

# UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS

Session CIX General Body Meeting 7:00 pm, Tuesday, April 11th, 2023 Dale 103

# 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:

# **Committee Reports-**

- Campus Outreach, Safety, and Concerns:
- Congressional Administration:
- External Affairs:
- Human Diversity:
- Sustainability:
- University Policy:
- Ways and Means:

Liaison Reports

#### Special Orders

Student Concern Link

# Items to Be Considered

- CB-109-17 "Election Policies Act of 2023" (Dunn) (ConAd, Due Pass)
- CB-109-18 "Congress Elections Adjustment Act of 2023" (Dunn/Halsey-Kraus/Trautman/Landry) (ConAd, Due Pass)
- CB-109-19 "Parking Appeals Reorganization Act" (Dunn) (ConAd, Due Pass)
- CB-109-20 "High Office Clarification Act of 2023" (Strickland) (ConAd, Due Pass)
- CB-109-22 "Expulsion Bill No. 5" (Landry) (Exec, Rec of No Rec)
- CB-109-24 "Expulsion Bill No. 7" (Landry) (Exec, Rec of No Rec)

- CB-109-25 "Expulsion Bill No. 8" (Landry) (Exec, Rec of No Rec)
- CB-109-26 "Expulsion Bill No. 9" (Landry) (Exec, Rec of No Rec)
- CB-109-28 "Expulsion Bill No. 11" (Landry) (Exec, Rec of No Rec)

Follow-Up Reports Items for Future Agenda Announcements and Comments Final Roll Call Adjourn

Chair: Abby Halsey-Kraus Vice-Chair: Bailey Trautman Secretary: Amelia Landry

#### UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CIX April 11, 2023

# GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE SENATE SESSION GS23 April 20, 2023

#### CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-109-17 SENATE BILL GSXX-XX

#### AS INTRODUCED

An Act of Legislation amending the SGA Code Annotated to clarify and update election policies; 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 "Election Policies Act of 2023."
- Section 2: Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to establish and amend the policies listed in Chapter VI-4(5), "General Campaign Rules," and the rules regarding uncontested elections in Chapter VI-1(7) "Uncontested Elections."
- **Section 3**: AMENDATORY: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association Code Annotated § Title VI Chapter 1 Subsection 7 will be amended as follows, with strikethrough indicating a removed section, and <u>underline</u> indicating added sections:

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. In an uncontested election, the candidate shall win if they receive more votes than the "prefer not to vote" option.

**Section 4**: AMENDATORY: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association's Code Annotated § Title VI Chapter 4 Subsection 5 will be amended as follows, with strikethrough indicating a removed section, and <u>underline</u> indicating added sections:

Chapter 6.4.5

**General Campaign Rules**. Candidates must ensure that every individual campaigning on behalf of the candidate or volunteering for the candidate is aware of

campaign rules and guidelines. All campaign rules apply to all campaigning activity, regardless of whether the activity takes place during the designated campaign time frame or prior to that period. Candidates shall be liable for the campaign infractions of their campaigners and volunteers even if the candidate did not specifically direct the offending action. Candidates may be assessed points if their campaigners or volunteers are found to be guilty of breaking campaign regulations. Some of these rules are university policies. The following infractions shall be assigned with the proceedings in Chapter 5 of this title.

#### 1. Class A Infractions.

The following infractions shall be considered "Class A Infractions," which the Election Commission shall assign a candidate no less than two (2) and no more than three (3) points for each.

- a. Campaigns shall not remove, alter, cover, obscure, chalk within, or otherwise tamper with another candidate's campaign materials nor shall they damage any University property. They shall be responsible for any damage caused by that said candidates' campaign materials.
- b. Employees of the University shall not campaign for candidates while on duty as an employee, however, they may campaign while off duty.
- c. On the day of voting, if an individual affiliated with a campaign approaches a student while voting, the individual may not encourage the student to vote in a particular way.
- d. Candidates or their Designated Agent's failure to attend the candidates meeting.
- e. <u>Candidates shall not use the letterhead, logo, or any symbol that the</u> <u>University of Oklahoma or any affiliate (i.e. OU Athletics) that has a</u> <u>trademark, license or other legal control of. No Candidate may display the</u> <u>logo of the Student Government Association, any branch of the Student</u> <u>Government Association, or program of the Programming Branch. Only</u> <u>the registered leadership of RSOs may file a grievance for their logo or</u> <u>likeness if the candidate has not gained the permission of the RSO to use</u> <u>their logo or likeness.</u>
  - <u>Violations of this nature shall be considered misrepresentations of the</u> <u>University and shall also be construed as unfair to other candidates. As</u> <u>a result, any candidate is encouraged to report a violation of subsection</u> (e) if that violation pertains to a University logo as opposed to an RSO <u>logo.</u>
- 2. Class B Infractions. The following infractions shall be considered "Class B Infractions," which the Election Commission shall assign a candidate between 1 and 2 points for each.
  - a. Candidates shall not campaign outside of the designated campaign time frame through ways not already provided for in this Title.
  - b. Candidates shall not campaign or post candidate information or advertising on any website hosted or operated by OU IT other than the official candidates' statements (this is excluding the Information on Candidates booklet).

- c. Candidates shall not unduly disrupt the normal activities of the University, including but not limited to classes, lectures, or events sponsored by the University or any Registered Student Organization; furthermore, they cannot interfere or impede the regular operations of any sidewalk, bike lane, roadway, parking lot, or parking garage.
- d. Candidates shall not post campaign materials in or on a CART vehicle.
- e. Candidates shall not use or distribute campaign stickers.
- f. Incorrect/incomplete reports, as determined by the Election Commission, must not be accepted.
- g. Any infraction of the rules of the "Campus Housing" section hereafter.
- h. Candidates may not post any campaigning material inside an academic classroom nor shall they disrupt the any instructional times without prior permission from the instructor.
- i. No campaign materials may be posted in or on the Oklahoma Memorial Union or any University library.
- j. Each candidate shall be responsible for the removal of their campaign material from public areas and buildings by 4:30 P.M. on the day following the validation of the election.
- k. <u>Candidates shall submit their financial reports pursuant to a deadline set by</u> <u>the Election Commissioner.</u>
- 3. **Class C Infractions**. The following infractions shall be considered "Class C Infractions," which the Election Commission shall assign a candidate between .5 and 1.5 points for each.
  - a. All campaign material shall be accredited to the sponsoring candidate. Said material shall include the following phrase: "Approved by [said sponsoring candidate]." No other phrase is acceptable.
  - b. Candidates shall not send any unsolicited electronic messages via platforms funded and maintained by the University (ie. OU email, Canvas, etc). This does not include messages sent over non-maintained platforms (third-party group chats, social medias, etc.).
  - c. Only dry chalking is allowed on sidewalks. Paint, tape, and wet chalk are prohibited on sidewalks, as is chalking on any vertical surface (buildings, steps, sides of ramps, etc.) or under overhangs.
  - 1. Non-President & CAC Chair candidates may chalk in any location that has not been reserved for a President or CAC Chair campaign.
  - 2. Non-President & CAC Chair candidates may only use only yellow and/or white dry chalking, while President & CAC Chair candidates may use any colors.
  - d. Candidates shall not use the letterhead, logo, or any symbol that the University of Oklahoma or any affiliate (i.e. OU Athletics) that has a trademark, license or other legal control of. No Candidate may display the logo of the Student Government Association, any branch of the Student Government Association, or program of the Programming Branch. Only the registered leadership of RSOs may file a grieves for their logo or likeness if the candidate has not gained the permission of the RSO to use their logo or likeness.

	<ul> <li>e. The Election Commissioner and Election Commission members have the right to solicit the names of all members of a campaign from the affiliated candidate.</li> <li>4. If a candidate does not submit a financial report prior to the Election Commissioner's stated deadline, they shall have committed a Class B Infraction. If the candidate still does not submit their financial report and is elected, the candidate shall not be inaugurated until this deficiency is corrected.</li> </ul>
Section 5.	This act shall take effect when passed in accordance with the SGA Constitution.
Author:	Tucker Dunn, Congressional Administration Committee Chairman
Sponsor(s):	Commissioner Randi Wright, SGA Election Commission
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### UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CIX April 11, 2023

#### CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-109-18

#### AS INTRODUCED

An Act of Procedure amending Section 4 of the Bylaws of the Undergraduate Student Congress, 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 "Congress Elections Adjustment Act of 2023."
- **Section 2**: Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to amend the Undergraduate Student Congress Bylaws to change the timing of elections for Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary.
- **Section 3**: AMENDATORY: The Undergraduate Student Congress Bylaws Section 4.4 is amended as follows. New additions shall be denoted by an <u>underline</u>, and deletions shall be denoted by a strikethrough.

Section 4.4: OFFICER ELECTIONS

- 1. The Congress Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary shall be elected in a two-week procedure. At each general meeting, election activities shall occur from the highest to the lowest ranking office to be filled.
  - a. REGULAR ELECTIONS. Regular elections of officers of Student Congress shall be held each <u>even numbered odd-numbered legislative session</u>. Officers elected in regular elections, the process beginning with the <u>first second-to-last</u> regular general meeting of the legislative session, shall serve a term of one (1) year, except in cases of legal removal from office or resignation.
- Section 4: This act shall become effective when passed in accordance with the SGA Constitution.
- Author(s): Representative Tucker Dunn, Congressional Administration Committee Chairman Chair Abby Halsey-Kraus, Undergraduate Student Congress Vice Chair Bailey Trautman, Undergraduate Student Congress Secretary Amelia Landry, Undergraduate Student Congress

Submitted on a Motion by:

Action taken by Congress:

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

### UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CIX April 11, 2023

# GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE SENATE SESSION GS23 April 20, 2023

#### CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-109-19 SENATE BILL GSXX-XX

#### AS INTRODUCED

An Act of Legislation amending the SGA Code Annotated to update the Parking Appeals Board's composition and rules; 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 "Parking Appeals Reorganization Act."
- Section 2: Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to establish and amend the policies listed in Title IV Chapter 4, "The Student Parking Appeals Board."
- **Section 3**: AMENDATORY: Title IV Chapter 4 will be amended as follows, with strikethrough indicating a removed section, and <u>underline</u> indicating added sections:

#### Chapter IV-4 The Student Parking Appeals Board

- 1. **Membership.** The Student Parking Appeals Board shall consist of two (2) teams, each consisting of a chairperson and two (2) judges up to twenty (20) judges in total, but not fewer than five (5), and shall include up to two (2) Chief Justices.
- 2. Selection. The Judges of the Student Parking Appeals Board shall be appointed by the SGA President and approved by both houses of the legislature. Judges shall serve until they resign, cease to be regularly enrolled students at the University of Oklahoma, are impeached and convicted for cause, or are eligible for termination as per guidelines established under Section Seventeen (17) of this Chapter.
- 3. **Rules of Procedure**. The SGA Student Parking Appeals Board shall establish and publish internal rules and procedures that will be in line with the SGA Constitution, SGA Code Annotated, and University policy, and the University of Oklahoma Transit division's mission statement and policies for parking regulations. The SGA Student Parking Appeals Board shall ensure that the SGA Student Superior Court has the most up to date version of their rules.

#### a. Donations For Citations Program.

- i. The Student Parking Appeals Board is directed to waive appealed citations if the appellant presents proof of donation to the OU Food Pantry meeting the following requirements:
  - 1. The donation was made in the time frame between issuance of the citation and the submission of the appeal.
  - 2. The donation is of a monetary value equal to or greater than eighty percent (80%) of the value of the citation.
  - 3. The donation must be made in a manner accepted by the OU Food Pantry.
- ii. Other Program Requirements:
  - Individuals may utilize this program to waive a maximum of two (2) citations per academic year.
  - 2. Individuals may utilize this program to waive citations with fines equal to or less than \$50.
  - 3. Individuals may not utilize this program to waive citations with fines greater than \$50.
- iii. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent the Parking Appeals Board from acting in the following manners:
  - 1. Waiving a first offense
  - 2. Waiving citations based on facts and merit

#### b. Meeting Dates, Attendance

- i. <u>The Parking Appeals Board Rules of Procedure shall be updated at least</u> once per term and shall include standard weekly meeting times as the Chief Justice(s) shall see fit.
- ii. If a judge repeatedly fails to meet the attendance obligations set forth in the Rules of Procedure, the Chief Justice(s) shall ask for that judge's resignation or shall submit a recommendation to the Legislative Branch regarding that judge's removal.
- **Section 4.** This act shall take effect when passed in accordance with the SGA Constitution.

Author:	Tucker Dunn,	Congressional	Administration	Committee	Chairman

Submitted on a Motion by: Action taken by Congress: Verified by Chair of Congress:	Date:
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### UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CIX April 11, 2023

# GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE SENATE SESSION GS23 April 20, 2023

#### CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-109-20 SENATE BILL GSXX-XX

#### AS INTRODUCED

An Act of Procedure correcting the Code Annotated to align with the Constitution regarding the common rule of the separation of powers and thus the holding of high offices in the SGA; 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 "High Office Clarification Act of 2023."
- **Section 2**: Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to correct the mistakes made by the High Office Clarification Acts of 2014 and 2017, as well as to clarify the separation of powers within the Student Government Association by aligning the SGACA to the SGA Constitution.
- **Section 3**: AMENDATORY: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association's Code Annotated Title I Chapter 2 Section 4 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 <u>underline</u>.

#### 4. Concurrent Service in High Offices.

No person serving in a high office may simultaneously serve in another high office. In addition, no seated member of Congress nor any Graduate Student Senator shall serve in any of the high executive or judicial offices listed below.

#### a. High Offices of the Legislative Branch.

The high legislative offices of the SGA shall be as follows: Chair of Undergraduate Student Congress; Vice Chair of Undergraduate Student Congress; Secretary of Undergraduate Student Congress; Ways and Means Committee Chair of Undergraduate Student Congress; Chair of Graduate Student Senate; Vice Chair of Graduate Student Senate; and Secretary of Graduate Student Senate.

## b. High Offices of the Executive Branch.

The high executive offices of the SGA shall be as follows: SGA President; SGA Vice President; the SGA President's chief of staff Chief of Staff; and Departmental Directors.

## c. High Offices of the Judicial Branch.

The high judicial offices of the SGA shall be as follows: <u>Members Justices</u> of the Student Superior Court; Members of the Student Parking Appeals Board; SGA General Counsel; SGA Associate General Counsels; Election Commissioner; and Election Commission.

### d. High Office of the Programming Branch.

The high legislative offices of the programming branch shall be as follows: <del>CAC</del> Chair <u>of the Campus Activities Council</u>.

Author: Representative Carter Strickland, University College District

Co-Sponsors: President Christopher Firch Vice President Emelie Schultz Maria de Asis, Chief of Staff Chairwoman Claire Burch, Graduate Student Senate Chairwoman Abby Halsey-Kraus, Undergraduate Student Congress Senator Jordan Norris, Chair of the Internal Affairs Committee Representative Tucker Dunn, Chair of the Congressional Administration Committee

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#### UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CIX April 11, 2023

#### CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-109-22

#### AS INTRODUCED

A Congressional Act of Procedure expelling an associate from the Congressional Body; providing short title; and providing an effective date.

Section 1:	Title: This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Expulsion Bill No. 5."
Section 2:	Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to expel members for excessive unexcused absences. Jourdan Batson has accrued excessive unexcused absences, the membership of the aforementioned is pending expulsion.
Section 3:	In accordance with Section 3.4, subsection 2, subsection e of the SGA Undergraduate Student Congress Bylaws, "Upon accruing a forth absence, the Student Congress Secretary shall prepare an act of procedure to expel any member or committee officer who has accrued excessive unexcused absences."
	Expulsion: Jourdan Batson
Section 4:	This act shall become effective when passed in accordance with the SGA Constitution.
Author(s):	Secretary Amelia Landry, Undergraduate Student Congress
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#### UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CIX April 11, 2023

#### CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-109-24

#### AS INTRODUCED

A Congressional Act of Procedure expelling an associate from the Congressional Body; providing short title; and providing an effective date.

Section 1:	Title: This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Expulsion Bill No. 7."
Section 2:	Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to expel members for excessive unexcused absences. John Henry Donnelly has accrued excessive unexcused absences, the membership of the aforementioned is pending expulsion.
Section 3:	In accordance with Section 3.4, subsection 2, subsection e of the SGA Undergraduate Student Congress Bylaws, "Upon accruing a forth absence, the Student Congress Secretary shall prepare an act of procedure to expel any member or committee officer who has accrued excessive unexcused absences."
	Expulsion: John Henry Donnelly
Section 4:	This act shall become effective when passed in accordance with the SGA Constitution.
Author(s):	Secretary Amelia Landry, Undergraduate Student Congress
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#### UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CIX April 11, 2023

#### CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-109-25

#### AS INTRODUCED

A Congressional Act of Procedure expelling an associate from the Congressional Body; providing short title; and providing an effective date.

Section 1:	Title: This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Expulsion Bill No. 8."
	Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to expel members for excessive unexcused absences. Luke Hamilton has accrued excessive unexcused absences, the membership of the aforementioned is pending expulsion.
	In accordance with Section 3.4, subsection 2, subsection e of the SGA Undergraduate Student Congress Bylaws, "Upon accruing a forth absence, the Student Congress Secretary shall prepare an act of procedure to expel any member or committee officer who has accrued excessive unexcused absences."
	Expulsion: Luke Hamilton
Section 4:	This act shall become effective when passed in accordance with the SGA Constitution.
Author(s):	Secretary Amelia Landry, Undergraduate Student Congress
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#### UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CIX April 11, 2023

#### CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-109-26

#### AS INTRODUCED

A Congressional Act of Procedure expelling an associate from the Congressional Body; providing short title; and providing an effective date.

Section 1:	Title: This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Expulsion Bill No. 9."
Section 2:	Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to expel members for excessive unexcused absences. Jay Jackson has accrued excessive unexcused absences, the membership of the aforementioned is pending expulsion.
Section 3:	In accordance with Section 3.4, subsection 2, subsection e of the SGA Undergraduate Student Congress Bylaws, "Upon accruing a forth absence, the Student Congress Secretary shall prepare an act of procedure to expel any member or committee officer who has accrued excessive unexcused absences."
	Expulsion: Jay Jackson
Section 4:	This act shall become effective when passed in accordance with the SGA Constitution.
Author(s):	Secretary Amelia Landry, Undergraduate Student Congress
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#### UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CIX April 11, 2023

#### CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-109-28

#### AS INTRODUCED

A Congressional Act of Procedure expelling an associate from the Congressional Body; providing short title; and providing an effective date.

Section 1:	Title: This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Expulsion Bill No. 11."
Section 2:	Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to expel members for excessive unexcused absences. Robel Tessfaselassie has accrued excessive unexcused absences, the membership of the aforementioned is pending expulsion.
Section 3:	In accordance with Section 3.4, subsection 2, subsection e of the SGA Undergraduate Student Congress Bylaws, "Upon accruing a forth absence, the Student Congress Secretary shall prepare an act of procedure to expel any member or committee officer who has accrued excessive unexcused absences."
	Expulsion: Robel Tessfaselassie
Section 4:	This act shall become effective when passed in accordance with the SGA Constitution.
Author(s):	Secretary Amelia Landry, Undergraduate Student Congress
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