangers in public settings and college campuses are a common site of such activity [17]; and

Whereas: Every Jewish individual has the right to not be threatened or abused; and

Whereas: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association can play an essential role in illustrating and counteracting the resurgence of anti-Semitism, especially within the campus community.

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

Section 1: This resolution shall be known and may be cited as "A Resolution Addressing Hate Speech Directed at the Jewish Community and Diversity Statement"; and

Section 2: The Undergraduate Student Congress formally adopts the definition of anti-Semitism as stated above, as well as the State Department's understanding of Anti-Semitism relative to Israel; and

Section 3: The Undergraduate Student Congress respects the right of the organized Jewish community at OU to define, within the guidelines of the national definition, what is and is not anti-Semitic just as other communities are granted that right; and

Section 4: The Undergraduate Student Congress seeks to bring awareness to all forms of anti-Semitism, including the many incidents that have occurred on college campuses, both nationally and its own; and

Section 5: The Undergraduate Student Congress supports efforts against any form of hatred based on religion, race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, ability, nationality, citizenship status, class, or identity on our campus; and

Section 6: While the Undergraduate Student Congress will respect the right of all students to freedom of speech, it will not take an active stance in facilitating, promoting, funding, or participating in any activities that directly promote hate speech targeting marginalized communities; and

Section 7: As the representatives of the student body, the University of Oklahoma Student Government Association will strive to be allies of the Jewish community and all diverse communities within OU and pledge to actively seek open lines of communication with the leaders of the organized diverse communities on issues pertaining to their constituency; and

Section 8: The Undergraduate Student Congress encourages the Deans of each College to provide support and information to Jewish students; and

Section 9:

Copies of this resolution will be sent to:

- David L. Boren, President of the University
- Clark Stroud, Dean of Students and Vice President for Student Affairs
- Jabar Shumate, Vice President of Student Community
- Lang Eric Sundby, President of Hillel Jewish Student Organization
- Michael Klein, President of Alpha Epsilon Pi
- Kelly Damphousse, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences
- Berrien Moore, Dean of the College of Atmospheric and Geographic Sciences
- Daniel Pullin, Dean of the Price College of Business
- J. Mike Stice, Dean of the Mewbourne College of Earth and Energy
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UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION XCVII

Tuesday, March 28th, 2017

CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION NO. 970310

AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution addressing hate speech directed at the Latinx and Hispanic communities, and providing for distribution.

- Whereas: Approximately 8.9% of the student body is comprised of individuals with Latinx and or Hispanic ancestry [1]; and
- Whereas: All Latinx and Hispanic Students from across the world are welcomed and appreciated at the University of Oklahoma, yet face uncertainty and backlash given the increase in inflamed rhetoric, which has seen a marked increase in recent years [2]; and
- Whereas: Anti-Latinx and anti-Hispanic hate speech is both harmful and debilitating to families within the United States; and
- Whereas: Every Latinx and Hispanic individual has the right to not be threatened or abused; and
- Whereas: The Latinx and Hispanic populace that attends high school are historically more likely to drop out and not attend a college or university in comparison to other minority groups in the United States [3]; and
- Whereas: In recent years, there has been an increase in enrollment from both communities; however, they are now faced with different issues regarding retention through lack of financial aid and assistance; and
- Whereas: The No Ban No Wall protest at the University of Oklahoma gathered hundreds of students for a period of two hours in an attempt to quell uncertainty in the Latinx and Hispanic communities [4]; and
- Whereas: An increase in hate speech fosters an environment not conducive to the academic growth of the already miniscule number of Latinx and Hispanic students receiving a higher education; and
- Whereas: Hate crime victims continue to have higher levels of depression, stress, anxiety, and anger for as long as five years after their victimization occurred [5]; and
- Whereas: School-age youth and young adults appear to be the most common perpetrators of hate crimes against strangers in public settings and college campuses are a common site of such activity [6]; and

⁵³ [Student body data](#)

⁵⁴ [Increase in uncertainty](#)

⁵⁵ [Education data](#)

⁵⁶ [No Ban No Wall protest](#)

⁵⁷ [Long-term effects](#)

⁵⁸ [Common perpetrators and sites](#)

Whereas: The University of Oklahoma established the office of University Community with the expressed purposes of enhancing the University’s commitment to diversity and inclusion and aspiring to create a community of people representing a multiplicity of identities including, but not limited to, race, gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation, spiritual belief, geographic origin, abilities or disabilities, and socioeconomic status [7]; and

Whereas: Instances of anti-Latinx and anti-Hispanic rhetoric have occurred within the University of Oklahoma including, but not limited to, disparaging comments, intimidation tactics, the ridicule of Latinx and Hispanic culture, and otherwise hateful rhetoric; and

Whereas: The University of Oklahoma is no place for hateful rhetoric targeted at other students by other students and holds its students, faculty, staff, and affiliates to a high standard in order to promote a positive and inclusive campus climate.

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

Section 1: This resolution shall be known and may be cited as “A Resolution Addressing Hate Speech Directed at the Latinx and Hispanic Communities and Diversity Statement”; and

Section 2: The Undergraduate Student Congress seeks to bring awareness to all forms of hate directed at the Latinx and Hispanic Community, including the many incidents that have occurred on college campuses, both nationally and its own; and

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Section 6: The Undergraduate Student Congress encourages the Deans of each College to provide support and information to Latinx and Hispanic students; and

Section 7: Copies of this resolution will be sent to:

- David L. Boren, President of the University
- Clark Stroud, Dean of Students and Vice President for Student Affairs
- Jabar Shumate, Vice President of Student Community
- Vanessa Meraz, President of the Hispanic American Student Association
- Andre Guzman Rocha, President of the Bolivian International Student Association
- Andres Perilla, President of the Columbian Student Association

⁵⁹ [OU Office of University Community](#)

- Michael Clayborne, President of the Latin Dance Club
- Mackenzie Martinez, President of the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers
- Robert Okello, President of The United World
- Luz Morales, President of Kappa Delta Chi Sorority, Inc.
- Daniel Chinchilla, President of Omega Delta Phi Fraternity, Inc.
- Judith Soto, President of Sigma Lambda Gamma National Sorority, Inc.
- Jacob T. Robbins, President of Sigma Lambda Beta
- Kelly Damphousse, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences
- Berrien Moore, Dean of the College of Atmospheric and Geographic Sciences
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UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION XVCII

March 28th, 2017

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GS17-XX

April 2nd, 2017

CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 970509

SENATE BILL NO. GS17-XX

AS INTRODUCED

An act relating to appropriations; providing for short title; stating purpose; appropriating Auxiliary Funding for the 2016-2017 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 Act #12” Act of 2017.

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:

Alpha Phi Alpha– Total Request: \$10,100.00

Office and General Expenses:	\$0
Capital Investments:	\$0
<u>Programs/Events/Activities:</u>	<u>\$600.00</u>
Total Allocation:	\$600.00

American Mock World Health Organization– Total Request: \$1,162.00

Office and General Expenses:	\$0
Capital Investments:	\$0
<u>Programs/Events/Activities:</u>	<u>\$600.00</u>
Total Allocation:	\$600.00

Brothers Under Christ– Total Request: \$30,250.00

Office and General Expenses:	\$0
Capital Investments:	\$0
<u>Programs/Events/Activities:</u>	<u>\$500.00</u>
Total Allocation:	\$500.00

Business Law Society– Total Request: \$800.00

Office and General Expenses: \$0
Capital Investments: \$0
Programs/Events/Activities: \$500.00
Total Allocation: \$500.00

Delta Sigma Theta– Total Request: \$6,700.00

Office and General Expenses: \$0
Capital Investments: \$0
Programs/Events/Activities: \$500.00
Total Allocation: \$500.00

Economics Club– Total Request: \$475.00

Office and General Expenses: \$0
Capital Investments: \$0
Programs/Events/Activities: \$275.00
Total Allocation: \$275.00

Federal Bar Association– Total Request: \$1,000.00

Office and General Expenses: \$0
Capital Investments: \$0
Programs/Events/Activities: \$500.00
Total Allocation: \$500.00

Filipino Student Association– Total Request: \$975.00

Office and General Expenses: \$0
Capital Investments: \$0
Programs/Events/Activities: \$475.00
Total Allocation: \$475.00

HCSA– Total Request: \$2295.00

Office and General Expenses: \$0
Capital Investments: \$0
Programs/Events/Activities: \$2295.00
Total Allocation: \$2295.00

Indian Student Association – Total Request: \$7700.00

Office and General Expenses: \$0
Capital Investments: \$0
Programs/Events/Activities: \$3000.00
Total Allocation: \$3000.00

Independent Greek Council– Total Request: \$4,185.00

Office and General Expenses: \$0
Capital Investments: \$0
Programs/Events/Activities: \$500.00
Total Allocation: \$500.00

Iranian Student Association – Total Request: \$17,850.00

Office and General Expenses: \$0
Capital Investments: \$0
Programs/Events/Activities: \$1,100
Total Allocation: \$1,100

Korean Student Association– Total Request: \$250.00

Office and General Expenses: \$0
Capital Investments: \$0
Programs/Events/Activities: \$0
Total Allocation: \$250.00

Latin Dance Club– Total Request: \$4,750.00

Office and General Expenses: \$0
Capital Investments: \$0
Programs/Events/Activities: \$1,200.00
Total Allocation: \$1,200.00

National Science Teachers Association– Total Request: \$277.80

Office and General Expenses: \$0
Capital Investments: \$0
Programs/Events/Activities: \$230.00
Total Allocation: \$230.00

Oklahoma Club Golf– Total Request: \$200.00

Office and General Expenses: \$0
Capital Investments: \$200.00
Programs/Events/Activities: \$0
Total Allocation: \$200.00

Oklahoma Intercollegiate Legislature– Total Request: \$5,740.00

Office and General Expenses: \$540.00
Capital Investments: \$0
Programs/Events/Activities: \$2,550.00
Total Allocation: \$3,090.00

Oklahoma Sailing Club– Total Request: \$600.00

Office and General Expenses: \$0
Capital Investments: \$0
Programs/Events/Activities: \$150.00
Total Allocation: \$150.00

ONE Emergency Medical Services– Total Request: \$15,526.00

Office and General Expenses: \$0
Capital Investments: \$650.00
Programs/Events/Activities: \$0
Total Allocation: \$650.00

OU Triathlon Team– Total Request: \$145.04

Office and General Expenses: \$0
Capital Investments: \$0
Programs/Events/Activities: \$145.04
Total Allocation: \$145.04

Our Earth – Total Request: \$300.00

Office and General Expenses: \$0
Capital Investments: \$0
Programs/Events/Activities: \$300.00
Total Allocation: \$300.00

Public Health Discussions– Total Request: \$150.00

Office and General Expenses: \$0
Capital Investments: \$0
Programs/Events/Activities: \$150.00
Total Allocation: \$150.00

Rocket Team – Total Request: \$2580.00

Office and General Expenses: \$0
Capital Investments: \$0
Programs/Events/Activities: \$650.00
Total Allocation: \$650.00

SGA Undergraduate Congress– Total Request: \$1,600.00

Office and General Expenses: \$0
Capital Investments: \$0
Programs/Events/Activities: \$800.00
Total Allocation: \$800.00

Sigma Lambda Beta– Total Request: \$1,650.00

Office and General Expenses: \$0
Capital Investments: \$0
Programs/Events/Activities: \$500.00
Total Allocation: \$500.00

Society of Physics Students – Total Request: \$112.98

Office and General Expenses: \$0
Capital Investments: \$0
Programs/Events/Activities: \$112.98
Total Allocation: \$112.98

Society of Women Engineers – Total Request: \$1,300.00

Office and General Expenses: \$0
Capital Investments: \$0
Programs/Events/Activities: \$400.00
Total Allocation: \$400.00

Sooner Tennis Club– Total Request: \$564.74

Office and General Expenses: \$0
Capital Investments: \$0
Programs/Events/Activities: \$414.74
Total Allocation: \$414.74

Student Healthcare Outreach– Total Request: \$1,720.00

Office and General Expenses: \$0
Capital Investments: \$0
Programs/Events/Activities: \$500.00
Total Allocation: \$500.00

Swipe to Share– Total Request: \$215.00

Office and General Expenses: \$0
Capital Investments: \$0
Programs/Events/Activities: \$215.00
Total Allocation: \$215.00

Women in Business Association– Total Request: \$450.00

Office and General Expenses: \$0
Capital Investments: \$0
Programs/Events/Activities: \$450.00
Total Allocation: \$450.00

Young Democratic Socialists– Total Request: \$510.00

Office and General Expenses: \$0
Capital Investments: \$0
Programs/Events/Activities: \$510.00
Total Allocation: \$510.00

Total Legislative Allocation: \$21,762.76

Section 4: All guidelines and provisions in Title 12 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 5, 2017

Section 6: All unspent money remaining in the accounts listed in Section 3 shall revert to the SGA General Account after May 5, 2017, and the remaining appropriations shall be canceled.

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

Author: Ryan Echols, 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: _____

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION XCVII

March 28th, 2017

CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 970709

AS INTRODUCED

A congressional act updating the Liaison program to reflect current practices, 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:** Title: This act shall be known and may be cited as the Liaison Update Act of 2017
- Section 2:** Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to update the Liaison program in the bylaws of the Student Congress to reflect the practices used by the Body.
- Section 3:** All additions shall be marked with an underline and all stricken portions with a ~~strike~~.
- Section 4:** **Section 4.2:** STUDENT CONGRESS LIAISONS

1) LIAISON PROGRAM

- a) Any member of the Student Congress may request to become a Liaison.
- b) At the discretion of the Vice Chair ~~Chair, Liaisons~~ any member of the Student Congress may be appointed to serve as ~~representatives~~ Liaisons of Student Congress to any organizations in the campus and Norman communities. The Vice Chair shall maintain a list of prominent organizations on campus that are available to receive a liaison. ~~Possible organizations receiving liaisons include (but are not limited to):~~
- ~~i. SGA Graduate Student Senate~~
 - ~~ii. SGA Executive Branch~~
 - ~~iii. SGA Campus Activities Council~~
 - ~~iv. OU Department of Housing & Food Services~~
 - ~~v. Housing Center Student Association~~
 - ~~vi. OU Information Technology~~
 - ~~vii. OU Faculty Senate~~
 - ~~viii. OU Staff Senate~~
 - ~~ix. Interfraternity Council~~
 - ~~x. Panhellenic Council~~
 - ~~xi. Multicultural Greek Council~~
 - ~~xii. National Panhellenic Council~~
 - ~~xiii. OU Facilities Management~~
 - ~~xiv. City of Norman~~
 - ~~xv. International Advisory Committee~~
 - ~~xvi. Health Science Center Student Association~~

~~b) Liaisons are appointed by the Congress Chair with the consent of Congress, and serve at the pleasure of the Executive Committee.~~

c) Liaisons shall be appointed only after the approval of both the Vice Chair of Congress and the highest authority of the entity that a liaison is being appointed to.

d) Liaisons shall attend meetings, functions, programs, and events of the organizations or entities to which they are assigned, and report back any pertinent business or concerns during the appropriate section of the general meetings.

e) In each month, a liaison shall be excused from any one constituent service requirement, if said liaison performs his or her liaison position responsibilities, including a report during a general meeting, in said month.

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

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THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION XCVII

March 28th, 2017

CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 970710

AS INTRODUCED

A congressional act establishing appointed membership privileges in Congress and associate privileges for Committee of the Whole, 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: Title: This act shall be known and may be cited as the “Appointed Membership Act.”

Section 2: Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to establish the appointed membership role in Congress and define the privileges of such a role, as well as establish associate member privileges for Committee of the Whole.

Section 3: All additions to the Bylaws shall be marked with an underline, while all subtractions shall be marked with a ~~strike~~.

Section 4: Section 3.2: QUALIFICATION FOR AND CLASSES OF MEMBERSHIP

4) ~~REPRESENTATIVESHIP~~. Representatives shall be those elected or appointed members who represent an academic district, in accordance with SGA Code Annotated.

5) APPOINTED

a) An appointed member of Congress shall be defined as anyone appointed and approved by the Body to hold a higher position than a general member, but is not a Representative.

b) RESPONSIBILITY TO UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT BODY. The constituency of appointed members shall be the entire undergraduate population of the University of Oklahoma, Norman Campus.

c) GENERAL MEETINGS

i) As members, appointees have automatic speaking privileges, except as temporarily suspended.

ii) No appointed member may vote in a general meeting.

iii) An appointed member shall have the ability to call for Debate during a general meeting without the objection of a representative.

d) COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

i) Appointed members shall have automatic speaking privileges during Committee of the Whole, except as temporarily suspended.

ii) Appointed members may vote on all questions in Committee of the Whole except as voting privileges are temporarily suspended. The request of any one representative with the second of another shall temporarily suspend voting privileges of appointed members for a vote on a recommendation of "Do Fail."

e) COMMITTEE MEETINGS

i) Appointed members shall have automatic speaking privileges at committee meetings, except as temporarily suspended.

ii) An appointed member shall follow the guidelines of their appointed position during committee meetings as specified within the Bylaws.

6) ASSOCIATESHIP

a) APPOINTMENT. All associates shall be appointed by the Congressional Administration Committee's appointment procedure until the end of the next odd-numbered session, but for no more than two sessions, unless elected to a Representative position, removed from Congress, or he or she resigns.

b) RESPONSIBILITY TO UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT BODY. The constituency of associates shall be the entire undergraduate population of the University of Oklahoma, Norman Campus.

c) GENERAL MEETINGS

i) As members, duly appointed associates have automatic speaking privileges, except as temporarily suspended.

ii) No associate may vote in a general meeting.

iii) No associate may make any motion in a general meeting.

d) COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

i) Associates have automatic speaking privileges during Committee of the Whole, except as temporarily suspended.

ii) Associates may vote on all questions in Committee of the Whole except as voting privileges are temporarily suspended. The request of any one representative with the second of another shall temporarily suspend voting privileges of associates for a vote on a recommendation of "Do Fail."

e) COMMITTEE MEETINGS

i) Associates have automatic speaking privileges at committee meetings, except as temporarily suspended.

ii) Associates may vote on all questions in committee except as voting privileges are temporarily suspended. The request of any one representative who is a member of said committee shall temporarily suspend voting privileges of associates for a vote on a recommendation of "Do Fail."

iii) Associates may make any motion otherwise in order in committee except for a motion of recommendation of "Do Fail."

iv) Associates may accrue a total of 3 unexcused absences from committee meetings before becoming eligible for expulsion from the committee.

v) All associates, unless they have a previously mentioned longstanding time conflict, will be required to attend one general meeting every month.

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

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