

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS  
Session XCIX

General Body Meeting  
7:00 pm, Tuesday, April 3, 2018  
Devon Hall 120

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Roll Call -

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Approval of Minutes

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Vice Chair's Report-

Secretary's Report-

Committee Reports-

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

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Special Orders

- City of Norman Finance Director, Anthony Francisco
- Lauren's Law Advocates, Lauren Atkins and Franklin Kaleka

Student Concerns

Old Business

Items to Be Considered

990403 – A Congressional Resolution Calling on the Oklahoma Legislature to Pass HB 2734 Otherwise Known as “Lauren’s Law” (EA – rec no rec)

990406 – A Resolution Regarding the Oklahoma Teachers Strike (Carter/Williams) (EA – rec do pass)

New Business

Follow-Up Reports

Items for Future Agenda

Announcements and Comments

Final Roll Call

Chair: Kaylee Rains-Saucedo

Vice-Chair: Sanah Lalani  
Secretary: Mackenzie Cordova

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CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION NO. 990403

AS INTRODUCED

A Congressional Resolution calling on the Oklahoma  
Legislature to pass HB 2734 otherwise known as “Lauren’s  
Law. “

**Whereas:** The statistic for domestic and sexual violence crimes in Oklahoma rank among the highest of all states; and,

**Whereas:** One-third of rape victims in Oklahoma are girls under the age of eighteen, and a majority of sexual violence victims are under the age of twenty-four; and,

**Whereas:** Fifty-eight percent of students at the University of Oklahoma come from Oklahoma public schools, Consent and Healthy Relationship Education should not wait until students reach college; and,

**Whereas:** The Undergraduate Student Congress believes we should do everything possible to protect students; and,

**Whereas:** Currently, only 16% of students currently receive information about sexual assault in school. Furthermore, the only nationally established sex education standard in the United States is Abstinence Education rather than curricula based upon Consent and Healthy Relationships. Studies have shown that abstinence-only programs are entirely ineffective, but that they are even harmful to adolescent attitudes and behavior; and,

**Whereas:** In 1995, North Carolina repealed their comprehensive sex-education program to abstinence only education. In 2008, North Carolina ranked 16th nationally for teenage pregnancy, In 2009 North Carolina voted to repeal their abstinence based sex education in favor for the 'The Healthy Youth Act' which requires sex-education should teach “awareness of sexual assault, sexual abuse, and risk reduction,” which includes discussing healthy relationships, what “constitutes sexual assault and sexual abuse, [and] the causes of those behaviors,” as well as “examine common misconceptions and stereotypes about sexual assault and sexual abuse.” Since then, teenage pregnancies and reports of sexual assault have severely declined; and,

**Whereas:** HB 2734 will provide for Consent and Healthy Relationship Education in our state, which is expected to help reduce or prevent relationship and sexual violence.

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

**Section 1:** This Resolution shall be called “A resolution calling on the Oklahoma Legislature to pass HB 2734, otherwise known as “Lauren’s Law”

**Section 2:** The Undergraduate Student Congress, and on behalf of the undergraduate of the University of Oklahoma, urge that the Oklahoma Legislature pass HB 2734 and that Governor Mary Fallin sign the bill.

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

- Governor Fallin
- President Pro Schulz
- Senate Majority Floor Leader Treat
- Senate Minority Leader Sparks

Authors: Dan Williams, Social Sciences District Representative

Co-Author: Ananya Bhaktaram, University College District Representative

Co-Sponsor:

Submitted on a motion by:

Action taken by Congress:

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

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CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION NO. 990406

AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution issuing support to all Oklahoma public school educators and employees in requesting an increase in salary and funding for public education, and providing for distribution.

- Whereas: According to The Tulsa World, the average annual pay of Oklahoma's elementary, middle school and high school teachers all rank 48th among the 50 states; and
- Whereas: According to The Oklahoman, Oklahoma public school teachers have not received a pay raise in over ten years; and
- Whereas: According to the U.S. Department of Education, inadequate funding for public education predominantly affects low-income children; and
- Whereas: Adequately funded public schools are required for societal and economic sustainability; and
- Whereas: According to Forbes, 58% of University of Oklahoma students relied on Oklahoma public schools for primary education; and
- Whereas: Adequately funded public schools ensure Oklahoma students are equipped with the knowledge and skills necessary to attend the University of Oklahoma; and
- Whereas: According to the Oklahoma State School Boards Association, 17% of new teachers in Oklahoma leave the state or the profession after their first year; and
- Whereas: According to the Oklahoma State School Boards Association, Oklahoma has approved more than 2,600 emergency teaching certificates, leaving tens of thousands of Oklahoma students with underprepared, underqualified teachers; and
- Whereas: According to the Oklahoma State School Boards Association, Oklahoma would have to invest nearly \$1.3 billion more annually to reach the regional average per-student spending; and
- Whereas: According to the Oklahoma State School Boards Association, Oklahoma administrators are responsible for more students than most of their peers in other states; and
- Whereas: The Oklahoma House of Representative voted to increase first-year teacher pay by \$5,000 and teachers with 25 years of experience by \$8,300 and are receptive to petitions from citizens to further increasing funding to an amount that acceptably sustains Oklahoma public schools; and
- Whereas: Oklahoma teachers and employees will strike on April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 to express their disapproval of current funding levels and demand the Oklahoma legislature further increase school funding and better support public schools

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

**Section 1:** This Resolution shall be called “A Resolution Supporting Oklahoma Public Education.”

**Section 2:** The Undergraduate Student Congress, on behalf of the students of the University of Oklahoma, encourages the Oklahoma State Legislature to pass another revenue raising measure that will adequately increase pay rates for public school teachers and funding for public education.

**Section 3:** The Undergraduate Student Congress, on behalf of the students of the University of Oklahoma, supports the decision of Oklahoma public school teachers to strike and to demand the Oklahoma legislature further increase public school funding.

Section 4: The Undergraduate Student Congress, on behalf of the students of the University of Oklahoma, encourages the Oklahoma State Legislature to prioritize public education as the principal instrument for sustaining the state’s economic and societal health.

**Section 5:** Copies of this resolution will be sent to:

- David Boren, President of the University of Oklahoma
- James Gallogly, President-elect of the University of Oklahoma
- Mary Fallin, Governor of Oklahoma
- Joy Hofmeister, State Superintendent of Oklahoma
- Charles McCall, Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives
- Harold Wright, Speaker Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma House of Representatives
- Steve Kouplen, Democratic Minority Leader of the Oklahoma House of Representative
- Emily Virgin, Minority Caucus Chair for the Oklahoma House of Representatives, Norman Representative
- Jacob Rosencrants, Norman Representative
- *The OU Daily*
- *The OU Nightly*
- *The OU Forum*
- *The Norman Transcript*
- *The Oklaboman*
- *The Tulsa World*

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Co-Sponsor: Yaseen Shurbaji, Student Government Association President

Submitted on a motion by:

Action taken by Congress:

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