

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS

Session CX

General Body Meeting

7:00 pm, Tuesday, November 28, 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 | November 14, 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:**
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Liaison Reports

Special Orders

Student Concern Link

Old Business

- CR-110-09 "Only One Textbooks and Tuition All Inclusive Act" (Upol, Do Pass) (Reynolds)

Items to Be Considered

- AB-110-10 "Auxiliary Allocation 10 Act of 2023-2024" (WAM, Do Pass) (Gulam)
- CB-110-19 "Election Schedule Act" (ConAd, Do Pass) (Dunn)

Follow-Up Reports

Announcements and Comments

Final Roll Call

Adjourn Sine Die

Chair: Abby Halsey-Kraus
Vice-Chair: Amelia Landry
Secretary: Carolyn Berggren

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CX
October 31, 2023

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GF23
November 16, 2023

CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-110-09
SENATE RESOLUTION NO. GF23-26

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 schools¹; 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-

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>

GI bill). Mandatory fees may be for items, such as books, that could be obtained from a source other than the school as long as the fee is assessed to all students²; 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 has already communicated with the OU Division of Enrollment Management and suggested adoption of the following logistics for this program:

- 1) Include textbook costs with tuition costs during each enrollment term for interested students.
Specific benchmarks related to withdrawal timelines and the refund that students are eligible for.

Section 3: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association recommends that the OU Division of Enrollment Management communicates and coordinates with Student Government Association when building out this program, including logistical decisions such as book conditions, infrastructure for handling student issues and complaints, integration with online textbooks or textbook platforms, and other issues that may impact students.

Section 4: 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

Author(s): Michael T. Reynolds Sr., Atmospheric and Geographic Sciences District Representative

Co-Author(s): Shrey Kathuria, Life Sciences District Representative

Co-Sponsor(s): Ayomide Awoyemi, Business District Representative
Khiala Brown, Fine Arts District Representative

Submitted on a motion by:

² 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

Action taken by Congress:
Verified by Chair of Congress: _____ Date: _____

Submitted on a motion by: Senator Young (61)
Action taken by Senate: motion to pass by unanimous consent

Verified by Chair of Senate: _____ Date: _____

Approved by SGA President: _____ Date: _____

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CX

November 28th, 2023

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GF23
November 30th, 2023

CONGRESSIONAL BILL AB-110-10
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 10 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
Asian Americans in Business Association	419.22			419.22
African Women's League	1150			1150
Armenian Student Organization	117.50			117.50
Chi Alpha Campus Ministry	500			500
Chi Epsilon	173.03			173.03
Christian Legal Society	800			800
Criminal Law Association	680			680
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated			500	500
Dialogues of Contemporary Sociology (DOCS) Workshop	200			200
Hispanic American Student Association	4000			4000
Hispanic American Student Association	5000			5000
Informed Citizen Discussion Groups	600			600
International Advisory Committee	1866.75	305.60	106.70	2279.05
Kappa Alpha Psi	840			840
Norman Rotaract Club	600		50	650
Osage Club	100			100
Pakistani Student Association	872.90			872.90
Phi Iota Alpha Fraternity, Inc.	1320			1320
Public Interest Law Student Association	600			600
Society of International Pre-Med Students	40	30		70
South Asian Student Association	827			827
Super League	430			430
The United World	400			400
Undergraduate Mock Trial Team	792			792
Uplift	233.86			233.86
Women's Health Advocacy	290			290
			TOTAL:	23864.56

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: _____

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CX

November 28, 2023

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-110-19

AS INTRODUCED

An Act of Procedure amending the SGA Undergraduate Student Congress Bylaws to optimize student representation by maintaining a consistent election schedule for each Representative Seat; 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 “Election Schedule Act.”
- Section 2:** Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to modify the Undergraduate Student Congress Bylaws to reflect that each seat in the Undergraduate Student Congress shall be numbered, and that each seat number shall be elected once yearly on a regular schedule.
- Section 3:** AMENDATORY: The Undergraduate Student Congress Bylaws, Section 3.2 (3) will be amended as follows, with ~~strike through~~ indicating a removed section, and underline indicating added sections:

MEMBERSHIP

1. APPOINTMENT. All members not elected according to the most current provisions of Title VI of the Code Annotated shall be appointed by the following procedure:
 1. The Congressional Administration Committee shall conduct the appointment procedure.
 2. All appointed Representatives shall serve until ~~the end of the current congressional session, with exception for special elections.~~ the next election cycle for their respective seat.
 3. The Congressional Administration Committee shall write the application for membership.
 1. Within a month of the end of a session, the Congressional Administration Chair shall consult with the Vice-Chair and the Secretary of the Congressional Administration Committee, along with the Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary of Congress, to create a rubric for evaluating both candidate applications and interviews during that semester. This rubric, pending approval from the Congressional Administration Committee of that same session, shall be used to adjudicate all applicants during the following session.
 4. Applications for membership shall be made available no later than the start of the business day on Monday immediately following the Chair

of Student Congress' notice of a vacated seat. In the event that the Chair receives notice of resignation, according to Bylaws section 4.2.3c, the application window shall be set at the pleasure of the Chair, allowing for appropriate appointment proceedings to occur prior to the effective date of the resignation. The Chair of Student Congress shall set the application deadline in consultation with the Congressional Administration Committee Chair.

5. After the close of the application period, the Congressional Administration Committee shall interview membership applicants at the committee's discretion.
 1. All interviewers must have completed some form of selection-bias training prior to conducting interviews.
6. Should a candidate not be able to attend general meetings as defined in these Bylaws, they will solely be considered for associateship until they are able to attend these meetings again.
7. The Congressional Administration Committee shall author an act of procedure appointing members of Student Congress. This act shall be on the Items to be Considered agenda of the next general meeting following candidate interviews.
 1. Final deliberations concerning the creation of the bill appointing representatives and associates shall only occur among interviewers who have been present for the entire session of interviews.
 2. The Congressional Administration Committee shall fill vacant seats, according to academic district, as specified by the SGA Constitution.
 3. Should the number of applicants in an academic district exceed the number of vacant seats in said district, applicants not appointed to be a representative may be appointed to associateship, at the discretion of the Congressional Administration Committee. The only exception being a candidate who is unable to attend general meetings as a Representative.
 4. Upon receiving a "Do Pass" or a "No Recommendation" recommendation from the Congressional Administration Committee, the act shall be posted conspicuously in the SGA offices as well as on the SGA Congress website.
 5. The Congressional Administration Committee shall make all reasonable effort to contact all applicants concerning their appointment status at the contact information on their applications and in university records.
 6. After the initial application process, a majority vote of the Executive Committee or a decision by the Congressional Administration Committee Chair shall cause the Congressional Administration Committee to accept appointment applications on a rolling basis. The appointment process shall proceed in the manner described above.

2. AFFIRMATION

1. Upon becoming members, elected and appointed membership candidates shall take the following affirmation, administered by the Student Congress Chair, if one has been elected, or else by the most recent former Chair: "I, (insert name) do solemnly affirm to uphold the University of Oklahoma Student Government Association Constitution and perform those responsibilities and duties required of me by the Student Government Association Undergraduate Student Congress Bylaws."
2. Failure to take the membership affirmation within three general meetings of election or appointment shall result in automatic forfeiture of elected or appointed membership.
3. The membership affirmation need not be taken during a general meeting. If taken during a general meeting, the membership affirmation shall be in order during Special Orders.
4. The Student Congress Chair shall announce, in their report during the following general meeting, the names of any members who have taken the membership affirmation since the previous general meeting.

3. RESIGNATION

1. Members may resign in person or by electronic mail. In either case, the resignation must be submitted in writing to the Student Congress Chair.
2. Oral resignations shall not be accepted.
3. Non-electronic resignations shall be signed.
4. The Student Congress Chair shall not accept electronic resignations until verifying their legitimacy.
5. Resignations shall become effective when submitted to the Student Congress Chair and deemed legitimate.
6. At the first Executive Committee meeting following an effective resignation, the Student Congress Chair must announce the resignation.

4. ELECTIONS

1. Each seat of the Undergraduate Student Congress shall be held on a consistent cycle, with elections held once per year. If a seat becomes vacant, the vacancy may be filled by appointment and shall not be up for election until its assigned election cycle.
2. Each seat shall be numbered from one (1) to forty-eight (48).
3. Records of each seat, by seat number, district, election cycle, and current officeholder shall be maintained by the Undergraduate Student Congress Secretary and shall be transmitted to the Election Commission upon request.
4. Any Act of Procedure concerning the Congressional Administration Committee's regular redistricting, or any irregular redistricting that may occur, should include details about which seats shall be assigned to a given election cycle and should endeavor to maintain a balance between the Spring and Fall cycles.

Section 4: The initial numbering of seats and assignment of election cycles shall be completed by the Undergraduate Student Congress Secretary, sorted primarily by district in alphabetical order, and secondly by last name in alphabetical order. The first half of each district's seats shall be allocated to the Fall election cycle, and the other half shall be allocated to the Spring election

cycle. For districts with an odd number of seats, the Fall election cycle will have one (1) seat more than the Spring cycle.

Section 5: This Act should not be construed to remove any current member of the Undergraduate Student Congress from their seats. Each seat shall begin to comply with this Act upon becoming vacant or at its next election. If a seat would otherwise be up for election in the cycle following this bill's effective date, but this bill would have that seat up for election in the following cycle, the seat should remain vacant or be filled via appointment until the appropriate election cycle to comply with this Act.

Section 6: This act shall become effective when passed in accordance with the SGA Constitution.

Author(s): Chair Tucker Dunn, Congressional Administration Committee

Submitted on a Motion by:

Action taken by Congress:

Verified by Chair of Congress: _____ Date: _____