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UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
Session CV

General Body Meeting
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Secretary's Report -

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- Human Diversity:
- Sustainability:
- University Policy:
- Ways and Means:

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Chair: Crispin South
Vice Chair: Alexis Marvin
Secretary: Emily Tucker

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CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-105-19
SENATE BILL GSXX-XX

AS INTRODUCED

An Act of Procedure amending the Code Annotated with inclusive language in Title III; 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 “Affirming Language in the Code Annotated Act of 2021.”
- Section 2:** Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to remove outdated language in the Code Annotated with respect to the roles and responsibilities of the Director of Inclusivity.
- Section 3:** AMENDATORY: SGA Code Annotated § Title III, Chapter 5, Section 24, Subsection B, paragraph I, is amended as follows. For the purposes of this bill, all items removed shall be denoted with a ~~strikethrough~~. All items added shall be denoted with an underline.
- i. Department Purpose.** The Department of Inclusivity shall provide assistance, services, and advocacy within the SGA executive branch for underrepresented students on campus. The Department shall address issues that affect international students, students with disabilities, as well as ~~gender and sexual minority issues and multicultural issues~~ marginalized genders and sexualities and issues that uniquely impact multiculturalism. This list is not intended to be restrictive or exhaustive since the immediate needs of students fluctuates. More duties may be delegated to the Department at the discretion of the President.
- Section 4:** This act shall become effective when passed in accordance with the SGA Constitution.
- Author(s): Director Mahak Merchant, Department of Inclusivity
- Co-Author(s): Chair Jerry Lessley, LGBTQ+ Program Advisory Board
Chairwoman Caitlyn Harman, Human Diversity Committee
Chairman Foster Hillis, Congressional Administration Committee

Co-Sponsor(s): Ismael Carmona Casado, Business Representative

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CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-105-22

AS INTRODUCED

A Congressional Act of Procedure amending committee assignment procedures; 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 “Flexibility in Committee Membership Act of 2021.”

Section 2: Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to amend procedures for assigning committee membership to provide better flexibility in congressional operations.

Section 3: AMENDATORY: The Undergraduate Student Congress Bylaws § Section 7.2, a new subsection four (4) is added is amended as follows. For the purposes of this bill, all deletions are marked by a ~~strikethrough~~ and all additions are marked with an underline.

Section 7.2: COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

1. Committee membership shall consist of duly appointed members of Student Congress, officers, and, in the case of the Congressional Administration Committee, the Student Congress Secretary.

2. MEMBERS. Each member of Student Congress shall be appointed to one standing committee.

3. MEMBERSHIP DURATION. Committee members shall remain in a committee until they request to change committees, resign, or are removed. Committee membership shall transcend the end of a session, unless a member requests to change committees.

4. PROCEDURES. Legislation is not needed to establish or amend committee membership, except for each Committee Chair. Membership should be at the advice and consent of the Executive Committee. The Congress Chair must publish a document reflecting the most up to date committee membership.

Section 4: AMENDATORY: The Undergraduate Student Congress Bylaws § Section 5.1, subsection 5 is amended as follows. For the purposes of this bill, all deletions are marked by a ~~strikethrough~~ and all additions are marked with an underline.

5. The Chair shall appoint voting members of committees in accordance with Section 7.2 of these bylaws. ~~with the advice and consent of Student Congress.~~

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

Author(s): Chairman Crispin T. South, Undergraduate Student Congress

Co-Author(s): Chairman Foster Hillis, Congressional Administration Committee

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CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-105-23

AS INTRODUCED

A Congressional Act of Procedure amending the Student Congress Bylaws to increase external involvement among members.

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 “Get Your Awesome-Scholarly-Self Involved Act of 2021.”

Section 2: Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to amend the Student Congress Bylaws to increase involvement among member with their constituents, other Registered Student Organizations, and the greater University of Oklahoma and Norman community.

Section 3: AMENDATORY: Remove all text from Section 4.3.3 of the Student Government Association’s Undergraduate Student Congress Bylaws.

Section 4: AMENDATORY: A new section shall replace Section 4.3.3 of the Student Government Association’s Undergraduate Student Congress Bylaws.

Section 4.3: RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBERSHIP

3. CONGRESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM

a. Definitions:

i. **Bonus Point** – The equivalence of one (1) point that a member shall receive for attending an activity, event, meeting, or training within their academic district or college.

ii. **Congressional Involvement Activity** – Any activity, event, meeting, or training that a member attends to connect with the OU Community.

iii. **Congressional Involvement Requirement** – The requirement for a member to accumulate a minimum of one point during each month that the Student Congress holds a general meeting.

iv. **Point** – The value per hour that a member spends attending an activity, event, meeting, or training (1:1 equivalence).

b. Each member shall meet the Congressional Involvement Requirement each month that the Student Congress holds a general meeting. Newly elected or appointed members need not meet the Congressional Involvement Requirement during their first month of membership. Members shall submit Congressional Involvement Activities to the Student Congress Secretary.

c. The Congressional Involvement program shall be fulfilled as outlined by the following:

i. Point System:

1. To calculate the point value of a Congressional Involvement Activity, the Congress Secretary shall take the number of hours spent attending an activity and convert the number to points (1). (e.g., Thirty minutes equals 0.5 points, One hour equals 1 point, One hour and thirty minutes equals 1.5 points, Two hours equals 2 points)
 2. The Congress Secretary may only assign point values of whole-number or half-integers.
 3. To receive a bonus point, a Representative must attend an activity within their academic district, and an Associate must attend an activity within their academic college. A member shall receive one (1) bonus point for each unique Registered Student Organization's activity the member attends within their academic district or college.
 4. To calculate the point total for the month, the Congress Secretary shall add up points and bonus points accumulated during the period.
- ii. A List of Congressional Involvement Activities includes but is not limited to:
 1. Meeting of a Registered Student Organization; Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Training; Gender and Equality Center (GEC) Trainings; Code Club; Light Walk; Trash Walk; University-Sponsored Community Service Project; Scoring an 90 Percent or Higher on the Bylaws Test; Oklahoma Votes Sponsored Event.
 - iii. A List of Congressional Involvement Activities does not include:
 1. Congressional General Meeting, a Congressional Committee Meeting, or office hours
- d. Congressional Involvement Requirements include:
- i. Representatives and Associates must accumulate a minimum of one (1) point each month that Congress holds a general meeting. This requirement shall be waived at the discretion of the Congress Secretary.
 - ii. All Congressional Involvement Activities must be submitted via Engage or another online platform with contact information pertaining to the activity. Additionally, members must give a liaison report during a general meeting or submit photographic documentation relating to the activity. The Congress Secretary will then either approve or deny the form if the activity completed satisfies the requirement.
 - iii. Members shall accrue an absence for failure to meet their Congressional Involvement Requirement or submit proper documentation to the Student Congress Secretary by the final day of the month at 11:59 p.m.
- e. Recognition:
- i. The Congress Secretary or Congressional Administration Committee shall draft a resolution, congratulating members who accumulate at least fifteen (15) points after each month.
- f. The following shall be excused from their Congressional Involvement Requirement:
- i. Members of the Ways and Means Committee, during Primary Funding budgetary periods.
 - ii. Members of the Congressional Administration Committee, during the month of the fall interview period.
 - iii. All members following a vote to select the Student Congress Executive Committee.

Section 5: This act shall become effective when passed in accordance with the SGA Constitution after the first meeting of Congressional Session 106 and be nullified at the conclusion of Congressional Session 106.

Author(s): Associate Coy Taylor; and
Secretary Emily Tucker, Undergraduate Student Congress.

Co-Author(s): Chairman Foster Hillis, Congressional Administration Committee;
Vice Chairwoman Bailey Ownby, Congressional Administration Committee;
Associate Taylor Moore; and
Associate Grace Chesley.

Co-Sponsor(s): Associate Eileah Hale; and
Representative Abby Halsey-Kraus, University College.

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CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-105-11
SENATE RESOLUTION NO. **GFXX-XX/GSXX-XX**

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution opposing anti-LGBTQ+ violence and calling on the Oklahoma state legislature to commit to protecting its LGBTQ+ constituents; and providing for distribution.

Whereas: HB 1888, proposed by Representative Danny Williams of Oklahoma District 28, threatened many essential services and lives at the University of Oklahoma;¹ and

Whereas: This bill would have banned sexual orientation and gender diversity training funded by public money, effectively stripping funding from the Gender and Equality Center, which provides essential services like OU Advocates, Step In, Speak Out, and LGBTQ+ Aspiring Ally trainings; and

Whereas: The amendment proposed and later withdrawn by the author of HB 1888 on March 10 to force school staff to inform parents that their child is LGBTQ+ shows extreme disregard for the safety and wellbeing of LGBTQ+ youth; and

Whereas: HB 1888 would have threatened the physical safety and mental health of LGBTQ+ students, who experience mental health conditions such as depression and anxiety at disproportionate rates compared to their cisgender and heterosexual peers;² and

Whereas: LGBTQ+ Oklahomans rely on their educational institutions for resources and security; and

Whereas: At the state level, there are currently no Oklahoma laws preventing discrimination against LGBTQ+ people in higher education institutions; and

¹ Oklahoma Congress, House, *State government, prohibiting certain entities from conducting gender or sexual diversity training or counseling*, HB 1888, 2021 Regular Session, First Reading 1 February 2021, <http://www.oklegislature.gov/BillInfo.aspx?Bill=HB1888&Session=2100>

² National Alliance on Mental Illness. "LGBTQI." *Your Journey: Identity and Cultural Dimensions*. <https://www.nami.org/Your-Journey/Identity-and-Cultural-Dimensions/LGBTQI>

Whereas: The *Bostock v. Clayton County* decision prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity in the workplace;³ and

Whereas: The State of Oklahoma should update its bill books to reflect this precedent; therefore,

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

Section 1: Title: This resolution shall be known and may be cited as the “Love is Anti-Violence Resolution of 2021.”

Section 2: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association reaffirms its commitment to fighting for the physical and mental wellness of LGBTQ+ students.

Section 3: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association stands against physical, legislative, and institutional anti-LGBTQ+ violence that threatens their survival and inhibits their ability to succeed both academically and professionally.

Section 4: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association stands with our LGBTQ+ peers on campus and affirms the inherent value in their identities and intersectional lived experiences.

Section 5: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association calls on the Oklahoma legislature to implement laws that would prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity and reject laws that continue violence against the LGBTQ+ community.

Section 6: Copies of this resolution will be sent to:

- The Gender and Equality Center
- The OU Diversity and Inclusion Center
- University of Oklahoma Department of Women and Gender Studies
- The LGBTQ+ Student Alliance
- Out in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics
- The Gaylord Ambassadors
- OU President Joseph Harroz
- Oklahoma Governor Kevin Stitt
- Representative Danny Williams of Oklahoma House District 28
- Senator David Bullard of Oklahoma Senate District 6
- Allie Shinn, Executive Director of Freedom Oklahoma
- *The OU Daily*
- *The OU Nightly*

³ *Bostock v. Clayton County*, 590 U.S. __ (2020)

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CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-105-12
SENATE RESOLUTION NO. **GXXX-XX/GSXX-XX**

AS INTRODUCED

A resolution supporting the first amendment right to protest,
condemning racism by members of the news media,
and congratulating the Norman High Lady Tigers basketball team.

- Whereas: On Thursday, March 11th, as the national anthem played, the Norman High Lady Tigers took a knee during their Midwest City game to stand with victims of police brutality, to which sportscaster Matt Rowan responded by directing racial slurs and other expletives at the Norman High players; and⁴
- Whereas: The Norman High Lady Tigers knelt as an act of protest against racism and social injustice as they had been all season; and⁵
- Whereas: The following day Rowan released a statement blaming his racist remarks on his blood sugar; and⁶
- Whereas: Eradicating racism in the news media is an ongoing battle that is being spearheaded by colleges of mass communication and media studies; and
- Whereas: It is the responsibility of journalists and broadcasters to hold each other and the institutions they represent accountable when derogatory, racist language is used; therefore

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

- Section 1: This resolution shall be known and may be cited as the “Fight On Norman High Resolution of 2021”

⁴https://www.normantranscript.com/sports/high_school_sports/high-school-basketball-announcer-directs-racial-slur-at-norman-high-players-blames-blood-sugar/article_7f75230e-834b-11eb-a524-d7f41ae6649e.html

⁵<https://www.cbsnews.com/video/norman-high-schools-girls-basketball-players-speak-out-against-racist-remarks-made-by-announcer/#x>

⁶<https://www.readfrontier.org/stories/announcer-who-made-racist-comments-during-basketball-game-says-he-had-spiking-blood-sugar-when-he-used-racial-slur/>

- Section 2: The University of Oklahoma’s Student Government Association supports the Norman High girls’ basketball team’s evocation of their first amendment right to protest.
- Section 3: The University of Oklahoma’s Student Government Association deeply condemns Matt Rowan’s racist remarks about the Norman High basketball team and recognizes that there is no excuse for racism — not even Type 1 Diabetes.
- Section 4: The University of Oklahoma’s Student Government Association congratulates the Lady Tigers on their back-to-back state championship despite such adversity.⁷
- Section 5: The University of Oklahoma’s Student Government Association calls on Gaylord College of Journalism and Mass Communication to reaffirm and prioritize its commitment to fostering future generations of news media professionals who advocate on behalf of the marginalized and who will always speak up against bigotry if perpetuated by their colleagues.
- Section 6: Copies of this Resolution shall be sent to:
- NPS Superintendent Dr. Nick Migliorino
 - Norman High Girls Basketball Coach Frankie Parks
 - Dean Ed Kelley of Gaylord College of Journalism and Mass Communication
 - The Gaylord Ambassadors
 - National Association for Black Journalists at OU
 - BERT
 - The OU Diversity and Inclusion Center
 - NFHS Network
 - OSPN Streaming Network
 - The OU Daily
 - The OU Nightly

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Co-Sponsor(s): Tavana Farzaneh, OU Student Government Association President
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⁷<https://www.koco.com/article/norman-high-girls-basketball-team-wins-6a-state-title-days-after-announcer-makes-racist-comments/35829255#>

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CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-105-14

AS INTRODUCED

A Congressional Resolution regarding window walks;
providing a short title; and providing for distribution.

Whereas: Window Walks will help inform the Undergraduate Student Congress Sustainability Committee and help collect data regarding the buildings on campus that have windows; and

Whereas: The collection of this data is important to create a report and form legislation to advise the University of Oklahoma to utilize natural light through windows; and

Whereas: Natural sunlight can affect students, faculty, and administration in an abundance of positive ways, environmentally⁸, academically⁹, and mentally¹⁰; and

Whereas: Students, Faculty and staff deserve mental and physical health on campus. By completing window walks, The Sustainability Committee can learn which buildings on OU's campus have windows, windows with shades/blinds; and

Whereas: The University of Oklahoma should utilize natural light through windows and minimize the use of artificial lighting through alternative light types; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS THAT:

Section 1: Title: This resolution shall be known and may be cited as the "Window Walk Resolution of 2021."

Section 2: The Sustainability Committee of the Undergraduate Student Congress is encouraged to continue conducting Window Walks in coordination and collaboration with the

⁸ "When to Turn Off Your Lights." Energy.gov. Accessed March 10, 2021. <https://www.energy.gov/energysaver/save-electricity-and-fuel/lighting-choices-save-you-money/when-turn-your-lights>.

⁹ "How Important Is Lighting in a Classroom?" Innova Design Group, January 8, 2018. <https://www.innovadesigngroup.co.uk/news/how-important-is-lighting-in-a-classroom/#:~:text=An%20effective%20classroom%20lighting%20scheme,light%20where%20it%20is%20necessary.&text=Natural%20light%20is%20shown%20to,consideration%20in%20effective%20classroom%20design>.

¹⁰ "The Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine 2017." NobelPrize.org. Accessed March 10, 2021. <https://www.nobelprize.org/prizes/medicine/2017/press-release/>.

Student Environmental Coalition for the purpose of gathering and reporting data regarding natural lighting on campus and its effects on mental health.

Section 3: The University of Oklahoma is encouraged to consider any changes proposed in the forthcoming report on natural lighting on campus.

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

- OU Daily
- OU Nightly
- Dr. David Surratt, Vice President and Dean of Students

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Savanah Patterson, Former Chair of Congress; and
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Lauren Patton, Ways and Means Committee Chairwoman; and
Dr. Travis Gliedt, Department of Geography and Environmental Sustainability

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