

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS

Session CVI

General Body Meeting

7:00 pm, Tuesday, September 14, 2021

Dale Hall 211

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Call to Order and Opening Roll Call

Mission Statement: The mission of the University of Oklahoma Student Government Association Undergraduate Student Congress is to represent the interests of undergraduate students in their pursuit of academic and individual achievement. The Undergraduate Student Congress is committed to building a strong campus community, promoting civic engagement, and enhancing the quality of the undergraduate experience at the University of Oklahoma.

Moment of Silence: 20 Second Moment of Silence to allow an opportunity for reflection.

Approval of Minutes

Officer Reports -

- 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:

Special Orders

- Code Club Presentation
- Committee of the Whole
 - CR-106-01 Community Oriented Virus Impediment and Deterrence Policy Recommendation Resolution of 2021 (South, Lynskey)

Student Concerns

Items to Be Considered

CB-106-09 Fall Appointment Act of 2021 (Hillis) (ConAd, Do Pass)

Follow-Up Reports

Items for Future Agenda

Announcements and Comments

Final Roll Call

Adjourn

Chair: Crispin South
Vice Chair: Sidney May
Secretary: Coy Taylor

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GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION **GXXX/GSXX**
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CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-106-01
SENATE RESOLUTION NO. **GXXX-XX/GSXX-XX**

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution urging revision of existing University policy and adoption of new University policy for the purpose of combatting the COVID-19 pandemic; and providing for distribution.

- Whereas: The OU Community has been significantly adversely affected by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic; and
- Whereas: Current University policy options are constrained by actions from the State Legislature and the Governor of the State of Oklahoma; and
- Whereas: Existing law can be reasonably understood to allow universal mask rules, so long as they do not specifically target unvaccinated students; and
- Whereas: The pandemic has created a situation in which university employees have put their health at risk in order to carry out essential functions; and
- Whereas: Instructors have voiced frustration with current instruction delivery methods; and
- Whereas: The pandemic has adversely affected the academic performance of many students, due to sickness, mental strain, and other factors; and
- Whereas: Students have voiced frustration with absence policies in the fall 2021 semester; and
- Whereas: A well communicated backup plan, formulated through community engagement, is necessary should all classes be forced online due to the pandemic; and
- Whereas: The University of Oklahoma has demonstrated a desire that all in the OU Community who are able receive a vaccine; and
- Whereas: The University of Oklahoma can take more decisive policy action to promote vaccination; and
- Whereas: It is necessary for our campus infrastructure to be conducive to combatting the COVID-19 pandemic; and
- Whereas: It is the duty of the Student Government Association to advocate for reasonable, thoughtful action to protect students; therefore

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 “Community Oriented Virus Impediment and Deterrence Policy Recommendation Resolution of 2021.”

Section 2: The Student Government Association recommends that the University adopt the following policies and proceed with the following course of action:

1. Immediately announce and enact a mask rule, requiring that all persons wear a mask while indoors.
 - a. This rule should be functionally similar to the mask rules adopted for the 2020-2021 academic year.
2. When legal, add COVID-19 vaccination to the list of required vaccinations for students and employees.
3. Grant hazard pay to all OU employees.
4. Collect and publish data on infection rates in the OU Community through the OU Together COVID Dashboard.
 - a. Currently, infection data only shows tests conducted by OU Health Services. Compiling data from local clinics to show current on-campus infection rates would provide more accurate insights into the situation our community faces.
5. Require all students, faculty, and staff present on the Norman Campus to submit verification of vaccination status.
 - a. Require that unvaccinated persons regularly receive a COVID-19 test from OU Health Services.
 - i. Details on this policy should take inspiration from the University of Indiana, Bloomington’s COVID Check Policy, in which individuals not fully vaccinated against COVID-19 are periodically selected for COVID-19 testing, and are required to test negative in order to maintain access to campus.
 - b. Encourage unvaccinated persons to receive a vaccine.
 - c. Once data on vaccination rates is collected, create a section on the OU Together COVID Dashboard to show vaccination rates.
6. Allow instructors flexibility in delivery methods
 - a. Instructors ought to have the option to move some class work online for students who do not feel safe in an in-person classroom or who are absent due to COVID-19.
 - b. Instructors ought to be able to develop alternative delivery methods, in coordination with the Dean of their college or the office of the Provost, in the absence of a College Dean.
7. Protect Academic Experience
 - a. Require that COVID-19 related absences be excused. Acceptable absences should include but are not limited to: a positive test result, exposure to a person who has tested positive, and expressing symptoms of COVID-19

- b. COVID-19 related absences should not count against the overall number of allowed absences in classes that mandate attendance.
 - c. Any Fall 2021 withdrawals resulting in a “W” should not count against the overall limits on the number of Withdrawals an undergraduate or graduate student can take.
 - d. Should classes be forced online due to COVID-19, OU should immediately implement a Pass/No Pass grading option.
 - e. Should classes be forced online due to COVID-19, OU should immediately waive all online class fees for classes that were previously held in-person.
8. OU should prioritize communication of policy and publicity of vaccinations.
- a. OU should clearly communicate all policy changes to the OU community through all available channels.
 - b. OU should consistently and vigorously promote vaccination and masking.
 - c. OU ought to consistently engage with students, faculty, and staff in the formulation of policy changes.
9. OU should ensure campus infrastructure is well equipped to aid in the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic.
- a. OU should ensure departments and professors have adequate supplies of masks to distribute to students, should they need them.
 - b. Classrooms should be sanitized between uses, if at all possible.
 - c. Class spaces should be chosen carefully, with classes being held in spaces conducive to social distancing.
 - d. To the extent possible, classes with enrollments of over 100 students ought to offer online sections to reduce in person contact, reducing the spread of COVID-19.

Section 3: Copies of this resolution will be sent to:

- President Joseph Harroz, Jr.
- Provost André-Denis Wright
- Vice President of Student Affairs David Surratt
- Regent Cawley
- Regent Keating
- Regent Albert
- Regent Shirley
- Regent Stevenson
- Regent Holloway
- Regent Nagle
- OU Daily
- OU Nightly

Author(s): Crispin T. South, Chair of the Undergraduate Student Congress
 Graeson Lynskey, Chair of the University Policy Committee

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: _____

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UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS

CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CVI

September 14th, 2021

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-106-09

AS INTRODUCED

A Congressional Act of Procedure

Appointing Representatives and Associates for the
106th Session; 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 “Fall Appointment Act of 2021.”

Section 2: Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to appoint the following Representatives and Associates to the One-Hundred and Sixth (106th) Congressional Session.

Section 3: The following SGA Members shall be appointed to Representative Seats, as follows, in accordance with the SGA Constitution:

Engineering District: Fawad, Hadi
Humanities District: Lary, Emma Grace
International Studies District: Landry, Amelia
Social Science District: McPherson, David
University College District: Stoyak, Michael

Section 4: The following SGA Members shall be appointed to Associateships, as follows, in accordance with the Undergraduate Student Congress Bylaws:

Anderson, Malina	Kathuria, Shrey
Berggren, Carolyn	Ketaneh, Yara
Boren, Connor	Lewis, Lacey
Bost, Nicolas	Marron, Kai
Brown, Jordan	Mershon, Kyle
Burningham, Anna Kaitlyn	Mhamdi, Jasmine
Cabrera, Charlotte	Mkhitaryan, Arine
Chiariello, Clayton	Mohamed Shiraj, Zuyyin Izza
Dietrich, Vivian	Payson, Olivia
Donnelly, John Henry	Rachamalla, Rounak
Evans, Ryan	Richardson, Paris
Felkner, Beth	Schow, Peyton
Hamid, Rafiya	Shadman, Kate
Hamilton, Hudson	Tinkham, Connor
Hamilton, Luke	Waggoner, Mitch
Hicks, Caleb	Waheed, Salma
Houston, Rylee	Warren, Kaylynn

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

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

Co-Author(s): Vice-Chairwoman Abby Halsey-Kraus, Congressional Administration Committee;
Secretary Coy Taylor, Congressional Administration Committee;
Ex-Officio Officer Sidney May; and
Representative Eileah Hale, Social Sciences.

Co-Sponsor(s): The Congressional Administration Committee.

Submitted on a Motion by:

Action taken by Congress:

Verified by Chair: _____ **Date:** _____