

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS

Session CXI

General Body Meeting

7:30 pm, Tuesday, February 27th, 2024

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 | February 20, 2024

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

- CR-111-04 "Black History Month Resolution of 2024" (Rhoads/Bento)

Student Concern Link

Items to Be Considered

- AB-111-03 "Auxiliary Allocation 13 Act of 2023-2024" (WAM, Do Pass) (Gulam)
- CB-111-10 "Expulsion Bill No. 1" (Exec, No Rec) (Berggren)

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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CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CXI

February 27, 2024

CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-111-04

AS INTRODUCED

A Congressional Resolution Recognizing
the month of February as Black History
Month; and providing for distribution.

- Whereas: Black History Month is celebrated in the month of February; and
- Whereas: Black History Month was federally established through Congress in 1986 in Public Law¹; and
- Whereas: The month of February was chosen to honor the birthdays of Frederick Douglas and Abraham Lincoln; and
- Whereas: Black History Month is used to promote the identity, culture, and the contributions of Black or African American people throughout the United States; and
- Whereas: Black History Month is also used to educate the American public on the challenges Black and African American people have faced throughout history and today; and
- Whereas: In Fall 2023, 1516 students or 5.3% of the University of Oklahoma’s Student Body who was enrolled identified as Black and African American students²; and
- Whereas: Black students are often underrepresented in higher education; and
- Whereas: Educational institutions have historically been biased or inaccurate on the retelling of American Black History due to systematic discriminatory structures and beliefs; and
- Whereas: The University of Oklahoma promotes Diversity on its campus, meaning that “all individuals and viewpoints are represented and included”; and
- Whereas: The University of Oklahoma also promotes Inclusion, meaning that, “all have a sense of belonging in our environment of cultivated respect and care”³; and

¹ National Archives. “Recognition of Black History Month – Ford in Focus,” February 1, 2024.

<https://ford.blogs.archives.gov/2024/02/01/recognition-of-black-history-month/>.

² “University of Oklahoma-Norman Campus.” Data USA. Accessed February 14, 2024.

<https://datausa.io/profile/university/university-of-oklahoma-norman-campus#:~:text=Enrollment%20by%20Race%20%26%20Ethnicity&text=2%2C473%20enrolled%20students-.The%20enrolled%20student%20population%20at%20University%20of%20Oklahoma%2DNorman%20Campus,Hawaiian%20or%20Other%20Pacific%20Islanders.>

³ www.ou.edu. “Strategic Alignment Plan,” n.d. <https://www.ou.edu/diversity/about/plan#pillars>.

Whereas: Celebrating Black students and their history recognizes the contributions these students have given to The University of Oklahoma and ensuring they are not overlooked; and

Whereas: The recognition of Black History Month brings awareness and discussion on the history of Black Americans, not only at the University of Oklahoma, but also across the nation; and

Whereas: Accurate stories and discussion of Black history and cultures help to reduce stigma, giving the opportunity for more inclusive environments; and

Whereas: Recognizing Black History Month also gives way to recognizing the Black faculty and staff that serve as role models for the community at the University of Oklahoma; 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 “Black History Month Resolution of 2024.”

Section 2: The University of Oklahoma Undergraduate Student Congress recognizes the month of February as Black History Month.

Section 3: The University of Oklahoma Undergraduate Student Congress recognizes and honors the Black students at The University of Oklahoma in addition to their culture and heritage.

Section 4: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association Undergraduate Student Congress condemns any laws and policies that previously or currently suppress or harm individuals recognized within this resolution.

Section 5: Copies of this resolution will be sent to:

- President Joseph Harroz Jr, University of Oklahoma
- Angelique Price, Coordinator of the African American Programs and Services
- Alexandria Jackson, Multicultural Greek Council and National Panhellenic Advisor
- Gali Perez, President of the Multicultural Greek Council

Author(s): Hope Rhoads, Human Diversity Committee Chair
Marilou Bento, External Affairs Committee Chair

Submitted on a motion by:

Action taken by Congress:

Verified by Chair of Congress: _____ Date: _____

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February 27th, 2024

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GS24

February 29th, 2024

CONGRESSIONAL BILL AB-110-03
SENATE BILL NO. GS24-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 13 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 |
|--|-------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|
| Alpha Lambda Delta | 50 | | | 50 |
| Club Golf Team | 600 | | | 600 |
| College Republicans at the University of Oklahoma | 100 | | | 100 |
| Colombian Student Association | 750 | | | 750 |
| Lambda Delta Psi | | | 309 | 309 |
| Lambda Delta Psi | 250 | | | 250 |
| Lambda Delta Psi | 250 | | | 250 |
| Multicultural Greek Council | 800 | | | 800 |
| National Association for the Advancement of Colored People at the University of Oklahoma | 600 | | | 600 |
| Red Clay Faction | 807 | | | 807 |
| Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers | 800 | | | 800 |
| Student Bar Association | 1000 | | | 1000 |
| Super League | 770 | | | 770 |
| | | | TOTAL: | 7086 |

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 SESSION XCI

February 27, 2024

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-111-10

AS INTRODUCED

A Congressional Act of Procedure expelling a representative from the Congressional Body; 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 “Expulsion Bill No. 1.”

Section 2: Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to expel members for excessive unexcused absences. Loni'e Austin 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: Loni'e Austin

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

Author(s): Secretary Carolyn Berggren, Undergraduate Student Congress

Submitted on a Motion by:

Action taken by Congress

Verified by Chair: _____ Date: _____