

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS

Session CVIII

General Body Meeting

7:00 pm, Tuesday, April 19, 2022

Dale Hall 218

Call to Order

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:**

Liaison Reports-

Special Orders

- Code Club
- Election Changes Presentation
- Committee of the Whole
 - CB-108-01 Reworking, Understanding, and Legislating Election Statutes Act of 2022 (Halsey-Kraus, et al)
 - CR-108-01 Supporting Indigenous Communities Resolution of 2022 (South)
 - CR-108-02 Food Insecurity Awareness Resolution of 2022 (South)
 - CR-108-03 SGA Civic Engagement Forum Resolution of 2022 (Lewis/Nealy)
 - CR-108-04 Support for HB 3720 Resolution (Reese/Lewis)
 - CR-108-05 Thank You Senators David and Garvin Resolution of 2022 (Felkner)
 - CR-108-06 Congratulations Ketanji Brown Jackson Resolution (Griffin)
 - CR-108-07 Support for Transgender and Gender Nonconforming Students Resolution of 2022 (Sen. Mattingly)
- Elections
 - Congress Chair
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 - Congress Secretary
 - Executive Session

- Senior Speeches

Student Concerns

Items to Be Considered

Follow-Up Reports

Items for Future Agenda

Announcements and Comments

Final Roll Call

Adjourn

Chair: Crispin South

Vice Chair: Sidney May

Secretary: Hadi Fawad

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CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-108-01
SENATE BILL GS22-XX

AS INTRODUCED

An Act of Legislation amending the Code Annotated to reflect the necessary and essential changes to election procedures and responsibilities of the Election Commission; 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 “Reworking, Understanding and Legislating Election Statues Act of 2022.”
- Section 2:** Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to amend the Student Government Association’s Code Annotated to (1) reflect necessary election procedures changes (2) update the Election Commission’s responsibilities.
- Section 3:** AMENDATORY: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association’s Code Annotated Title IV Chapter 6 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.

Chapter 6 – The SGA Elections Commission

1. Power.

The Election Commission shall be responsible for overseeing and enforcing all provisions of Title VI of the Code Annotated and ensuring fair elections.

2. Composition.

The Election Commission shall consist of the Election Commissioner, the Election Commission Staff, and ~~an ex-officio officer of the Congressional Administration Committee~~ a non-voting ex-officio officer of the Congressional Administration Committee of Congress. No member of the Election Commission shall commit election fraud; evidence of fraud shall be presented to the General Council, as provided for in Title VI. Any member of the Election Staff may be removed by recommendation from the SGA President or Election Commissioner with the advice and consent of the

Legislative Branch. No member of the Election Commission shall be a candidate or a member of a team campaigning in any election for which they are appointed to work. The Election Commissioner and Staff shall be SGA members and serve from the beginning of the fall semester to the end of the spring semester of a given academic year.

a. Election Commissioner.

The Election Commissioner shall serve as the chairperson of the Election Commission. They shall only vote in the event of a tie between voting members of the Election Commission Staff. The Election Commissioner shall be appointed by the SGA President with the advice and consent of the Legislative Branch. The appointee must be submitted to the Legislative Branch for advice and consent after the Spring election.

i. Responsibilities

1. ~~Consistent with Title VI, the Election Commissioner may make such rules and procedures and take such action as they deem necessary to affect the provisions and intent of the Code Annotated and to ensure a fair election. Such rules and procedures shall be considered binding unless overturned on appeal.~~
2. ~~The Election Commissioner shall hold an Interest Meeting for all prospective candidates or members of SGA five (5) academic weeks before any election.~~
3. ~~The Election Commissioner and SGA Staff Assistant shall ensure that the academic districts and eligibility requirements of all candidates are verified at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the publication of the Information on Candidates Booklet.~~
4. ~~The Election Commissioner shall publicly post confirmed disclosed spending information for all SGA Presidential candidates and all CAC Chair candidates four (4) days prior to the election.~~
5. ~~The Election Commissioner shall make all correspondence, applications, records, reports, and forms regarding all elections available for public inspection in the SGA office except when state and/or federal law does not allow.~~
6. ~~The Election Commissioner shall hold office hours to assist candidates prior to and during the election process. From the filing period to the validation of the election of the semester, the Election Commissioner shall hold a minimum of eight (8) office hours a week in the SGA office. The office hours schedule shall be publicly posted by the Election Commissioner.~~
7. ~~The Election Commissioner may have additional responsibilities as provided for in Title VI.~~

ii. Report.

~~At the conclusion of each election, the Election Commissioner shall make a report to the Superior Court for their consideration in~~

~~validating an election. This report must be submitted to the Superior Court within fortyeight (48) hours following the closing of the polls.~~
~~The Election~~

~~Commissioner shall also file a report of the results of the election to be kept in the SGA executive offices. This report shall also be submitted to the SGA President, the Undergraduate Student Congress, the Graduate Student Senate, and General Counsel and shall include:~~

- ~~1. The total number of votes cast for each candidate or ticket at each poll;~~
- ~~2. The total number of consenting and dissenting votes in any referendum;~~
- ~~3. Any written rulings issued by the Election Commissioner~~
- ~~4. The minutes of the Election Commission;~~
- ~~5. Information about any election irregularities or problems, and 6. Other appropriate information.~~

iii. Vacancy.

If the position of Election Commissioner is not filled in accordance with the legislative advising and consenting process, the General Council shall fulfill all duties of the Election Commissioner until one is officially appointed.

iv. Appointing the Election Commission Staff.

The Election Commissioner shall appoint the Election Commission Staff with the advice and consent of the Legislative Branch.

b. Election Commission Staff.

The Election Commission Staff shall consist of ~~three (3)~~ or a maximum of five (5) SGA members. ~~The Election Commissioner shall be the chairperson of the Election Commission and vote only in case of a tie. A member of the Congressional Administration shall serve as a non-voting ex-officio officer of the committee.~~ The membership of the Election Commission shall be posted in a public place. The Election Commission shall be responsible for conducting the election and enforcing the election rules as established by this Title.

~~i. Campaign Spending. The Election Commission shall assess spending values of donated materials following investigation of the validity of the value assigned by the candidate. The Election Commission may dispute any assigned spending value and assess new values that they find to be more accurate. Determination and confirmation of the accuracy of spending disclosure is the responsibility of the Election Commission, subject to appeal to the Superior Court.~~

~~ii. Quorum. A majority of the Election Commission voting members shall constitute a Quorum to conduct business.~~

c. Non-voting Ex-Officio Officer of the Congressional Administration Committee
A member of the Congressional Administration Committee chosen by the Chair of the committee shall oversee the Election Commission. They shall have no voting power.

3. Quorum

Three (3) members of the Election Commission Staff shall constitute a quorum to do business.

Section 6:

AMENDATORY: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association's Code Annotated Title VI Chapter 1 shall be amended as follows. For the purposes of this bill, all items removed shall be denoted with a ~~strike through~~. All items added shall be denoted with an underline.

Chapter 1 – General Provisions

1. Definitions

- a. Academic Week- Any week (Sunday-Sunday) during which the university holds classes for at least one day.
- b. Campaign Spending – The value of any products, services, or expenses incurred by the campaign. “Value” should not include any discounts, which are not available to the general public, but should include the value of any services or products donated. This shall not include the value of any non-professional services performed by students.
- c. Campaign Time Frame – The time between the ~~publishing of the Information on Candidates Booklet and the validation of the election~~ first class day of the eighth (8th) Academic Week and the validation of the election.
- d. Campaigning – Working in an organized and active way to promote a candidate as a representative of or at the directive of that candidate.
- e. Class Day – The period of time from 8 AM to 5 PM on a day in which classes are held.
- f. Designated Agent – A person chosen and registered by a candidate with the ability to represent the candidate in any official capacity.
- g. Election Fraud – Any act or omission completed or attempted with the intent to deprive a candidate or voter of their rights.
- h. Information on Candidates Booklet – A booklet published by the Election Commission on the first day of the Ninth (9th) Academic Week containing a statement from the Election Commissioner, a list of all candidates and the pieces of literature from the candidates who submitted them.
- i. Eighth (8th) Academic Week- The Academic Week in which Candidates may begin campaigning. Campaigning shall only begin at the start of the first Class day of the given Academic Week.
- j. Eleventh (11th) Academic Week – The Academic Week in which Fall and Spring Elections shall occur. Voting days shall be the Tuesday and Wednesday of the given week of the semester.
- k. Member of a Campaign- Any SGA Member who publicly or privately works with a candidate.
- l. Ninth (9th) Academic Week – The Academic Week in which the Information on Candidates Booklet shall be published in the given week of the Fall and Spring semesters.
- m. Publicly Posted – Conspicuously posted in the SGA Office & on the SGA website under the Election's tab.
- n. Seventh (7th) Academic Week – The Academic Week in which Mandatory Candidates Meetings shall be held.

- o. SGA Presidential Race – The SGA Presidential race includes candidates for SGA President and SGA Vice President running together as one (1) ticket.
- p. Signatures – Signatures required for Presidential and CAC Chair petitions may be collected physically or online. Physical signatures must include the following information: OU ID number, name, and signature. Digital signatures must be authenticated through an online platform that can be integrated with OU’s single sign-on (SSO). The process for digital signatures must be jointly approved by the Election Commissioner and the Office of Student Affairs.
- q. Sixth (6th) Academic Week – The Academic Week in which filing for Candidates wishing run in the upcoming election closes. Filing shall close at the end of the last Class Day of the give week.
- r. Unsolicited – Any unrequested electronic message sent through an OU-maintained service (eg. OU email, Canvas, etc), for the purpose of explicitly requesting a vote or support.

2. Applicability of Election Rules.

The policies, regulations, and stipulations in this Title shall be applicable only to candidates for positions that are named in sections four (4) and five (5) hereinafter. All other campus organizations and bodies wishing to conduct an election may individually establish procedures for that election.

3. Purpose of Election Rules.

The provisions governing elections are intended to provide for the fairness, equitability, and efficiency of all SGA elections with respect to both candidates and voters. In the absence of established guidelines, rulings concerning elections should be made with this principle in mind.

4. Spring General Election. The following shall be elected in the Spring General Election:

- a. the Campus Activities Council (CAC) Chair,
- b. Undergraduate Student Congress Representative Seats, and
- c. the Student Bar Association (SBA) President.

5. Fall General Election. The following shall be elected in the Fall General Election:

- a. The SGA President and Vice-President
- b. Undergraduate Student Congress Representative Seats

6. Vacancies.

The SGA President shall be notified in writing of any vacancy that occurs in the positions listed in sections 4 and 5, above. If the SGA President resigns, they shall notify the Chairs of both Houses of the Legislative Branch. The number of seats available for election shall not change after the filing period begins.

a. Election to Fill Vacancy.

Should a Congressional Seat become vacant after filing has opened, so long as a vacancy in that district was already made public and was included on the filing form during filing for candidates to apply, that new vacant seat may be filled at the time of election using the point tabulation system. If the district was never included initially on the filing form, then that seat shall not be filled during the active general election.

- b. Appointment to Fill Vacancy.
For each position listed in sections 4 and 5 above, other than SGA President, Vice President, and CAC Chair, the organization of which the appointment is needed to be made, that organization shall determine their own appointment qualifications. Those listed in the aforementioned sentence, shall be up for election in the next possible general election.

- 7. Uncontested Elections.
All positions for which one has filed for election, they must be placed on the ballot in the respective district, even if the position is uncontested. In an uncontested election the candidate must receive at least fifty percent (50%) of the lowest winning vote count of the most recent election in the district in which the candidate is uncontested in.

Section 7: AMENDATORY: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association's Code Annotated Title VI Chapter 2 shall be amended as follows. For the purposes of this bill, all items removed shall be denoted with a ~~strike through~~. All items added shall be denoted with an underline.

Chapter 2 – Election Rules

1. Electorate.

The electorate of the SGA Presidential and the CAC Chair races shall consist of all members of the SGA. Subject to any applicable provisions of the SGA Constitution, the Legislative Branch shall establish the electorate for all other races in General and/or Special Elections. In the absence of any guidance from the Legislative Branch, the Election Commission may adopt any rules established by the affected organization to determine the electorate for a specific race.

2. Election Dates.

The sections below shall be the dates of the general elections, unless the Legislative Branch changes the date by an Act of the Legislative Branch at least three (3) weeks before the week of the date proposed by the legislation. The Election Commissioner shall have the power to waive this three (3) week requirement if they deem that exceptional circumstances warrant a waiver. Any special election, referendum, or initiatives shall be passed by an Act of the Legislative Branch at least three (3) weeks before the week of the date proposed by the legislation. This requirement cannot be waived.

a. Fall General Election.

The Fall General Election shall be held the Tuesday and Wednesday of the eleventh (11th) academic week of the fall semester.

b. Spring General Election.

The Spring General Election shall be held the Tuesday and Wednesday of the ~~second (2nd) academic week following spring break~~ eleventh (11th) Academic Week.

3. Deadline Requirements.

Any deadline within this Title, exception those noted, may be implicitly suspended by the Election Commissioner with the advice and consent of the Election Commission.

4. Election Funding.

The SGA Budgetary Committee shall allocate sufficient funds in each Administrative Appropriations Act to conduct two General Elections, two (2) run-off elections and at least one (1) special election, including the compensation of all eligible Election Commission members for each election and sufficient publicity for filing and voting.

5. Polling.

If an SGA member cannot vote through the online voting software implemented by the Elections Commission, they shall request a ballot from the Election Commission in person in the SGA iOffice or over the OU maintained email service. Doing so, the SGA member shall provide their OU ID as sufficient identification. The ballot may be requested any time after the publishing of the Information on Candidates booklet and shall be sent when the online polls open. The alternative ballot must be accepted during the online polling days and normal business hours of the Student Life office. The Election Commission shall ensure that any person that used an alternative ballot cannot and did not vote more than once (1) in any election.

6. Voter's Rights.

The following rights should not be infringed.

- a. The right of the student vote by secret ballot shall not be infringed. The right of the student to arrive at a voting decision free from undue influence shall not be infringed.
- b. No person(s), group(s), or organization(s), regardless of their affiliation, shall require any student(s) to vote, or shall require any student(s) to vote either for or against any proposal, candidate, or candidates in any SGA sanctioned election.
- c. Any SGA member has the right to request, in writing, a ruling of the Election Commissioner at any time during the campaign period. The Election Commissioner shall make a written ruling on any such petition within twenty-four (24) hours of its submission.

7. Procedure for Run-off.

The Congressional, Presidential, SBA, and CAC race shall be popularly elected by a simple majority vote (fifty percent (50%) plus one (1) votes) of the ballots cast for that purpose. In any of the aforementioned races, should no candidate receive a simple majority vote (fifty percent (50%) plus one (1) votes), the top two candidates shall be placed on the ballot for a runoff election to occur on the Tuesday immediately following the original election date. The top vote-recipient of the runoff election shall be declared the winner.

Section 8: AMENDATORY: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association's Code Annotated Title VI Chapter 3 shall be amended as follows. For the purposes of this bill, all items removed shall be denoted with a ~~strike through~~. All items added shall be denoted with an underline.

Chapter 3 – Candidates

1. Filing.

Filing for general and special elections shall occur ~~online on the Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of fourth (4th) academic week before the week of the election, unless the Legislative Branch changes the dates or times by an Act of Legislation. In any case, the filing period shall run at least four (4) academic days.~~ run at least four (4) Class Days. For General elections, filing shall close at the end of the last Class Day of the sixth (6th) Academic Week. For special election, the end of the filing shall be determined by a majority vote of the Election Commission Staff no later than five (5) week prior to the election. No prospective candidate may file for more than one (1) elected position. Filing forms for SGA elective positions shall include the following acknowledgement statement & each candidate shall sign the statement before submitting their form:

“I do hereby affirm that I am required to abide by the SGA Constitution, SGA Code Annotated, and the SGA Campaign Activity Policy. I understand that I can be disqualified from the election if I disregard the election guidelines and rules. Furthermore, University, Local, State, and Federal rules and laws take precedent; and I may be subject to all of the aforementioned jurisdictions.”

2. Candidate Requirements.

No person may be listed on a ballot as a candidate for office unless they fulfill the requirements for candidacy listed in this section. Candidates for any SGA elected office must be in good academic standing with their respective college or department. Candidates shall complete an academic requirement form. The Election Commissioner and the SGA Staff Assistant shall verify the prospective candidate’s academic eligibility before being placed on the ballot. Each candidate or their designated agent shall attend a mandatory candidates meeting.

a. Candidates in SGA Presidential & CAC Races. Candidates in the SGA Presidential or CAC Chair election shall present to the Election Commission a petition with ~~the signatures of 20% of the total number of votes in the last corresponding election or~~ five hundred (500) signatures, whichever is less, by the time of the filing deadline. If the Election Commission determines that a petition does not have enough signatures as a result of a mistake in counting, candidates shall be allotted ~~twenty-four (24) additional hours~~ at least one full Class Day with signatures due at the end of that Class Day to collect the necessary remaining signatures to remain on the ballot. The Election Commission shall not make any adverse ruling on any petition.

3. Mandatory Candidates Meeting.

Each candidate or their designated agent shall attend a mandatory candidates’ meeting. At least two (2) mandatory candidates’ meetings shall be held ~~within the Monday to Thursday immediately following the end of the filing period.~~ during the seventh (7th) Academic Week.

Section 9: AMENDATORY: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association’s Code Annotated Title VI Chapter 4 shall be amended as follows. For the purposes of this bill, all items removed shall be denoted with a ~~strike through~~. All items added shall be denoted with an underline.

Chapter 4 – Campaigns

1. Campaign Material Registration.

The Office of Student Affairs shall be notified of all SGA campaigning before any campaigning takes place via the Election Commissioner's prescribed method. Failure to complete the campaign material registration form that is provided by the Elections Commissioner will disallow candidates from all but oral campaigning and the Information on Candidates Booklet. On or off campus, candidates may only use types of campaign materials listed on their campaign material registration form. Candidates who wish to have SGA print their campaign materials must submit a request for printing as part of their Campaign Material Registration. The Election Commissioner is responsible for ensuring that campaign material registration is open for candidates within two (2) class days of the end of the filing period. Candidates may register for materials prior to the official campaign period. If candidates have not received notification of denial of their campaign materials registration from by the Election Commissioner within one (1) class day, then candidates may proceed with campaigning described on the submitted form

2. Campaign Time Frame.

Prior to the official campaign period, prospective candidates may begin recruiting campaign staff and/or establishing but not publicizing a campaign internet site. Candidates shall begin campaigning on the first Class Day of the eighth (8th) Academic Week of the given semester. Campaigning shall end after the validation of the election. The Election Commissioner is responsible for ensuring that campaign material registration is open for candidates within two (2) business days of the end of the filing period. Candidates may register for materials prior to the official campaign period. If candidates have not received notification of denial of their campaign materials registration from by the Election Commissioner within one (1) business day, then candidates may proceed with campaigning described on the submitted form. Only after the publishing of the Information on Candidates Booklet, may candidates begin campaigning.

Section 10: AMENDATORY: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association's Code Annotated Title VI Chapter 5 shall be amended as follows. For the purposes of this bill, all items removed shall be denoted with a ~~strike through~~. All items added shall be denoted with an underline.

Chapter 5 – Oversight and Enforcement

1. Election Commissioner Responsibilities

- a. The Election Commissioner may make such rules and procedures as consistent with this Title. They may also take such action as they deem necessary to affect the provisions and intent of the Code Annotated and to ensure a fair election. Such rules and procedures shall be considered binding unless overturned on appeal.
- b. The Election Commissioner shall hold an Interest Meeting for all prospective candidates or members of SGA five (5) academic weeks before any election.
- c. The Election Commissioner and SGA Staff Assistant shall ensure that the academic districts and eligibility requirements of all candidates are verified at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the publication of the Information on Candidates Booklet.

- d. The Election Commissioner shall publicly post confirmed disclosed spending information for all SGA Presidential candidates and all CAC Chair candidates four (4) days prior to the election.
- e. The Election Commissioner shall make all correspondence, applications, records, reports, and forms regarding all elections available for public inspection in the SGA office except when state and/or federal law does not allow.
- f. The Election Commissioner shall hold office hours to assist candidates prior to and during the election process. From the filing period to the validation of the election of the semester, the Election Commissioner shall hold a minimum of eight (8) office hours a week in the SGA office. The office hours schedule shall be publicly posted by the Election Commissioner.
- g. The Election Commissioner may have additional responsibilities as provided for in Title VI.
- h. At the conclusion of each election, the Election Commissioner shall make a report to the Superior Court for their consideration in validating an election. This report must be submitted to the Superior Court within fortyeight (48) hours following the closing of the polls. The Election Commissioner shall also file a report of the results of the election to be kept in the SGA executive offices. This report shall also be submitted to the SGA President, the Undergraduate Student Congress, the Graduate Student Senate, and General Counsel and shall include:
 - i. The total number of votes cast for each candidate or ticket at each poll
 - ii. The total number of consenting and dissenting votes in any referendum.
 - iii. Any written rulings issued by the Election Commissioner,
 - iv. The minutes of the Election Commission,
 - v. Information about any election irregularities or problems, and 6. Other appropriate information.

2. Election Commission Staff Responsibilities

- a. The Election Commission shall assess spending values of donated materials following investigation of the validity of the value assigned by the candidate. The Election Commission may dispute any assigned spending value and assess new values that they find to be more accurate. Determination and confirmation of the accuracy of spending disclosure is the responsibility of the Election Commission, subject to appeal to the Superior Court.

3. Campaign Rules Infractions.

All complaints regarding violations of SGA campaign rules shall be submitted in writing to the Election Commission within five (5) days of the incident which generated the complaint or within ~~twenty-four (24) hours~~ forty-eight (48) hours of the close of the polls – whichever is sooner. The Election Commissioner shall notify all affected parties of any grievance and allow the accused twenty-four (24) hours to submit a written response or request an oral hearing. The Election Commission shall make a ruling within one (1) ~~business day~~ class day after the accused has either made a written statement, after the oral hearing, or if they failed to submit either within the twenty-four (24) hour period. The Election Commissioner may not impose any points without the aforementioned hearing process.

- a. The Election Commission, upon making a decision, shall compose a short-written opinion detailing the facts upon which its decision rests, what

punishments will be imposed, and what reasoning was used to determine said punishment. Dissenting members of the Commission shall issue their own, separate opinion. All opinions must be made publicly available within twenty-four (24) hours of the decision of the Commission.

- b. The Election Commission shall assign each campaign infraction upheld against a candidate a certain number of points. The range of each is specified within this Title. In considering the amount of points to assign for any given campaign infraction, the Election Board shall consider:
 - i. the severity of the rule violation,
 - ii. whether the candidate has prior violations of that particular rule,
 - iii. whether the candidate knowingly or negligently violated the campaign rule, and
 - iv. the effect which the campaign rule violation may have had on the campaign, on other candidates, and to the campus as a whole.
- c. The Election Commission may not assign points at any level other than whole numbers or half-integers.
- d. In addition, assigning a certain number of points to a campaign for rule infractions, the Election Commission shall determine a punishment appropriate to impose on the candidate. The Election Commission may not decide to forgo a sanction upon finding that a campaign had indeed violated a campaign rule. The Election Commission may impose only one (1) punishment per individual campaign infraction. The punishments the Election Commission may impose are as follows:
 - i. Once a campaign has been assigned at least three (3) points, the Election Commission may temporarily or permanently prohibit a candidate from chalking within their designate chalking zone.
 - ii. Once a campaign has been assigned at least five (5) points, the Election Commission may temporarily or permanently prohibit a candidate from posting staked signs on campus, or impose one of the punishments described above.
- e. The Election Commissioner's rulings shall be considering binding on elections until overturned by the Superior Court and these rulings shall not be subject to being overruled by an Opinion of the General Counsel. The Election Commissioner shall not make any unilateral rulings regarding alleged campaign infractions, as this power is reserved for the Election Commission. A request for a ruling from the Election Commissioner does not toll any applicable statute of limitations listed elsewhere in this title, nor does it create a new charge or cause of action for an incident for which the statute of limitations has already run.

4. Disqualification.

The Election Commission shall vote on disqualification and removal of any candidate or ballot initiative when the candidate or proposing entity:

- a. ~~requests removal from the ballot in accordance with the provisions of this title;~~
- b. ~~fails to turn in a properly completed filing application on time;~~
- c. fails to meet the eligibility requirements;
- d. campaign expenditures exceed ten percent (10%) of spending cap for the specified race;

- e. is assigned five (5) or more points by the Election Commission for violation of campaign rules, and every time thereafter a candidate receives a point over seven (7); or
- f. contemptuously fails to adhere to a sanction imposed on them by the Election Commission, pursuant to this chapter.

5. Disqualification Votes.

All disqualifications shall be voted on by the Election Commission and said rulings shall be publicly posted. The Election Commissioner shall notify all affected candidates or proposing entity by OU email. All disqualifications are subject to automatic appeal to the Superior Court. If an appeal is submitted within five (5) days of the Election Commission's ruling and at least twenty-four (24) hours before the election, candidates shall remain on the ballot until the Superior Court hears the appeal.

- a. Under no circumstances may margin of victory or the number of votes received by a particular candidate be used by the Election Commission in their consideration of whether or not to disqualify a candidate.

6. Unofficial Notification Process.

The Election Commissioner shall make an electronic form available for the duration of any election that any member of the SGA may use to submit election irregularities or other matters they would like the Election Commissions to be made aware of. The form shall allow respondents to remain anonymous if they so choose. Candidates shall be encouraged to use this in lieu of a rule violation complaint for complaints that lack sufficient evidence, and all form submissions shall be made public at the conclusion of the Election via the Election Report. Should an unofficial notification be filed that the Election Commissioner believes would more properly be considered an election complaint, it shall be dealt with as such. Following the validation of the election, the Congressional Administration Committee of the Undergraduate Student Congress shall hold a hearing to review all unofficial election notifications submitted during the election to determine if action should be taken to remedy any irregularities or other complaints detailed therein.

7. Unofficial Election Results.

The Election Commission shall meet within twenty-four (24) hours of the close of the polls to certify the election results. The unofficial election results shall be publicly posted, and the Election Commissioner shall distribute said results to all candidates, the Superior Court, the General Council, and the chairs of applicable branches by OU email.

8. Election Report.

The Election Commissioner shall also prepare an Election Report which shall be submitted to the SGA President, the Superior Court, the Undergraduate Student Congress, the Graduate Student Senate, the General Counsel, the OU Daily, and to all candidates in the election.

The Unofficial Election Report shall include:

- a. the total number of votes cast for each candidate, ticket, or ballot item;
- b. rulings of infractions; and
- c. information about any election problems or irregularities.
- d. At their discretion, the Election Commissioner may also include any other appropriate information pertaining to the Election.

e. The Election Commissioner must redact the personal information of the person that submitted any campaign infractions on the online portal. The report may only include their name.

9. Appeals.

All appeals of the rulings of the Election Commission must be submitted in writing to the Chief Justice of the Superior Court within five (5) ~~business days~~ class days of the incident or ruling which generated the appeal or within three (3) ~~business days~~ class days of the close of the polls – whichever is sooner.

The Superior Court shall provide copies of all appeals relating to the election to the General Counsel, the Election Commissioner, and all other affected parties. The General Counsel, the Election Commissioner, and all affected parties shall have at least forty-eight (48) hours to file a written response. The Superior Court may also schedule oral arguments at its discretion – provided that it affords the General Counsel, the Election Commissioner, and all affected parties the opportunity to address it. If any of these parties chooses not to complete the aforementioned process, then Superior Court proceedings shall not be delayed. The Election Commission shall not be able to hear appeals of its own decisions. The deadlines in this section are amendable at the request of any party with approval of the Superior Court.

10. Election Fraud.

All complaints regarding election fraud shall be submitted in writing to the Office of the General Counsel within three (3) ~~business days~~ class days of the close of the polls. The General Counsel shall review all complaints and determine whether there is sufficient cause to warrant formal charges. If the General Counsel decides to press formal charges, they shall notify the affected election official, collect all available evidence and testimony, and prosecute the offender in front of the Superior Court. The General Counsel shall make all decisions regarding whether they wish to press formal charges within five (5) ~~business days~~ class days of the incident which generated the charges or within three (3) ~~business days~~ class day of the close of the polls.

11. Superior Court Rulings.

All rulings shall be publicly posted, and the Superior Court shall distribute the ruling to all candidates by e-mail.

12. Election Validation.

The Superior Court shall meet ~~on the fourth (4th) business day after~~ within one (1) academic week of the submission of the Election Report to consider the validation of the election. If there is any case pending before the Superior Court relating to the election, the timeline shall be suspended until the Court rules on the pending matter. Upon issuance of a ruling the aforementioned timeline shall resume. During validation proceedings there shall be a presumption of administrative regularity unless clear and convincing evidence is presented to the contrary.

a. The Superior Court shall not be permitted to raise any issues pertaining to the election sua sponte. It shall only invalidate the election in accordance with the standards set forth in this title based upon issues expressly and specifically raised in an official complaint or appeal considered and ruled upon prior to validation proceedings.

b. If the Superior Court fails to rule whether the election is valid or not valid within seven (7) ~~business days~~ class days of the close of the polls, the election

shall be considered valid – subject only to the basis of claims arising explicitly from provisions of the SGA Constitution. In the event that questions may arise from any election which the Superior Court may need to decide before validating the results of the election, or in the case of a runoff election, the Superior Court may validate the results of all completed races independently of those races which it decides are not ready for validation.

Section 15: The SGA General Counsel is authorized to renumber any necessary divisions when engrossing this legislation into the SGA Code Annotated.

Section 16: This act shall become effective when passed in accordance with the SGA Constitution.

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President Zack Lissau, Student Government Association

Co-Sponsor(s): Election Commissioner Isaac Kabrick
Chief Justice James Hutchinson, Superior Court
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Representative Austin Cappleman, University College

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CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-108-01
SENATE RESOLUTION NO. GS22-XX

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution celebrating and supporting the
OU Indigenous Community; and providing for
distribution.

- Whereas: As the flagship university of the State of Oklahoma, the University of Oklahoma has a unique duty and opportunity to serve and honor indigenous communities; and
- Whereas: Thousands of Indigenous students attend the University of Oklahoma; and
- Whereas: The University of Oklahoma has made progress in promoting the inclusion of Indigenous communities through actions like the establishment of an Associate Vice President of Tribal Relations, approving an expansion of the Native Nations Center, and the dedication of the Five Moons Student Lounge; and
- Whereas: More action can, and should, still be taken to build relationships with Tribal Nations, celebrate Indigenous OU Community members, and serve Indigenous Communities throughout Oklahoma;

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 “Supporting Indigenous Communities Resolution of 2022.”

Section 2: The Student Government Association celebrates the Indigenous community at the University of Oklahoma, appreciates existing action to support Indigenous people, and encourages the University of Oklahoma to further support Indigenous communities through actions such as:

1. Expanding the current selection of Indigenous language classes
2. Providing tuition assistance to Indigenous students, particularly students studying indigenous languages
3. Increasing education on Indigenous cultures to the student body at large, with the purpose of breaking stereotypes and misunderstandings of Indigenous people
4. Building on existing collaborative partnerships with Tribal Nations to accomplish mutually beneficial goals

5. Actively and continuously communicating and collaborating with Indigenous communities at OU to ensure community concerns and ideas are heard

Section 3: The Student Government Association congratulates Tana Fitzpatrick on her appointment as the Associate Vice President of Tribal Relations and welcomes collaboration between SGA and her office.

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

- President Joseph Harroz, Jr
- Provost Andre Denis-Wright
- Tana Fitzpatrick, Associate Vice President of Tribal Relations
- Belinda Higgs Hyppolite, Vice President of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
- OU Daily
- OU Nightly

Author(s): Crispin T. South, Chair of the Undergraduate Student Congress

Co-Author(s):

Co-Sponsor(s): Lacey Lewis, External Affairs Committee Chair Emerita

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CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-108-02

AS INTRODUCED

A Congressional Resolution raising awareness for food insecurity; and providing for distribution.

- Whereas: Food insecurity is the state of being without reliable access to a sufficient quantity of affordable and nutritious food; and
- Whereas: Food insecurity remains a significant issue within the OU Community; and
- Whereas: Organizations like the OU Food Pantry contribute to the wellbeing of all OU Community members by providing free assistance to students, faculty, and staff in need; and
- Whereas: Food insecurity is often stigmatized, with this stigma preventing people from accessing available assistance; and
- Whereas: Recognizing a specific day as a day to raise awareness about food insecurity can reduce the stigma surrounding it, thereby helping community members access available assistance; 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 “Food Insecurity Awareness Resolution of 2022.”

Section 2: The Undergraduate Student Congress is committed to reducing food insecurity in the OU Community, and encourages the OU Community to recognize Wednesday, April 27th, 2022, as food insecurity awareness day at the University of Oklahoma through donations to the OU Food Pantry and conversations to end the stigma surrounding food insecurity.

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

- Matt Marks, Campus Care Coordinator
- The OU Community at large, through publication on the SGA Website
- OU Daily
- OU Nightly

Author(s): Crispin T. South, Chair of the Undergraduate Student Congress

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Co-Sponsor(s): Lacey Lewis, External Affairs Committee Chair Emerita

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CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-108-03

AS INTRODUCED

A Congressional Resolution to establish the SGA Civic Engagement Forum; and providing for distribution.

Whereas: Only half of Americans who are between the ages of 18 and 29 voted in the 2020 presidential election; and¹

Whereas: The voter turnout rate for Oklahomans between the ages of 18 and 29 is approximately 34%; and ²

Whereas: Studies show a strong relationship between civic engagement education and voter participation among young voters;³

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 “SGA Civic Engagement Forum Resolution of 2022.”

Section 2: The External Affairs Committee will organize and host a Civic Engagement Forum for students at the University of Oklahoma on April, 28th, 2022.

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

- SGA President Zack Lissau
- SGA Vice-President Denzel Akuffo
- OU Daily
- OU Nightly

Author(s): Lacey Lewis, Chairwoman Emeritus of the External Affairs Committee
Representative Tamera Nealy, Social Science District

Co-Author(s): Representative Michael Stoyak, University College District
Representative Jordan Brown, University College District

¹ <https://circle.tufts.edu/latest-research/half-youth-voted-2020-11-point-increase-2016>

² Ibid.

³ <https://ftp.iza.org/dp13954.pdf>

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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. GS22-XX

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution Supporting Oklahoma HB 3720;
and providing for distribution.

Whereas: HB 3720 requires the addition of mandatory Holocaust curriculum to be taught in public schools.

Whereas: 90 % of Individuals who are a part of the American Jewish community think that antisemitism is a serious problem that needs to be addressed and combated. ⁴

Whereas: In 2021 an estimated one in four individuals, who are a part of the American Jewish community, report experiencing personal accounts of antisemitism.⁵

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 “Support for HB 3720 Resolution.”

Section 2: The University of Oklahoma should offer support for HB 3720 because it promotes holocaust and antisemitism awareness through education.

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

- All Members of the Oklahoma House of Representatives and Oklahoma Senate
- Hillel at The University of Oklahoma
- SGA President Lissau and SGA Vice President Akuffo
- GSS Chair Burch
- OU Daily

⁴ Avi Mayer, “The State of Antisemitism in America 2021: Insights and Analysis,” AJC (American Jewish Committee, February 8, 2022), <https://www.ajc.org/news/the-state-of-antisemitism-in-america-2021-insights-and-analysis>

⁵ Ibid.

Author(s): Nathanael Reese, Engineering Representative,
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Co-Sponsor(s): SGA President Lissau

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AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution commending Oklahoma
Senators Kim David and Jessica Garvin; and providing for
distribution.

- Whereas: SB 1225, which seeks to prevent minors from accessing contraceptives without parental approval, was recently seen in the Oklahoma State Senate; and
- Whereas: Two female Republican senators, Kim David and Jessica Garvin, spoke in opposition to this bill on the Senate Floor, going against the lines of their party; and
- Whereas: SGA recognizes the importance of bipartisanship, the rarity of such cross-party action, and the threat it can pose to a legislator's prospects of reelection; and
- Whereas: SGA further recognizes the additional pressure and challenges that women in politics may face;

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 "Thank You Senators David and Garvin Resolution of 2022."

Section 2: SGA commends Senators Kim David and Jessica Garvin for their bravery in standing up for what they believe in and speaking out against party lines. We congratulate them for their commitment to the interests of Oklahoma citizens and service to constituents that we wish to emulate in our body.

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

- Oklahoma Senator Kim David
- Oklahoma Senator Jessica Garvin
- Oklahoma Senator Jo Anna Dossett
- SGA President Zack Lissau

- OU Daily
- OU Nightly
- University of Oklahoma President Joseph Harroz Jr.
- SB 1225, Oklahoma Senator David Bullard
- SB 1225, Oklahoma Senator Shane Jett

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Co-Sponsor(s): Crispin South, Chair of Congress

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April 19, 2022

CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-108-06

AS INTRODUCED

A Congressional Resolution congratulating Ketanji Brown Jackson on her appointment as a Supreme Court Justice and providing for distribution.

Whereas: On April 7, 2022, the United States Senate voted 53-47 to confirm Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson to the Supreme Court of the United States; and

Whereas: Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson will be replacing Justice Stephen Breyer, who announced his retirement after 19 years of service as a Supreme Court Justice; and

Whereas: The Supreme Court has a history of ruling in civil rights cases that have, in many cases, had an adverse effect on the Black community within the United States; and

Whereas: Prior to this appointment, there have only been 2 Black Supreme Court Justices (Justice Thurgood Marshal and Justice Clarence Thomas); and

Whereas: This appointment is truly historic as Ketanji Brown Jackson will become the first Black woman to serve as a Supreme Court Justice; and

Whereas: Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson will also become the first Supreme Court Justice with experience as a public defender; and

Whereas: Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson has extensive experience in the federal legal system, including serving 1 year as a Federal Court of Appeals judge for the District of Columbia, 8 years as a Federal District Court Judge for the District of Columbia, 4 years as Vice Chair of the United States Sentencing Committee, 2 years as a federal public defender, and 1 year as a clerk to Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer; and

Whereas: In addition to her experience in the federal court system, Ketanji Brown Jackson graduated *magna cum laude* from Harvard University and graduated *cum laude* from Harvard Law School; and

Whereas: Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson's judicial experience is greater than that of several current Supreme Court justices, and has earned her the classification of "Well Qualified" by a unanimous vote of the American Bar Association;

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

Section 1: This resolution shall be known and may be cited as the “Congratulations Ketanji Brown Jackson Resolution”

Section 2: The University of Oklahoma Undergraduate Student Congress congratulates Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson on her historic appointment to the Supreme Court and thanks her for her continued service to the United States.

Section 3: The Undergraduate Student Congress commends President Biden for nominating such a qualified candidate for the Supreme Court, and for his continued commitment to creating accurate representation within the federal government.

Section 4: The Undergraduate Student Congress thanks Justice Stephen Breyer for his service to the United States and wishes him well through his retirement.

Section 5: The Undergraduate Student Congress recognizes the cultural and historical significance of this appointment and emphasizes the importance of representing minority voices in positions of power.

Section 6: The Undergraduate Student Congress commits to uplifting the voices of minority groups on campus (especially those of Black women) throughout all of our duties, including but not limited to: our appointments of leaders in the Student Government Association, our funding of Registered Student Organizations, and our interactions with local, state, and federal government officials.

Section 7: The Undergraduate Student Congress recognizes the significant relationship that the Supreme Court has with civil rights in the United States. It implores all the justices of the court to consider how their decisions affect *all* citizens, and how Justice Jackson’s voice can offer unique insight to the court.

Section 8: Copies of this resolution will be sent to:

- Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson
- Justice Stephen Breyer
- President of the United States Joseph R. Biden Jr.
- Vice-President of the United State Kamala D. Harris
- Senators of the United States
- SGA President, Zach Lissau
- SGA Vice President, Denzel Akuffo
- The OU Daily

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A Concurrent Resolution in Support of Transgender and Gender Nonconforming Students; and providing for distribution.

Whereas: The University of Oklahoma is committed to diversity, equity and inclusion and to building a welcoming and supportive campus environment where each individual feels welcomed, valued and supported for success⁶; and

Whereas: The Student Government Association passed CR-105-1/GS21-30 “Love is Anti-Violence Resolution of 2021” on March 23rd, 2021 and March 28th, 2021 respectively, which affirmed its commitment to fighting for the physical and mental wellness of LGBTQ+ students.

Whereas: Legislation is being proposed and passed in Oklahoma and nationwide that threatens the safety and dignity of transgender and gender nonconforming persons; and

Whereas: Title IX explicitly protects students from discrimination based on “sex, including sexual orientation and gender identity”⁷; and

Whereas: The following risk factors place transgender and gender nonconforming persons at a higher risk for suicide⁸:

- Experience of discrimination in the form of physical or verbal harassment, physical or sexual assault
- Institutional prejudice manifesting as laws and policies which create inequalities and/or fail to provide protection from discrimination
- Stigma

⁶ “Lead On, University Strategic Plan.” The University of Oklahoma. [Online]. Available: <https://www.ou.edu/leadon>

⁷ “U.S. Department of Education Confirms Title IX Protects Students from Discrimination Based on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity | U.S. Department of Education.” <https://www.ed.gov/news/press-releases/us-department-education-confirms-title-ix-protects-students-discrimination-based-sexual-orientation-and-gender-identity> (accessed Apr. 06, 2022).

⁸ “Transgender people and suicide,” *Centre for Suicide Prevention*. <https://www.suicideinfo.ca/resource/transgender-people-suicide/> (accessed Apr. 06, 2022)

Whereas:

- Experience of isolation in a cisgender-normative society; and

The Student Government Association affirms that gender is not determined by sex assigned at birth but rather as one’s individualized gender identity⁹; and

Whereas: Transgender and gender nonconforming students are a wanted, needed and appreciated part of The University of Oklahoma.

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 “Support for Transgender and Gender Nonconforming Students Resolution of 2022”

Section 2: Students, staff and faculty of The University of Oklahoma are encouraged to foster a welcoming and supportive environment, including, but not limited to, respecting and valuing transgender and gender nonconforming persons.

Section 3: Students, staff and faculty of The University of Oklahoma are encouraged to utilize the resources of the Gender and Equality Center to become better allies for transgender and gender nonconforming persons.

Section 4: Students, staff and faculty of The University of Oklahoma are encouraged to strive to familiarize themselves with transgender and gender nonconforming issues, especially including those pertaining to legislation at all levels of government.

Section 5: The Student Government Association opposes anti-transgender legislation such as or similar to Oklahoma HB3240, SB2, SB583, SB676, SB1100, SB1164, and SB1249 as proposed by the 58th Oklahoma Legislature, Regular Session.

Section 6: In opposition to anti-transgender legislation, this body takes a stand in proclaiming our university to be an inclusive community and, through the passage of this Resolution, aims to boost the efforts of others who stand with the transgender and gender nonconforming community as well as encourage other universities to join together in giving a stronger voice to transgender and gender nonconforming students; and

Section 7: Copies of this resolution will be sent to:

- The University of Oklahoma Board of Regents
- President of the University of Oklahoma, Joseph Harroz
- Vice President of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion & Chief Diversity Officer, Dr. Belinda Higgs Hyppolite
- Director of the Gender and Equality Center, Erin Simpson
- Governor of Oklahoma, Kevin Stitt

⁹ “Gender and health.” <https://www.who.int/health-topics/gender> (accessed Apr. 06, 2022).

- Oklahoma House of Representatives Majority Leader, Josh West
- Oklahoma House of Representatives Minority Leader, Emily Virgin
- Oklahoma Senate Majority Floor Leader, Greg McCortney
- Oklahoma Senate Minority Floor Leader, Kay Floyd
- *OU Daily*
- *OU Nightly*

Author(s): Senator Kyle Mattingly, Vice Chair -- External Affairs and Human Diversity Committee

Co-Author(s): Claire Burch, Chair of the Graduate Student Senate
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