

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
Session CIII

General Body Meeting
7:00 pm, Tuesday, March 3rd, 2020
Devon Hall 120

Roll Call

Mission Statement

Moment of Silence

Approval of Minutes

Chair's Report -

Vice Chair's Report -

Secretary's Report -

Committee Reports-

- **Campus Outreach, Safety, and Concerns:** Continuing to work on projects that we have. We are looking at the RSO swap that will include any RSO.
- **Congressional Administration:** We gave CB-103-29 a rec of do pass. We talked about making CAC elections congruent with previous CAC election. The signatures to get on the ballot would be either 500 or 20% of the last CAC election. To make sure that when 540 people voted, they do not have to get 500 people giving signature. We also had a lot of discussion on an election form bill. Got some more feedback on that. Rep Babbitt has a new project on Title 10 funding, and he will be talking to WAM about that. Chism brought up CAC bylaws. She and Farmer are going to work on imputing CAC's rules into the Code Annotated.
- **External Affairs:** Super Tuesday is this Tuesday! It is important that everyone vote. EA is working on projects that we had assigned.
- **Human Diversity:** We are working on legislation that is rolling out in two weeks. We want to make counseling at Goddard more inclusive.
- **Sustainability:** We did not meet because we couldn't make quorum. I told everyone to send me email updates, and everything is going well. We are working on our reusable container campaign.
- **University Policy:** We are continuing with projects that were assigned. There is a new project to look into behavioral intervention team.
- **Ways and Means:** We gave Aux 17 a rec of do pass.

Liaison Reports

Special Orders

- Big XII Presentation
- Committee of the Whole
 - CR-103-03 Black History Month 2020 Resolution (Chism/Mayes)
 - CR-103-04 Black Emergency Response Team Support Resolution (Chism/South)

Student Concerns

Old Business

Items to Be Considered

AB-103-07 Auxiliary Allocation 17 (Patton) (Ways and Means > Rec of Do Pass)

CB-103-29 CAC Candidates Requirement Acts (Farmer) (Congressional Administration > Rec of Do Pass)

Follow-Up Reports

Items for Future Agenda

Announcements and Comments

Final Roll Call

Adjourn

Chair: Emma DeAngeli

Vice Chair: Mahak Merchant

Secretary: Savanah Patterson

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CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CIII
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GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GFXF/GSXX
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CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-103-03
SENATE RESOLUTION NO. GFXF-XX/GSXX-XX

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution reflecting on the importance
of Black History Month; and providing for
distribution.

- Whereas: The month of February is nationally recognized as Black History Month;
- Whereas: The United States, as well as the State of Oklahoma, have a long history of marginalizing Black individuals on the basis of racist, bigoted, and supremest ideals;
- Whereas: The University of Oklahoma harbors racist individuals who make it difficult for Black Americans to attain a quality education in a hateful and discriminatory environment which has only increased in aggression;
- Whereas: This history of racism has continued from before the time of Black Americans who fought for their right to higher education like Ada Lois Sipuel Fisher and George W. McLaurin until this very day where groups like the Black Emergency Response Team and Black Student Association fight for their right to be heard on this campus;
- Whereas: In the last year the University of Oklahoma has experienced several disgusting acts of overt racism including incidences of Blackface and the use of racial slurs against Black Americans;
- Whereas: In the first weeks of 2020, the University of Oklahoma has suffered two professors carelessly using racial slurs in class, causing trauma to both their own students and the Black community at large;
- Whereas: Few of these incidences are publicized but Black students at this university face similar issues each and every day;
- Whereas: A study from the Pew Research Center in 2019 found that 81% of Blacks with “Some college or more” have experienced discrimination, making them more likely to experience discrimination than Blacks who are educated to the level of “High school or less”;

- Whereas: The same study found that only 54% of non-Hispanic White Americans believe that racial discrimination is a major obstacle for Black Americans;
- Whereas: Furthermore, the same study found that non-Hispanic White Americans believe that being Black leads to family instability and a lack of good role models at a higher rate than Blacks believe the same ideas;
- Whereas: A bachelor's degree earns a White American \$10,000 more per year than the same degree earns a Black American;
- Whereas: Despite systemic racism and overt disadvantage, Black Americans have left an indelible mark on American society, the State of Oklahoma, and the University of Oklahoma;
- Whereas: In spite of the circumstances surrounding Black Americans in this country, individuals like Langston Hughes, Barack and Michelle Obama, Venus and Serena Williams, Maya Angelou, Shirley Chisholm, Sojourner Truth, Stevie Wonder, Morgan Freeman, Muhammed Ali, Ruth Carter, Crispus Attucks, Arna Bontemps, Edward Brooke, Senator Kamala Harris, George Washington Carver, Jada Pinkett Smith, Thurgood Marshall, Viola Davis, Jackie Robinson, Louis Armstrong, Toni Morrison, Ella Baker, Meghan Markle, Emmitt Till, Jesse Jackson, Anita Hill, Beyonce Knowles-Carter, Clara Luper, Will Smith, Ava DuVernay, Condoleezza Rice, Simone Biles, and many more;
- Whereas: Black Americans hold dear this month in which we all reflect on the obstacles intentionally placed in front of the Black community throughout history and look up to the Black Americans who have not only overcome those obstacles but have also found ways to remove them in order for their own communities to continue succeeding;

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS AND THE GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE, CONCURRING THEREIN THAT:

- Section 1:** Title: This resolution shall be known and may be cited as the “Black History Month 2020 Resolution”
- Section 2:** The Undergraduate Student Congress and the Graduate Student Senate recognize and celebrate the month of February as Black History Month and encourages the student body to use this month as a time to reflect on how we as a University can remove barriers to Black success on this campus.
- Section 3:** Copies of this resolution will be sent to:
- Interim President Joseph Harroz
 - Vice President of Diversity and Inclusion Dr. Belinda Hyppolite
 - The University of Oklahoma Board of Regents
 - Governor Kevin Stitt

- The OU Daily
- The OU Nightly
- The OU Forum

Author(s): Representative Hennessey Chism, International Studies
Representative Mark Mayes, Finance and Accounting

Submitted on a motion by:

Action taken by Congress:

Verified by Chair of Congress: _____ Date: _____

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Approved by SGA President: _____ Date: _____

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CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-103-04
SENATE RESOLUTION NO. GFXX-XX/GSXX-XX

AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution supporting the efforts of the Black
Emergency Response Team; and providing for
distribution.

- Whereas: There have been egregious incidents of explicit racism at the University of Oklahoma, both over the years and in the very recent past.
- Whereas: Such incidents include the racist “Little Red” mascot in the 1950’s, incidents of blackface in 2019, and usage of racial pejoratives by professors in 2020.
- Whereas: Substantive change and accountability must occur to facilitate an inclusive environment for all students of color on campus.
- Whereas: The Black Emergency Response Team led a well publicized multi-day sit-in and hunger strike at Evans Hall with the goal of forcing the University of Oklahoma to take action against racism in the OU community.
- Whereas: The Black Emergency Response Team released a list of demands that the University must meet in order for the sit-in and hunger strike to end.
- Whereas: Lack of consequences in the face of blatant structural and explicit racism enables racist behavior and makes complicit those who stay silent.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA UNDERGRADUATE
STUDENT CONGRESS AND THE GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE, CONCURRING
THEREIN THAT:

Section 1: Title: This resolution shall be known and may be cited as the “Black Emergency Response Team Support Resolution.”

Section 2: The Student Government Association supports and commends the efforts of the Black Emergency Response Team, as well as the administration, staff, faculty, and students who have given their support.

- Section 3:** Copies of this resolution will be sent to:
- University of Oklahoma President Joseph Harroz
 - Provost Kyle Harper
 - Dr. David Surratt, Dean of Students
 - Dr. Belinda Higgs-Hyppolite
 - The Black Emergency Response Team
 - OU Daily
 - OU Nightly

Author(s): Crispin South, Engineering Representative
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Co-Authors(s): The Executive Committee of the Undergraduate Student Congress
Nate Buxton, Humanities Representative

Co-Sponsor(s): Emily Tucker, Humanities Representative

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GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GF20

March 1st, 2020

CONGRESSIONAL BILL AB-103-07
SENATE BILL NO. GF19-XX

AS INTRODUCED

An act relating to appropriations; providing for short title; stating purpose; appropriating Auxiliary Funding for the 2019-2020 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 17 Act of 2019-2020”
- 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
Alpha Epsilon Delta	110			110
AME Graduate Student Community	200			200
American Mock World Health Organization	700			700
Biology Graduate Student Organization	500			500
Law Technology and Legal Innovation Society	75			75
Peruvian Student Association	50			50
S.T.E.M. Inclusion Council	200			200
TOTAL:				1,835

Section 4: All guidelines and provisions in Title 10 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 8, 2020

Section 6: All unspent money remaining in the accounts listed in Section 3 shall revert to the SGA General Account after May 8, 2020, and the remaining appropriations shall be canceled.

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

Author(s): Lauren Patton, Chair, SGA Budget Committee

Co-Author(s): SGA Budgetary Committee

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Action taken by Student Congress:

Verified by Chair of Student Congress: _____ Date: _____

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SENATE SESSION GF20
March XX, 2020

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-103-29
SENATE BILL NO. GF19-XX

AS INTRODUCED

A Congressional Act of Legislation updating language
in the SGA Code Annotated; providing short title;
and providing an effective date.

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

Section 1: Title: This act shall be known and may be cited as the “CAC Candidate Requirements Amendment”

Section 2: Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to correct the language so that the CAC Chair candidates are only required to acquire signatures equivalent to 20% of the last CAC chair election or 500 signatures, whichever is fewer, and candidates for the SGA Presidential election are required to acquire signatures equivalent to 20% of the last SGA Presidential election or 500 signatures, whichever is fewer.

Section 3: Title VI Chapter 3 Section 43(b) shall be amended as follows
AMENDATORY:

Candidates in SGA Presidential Race Election

Candidates in the SGA Presidential ~~or CAC race~~ election shall present to the Election Chair a petition with the signatures of a number of members of SGA equivalent to at least twenty percent (20%) of the total number voting in the last election for Student President or at least five hundred (500) members of SGA, whichever is less, by the time of the filing deadline . The CAC Chair candidates shall present to the Election Chair a petition with only the required signatures equivalent to 20% of the total number in the last CAC chair election or 500 signatures, whichever is less, by the time of the filing deadline. If the Election Board determines that a petition does not have enough signatures as a result of a genuine mistake in counting, candidates shall be allotted at least twenty-four (24) hours to collect the necessary remaining signatures to remain on the ballot. The Election Board shall not make any adverse ruling on any petition.

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

Author(s): Associate Jody Farmer

Co-Author(s): Congressional Administration Committee Chair Malachi J. Bouch

Co-Sponsor(s):

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Action taken by Congress

Verified by Chair: _____ Date: _____

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