

# THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



## UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS

Session CX

General Body Meeting

7:00 pm, Tuesday, October 31, 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 | October 24, 2023**

### 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

- AB-110-08 "Auxiliary Allocation 8 Act of 2023-2024" (WAM, Do Pass) (Gulam)
- CR-110-09 "Only One Textbooks and Tuition All Inclusive Act" (UPol, Do Pass) (Reynolds)
- CB-110-16 "Session CX Human Diversity Committee Chair Appointment Act" (Exec, Do Pass) (Halsey-Kraus)
- CB-110-17 "Removal of the Student Environmental Coalition Act" (ConAd, Do Pass) (Cantrell/Houston)

- CB-110-18 “Sustainability Committee Responsibility Act of 2023” (ConAd, Do Pass)  
(Cantrell/Houston)

**Follow-Up Reports**

**Announcements and Comments**

**Final Roll Call**

**Adjourn**

Chair: Abby Halsey-Kraus

Vice-Chair: Amelia Landry

Secretary: Carolyn Berggren

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October 31st, 2023

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE  
SENATE SESSION GF23  
November 2nd, 2023

CONGRESSIONAL BILL AB-110-08  
SENATE BILL NO. GF23-XX

AS INTRODUCED

An act relating to appropriations; providing for short title; stating purpose; appropriating Auxiliary Funding for the 2023-2024 process; stating appropriation guidelines; establishing expiration deadline; directing transfer of unused funds by deadline; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION:

**Section 1:** This act shall be known and may be cited as the “Auxiliary Allocation 8 Act of 2023-2024”

**Section 2:** PURPOSE. The purpose of this act is to appropriate the funds of the University of Oklahoma Student Government Association to the organizations mentioned within.

**Section 3:** APPROPRIATION. The following amounts are hereby allocated to

Organization	Programs, Events & Activities	Capital Investments	Office and General Expenses	Total
American Society of Civil Engineers	300			300
Big Event		815		815
Kappa Kappa Psi National Honorary Band Fraternity - Delta Chapter	1755			1755
Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Related Sciences	75		200	275
OU Fencing Club		810		810
OU Food Pantry Student Association	3818.75	213.80		4032.55
OU History Club	400			400
Psychology Graduate Student Association	151			151
Sustainable Energy Society	685.93			685.93
<b>TOTAL:</b>				<b>9224.48</b>

**Section 4:** All guidelines and provisions in Title 10 of the Code Annotated shall apply to all funds appropriated in this act.

**Section 5:** This fiscal year for the account listed in these sections shall end May 10, 2024

**Section 6:** All unspent money remaining in the accounts listed in Section 3 shall revert to the SGA General Account after May 10, 2024, and the remaining appropriations shall be canceled.

**Section 7:** This act shall become effective when passed in accordance with the SGA Constitution.

Author(s): Zuyyin Izza Gulam, Chair, SGA Budget Committee

Co-Author(s): SGA Budgetary Committee

Submitted on a motion by:

Action taken by Student Congress:

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

Submitted on a motion by:

Action taken by Senate:

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

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

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CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-110-09  
SENATE RESOLUTION NO. GFXX-XX

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution recommending that OU  
provide a textbooks-in-tuition program; and  
providing for distribution.

- Whereas: The price of textbooks is currently separate from the cost of tuition at the University of Oklahoma, purchased through a secondary source; and
- Whereas: Textbooks-in-tuition program is currently primarily implemented at private schools and aviation schools, including Thomas More College in Kentucky, Schreiner University in Texas, and Spartan College of Aeronautics, as well as other low-enrollment colleges and technical schools<sup>1</sup>; and
- Whereas: The University of Oklahoma will benefit from the implementation of an all-inclusive program by retaining unused funds from textbooks when students fail to withdraw from classes on time or by the final drop date to receive a “W”; and
- Whereas: The students will benefit from the implementation of the all-inclusive program by receiving 25% - 100% refund on textbooks purchased when classes are dropped on time; and
- Whereas: The University of Oklahoma would be one of the first Division I schools to implement this type of all-inclusive textbooks-in-tuition program; and
- Whereas: The implementation of the textbooks-in-tuition program would benefit the veteran and their dependents/spouses. Veteran’s benefits have permissible mandatory charges assessed by a school (other than tuition and room and board) that are necessary for the pursuit of an approved program of education and are the same amount for all students (GI Bill and non- GI bill). Mandatory fees may be for items,

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1 <https://pupnmag.com/article/how-bundling-textbooks-into-tuition-is-transforming-the-college-experience/#:~:text=Two%20of%20the%20schools%20currently,textbooks%2Din%2Dtuition%20program>

such as books, that could be obtained from a source other than the school as long as the fee is assessed to all students<sup>2</sup>; and

Whereas: Textbooks would arrive on/or before start of classes with implementation of the textbooks- in-tuition program. textbooks often arrive three to four weeks into the semester when purchased through a secondary source; 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 “Only One Textbooks and Tuition All Inclusive Act.”

**Section 2:** The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association recommends that OU Division of Enrollment Management adopt the following:

- 1) Include textbook costs with tuition costs during each enrollment term.
  - a) Textbooks would be mailed to the student when registration for each class is completed.
- 2) Students must withdraw from the class by the first official drop date to receive a 100% refund on purchased textbooks; percentages will reduce as follows:
  - a) One week later: 75% refund back to the student on textbooks after withdrawal from class.
  - b) Two weeks later: 50% refund back to the student on textbooks after withdrawal from the class.
  - c) Three weeks later: 25% refund back to the student on textbooks after withdrawal from the class.
  - d) Final day to drop with a “W”: No refund to the student, OU retains all remaining funds directed towards textbooks.

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

- Jeff Blahnik, Vice President of Enrollment Management
- Beth Korhonen, Financial Services Director
- Andrea Zepeda, Bursar Operations Director
- Jennifer Trimmer, Director of OU Veteran Student Services
- Kyle Butcher, Oklahoma Association of Transfer Students
- OU Daily

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<sup>2</sup> [https://www.knowva.ebenefits.va.gov/system/templates/selfservice/va\\_ssnew/help/customer/locale/en-US/portal/55440000001018/content/554400000149088/School-Certifying-Official-Handbook-Online#Chapter%2033%20Benefit%20Payments](https://www.knowva.ebenefits.va.gov/system/templates/selfservice/va_ssnew/help/customer/locale/en-US/portal/55440000001018/content/554400000149088/School-Certifying-Official-Handbook-Online#Chapter%2033%20Benefit%20Payments)

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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 CX

October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-110-16

AS INTRODUCED

A Congressional Act of Procedure appointing the Human  
Diversity Committee Chair; 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 “Session CX Human Diversity  
Committee Chair Appointment Act.”

**Section 2:** Purpose: The purpose of this act is inherent in the Title.

**Section 3:** APPOINTMENT: The following person shall be appointed to Committee and other  
positions as follows:

**Human Diversity**

- Chair: Hope Rhoads

**Section 4:** This act shall become effective when passed in accordance with the SGA Constitution.

Author(s): Chair Abby Halsey-Kraus, Undergraduate Student Congress

Co-Author(s): Vice Chair Amelia Landry, Undergraduate Student Congress  
Secretary Carolyn Berggren, Undergraduate Student Congress

Submitted on a Motion by:

Action taken by Congress

Verified by Chair: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-110-17  
SENATE BILL GF23-XX

AS INTRODUCED

An Act of Legislation related to the Student  
Environmental Coalition, 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 “Removal of the Student Environmental Coalition Act”
- Section 2:** Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to remove the Student Environmental Coalition from the OUSGA Code Annotated to pass the responsibility to the Congress Sustainability Committee.
- Section 3:** AMENDATORY: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association Code Annotated § Title IX, Chapter 4 will be amended as follows, with ~~strikethrough~~ indicating a removed section, and underline indicating added sections.

~~Chapter IX 4 Student Environmental Coalition~~

- ~~1. Delegation Purpose. The SGA Student Environmental Coalition, “SEC,” will ensure that various environmental groups communicate well to accomplish goals in the most effective way possible and serve as environmental advisors to the campus at large.~~
- ~~2. Membership Requirements and Responsibilities. All students currently enrolled at the University of Oklahoma shall be eligible to serve as a representative for any campus environmental initiative, RSO, or non-student organization. Faculty and staff are also eligible to serve on the coalition in order to speak for university-based initiatives. Students must remain in good standing with the University.~~
- ~~3. Officers. The officers of the organization shall be Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary.
  - ~~a. Eligibility. Members of SEC in good academic standing will be eligible to run for office; the chair of SEC must have adequate time to devote towards stewarding the council.~~
  - ~~b. Selection. SEC Officers will be elected by a majority vote of current SEC members. Current SEC members shall be defined as members who have attended at least sixty percent of the meetings of the previous semester.~~~~

- ~~e. Term Length and Limit. All SEC Officers will be elected for one academic year. With exception of the Chair, officers may serve more than one academic year, but they shall be reelected by the coalition each year.~~
  - ~~d. Responsibilities. The Officers will work closely with the SGA and, most importantly, the various Registered Student Organizations related to Environmental Sustainability to ensure the mission of SEC is actualized.~~
  - ~~e. Vacancies. If a vacancy arises, an interim officer will be chosen by the current members of the SEC by majority vote or consensus. The coalition will decide how officer responsibilities will be transferred for the remainder of the academic year.~~
  - ~~f. Officer Removal. The SEC shall have the authority to remove an officer with a simple majority with the advice and consent of the legislature.~~
- ~~4. Internal Proceedings. The Student Environmental Coalition shall establish rules of procedure for the internal operations for the organization. These rules shall be published and available to students upon request. Any proposed and adopted rule changes must be sent to the SGA President, Graduate Student Senate Chair, Chair of the Undergraduate Student Congress, and Campus Activities Council Chair.~~
- ~~5. Meetings~~
- ~~a. Meeting Times. The chair of the SEC shall establish meeting times for the full academic semester by the third academic week of each semester. The meetings shall be open to the public and minutes will be recorded by the secretary for future records.~~
  - ~~b. Attendance. The SEC shall function as a resource to members. Responsibility to attend shall be strongly advocated for by the officers. SEC members must attend at least sixty percent of the meetings in order to vote in officer elections~~
- ~~6. Power and Authority. The SEC shall be empowered to create any such committees, boards, commissions, or other such entities that it deems are necessary to further its purpose.~~
- ~~7. Funding. The SGA Student Environmental Coalition shall be provided financial support through the Executive Branch.~~

**Section 4:** This act shall become effective when passed in accordance with the SGA Constitution.

Author(s): Madeline Cantrell, Communications District Representative  
 Rylee Houston, Sustainability Committee Chair

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

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

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

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CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-110-18

AS INTRODUCED

An Act of Procedure relating to the Sustainability Committee; providing for short title, providing for codification, and providing for 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 “Sustainability Committee Responsibility Act of 2023.”
- Section 2:** Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to make the Sustainability Committee the point of contact for environmental RSOs. The sustainability committee will take on the responsibility of ensuring the environmental RSO’s compliance with the SGA Code annotated and communicating effectively with each other regarding projects and events.
- Section 3:** AMENDATORY: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association Undergraduate Student Congress Bylaws §Section 6.1.5a will be amended as follows, with ~~strike through~~ indicating a removed section, and underline indicating added sections.
- A. COMMITTEE PURPOSE The Sustainability Committee shall address any and all issues environmental sustainability within SGA, at the University, or among the undergraduate student body. The Committee shall strive to improve environmental consciousness among the undergraduate student body and shall advocate for environmentally conscious policies at the University. The Committee shall be responsible for ensuring environmental RSO’s compliance with the SGA Code Annotated, as well as be the primary point of contact for these organizations. The committee shall also ensure that environmental RSOs communicate effectively with each other regarding events and projects.
- Section 4:** This act shall become effective when passed in accordance with the SGA Constitution.

Author(s): Madeline Cantrell, Communications District Representative  
Rylee Houston, Sustainability Committee Chair

Submitted on a Motion by:

Action taken by Congress:

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