

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS  
Session CIV

General Body Meeting

7:00 pm, Tuesday October 27, 2020

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Chair: Savanah Patterson

Vice Chair: Malachi Bouch

Secretary: Emily Tucker

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS  
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CIV  
October 20, 2020

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE  
SENATE SESSION GF20  
October 25, 2020

CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-104-14  
SENATE RESOLUTION NO. GF20-26

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;
- 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;

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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)

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

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 for the entire student body.
- 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:** Students should be aware that in order to qualify for the President’s and Dean’s Honor rolls, they must retain a minimum of 12 letter graded credit hours. Undergraduate Students should also consider the consequences of opting in to a pass/no pass system with regard to graduate school applications, as some graduate schools will not accept pass/no pass grades and appeal processes to reverse the decision are cumbersome and not guaranteed. Before making a decision, Veteran students and dependents should consult the Veterans Affairs office to determine potential effects on tuition, fees, and housing stipends.
- Section 5:** 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  
Malachi Bouch, Vice Chair of Undergraduate Student Congress  
Savanah Patterson, Chair of the Undergraduate Student Congress  
Nathaniel Buxton, Humanities Representative

Co-Sponsor(s): Taylor Broadbent, External Affairs Chair  
Foster Hillis, Congressional Administration Chair  
Jake Lange, Sustainability Chair  
Emily Tucker, Secretary of the Undergraduate Student Congress  
Lucille Alpert, Physical Sciences Representative  
Ismael Carmona Casado, Business Representative  
Zoe Douglas, Atmospheric and Geographic Sciences Representative  
Kendall Few, Communications Representative  
Jayke Flaggert, University College Representative  
Anna Hong, Languages Representative  
Susie Kerr, Life Sciences Representative  
Hanna Kevric, University College Representative  
Robert Loayza, Communications Representative  
Graeson Lynskey, Fine Arts Representative  
Summer Miller, University College Representative  
Max Murdock, Social Sciences Representative  
Joy Nath, Social Sciences Representative

Lauren Roberts, University College Representative  
Taylor Smail, Accounting and Finance Representative  
Jessica Bennet, Associate  
Weslie Griffin, Associate  
James Swafford, Associate

Submitted on a motion by: Representative Hillis seconded by Representative Bryant  
Action taken by Congress: 29-0-1

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

Submitted on a motion by: Senator Akoneto, seconded by Linsey  
Action taken by Senate: Passed by unanimous consent

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

Approved by SGA President: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION  
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS

CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CIV

October 27, 2020

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-104-21

AS INTRODUCED

A Congressional Act of Procedure including a requirement in the COSCO purpose; 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 “The Mandatory COSCO Light Walk Act.”

**Section 2:** Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to clarify the specific role of the Campus Outreach, Safety, and Concerns committee with regards to light walks on campus. This is to ensure the safety of students walking on campus at night or at times where lights are necessary. It also ensures that light walks will be done regularly.

**Section 3:** AMENDATORY: Section 7.1 of the Undergraduate Student Congress By-Laws is amended as follows. For the purposes of this bill, all items removed shall be denoted with a ~~striketrough~~. All items added shall be denoted with an underline.

**Section 7: COMMITTEES**

**Section 7.1: STANDING COMMITTEE ESTABLISHMENT**

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

4. CAMPUS OUTREACH, SAFETY, AND CONCERNS

- a. COMMITTEE PURPOSE The Campus Outreach, Safety, and Concerns Committee shall use the Student Congress's resources to resolve all concerns regarding university infrastructure, student experience, and all other student concerns that the committee mandates itself to address. The Campus Outreach, Safety, and Concerns Committee shall complete a mandatory light walk each month Congress has a general body meeting and classes are held on campus.
- b. 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.

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

Author(s): Alexis Marvin, Communications District, COSCO Chair  
China McCauley, Associate, COSCO Member  
Audrey Dao, Associate, COSCO Member

Co-Author(s):

Co-Sponsor(s):

Submitted on a Motion by:

Action taken by Congress

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

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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CONGRESSIONAL SESSION XX

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GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE  
SENATE SESSION GSXX/GFXX

October 25, 2020

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-104-22  
SENATE BILL GSXX-XX/GFXX-XX

AS INTRODUCED

An Act of Legislation appointing 2020-2021 SGA Election Board members; providing for short title, and providing for an effective date.

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

**Section 1:** Title: This act shall be known and may be cited as the “An Act Appointing 2020-2021 SGA Election Board Members.”

**Section 2:** Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to appoint student members to the 2020-2021 SGA Election Board.

**Section 3:** In accordance with Title IV, Chapter 6, Section 25, which delineates the appointment process for students on the Election Board, the following students shall thus be appointed:

- Isaac Kabrick
- Beau Lauffer
- Joy Nath

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

Author(s): Peyton Nees, SGA Election Chair

Co-Author(s): Renata Emini, SGA Chief of Staff  
Melissa Maxey, Chair of Graduate Student Senate

Co-Sponsor(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: \_\_\_\_\_

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Approved by SGA President: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-104-23  
SENATE BILL **GSXX-XX/GFXX-XX**

AS INTRODUCED

An Act of Legislation establishing the Vice Chair of the Student Government Association as the official Big XII Coordinator; providing for short title, providing for codification, and providing for an effective date.

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

- Section 1:** Title: This act shall be known and may be cited as the “Vice Chair of Undergraduate Student Congress Responsibilities Act of 2020.”
- Section 2:** Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to establish the Vice Chair of Undergraduate Student Congress as the head of the OU delegation at Big XII SGA conferences.
- Section 3:** The Vice Chair of Undergraduate Student Congress shall be the point of contact for all Big XII Universities. The Vice Chair of Undergraduate Student Congress will oversee the OU delegation when traveling to other Universities and will take charge in planning the Big XII conferences when hosted by the University of Oklahoma.
- Section 4:** The Big XII coordinator shall work in tandem with the Director of the Department of the Exterior in the Executive Branch and the Chair of External Affairs Committee in the Legislative Branch to prepare for the two conferences.
- Section 5:** This act shall become effective when passed in accordance with the SGA Constitution.

Author(s): Savannah Patterson, Chair of the Undergraduate Student Congress

Co-Author(s): Justin Norris, SGA President  
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Co-Sponsor(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: \_\_\_\_\_