

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS  
Session CIV

General Body Meeting

7:00 pm, Tuesday, October 20, 2020

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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
- Congressional Administration:
- External Affairs:
- Human Diversity:
- Sustainability:
- University Policy:
- Ways and Means:

Liaison Reports

Special Orders

Student Concerns

Old Business

**Items to Be Considered**

CR-104-14 Pass/No Pass Policy Recommendation of 2020 (South) (Exec, Do Pass)

CB-104-05 Farewell OrgSync Act of 2020 (Hillis/Halsey-Kraus) (ConAd, Do Pass)

CB-104-06 Bye-Bye OrgSync Act of 2020 (Hillis/Nath) (ConAd, Do Pass)

AB-104-08 Auxiliary Allocation Act 6 of 2020-2021) (Patton) (WAM, Do Pass)

Follow-Up Reports

Items for Future Agenda

Announcements and Comments

Final Roll Call

Adjourn

Chair: Savanah Patterson

Vice Chair: Malachi Bouch

Secretary: Emily Tucker

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CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CIV  
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GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE  
SENATE SESSION **GFXX/GSXX**  
**Month DD, YYYY**

CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-104-14  
SENATE RESOLUTION NO. **GFXX-XX/GSXX-XX**

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution recommending the  
University of Oklahoma adopt policy for the Fall  
2020 Semester; and providing for distribution.

- Whereas: The ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic poses unique risks and challenges which have significantly altered higher education;
- Whereas: On October 6, 2020 the University of Oklahoma announced a transition to all online classes for the three weeks remaining after Thanksgiving Break;
- Whereas: The University of Oklahoma adopted a policy in Spring 2020 which allowed classes to be graded on a Pass/No Pass basis;
- Whereas: The Pass/No Pass policy for the Spring 2020 Semester was put in place to mitigate academic harms that occurred due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and its ramifications, all of which are entirely out of the direct control of individual students;
- Whereas: Students across all Academic Districts have experienced and continue to experience academic harm due to the COVID-19 Pandemic;
- Whereas: Students have been forced to take on additional non-academic responsibilities, such as childcare, job searches, and working more to meet financial needs;
- Whereas: Students have individually reported poor mental health as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic, consistent with expert expectations regarding mental health;<sup>1</sup>
- Whereas: The aforementioned challenges, along with an online learning environment which is new to students and faculty alike, have produced a fundamentally altered academic experience;

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<sup>1</sup> [http://www.oudaily.com/news/ou-medicine-expert-details-covid-19-pandemics-effects-on-mental-health-anxiety/article\\_a22bb6a2-025d-11eb-9a52-272712524bd9.html](http://www.oudaily.com/news/ou-medicine-expert-details-covid-19-pandemics-effects-on-mental-health-anxiety/article_a22bb6a2-025d-11eb-9a52-272712524bd9.html)

Whereas: A recent student petition calling for a Pass/No Pass option has gathered over two thousand nine hundred signatures as of October 11, 2020;<sup>2</sup>

Whereas: Determined in consultation with the Faculty Senate, A Pass/No Pass option where a letter grade of D is considered a Pass may do more harm than good for the academic careers of students, particularly in classes considered as prerequisites for other classes;

Whereas: A Pass/No Pass option where a C or greater is considered passing will still offer students some academic relief, mitigating COVID-19 related harms outside of their control;

Whereas: The University of Oklahoma has the opportunity to be a leader among Universities across the nation in adopting a Pass/No Pass option for the Fall 2020 semester.

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 “Pass/No Pass Policy Recommendation of 2020.”

**Section 2:** The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association recommends that the University of Oklahoma adopt a Pass/No Pass grading policy for the Fall 2020 semester.

Section 3: Such a policy ought to be identical to the Spring 2020 Pass/No Pass policy for sake of consistency, with the single exception that at the Undergraduate level, all grades of C or higher be convertible to a Pass, while grades of D or lower be convertible to a No Pass.

**Section 4:** Copies of this resolution will be sent to:

- President Joe Harroz, Jr.
- Interim Provost Jill Irvine
- The University of Oklahoma Board of Regents
- Dr. Amy Bradshaw, University of Oklahoma Faculty Senate Chair
- OU Daily
- OU Nightly

Author(s): Crispin South, University Policy Committee Chair

Co-Author(s): Dalton Gau, SGA Vice President

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<sup>2</sup> <https://www.change.org/p/ou-students-change-ou-grading-policy-to-pass-fail-for-the-fall-2020-semester?redirect=false>

Malachi Bouch, Vice Chair of Undergraduate Student Congress

Co-Sponsor(s): [Those who would like to sponsor the bill, ex. Jane Doe, District Representative]

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 CIII  
October 20, 2020

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE  
SENATE SESSION **XXX**  
**Month DD, YYYY**

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-104-  
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SENATE BILL NO. **CB-XXX-XX**

AS INTRODUCED

A Congressional Act of Legislation to  
update the platform “OrgSync” in the  
Code Annotated; providing short title; and  
providing an effective date.

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

**Section 1:** Title: This act shall be known and may be cited as the “Farewell OrgSync Act of 2020”

**Section 2:** Purpose: The University of Oklahoma’s Student Government Association over the Summer of  
2020 have migrated the RSO platform management website from OrgSync to Engage and  
therefore the terminology in the Code Annotated must be updated.

**Section 3:** AMENDATORY: Update all terms and uses of “OrgSync” to “Engage”.

**Section 4:** Pursuant to the University of Oklahoma Student Government Association’s Code Annotated §  
Title One, Chapter Seven the General Council should update the terminology and add or remove  
any language needed to keep the grammatical integrity of the sections containing “OrgSync” intact.

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

**Author(s):** Foster Hillis, Congressional Administration Chair & University College Representative  
Abby Halsey-Kraus, Associate

Submitted on a Motion by:

Action taken by Congress

Verified by Chair: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Submitted on a Motion by:

Action taken by Senate

Verified by Chair: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed by the President: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CIII  
October 20, 2020

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-104-06

AS INTRODUCED

A Congressional Act of Legislation to update the platform  
“OrgSync” in our Congressional Bylaws;  
providing short title; and providing an effective date.

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

**Section 1:** Title: This act shall be known and may be cited as the “Bye-Bye OrgSync Act of 2020”

**Section 2:** Purpose: The University of Oklahoma’s Student Government Association over the Summer of 2020 have migrated the RSO platform management website from OrgSync to Engage and therefore the terminology in the Congress Bylaws must be updated.

**Section 3:** AMENDATORY: Update all terms and uses of “OrgSync” to “Engage”.

**Section 4:** Pursuant to the University of Oklahoma Student Government Association’s Undergraduate Student Congress Bylaws § 2.3.4, the Congress Vice Chair should update the terminology and add or remove any language needed to keep the grammatical integrity of the sections containing “OrgSync” intact.

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

**Author(s):** Foster Hillis, Congressional Administration Chair & University College Representative  
Joy Nath, Social Sciences Representative

Submitted on a Motion by:

Action taken by Congress

Verified by Chair: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS  
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CIV  
October 20th, 2020

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE  
SENATE SESSION GF20  
October 25th, 2020

CONGRESSIONAL BILL AB-104-08  
SENATE BILL NO. GF20-XX

AS INTRODUCED

An act relating to appropriations; providing for short title; stating purpose; appropriating Auxiliary Funding for the 2020-2021 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 6 Act of 2020-2021”

**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
Asian American Student Association	2400			2400
			<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>2400</b>

**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 7, 2021

**Section 6:** All unspent money remaining in the accounts listed in Section 3 shall revert to the SGA General Account after May 7, 2021, 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

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: \_\_\_\_\_