

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS  
Session CIV

General Body Meeting

7:00 pm, Tuesday, November 3, 2020

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Roll Call

Mission Statement

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Secretary's Report -

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

Items to Be Considered

CB-104-22 An Act Appointing 2020-2021 SGA Election Board Members (Nees) (ConAd, No Rec)

AB-104-09 Auxiliary Allocation 7 Act of 2020-2021 (Patton) (WAM, Do Pass)

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**Announcements and Comments**

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**Adjourn**

Chair: Savannah 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;

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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 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

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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>

- OU Daily
- OU Nightly

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

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 Malachi Bouch, Vice Chair of Undergraduate Student Congress  
 Savannah 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  
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 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: \_\_\_\_\_



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CONGRESSIONAL SESSION XX  
October 20, 2020

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE  
SENATE SESSION GF20  
October 25, 2020

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-104-22  
SENATE BILL GF20-28

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: Senator Mallick, seconded by Senator Bonine  
Action taken by Senate Passed by unanimous consent

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

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



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UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS  
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CIV  
November 3rd, 2020

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE  
SENATE SESSION GF20  
November 8th, 2020

CONGRESSIONAL BILL AB-104-09  
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 7 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
BRASO	100			100
International Advisory Committee	195.75			195.75
LatinArte	210			210
Black Graduate Student Association	480			480
Campus Activities Council	3950			3950
Second Wind Ministries		1100		1100
Miracle Mindset College Access Program	1500			1500
<b>TOTAL:</b>				<b>7,535.75</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: \_\_\_\_\_