

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
Session XCIX

General Body Meeting
7:00 pm, Tuesday, January 30, 2018
Devon Hall 120

Session XCIX

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Vice Chair's Report-

Secretary's Report-

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- Academic Affairs
- Communications
- Congressional Administration
- External Affairs
- Human Diversity
- Problems and Projects
- Sustainability
- Ways and Means

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990110 – Cabinet Reconstruction Act of 2018 (Shurbaji/Ball) (ConAd – rec of do pass)

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990608 - An Act of Procedure Appointing the Human Diversity Chair for Session 99 (Rains-Saucedo/Lalani/Cordova) (Exec – rec of no rec)

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Chair: Kaylee Rains-Saucedo
Vice-Chair: Sanah Lalani
Secretary: Mackenzie Cordova

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UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION XCIX
January 30, 2018

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GS18
February 11, 2018

CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 990109
SENATE BILL NO.

AS INTRODUCED

A congressional act amending the Undergraduate Student Congress bylaws, 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 “Committee Restructuring Act of 2018.”

Section 2: Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to restructure the committees of the Undergraduate Student Congress.

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

Section 4: Amending Section 6.1 – Committees:

Section 6.1: COMMITTEE ESTABLISHMENT. The seven (7) standing committees (also referenced in these Bylaws as “committees”) and their responsibilities shall be as follows:

~~1) ACADEMIC AFFAIRS. The Academic Affairs Committee shall address academic issues that affect the university and shall strive to improve the academic quality of the university.~~

~~2) 1) CONGRESSIONAL ADMINISTRATION.~~

i) Committee Purpose

1. The Congressional Administration Committee shall address matters concerning the internal affairs of the Student Congress and the SGA, including all proposed changes to the Undergraduate Student Congress Bylaws, the SGA Code Annotated, and the SGA Constitution. It shall strive to make the Student Congress more effective in fulfilling its role within the SGA. In the fall of even-numbered years, it shall be responsible for reapportioning the seats within the Student Congress, pursuant to the SGA Constitution. The Congressional Administration Committee shall be responsible for filling vacant Representative seats and appointing Associates through the processes outlined within these bylaws.

ii) Committee Chair

1. The Congressional Administration Committee Chair shall serve as the Parliamentarian.

- a) The Parliamentarian shall assist the Student Congress Chair in bringing to the attention of the body the proper procedure as outlined in the SGA Constitution, SGA Code Annotated, Student Congress Bylaws, and Robert's Rules of Order.
- b) In the event that there is a question over the legality of a procedure, the Parliamentarian shall be entrusted to immediately research the issue using all immediately available resources and report the findings to the chair.
- c) The Parliamentarian shall not be empowered to overturn any decisions made by the Student Congress Chair, and shall only be utilized as a parliamentary resource as the Student Congress Chair deems necessary.

2. The Congressional Administration Committee Chair shall work with the Congress Chair during the process of redistricting and reapportionment.

3) 2) External Affairs Committee

i) Committee Purpose

The External Affairs Committee shall address issues, organizations, and institutions either partially or entirely outside the University of Oklahoma concerning the city, state, and federal levels of government. The Committee shall strive to improve the relationship of SGA and of the University with the city and state governments. The Committee shall aim to improve civic engagement among the undergraduate student body.

ii) Committee Chair

The Committee Chair shall work with the Director of the Department of the Exterior in the Executive branch to coordinate SGA-wide programs and events including but not limited to Higher Education Day and voter registration drives.

4) 3) Human Diversity Committee

i) Committee Purpose

The Human Diversity Committee shall address any and all issues related to diversity issues within the University of Oklahoma. The Committee shall advocate for policies within the University and within SGA that promote inclusivity and equality.

ii) Committee Chair

The Committee Chair shall work with the Director of the Department of Inclusivity in the Executive branch to coordinate SGA-wide efforts related to Inclusivity.

5) 4) Problems and Projects Committee

i) Committee Purpose

The Problems and Projects Committee shall address all non-academic issues concerning student life within the university. use the Student Congress's resources to resolve all problems regarding university infrastructure, student experience, and all other student problems that the Student Congress can reasonably respond to.

ii) Committee Chair

The Committee Chair shall be charged with maintaining and following up with the Undergraduate Student Congress electronic suggestion box. The Committee Chair shall coordinate with the Congress Chair to refer suggestion box submissions to other committees, should they more appropriately fall under another committee's responsibilities.

6) 5) Sustainability Committee

i) Committee Purpose

The Sustainability Committee shall address any and all issues relating to the environment or energy sustainability and pertaining to the University. environmental sustainability within SGA, at the University, or among the undergraduate student body. The Committee shall strive to improve environmental consciousness among the undergraduate student body and shall advocate for environmentally conscious policies at the University.

ii) Committee Chair

The Sustainability Committee Chair shall be required to attend monthly Student Environmental Council Meetings. If the Sustainability Committee Chair cannot attend, they shall find a member of the Sustainability Committee to attend in their place.

7) 6) University Policy Committee

i) Committee Purpose

The University Policy Committee shall be tasked with addressing all student concerns arising from University policies, programs or initiatives, or the lack thereof. The committee shall research best practices employed by peer institutions, innovative solutions, and the latest scientific and social science research to draft resolutions to the University administration recommending new policies or reforms of existing policies.

ii) Committee Chair

The Committee Chair shall coordinate efforts with the Director of the Department of the Interior in the Executive Branch and shall stay up to date on the projects and initiatives of peer institutions' student governments.

8) 7) Ways and Means Committee

i) Committee Purpose

The Ways and Means Committee shall address all matters concerning the expenditure or appropriation of student funds in accordance with the most current Budgetary Procedures Act. provisions of the SGA Code Annotated.

ii) Committee Responsibilities/Rules

- (1) Members of the Ways and Means committee shall inform the Committee Chair of any potential conflicts of interest in funding decisions including: a. Membership in the Registered Student Organization that has requested funding b. Having filled out the funding application being reviewed by the Committee c. Having a close personal relationship with the person who filled out the funding application
- (2) The Chair shall determine whether the potential conflict of interest constitutes a legitimate conflict of interest.
- (3) If the Chair determines that it is a legitimate conflict of interest, the committee member shall not participate in the deliberations that determine said RSO's funding amount.
- (4) This rule shall exempt any funding request coming from any branch of the SGA.
- (5) Should quorum, including the Vice Chair of Congress, be unable to be met due to the implementations of this rule, the requests shall be seen by the Ways and Means Committee and it shall be the responsibility of the Committee Chair to ensure a fair response to the request.

iii) **Committee Chair**

- (1) The Ways and Means Committee Chair, in their dual role as the SGA Budgetary 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.

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

Author(s): Kimberley Bishop, Humanities Representative
Thomas Cassidy, Chair of the Congressional Administration Committee

Co-Author(s): Kaylee Rains-Saucedo, Chair of the Undergraduate Student Congress

Submitted on a Motion by:

Action taken by Congress:

Verified by Chair of Congress: _____ Date: _____

Submitted on a Motion by:

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Verified by Chair of Senate: _____ Date: _____

Approved by SGA President: _____

Date: _____

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UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION XCIX

January 30, 2018

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GS-18

February 11, 2018

CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 990110

SENATE BILL NO. GS18-XX

AS INTRODUCED

A congressional act removing the academic affairs department from the executive cabinet, 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 “Cabinet Reconstruction Act of 2018”

Section 2: Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to restructure the departments of the executive cabinet.

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

Section 4: Amending Title III, Chapter 5— the Cabinet
Title III – The Executive

Chapter 5 – The Cabinet

27. Membership

The Cabinet shall be comprised of the President, Vice President, and all Department Directors and members.

28. Purpose

The Cabinet shall assist the President in making and executing Executive policy.

29. Presiding Officer

The President is the presiding officer of the Cabinet. The Department Director is the presiding officer of each Department.

30. Meetings

The Cabinet and all individual Departments shall meet regularly and shall post agendas and minutes in accordance with the Oklahoma Open Meetings Act. The time and frequency of said meetings shall be determined by the President or the Department Director.

31. Departments

The several Departments that shall compose the Cabinet are as follows:

a. The Department of the Interior

i. Department Purpose

The Department of the Interior shall advocate for the position of the SGA as it pertains to internal university affairs. SGA policy shall be defined by a Joint or Concurring Resolution passed by the Legislative Branch, or by the SGA President in the absence of such a resolution. The Department shall advocate for the fulfillment of and publicize students' rights on campus, including, but not limited to: Preparation Week implementation; Student Rights and Responsibilities Code; Housing – Community Living Guide; and student academic rights, such as grading policies, final exam policies, and instructor language policies.

ii. Department Director

iii. The Department Director shall be appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the Legislature. The Director shall be responsible for ensuring that the purpose of the Department of the Interior is carried out.

b. The Department of Inclusivity

i. Department Purpose

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

ii. Department Director

The Department Director shall be appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the Legislature. The Director shall be responsible for ensuring that the purpose of the Department of Inclusivity is carried out.

c. The Department of Communications

i. Department Purpose

The Department of Communications shall promote the programs and positions of the SGA.

ii. Department Director

iii. The Department Director shall be appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the Legislature. The Director shall be responsible for overseeing and coordinating the efforts of the Executive Branch pertaining to media relations, social media, graphic design, photography, and other outreach initiatives.

d. The Department of the Exterior

i. Department Purpose

The Department of the Exterior shall advocate for the position of the SGA as it pertains to city, state, or federal affairs, as defined by a Joint or Concurring Resolution passed by the Legislature, or by the SGA President in the absence of such a resolution.

ii. Department Director

iii. The Department Director shall be appointed by the SGA President with the advice and consent of the Legislature. The Director shall be responsible for ensuring that the purpose of the Department of the Exterior is carried out and for overseeing the higher education advocacy efforts of the SGA.

~~e. The Department of Academic Affairs~~

~~i. Department Purpose~~

~~The Department of Academic Affairs shall advocate for the positions of SGA as they pertain to academic matters including, but not limited to: the expansion of classes offered, the promotion of the highest standards of teaching, addressing academic misconduct procedure, and supporting programming and events that pertain to students and their academics.~~

~~ii. Department Director~~

~~The Department Director shall be appointed by the SGA President with the advice and consent of the Legislature. The Director shall be responsible for ensuring that the purpose of the Department of Academic Affairs is carried out.~~

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

Author(s): Yaseen Shurbaji, Student Government Association President
Carson Ball, University College Representative

Co-Author(s):

Submitted on a Motion by:

Action taken by Congress:

Verified by Chair of Congress: _____ Date: _____

Submitted on a Motion by:

Action taken by Senate:

Verified by Chair of Senate: _____ Date: _____

Approved by SGA President:

_____ Date: _____

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION XCVIII
January 30, 2017

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GS18
January 28, 2017

CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 990503
SENATE BILL NO. GS18-XX

AS INTRODUCED

An act relating to appropriations; providing for short title; stating purpose; appropriating Auxiliary Funding for the 2017-2018 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 14 Act of 2017-2018.
- 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

Red Clay Faction

Office and General Expenses:	\$0
Capital Investments:	\$0
<u>Programs/Events/Activities:</u>	<u>\$1800</u>
Total:	\$1800

Delta Phi Omega

Office and General Expenses:	\$0
Capital Investments:	\$0
<u>Programs/Events/Activities:</u>	<u>\$300</u>
Total:	\$300

Gaylord Ambassadors

Office and General Expenses:	\$0
Capital Investments:	\$0
<u>Programs/Events/Activities:</u>	<u>\$900</u>
Total:	\$900

Sigma Alpha Iota International Music Fraternity, Alpha Iota Chapter

Office and General Expenses:	\$0
Capital Investments:	\$0
<u>Programs/Events/Activities:</u>	<u>\$750</u>
Total:	\$750

Cate Resident Student Association

Office and General Expenses:	\$0
Capital Investments:	\$0
<u>Programs/Events/Activities:</u>	<u>\$560</u>
Total:	\$560

Global Brigades

Office and General Expenses:	\$0
Capital Investments:	\$0
<u>Programs/Events/Activities:</u>	<u>\$234.65</u>
Total:	\$234.65

Global Intersivity Christian Fellowship

Office and General Expenses:	\$0
Capital Investments:	\$0
<u>Programs/Events/Activities:</u>	<u>\$117.92</u>
Total:	\$117.92

Student Veteran Association

Office and General Expenses:	\$0
Capital Investments:	\$0
<u>Programs/Events/Activities:</u>	<u>\$200</u>
Total:	\$200

Student Theater Initiative

Office and General Expenses:	\$0
Capital Investments:	\$0
<u>Programs/Events/Activities:</u>	<u>\$300</u>
Total:	\$300

OU Tennis Club

Office and General Expenses:	\$0
Capital Investments:	\$0
<u>Programs/Events/Activities:</u>	<u>\$300</u>
Total:	\$300

Student Heroes

Office and General Expenses:	\$0
Capital Investments:	\$0
<u>Programs/Events/Activities:</u>	<u>\$242.32</u>
Total:	\$242.32

Sooner Racing Team

Office and General Expenses:	\$0
Capital Investments:	\$0
<u>Programs/Events/Activities:</u>	<u>\$500</u>
Total:	\$500

Sooner Off-Road

Office and General Expenses:	\$0
Capital Investments:	\$0
<u>Programs/Events/Activities:</u>	<u>\$764</u>
Total:	\$764

Circle K International

Office and General Expenses:	\$0
Capital Investments:	\$0
<u>Programs/Events/Activities:</u>	<u>\$300</u>
Total:	\$300

Model Arab League

Office and General Expenses:	\$0
Capital Investments:	\$0
<u>Programs/Events/Activities:</u>	<u>\$1000</u>
Total:	\$1000

Pre-Law Society

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

Women in Business Association

Office and General Expenses:	\$0
Capital Investments:	\$0
<u>Programs/Events/Activities:</u>	<u>\$1500</u>
Total:	\$1500

OU Volleyball Club

Office and General Expenses:	\$0
Capital Investments:	\$0
<u>Programs/Events/Activities:</u>	<u>\$750</u>
Total:	\$750

Association of Adult, Higher Education, and Development

Office and General Expenses:	\$0
Capital Investments:	\$0
<u>Programs/Events/Activities:</u>	<u>\$1050</u>
Total:	\$1050

Medical Ethics and Issues Discussion Panel

Office and General Expenses: \$0
Capital Investments: \$0
Programs/Events/Activities: \$350
Total: \$350

OBI Outreach

Office and General Expenses: \$0
Capital Investments: \$0
Programs/Events/Activities: \$350
Total: \$350

Wall Street Students

Office and General Expenses: \$0
Capital Investments: \$0
Programs/Events/Activities: \$700
Total: \$700

Steel Bridge Competition Team

Office and General Expenses: \$0
Capital Investments: \$0
Programs/Events/Activities: \$640
Total: \$640

Student Chapter of the Association for Computing Machinery

Office and General Expenses: \$0
Capital Investments: \$0
Programs/Events/Activities: \$500
Total: \$500

Smash Brothers

Office and General Expenses: \$0
Capital Investments: \$0
Programs/Events/Activities: \$25
Total: \$25

Sooner Racing Team

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

Total Allocation: \$14,633.89

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 4, 2018

Section 6: All unspent money remaining in the accounts listed in Section 3 shall revert to the SGA General Account after May 4, 2018, and the remaining appropriations shall be canceled.

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

Author: Hennessey Chism, Chair, SGA Budget Committee

Co-Author (s): SGA Budgetary Committee

Action taken by Student Congress:

Verified by Chair of Student Congress: _____ Date: _____

Verified by Chair of Congress: _____ Date: _____

Action taken by Senate:

Verified by Chair of Senate: _____ Date: _____

Verified by Chair of Senate: _____ Date: _____

Approved by SGA President: _____ Date: _____

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION XCIX

January 30, 2018

CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 990608

AS INTRODUCED

An Act of Procedure appointing a committee officer for
Session 99; providing short title; and providing for an
effective date.

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

Section 1: This Act shall be known and may be cited as “An Act of Procedure Appointing the Human Diversity Chair for Session 99.”

Section 2: PURPOSE. The Purpose of this Act is inherent in the Title.

Section 3: APPOINTMENT. The Following Persons shall be appointed to Committee and other positions as follows:

Human Diversity

- Julianne Chen - Chair

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

Author: Kaylee Rains-Saucedo, Chair of the Undergraduate Student Congress

Co-Author(s): Sanah Lalani, Vice Chair of the Undergraduate Student Congress
Mackenzie Cordova, Secretary of the Undergraduate Student Congress

Submitted on a motion by:

Action taken by Congress:

Verified by Chair: _____ Date: _____

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION XCIX

January 30, 2018

CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 980609

AS INTRODUCED

An act of Procedure appointing Associates and
Representatives to Session 99, providing for a short title,
providing for codification, and providing an effective date.

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

Section 1: Title: This act shall be known and may be cited as the “An Act Appointing Representatives and Associates for Session 99.”

Section 2: APPOINTMENT: In accordance with the Student Congress By-Laws §3.2¶3.A.5(2), the following Associate Members are hereby appointed:

- Lauren Lyness
- Pedro Manuel
- Amer Begovic
- Advika Kamatar
- Mairiany Lopez
- Faith Blank
- Isaac Kabrick
- Taylor Kelling
- Shayla Powers
- Caitlin Schneider
- Edgar Saucedo
- Lisa Egede
- Chandler Jennings
- Cricket Rains

Section 3: APPOINTMENT: In accordance with Student Congress By-Laws §3.2¶3.A.5(1), the following Representatives are hereby appointed:

Architecture

Vacant

Fine Arts

Jonathon Walton

Education

Vacant

Earth and Energy

Vacant

Life Sciences

Vacant

Vacant

University College

Dib Quab Lee

Rosa Sanroman

Business

Rabina Hammond

Donald Duechting

Glenn Bridwell

Engineering

Joey Scimeca

Communications

Gabriela Thompson

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

Author(s): Thomas Cassidy, Congressional Administration Committee Chair

Co-Author(s): The Congressional Administration Committee

Submitted on a Motion by:

Action taken by Congress:

Verified by Chair of Congress: _____ Date: _____