

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
Session XCIX

General Body Meeting
7:00 pm, Tuesday, February 13, 2018
Devon Hall 120

Session XCIX

Roll Call -

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Approval of Minutes

Chair's Report-

Vice Chair's Report-

Secretary's Report-

Committee Reports-

- Academic Affairs
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- Student Legal Services – Tracey Langford
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 - 990611 – An Act of Procedure Appointing the University Policy Chair for Session 99 (Rains-Saucedo/Lalani/Cordova)

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990104 – Title II Rewrite Act of 2018 (Rains-Saucedo/Williams) (ConAd – rec of do pass)

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990505 – Auxiliary Allocation 16 Act of 2017-2018 (Chism) (WAM – rec of do pass)

990702 - SGA Communications Cabinet Director Appointment Act of 2018 (Ball/Shurbaji) (ConAd – rec of do pass)

990703 - SGA Inclusivity Cabinet Director Appointment Act of 2018 (Ball/Shurbaji) (ConAd – rec of do pass)

990704 - SGA Interior Cabinet Director Appointment Act of 2018 (Ball/Shurbaji) (ConAd – rec of do pass)

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New Business

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Final Roll Call

Chair: Kaylee Rains-Saucedo

Vice-Chair: Sanah Lalani

Secretary: Mackenzie Cordova

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION XCIX

February 13, 2018

CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 990611

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
University Policy 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:

University Policy

- *Vacant*- 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

February 13, 2018

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GF-17

February 25, 2018

CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 990104

SENATE BILL NO. GF18-XX

AS INTRODUCED

A congressional act streamlining Title II, 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 “Title II Rewrite Act of 2018”

Section 2: Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to streamline Title II of the Code Annotated.

Section 3: AMENDATORY: All additions are marked with an underline and all deletions are marked with a ~~strike through~~. Title III, Chapters 1-3 of the Code Annotated are hereby amended to read:

Title II – The Legislature

Chapter 1 – General Provisions

1. Power

All legislative powers of the SGA shall be vested in a Legislative Branch which shall consist of an Undergraduate Student Congress and a Graduate Student Senate. The Undergraduate Student Congress may be referred to as “Congress”, and the Graduate Student Senate may be referred to as “Senate.”¹

2. Duties

The Legislative Branch shall make campus-wide student rules and regulations. The Legislative Branch shall appropriate revenues of the SGA. Both Houses of the Legislative Branch will, by a majority vote in each, confirm or deny ~~such~~ nominations as the ~~Student~~ SGA President shall ~~from time to time be called upon to make~~. The Legislative Branch shall create such organs as it deems necessary to the implementation of the ~~Student~~ SGA President’s powers and duties. ~~Interim executive appointments made during periods of legislative recess do not require the advice and consent of the Summer Legislative Council.~~²

a. Student Activity Fee Allocation

~~Student fees which are used to support any student activity or facility or have traditionally been labeled as student activity fees shall be deposited with and appropriated by the Legislative Branch in its discretion in conjunction with the University of Oklahoma Board of Regents’ policy and the Student Activities Policy. The action of the Legislative Branch shall~~

¹ SGA Const. Art. III, § 1.

² SGA Const. Art. III, § 1; SGA Const. Art. IV, § 6; General Counsel Opinion, OP-1994-009.

be considered a recommendation to the President and the Regents in the same manner as other budget requests from the various colleges are recommendations.³

3. ~~Acts Generally—Nature of Acts~~

~~Acts of Procedure or Legislation retain their inherent nature as procedure or legislation and may only be amended by a subsequent act of the same nature. If one House considers and passes its procedural rules, and subsequently the other House considers and passes the first House's rules as legislation, then the second House's actions would be unconstitutional and invalid while the first House's actions would remain valid as procedure. The first Houses' actions would not be transformed into legislation and would not be voided by the second House's actions.⁴~~

Acts of Procedure or Legislation shall retain their inherent nature as procedure or legislation and may only be amended by a subsequent act of the same nature. An Act cannot be considered and passed in one House as an Act of Procedure and then be considered and passed by the second House as an Act of Legislation.

4. Acts of Procedure

Acts of Procedure are those actions passed by either Congress or Senate which pertain solely to the passing House and neither requires the consent nor may be reviewed by the other House. Acts of Procedure are not sent to the ~~Student SGA~~ President for approval, nor may they be vetoed by the ~~Student SGA~~ President. ~~If an issue pertains to only one House, it is procedure.~~ In order for an act of procedure to go into effect, it must be signed by the Chair of ~~Congress~~ the pertaining House.⁵

5. Acts of Legislation

Acts of Legislation are those actions passed by either House which affect both Houses or the SGA as a whole. Any Act of Legislation (except for bills allocating revenue) must be seen in its originating House before it may be sent to the other House for review. Any Act of Legislation passed in one House shall be sent to the other House for consideration and approval by majority vote. If the reviewing House amends an Act of Legislation, then it must be sent back to the originating House for further consideration and approval. If the reviewing House fails to pass the Act, then the Act of Legislation shall be referred to a Joint Committee of both Houses. ~~If an issue affects both Houses or SGA as a whole, it is legislation.⁶~~

a. Joint Committee

Joint committees shall be composed of the Chairs of each House, the Chairs and Vice Chairs of the Committee with jurisdiction over the Act of Legislation, and the Vice Chair or representative of the House in which it originated. The Chair of the House in which the Act was first moved shall preside over the Joint Committee and vote only in case of a tie. The resulting Act approved by the Joint Committee shall be referred to each House for consideration. If the Act passes each House by majority vote, then it must be presented to the ~~Student SGA~~ President in accordance with Title II, Chapter 1, Sec. 5.3. If the Act reported out of the Joint Committee is not upheld by each House, the Act fails.⁷

b. ~~Referendum~~

³ SGA Const. Art. IX; SGA Const. Art. XIII, § 1(2), Code Annotated Update Act, CBN 880313, SBN GF12-06, § 3.

⁴ Regarding Matters Raised by the Superior Court, SC-1996-002.

⁵ SGA Const. Art. III, § 7(1); General Counsel Opinion, OP-1996-003(b); Regarding Matters Raised by the Superior Court, SC-1996-002.

⁶ SGA Const. Art. III, § 7(2); Regarding Matters Raised by the Superior Court, SC-1996-002.

⁷ SGA Const. Art. III, § 7(3).

Any bill being considered for passage by the Legislative Branch may, by a majority vote of the Legislative Branch, be referred to the members of the SGA for their approval. In such case, the Legislative Branch shall provide for the publication of such bill and its general dissemination among the members of the SGA at least one week prior to such election. For such bill to be enacted, it must receive a majority of the votes cast unless more stringent requirements are set by the Legislative Branch and fifteen percent (15%) of the total number of eligible voters shall have participated in such election. Balloting on such bill shall take place at such time and in such manner as provided by Congress, and the result of such an election shall be binding upon the Legislative Branch.⁸

i. ~~Referendum Proposal~~

~~A referendum proposal must specifically state the purpose of sending the legislation or Constitutional Amendment to the SGA members for a referendum vote.⁹~~

ii. ~~Ballot Explanation~~

~~The SGA General Counsel may write an explanation to appear on a referendum ballot.¹⁰~~

c. SGA Presidential Approval/Veto

Acts of Legislation passed by Each House must be sent to the ~~Student~~ SGA President for approval and may be vetoed by the ~~Student~~ SGA President. If the ~~Student~~ SGA President vetoes an Act of Legislation, then it will be returned to both Houses for reconsideration and will be enacted if two-thirds (2/3) of the present and voting membership of each House votes to pass it. If any Act of Legislation is neither signed nor vetoed by the ~~Student~~ SGA President within ten (10) days (Sundays excepted) of being presented to ~~him or her~~ them, the ~~same~~ Act shall be enacted in like manner as if ~~he or she~~ they had signed it.¹¹

d. Differing Versions

If a different version of an Act of Legislation is signed by the Chair and/or President than was passed, technically the bill has not been signed. This would make the bill invalid.¹²

e. University Presidential Approval/Veto

Having been enacted by the SGA, all Acts of Legislation shall be presented to the University President for approval and may be vetoed. Upon approval by the University President, the Act shall be presented to the Board of Regents of the University of Oklahoma. If the University President vetoes the Act, ~~he or she~~ they shall return it, with ~~his or her~~ their objections, to the Legislative Branch for reconsideration. If after such reconsideration two-thirds (2/3) of the present and voting membership of each House votes to pass it, the Act shall be presented to the Board of Regents. If an Act is neither signed nor vetoed by the University President within ten (10) days (Sundays excepted) after being presented to ~~him or her~~ them, then it shall be forwarded to the Board of Regents as if the University President had signed it.¹³

6. Advising and Consenting Bills –

⁸ SGA Const. Art. VII, § 4.

⁹ In the Matter of Request of the UOSA Budgetary Committee, SC-1997-001.

¹⁰ General Counsel Opinion, OP-1993-010.

¹¹ SGA Const. Art. III, § 7(8).

¹² General Counsel Opinion, OP-1996-003(b).

¹³ SGA Const. Art. III, § 7(9).

a. **Status as Legislation**

Advising and consenting bills are Acts of Legislation. The advice and consent process follows the same procedure as any other legislation and the bills are binding.¹⁴

b. **Amendment of**

Advising and consenting bills cannot be amended in the same manner as other types of legislation. When advising and consenting, the legislative branch may only advise the author as to the changes to be made (i.e., fail the bill with recommendations as to necessary changes) or provide consent for the legislation; the legislative branch cannot make its own amendments to advising and consenting legislation for to do so would exceed its advice and consent powers. The author may withdraw or modify an advice and consent bill up until that bill is considered in any of the legislative branch's committees. However, once an advice and consent bill has been presented, the author must seek permission from the House in which the bill was first presented to withdraw or amend it.¹⁵

c. **Presence at Legislative Meetings**

The subject(s) of the advise and consent legislation pertaining to Superior Court, General Counsel, and Election Chair and Election Board, and Parking Appeals Board applicants must be present at the Undergraduate Student Congress and Graduate Student Senate meetings in which the legislation is being considered. or and all pertinent committee meeting for both bodies.¹⁶

7. **Joint Resolutions**

Joint Resolutions are those resolutions passed by each House and written by a joint committee and represent the position of the SGA as a whole. A Joint Resolution shall be written by a joint committee of members of each House upon request by a majority vote of the officers of each House. The members of the joint committee shall be the Chairs of each House and the Chairs of the committees of each House with jurisdiction over the issue. The joint committees shall elect a presiding officer. The Joint Resolution authored by the joint committee shall be presented to each House for consideration. Any Joint Resolution not approved by each House shall fail.¹⁷

a. **SGA Presidential Veto**

Joint Resolutions passed by each House must be sent to the ~~Student~~ SGA President for approval and may be vetoed by the ~~Student~~ SGA President. If the ~~Student~~ SGA President vetoes a Joint Resolution, then it will be returned to both Houses for reconsideration and will be enacted if two-thirds (2/3) of the present and voting membership of each House votes to pass it. If any Joint Resolution is neither signed nor vetoed by the ~~Student~~ SGA President within ten (10) days (Sundays excepted) of being presented to ~~him or her~~ them, the same shall be enacted in like manner as if ~~he or she~~ they had signed it.¹⁸

8. **Concurring Resolutions**

Concurring Resolutions are those resolutions passed by each House but not written by a joint committee. Concurring Resolutions represent the position of the SGA as a whole and shall have the force of law. Any Concurring Resolution not approved by each House shall fail. Any resolution

¹⁴ General Counsel Opinion, OP-2003-008.

¹⁵ General Counsel Opinion, OP-2003-008.

¹⁶ An Act Strengthening the Advise and Consent Process, CBN 800314, SBN GF08-19, § 2; UOSACA Amendment of 2009, CBN 820308, SBN GF09-22, § 2.

¹⁷ SGA Const. Art. III, § 7(6).

¹⁸ SGA Const. Art. III, § 7(8).

~~introduced to the House in which it originated as a Concurring Resolution shall be a Concurring Resolution. Such A Concurring Resolution shall be introduced in either House according to that House's own rules of procedure. Upon approval by one House, such a Concurring Resolution shall be presented to the other House for consideration according to that House's own rules of procedure. If the reviewing House fails to pass the Concurring Resolution, then the Concurring Resolution shall be referred to a Joint Committee of both Houses following the same procedure as Joint Committees on Acts of Legislation.¹⁹~~

a. SGA Presidential Approval/Veto

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9. 9. Impeachment

~~The Legislative Branch shall have the right of impeachment and removal within the Executive, and Judicial, and Programming branches and to impeach the Campus Activities Council Chair. The right to impeach should be reserved for those positions which are either popularly elected by the student body, or have the ability to act independent of any other office. No person charged with impeachment shall be convicted without the concurrence of two-thirds (2/3) of the Senate.²¹~~

a. Congress's Power

~~Congress shall have the sole power to bring impeachment charges against the members of the Executive, and Judicial, and Programming branches.²²~~

b. Senate's Power

~~The Senate shall have the sole power to try all impeachments. When the Student SGA President is tried, the Chief Justice of the SGA Superior Court shall preside over the Senate.²³ Why???~~

c. Persons Not Subject to Impeachment

i. HCSA

~~Because neither the Housing Center Student Association nor its President is a member of the Legislative, Judicial, or Executive Branch, the Housing Student Association President is not subject to impeachment and removal proceedings of the SGA Legislative Branch.²⁴~~

ii. President's Executive Staff Executive Office of the President

¹⁹ SGA Const. Art. III, § 7(7).

²⁰ SGA Const. Art. III, § 7(8).

²¹ SGA Const. Art. III, § 9(1)-(2); General Counsel Opinion, OP-1995-007; University of Oklahoma Student Association v. Simpson, SC-2000-002.

²² SGA Const. Art. III, § 9(2).

²³ SGA Const. Art. III, § 9(2).

²⁴ University of Oklahoma Student Association v. Simpson, SC-2000-002.

Members of the Presidential staff exist only to help the President in ~~his or her~~ their duties and are not impeachable. ~~If the SGA President should be impeached, then the SGA President's Executive Staff shall be brought before the Legislative Branch for reconfirmation.~~²⁵

iii. **Programming Branch General Council**

Members of the Programming branch's general council exist solely to help the Campus Activities Chair in their duties and are not impeachable.

~~d. **Executive Oversight**~~

~~It is unconstitutional for a legislative committee to perform oversight on any official or officer of the Executive Branch.~~²⁶

10. **Referendum –**

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i. **Referendum Proposal**

A referendum proposal must specifically state the purpose of sending the legislation or Constitutional Amendment to the SGA members for a referendum vote.²⁸

ii. **Ballot Explanation**

The SGA General Counsel may write an explanation to appear on a referendum ballot.²⁹

11. **Legislative Sessions**

a. **Definition**

A Legislative Session is the predetermined schedule of meetings beginning with an opening of new session by the Chair and ending with an adjournment *sine die*. Any other adjournments close the meeting but not the session.³⁰

b. **Effect of Change**

A change in the legislative session has no effect on the legislative process. Once a reviewing party has agreed to a bill, that party's responsibility to the bill is complete. A bill passed by

²⁵ General Counsel Opinion, OP-1995-007.

²⁶ General Counsel Opinion, OP-1997-002.

²⁷ SGA Const. Art. VII, § 4.

²⁸ In the Matter of Request of the UOSA Budgetary Committee, SC-1997-001.

²⁹ General Counsel Opinion, OP-1993-010.

³⁰ General Counsel Opinion, OP-2003-007.

one House is in order in the reviewing House if the originating House has changed sessions.³¹

12. ~~Advising and Consenting Bills—~~

~~a.—Status as Legislation~~

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13. ~~Concurring Resolutions~~

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³¹ General Counsel Opinion, OP-2003-007.

³² General Counsel Opinion, OP-2003-008.

³³ General Counsel Opinion, OP-2003-008.

³⁴ An Act Strengthening the Advise and Consent Process, CBN 800314, SBN GF08-19, § 2; UOSACA Amendment of 2009, CBN 820308, SBN GF09-22, § 2.

³⁵ SGA Const. Art. III, § 7(7).

presented to him or her, the same shall be enacted in like manner as if he or she had signed it.³⁶

³⁶ SGA Const. Art. III, § 7(8).

Title II – The Legislature

Chapter 2 – Undergraduate Student Congress

14. Name

The name of the undergraduate House of the Legislative Branch shall be “Undergraduate Student Congress.” The Undergraduate Student Congress may be referred to as “Congress.”³⁷

15. Membership

Representatives of Congress shall be elected on the basis of their academic district. Congress shall consist of forty-eight (48) representatives.³⁸

a. Classification

Students will be classified by their most recent declared major except in the case that said student is in the University College as determined by official University records. Representatives of Congress must be classified as undergraduate students, or, when applicable, special students.³⁹

b. Qualification

Congress shall be the judge of the qualifications of its representatives. The SGA may establish reasonable academic qualifications for candidates for elective or appointive officers of the SGA.⁴⁰

16. Election

Representatives shall be elected for a one year term, with elections to be held at least once a year as determined by an act of Congress.⁴¹

17. Representative Terms

All representative seats must be up for election at least once a year. At least twenty-four (24) of the forty-eight (48) congressional seats must be up at each election. The twenty-four (24) seats up at each election shall consist of an equal division of seats across the respective academic districts. Each district with multiple representative seats shall have alternating terms for each representative within the respective district that shall end with the Fall or Spring election.

18. Academic Districts

Congress shall be divided into sixteen (16) districts. These districts will be apportioned on the basis of academic interest⁴² and are further defined in the Undergraduate Student Congress By-Laws.⁴³

a. Changing Districts

Representatives may not retain original seats upon transferring districts nor upon losing a subsequent election in a new district prior to the expiration of the original term. Congress seats are automatically vacated upon transferring districts and a member who runs in a second district cannot retain the original seat upon losing the subsequent election.⁴⁴

³⁷ SGA Const. Art. III, §§ 1-2(1).

³⁸ SGA Const. Art. III, §§ 2(1), 5.

³⁹ SGA Const. Art. III, § 2(1).

⁴⁰ SGA Const. Art. III, §§ 8-10.

⁴¹ SGA Const. Art. III, § 2(2).

⁴² SGA Const. Art. III, § 2(2).

⁴³ Re-Districting Act of 2017-Part 2, CBN 970115, GS17-25. Revised on: May 11, 2017

⁴⁴ General Counsel Opinion, OP-1996-010.

19. Quorum

A majority of the representatives of Congress shall constitute a quorum to do business.⁴⁵

20. Attendance

Congress may be authorized to compel the attendance of absent representatives in such manner and under such penalties as Congress may provide.⁴⁶

21. Vacancies

Vacancies in elected districts shall occur when a member changes districts, resigns, or is expelled. Congressional vacancies shall be filled in accordance with the procedures established in the Congress By-Laws, Title 7 of this Code, and in acts concerning election procedures.⁴⁷

a. Opening of Seats

The opening of seats to SGA Undergraduate Student Congress ends at the beginning of the filing period.⁴⁸

b. Appointments

Congress cannot make appointments to fill vacancies from students outside of the district where the vacancy lies. If a district does not have an interest in occupying its own seat, that should not allow for someone from an outside academic district to be given the vacant seat.⁴⁹

22. Officers

Congress shall elect its officers.⁵⁰

a. Election of Officers

Congress has the right to determine the eligibility of a member to be a candidate for its internal elections as well as the procedure for the election. Congress should determine the proper procedure to follow so long as that procedure does not violate the SGA Constitution.⁵¹

23. Proportional Representation

Congress shall consist of forty-eight (48) representatives. Each district's proportion of representation will be decided every two (2) years before the first general election of the year. This apportionment will be calculated by using the most recently available enrollment figures and must be calculated by an Act of Congress in a timely fashion. The total number of undergraduates will be divided by forty-eight (48) seats to determine the proportion of students represented by each congressional seat. Then each district's seats are ~~be~~ to be allocated in the most equally proportioned manner based on enrollment.⁵²

24. Congressional Resolutions

⁴⁵ SGA Const. Art. III, § 8.

⁴⁶ SGA Const. Art. III, § 8.

⁴⁷ SGA Const. Art. III, §§ 2(1), 3.

⁴⁸ General Counsel Opinion, OP-2001-001.

⁴⁹ General Counsel Opinion, OP-1995-006; General Counsel Opinion, OP-1999-002.

⁵⁰ SGA Const. Art. III, § 4.

⁵¹ General Counsel Opinion, OP-2003-001.

⁵² SGA Const. Art. III, § 5.

Congressional Resolutions are those resolutions passed by the Congress which pertain solely to that House and neither require the consent nor may be reviewed by the Senate. Congressional Resolutions are not sent to the ~~Student SGA~~ President for approval, nor may they be vetoed by the ~~Student SGA~~ President. Congressional Resolutions do not represent the position of the SGA as a whole but only that of the Congress and its constituents.⁵³

25. Internal Proceedings

Congress may determine the rules of its proceedings in all matters not covered in the SGA Constitution or SGA Code Annotated, including impeachment of its representatives.⁵⁴

a. By-Laws

Congressional By-Laws remain authoritative only over management of intra-congressional affairs where the legislative branch is given power to act. The mandates of the SGA Constitution and the SGA Code Annotated will always preempt the requirements found in the legislative by-laws.⁵⁵

26. Referendum Ballot

Balloting on any referendum shall take place at such time and in such manner as provided by Congress.⁵⁶

⁵³ SGA Const. Art. III, § 7(4).

⁵⁴ SGA Const. Art. III, § 9(3).

⁵⁵ General Counsel Opinion, OP-1994-009.

⁵⁶ SGA Const. Art. VII, § 4.

Title II – The Legislature

Chapter 3 – Graduate Student Senate

27. Name

The name of the graduate House of the Legislative Branch shall be “Graduate Student Senate.” The Graduate Student Senate may be referred to as “Senate.”⁵⁷

28. Membership

Members of Senate shall represent their respective graduate department.⁵⁸

a. Classification

Members of Senate must be classified as graduate students or law students.⁵⁹

b. Qualification

Senate shall be the judge of the qualifications of its members. The SGA may establish reasonable academic qualifications for candidates for elective or appointive offices of the SGA.⁶⁰

29. Election

Members of Senate shall be elected by the graduate students of their respective departments. Elections for the Senate shall be held in mid-spring.⁶¹

30. Representation

Each department of the Graduate College shall be represented by no more than two senators. The College of Law shall be represented by no more than two senators.⁶²

31. Quorum

A majority of the members of Senate shall constitute a quorum to do business.⁶³

32. Attendance

Senate may be authorized to compel the attendance of absent members in such manner and under such penalties as Senate may provide.⁶⁴

33. Voting

The Oklahoma Open Meeting Act does require an open and recorded vote of each individual voting member of the Graduate Student Senate present when voting on any and all issues.⁶⁵

a. Voting by Proxy

An absent Senator may assign his vote to a proxy. That proxy must be in attendance when the voting occurs and cannot assign the vote to another member of the Senate. When called

⁵⁷ SGA Const. Art. III, §§ 1, 3(2).

⁵⁸ SGA Const. Art. III, § 3(1).

⁵⁹ SGA Const. Art. III, § 3(2).

⁶⁰ SGA Const. Art. III, §§ 8, 10.

⁶¹ SGA Const. Art. III, § 3(2).

⁶² SGA Const. Art. III, § 3(2).

⁶³ SGA Const. Art. III, § 8.

⁶⁴ SGA Const. Art. III, § 8.

⁶⁵ General Counsel Opinion, OP-1994-008.

upon to vote, the proxy must make it clear that his or her vote is being cast on behalf of the absent member.⁶⁶

i. Proxy Voters

A Senator who assigns his/her vote to proxy will be excused from the meeting. The person who is casting the proxy vote must be a graduate student in the same department as the absent Senator. The proxy shall not be another graduate student senator.

For roll call vote, the person casting a proxy vote shall do so by announcing his/her name, the name of the department, and the name of the Senator for whom the person is casting the proxy. The proxy must be in attendance at the meeting of the Graduate Student Senate to cast a proxy vote. The proxy shall sign in with their name and then the name of the Senator for which they are casting the proxy vote.⁶⁷

34. Vacancies

Senate vacancies shall be filled in accordance with Senate By-Laws.⁶⁸

35. Officers

Senate shall elect its own officers.⁶⁹

a. Election of Officers

Senate has the right to determine the eligibility of a member to be a candidate for its internal elections as well as the procedure for the election. Senate should determine the proper procedure to follow so long as that procedure does not violate the SGA Constitution.⁷⁰

36. Senate Resolutions

Senate Resolutions are those resolutions passed by the Senate which pertain solely to that House and neither require the consent nor may be reviewed by the Congress. Senate Resolutions are not sent to the ~~Student~~ SGA President for approval, nor may they be vetoed by the ~~Student~~ SGA President. Senate Resolutions do not represent the position of the SGA as a whole but only that of the Senate and its constituents.⁷¹

37. Internal Proceedings

Senate may determine the rules of its proceedings in all matters not covered in the SGACA or SGA Constitution, including impeachment of its members.⁷²

a. By-Laws

The mandates of the SGA Constitution will always preempt the requirements found in the legislative by-laws.⁷³

⁶⁶ General Counsel Opinion, OP-1990-001.

⁶⁷ An Act Defining the Method of Casting a Proxy Vote, CBN XXXXXX, SBN 20xxx, §§ 1-4.

⁶⁸ SGA Const. Art. III, § 3(3).

⁶⁹ SGA Const. Art. III, § 3(4).

⁷⁰ General Counsel Opinion, OP-2003-001.

⁷¹ SGA Const. Art. III, § 7(5).

⁷² SGA Const. Art. III, § 9(3).

⁷³ General Counsel Opinion, OP-1994-009.

Title II – The Legislature

Chapter 4 – Student Bar Association

38. Name

The representative body of the College of Law shall be the “Student Bar Association.”⁷⁴

39. Role

The Student Bar Association shall be the representative Body of the College of Law to the SGA. The Student Bar Association is not a House of the Legislative Branch.⁷⁵

40. Governance

The Student Bar Association shall be governed by the Student Bar Association Constitution

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

Author(s): Kaylee Rains-Saucedo Chair of Congress
Daniel Williams, Social Science Representative

Co-Author(s):

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Action taken by Congress:
Verified by Chair of Congress: _____ Date: _____

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⁷⁴ SGA Const. Art. III, § 4.

⁷⁵ SGA Const. Art. III, § 4.

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION XCIX

February 13, 2018

CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION NO. 990401

AS INTRODUCED

A resolution requesting Oklahoma residents and members of the Oklahoma state and federal governments support education and higher education in Oklahoma, amidst a state-wide budget crisis, and providing for distribution.

Whereas: Public funding for all levels of education is important; and

Whereas: Oklahoma is leading the U.S. in higher education cuts over the last five years, with a 19.85% cut in spending per student over the past two years; and

Whereas: Impacts of these historic budget cuts have required public higher education to eliminate or furlough faculty and staff, eliminate academic programs, reduce funding for scholarships and tuition waivers, reduce community services, and close learning sites; and

Whereas: By 2020, 67 percent of jobs in Oklahoma will require some postsecondary education and 37 percent of all Oklahoma jobs will require an associate degree, bachelor's degree or higher; and

Whereas: Oklahoma millennials are beginning to play a critical role in driving the economy and supporting federal entitlement programs; and

Whereas: A highly educated and competitive Oklahoma workforce is imperative in an increasingly global community; and

Whereas: 84 percent of Oklahoma residents who graduate with a bachelor's degree remain and are employed in the state one year after graduation; and

Whereas: The State of Oklahoma currently taxes the initial production of oil and gas from new wells at a rate of 2 percent, rising to 7 percent after 36 months; and

Whereas: Raising the tax rate to 7 percent on all new production beginning in September 2017 would have meant an additional \$247.6 million in revenue through the remainder of the 2018 fiscal year, which began in July, according to an analysis from the Oklahoma Policy Institute; and

Whereas: The University of Oklahoma had more than 250 staff and faculty, including at least six department heads, opt into an incentivized retirement program over the past two years to cut costs; and

Whereas: The University of Oklahoma has over 31,600 students who benefit from public higher education funding from the state of Oklahoma; and

Whereas: Of the 21,011 undergraduate students at University of Oklahoma Norman Campus about 62.0% (12,945 total) get some sort of grant aid. The typical amount awarded was \$8,079; and

Whereas: 2,260 Oklahoma's Promise recipients attend the University of Oklahoma.

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

- Section 1:** OU SGA Undergraduate Student Congress affirms its solidarity with other public colleges and universities in the state of Oklahoma.
- Section 2:** OU SGA Undergraduate Student Congress encourages residents of Oklahoma, in places of civic engagement, to consider the importance of a highly educated and competitive workforce in an increasingly global community.
- Section 3:** OU SGA Undergraduate Student Congress encourages residents of Oklahoma to contact local and state legislators about the importance of education and higher education funding at state and national levels.
- Section 4:** OU SGA Undergraduate Student Congress encourages members of the Oklahoma State government to increase the Gross Production Tax rate on the initial production of a well from two percent to at least five percent, increasing Oklahoma tax revenues which may be allocated to education.
- Section 5:** OU SGA Undergraduate Student Congress encourages federal entities to appropriate more funds to Oklahoma for use in education.
- Section 6:** Copies of this resolution will be sent to:
- *The Northeastern*
 - *The OU Daily*
 - *Norman Transcript*
 - *Weatherford Daily News*
 - *Tulsa World*
 - *The Oklahoman*
 - *The Shawnee News-Star*
 - Glen D. Johnson, Chancellor, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education
 - Dr. Larry Rice, President, Rogers State University
 - Randy Beutler, President, Southwestern Oklahoma State University
 - Steve Turner, President, Northeastern State University
 - Rodney Frelinghuysen, U.S. Representative, Chair, Congressional Appropriations Committee
 - Tom Cole, U.S. Representative and Chair, Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Subcommittee, Congressional Appropriations Committee
 - Markwayne Mullin, U.S. Representative
 - Jim Bridenstine, U.S. Representative
 - Steve Russell, U.S. Representative
 - Frank Lucas, U.S. Representative
 - James Lankford, U.S. Senator
 - Jim Inhofe, U.S. Senator
 - Mary Fallin, Governor of Oklahoma

- Oklahoma Representative Todd Russ, Chair, Education Subcommittee, Appropriations and Budget Committee
- Oklahoma Representative Chuck Strohm, Vice Chair, Education Subcommittee, Appropriations and Budget Committee
- Oklahoma Representative Jadine Nolan, Chair, Higher Education Committee
- Oklahoma Representative Tammy West, Vice Chair, Higher Education Committee
- Oklahoma Representative Emily Virgin, Higher Education Committee
- Oklahoma Senator Gary Stanislawski, Chair, Education Committee
- Oklahoma Senator Ron Sharp, Vice Chair, Education Committee
- Oklahoma Senator Jason Smalley, Chair, Education Appropriations Subcommittee, Appropriations and Budget Committee

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Co-Sponsor: Dan Williams, Representative, OU SGA Undergraduate Student Congress
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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 XCIX

February 13, 2018

CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 990506

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 16 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

Organization	Programs, Events & Activities	Capital Investments	Office and General Expenses	Total
Christians on Campus	\$531.88	-	-	\$531.88
National Association of Black Journalists	\$200	-	-	\$200
Student Advisory Committee on Issues of Diversity, Inclusion, and Equity for the College of International Studies	\$300	-	-	\$300
Black Student Association	\$963	-	-	\$963
Total Allocation:	\$1,994.88	-	-	\$1,994.88

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

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UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION XCIX

February 13, 2018

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION

February 25, 2018

CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 990702
SENATE BILL NO.

AS INTRODUCED

An act appointing SGA Department of Communications
Cabinet Director; providing for short title, providing for
codification, and providing for 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 “SGA Communications Cabinet Director Appointment Act of 2018”.
- Section 2:** The purpose of this act shall be to appoint SGA Department of Communications Cabinet Director
- Section 3:** In accordance with Title III, chapter 1, section 6, subsection a of the SGA Code Annotated, “*The President shall appoint Directors with the advice and consent of the Legislative Branch,*” the following students shall be appointed as Director to their respective department:

- o Lexi Audas– Department of Communications

Section 4: This act shall become effective, while in accordance with the SGA Code Annotated, immediately following passage and approval.

Author(s): Carson Ball, Legislative Assistant
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GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION

February 25, 2018

CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 990703

SENATE BILL NO.

AS INTRODUCED

An act appointing SGA Department of inclusivity Cabinet Director; providing for short title, providing for codification, and providing for 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 “SGA Inclusivity Cabinet Director Appointment Act of 2018”.
- Section 2:** The purpose of this act shall be to appoint the SGA Department of Inclusivity Cabinet Director
- Section 3:** In accordance with Title III, chapter 1, section 6, subsection a of the SGA Code Annotated, “*The President shall appoint Directors with the advice and consent of the Legislative Branch,*” the following students shall be appointed as Directors to their respective department:

- Destinee Dickson – Department of Inclusivity

Section 4: This act shall become effective, while in accordance with the SGA Code Annotated, immediately following passage and approval.

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UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
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GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION
February 25, 2018

CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 990704
SENATE BILL NO.

AS INTRODUCED

An act appointing SGA Department of Inclusivity Cabinet Director; providing for short title, providing for codification, and providing for 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 “SGA Interior Cabinet Director Appointment Act of 2018”.
- Section 2:** The purpose of this act shall be to appoint SGA Department of Communications Cabinet Director
- Section 3:** In accordance with Title III, chapter 1, section 6, subsection a of the SGA Code Annotated, “*The President shall appoint Directors with the advice and consent of the Legislative Branch,*” the following students shall be appointed as Directors to their respective department:

- Christopher Carter – Department of Interior

Section 4: This act shall become effective, while in accordance with the SGA Code Annotated, immediately following passage and approval.

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CONGRESSIONAL SESSION XCIX

February 13, 2018

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION

February 25, 2018

CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 990705
SENATE BILL NO.

AS INTRODUCED

An act appointing SGA Department of Exterior Cabinet Director; providing for short title, providing for codification, and providing for 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 “SGA Exterior Cabinet Directors Appointment Act of 2018”.
- Section 2:** The purpose of this act shall be to appoint SGA Department of Exterior Cabinet Director
- Section 3:** In accordance with Title III, chapter 1, section 6, subsection a of the SGA Code Annotated, “*The President shall appoint Directors with the advice and consent of the Legislative Branch,*” the following students shall be appointed as Directors to their respective department:
- Maddie McClung – Department of Exterior
- Section 4:** This act shall become effective, while in accordance with the SGA Code Annotated, immediately following passage and approval.

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