

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS

Session CX

General Body Meeting

7:00 pm, Tuesday, February 6th, 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 | January 30, 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

- Committee of the Whole
 - CB-111-04 "Session CXI General Application Appointment Act"
(Landry/Berggren/Cantrell)

Student Concern Link

Items to Be Considered

- AB-111-01 "Auxiliary Allocation 12 Act of 2023-2024" (Gulam) (WAM, Do Pass)
- CR-111-01 "Higher Education Day Resolution of 2024" (Bento) (EA, Do Pass)

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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UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CXI

February 6th, 2024

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-111-04

AS INTRODUCED

A Congressional Act of Procedure appointing new
Representatives and Associates in the SGA
Undergraduate Student Congress; 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 CXI General Application Appointment Act.”

Section 2: Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to select new Associates and Representatives pursuant to the SGA Congressional Bylaws, Section 3.2.3(a).

Section 3: The following individuals are hereby appointed as Associates in the SGA Undergraduate Student Congress:

Reese Ball
Lucy Brodt
Harley Combest
Alexander Donald
Kayla Hynes
Alexandra Kisch
Aniketh Koneru
Mercer Martin
Himani Prajapati
Ria Sachdev
Sofia Urquieta

Section 4: The following individuals are hereby appointed as Representatives in the SGA Undergraduate Student Congress:

Khiala Brown, Fine Arts Representative
Brianna Cisneros, Engineering and Energy Representative
Brianna Lemater, University College Representative
Kyle Martin, International and Area Studies Representative
Zoe Nguyen, Communications Representative
Kyle Oler, Engineering and Energy Representative

Section 5: This act shall become effective when passed in accordance with the SGA Constitution.

Author(s): Amelia Landry, Vice Chair of the Undergraduate Student Congress

Carolyn Berggren, Secretary of the Undergraduate Student Congress
Madeline Cantrell, Vice Chair of the Congressional Administration Committee

Co-Author(s): The Congressional Administration Committee

Submitted on a Motion by:

Action taken by Congress

Verified by Chair: _____ Date: _____

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UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CXI

February 6th, 2024

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GF24

February 15th, 2024

CONGRESSIONAL BILL AB-111-01
SENATE BILL NO. GF24-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 12 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
Academic Team	160			160
Advanced Radar Research Center, Student Affairs Committee	100			100
African Student Association	2200			2200
Air Force ROTC Student Association	840			840
American Constitution Society	1000			1000
American Marketing Association	400			400
Arab Student Association	1000	1500		2500
Asian American Student Association	4000			4000
Black Law Student Association	820			820
Black Men in STEM	1000			1000
Black Men’s Mental Health Club	500			500
Brown Book Collective		500		500
Campus Activities Council	6000			6000
College Democrats	300			300
Criminal Law Association	100			100

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Delta Sigma Phi	600			600
East African Alliance	550			550
Friday Accounting Meetings	680			680
Gaylord College Graduate Student's Association	600			600
Healthcare Business Club	740			740
Horror Movie Club	300			300
Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers Microwave Theory and Technology Student Chapter	700			700
Iranian Student Association	500			500
Kappa Kappa Psi National Honorary Band	250			250
Korean Student Association	500			500
Lambda Delta Psi	500			500
Lambda Delta Psi	500			500
Latin Dance Club	280			280
MEDLIFE	300			300
MEDLIFE		212		212
Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources and Related Sciences	100			100
Minority Health Sciences Conference	150		100	250
Oklahoma Law Review	325			325
Oklahoma Weather Lab	1950			1950
Omani Students Association	250			250
Omega Psi Phi	244			244
OU Men's Baseball Club	750			750
OU Men's Club Lacrosse	500			500
OU Powerlifting Club	500			500
Our Mental Health	34			34
Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia	700			700
Public Interest Law Student Association	850			850
Rug Making Club		550		550
Russian Speaking Student Association	500			500
School of Meteorology Student Affairs Committee	400			400
Sigma Alpha Iota International Fraternity	650			650
Sitaraas	750			750
Society of Physics Students	350			350
Sooner Air Traffic Control Association	600			600
Sooner Competitive Robotics		2000		2000
Sooner Rover Team	434			434
South Asian Student Association	1380			1380
South Asian Student Association	400			400
Student Association for Computing Machinery	300			300
Student Association of Bangladesh		300		300
Styrohome	485			485
The Big Event		430		430
University Buddhist Association	100			100
University Buddhist Association	100			100
University of Oklahoma Percussion Society	500			500
Wall Street Sooners	300			300
Women in Finance	700			700

Women's Rights in Healthcare	270		270
TOTAL:			45684

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 CXI

February 6th, 2023

CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-111-01

AS INTRODUCED

A Congressional Resolution requesting support
for increasing funds for higher education
resources distributed by the State Government
of Oklahoma; and providing for distribution.

Whereas: The fiscal year 2020 appropriation for higher education by the State of Oklahoma was \$1,003,794,375¹; and

Whereas: By 2025, 70 percent of jobs in Oklahoma will require some college, a long-term certificate, or a college degree²; and

Whereas: 96% of Oklahomans who graduate from a state system college or university remain and work in the state one year after graduation³; and

Whereas: For every dollar of state appropriations invested, the State System of Higher Education generates \$9.40 in economic output⁴; and

Whereas: Oklahoma's higher education system supported \$8.21 billion in total economic output in FY2016⁵; and

Whereas: Research findings continue to point toward increased education as an underlying source of economic growth, both in the U.S. and internationally, reinforcing the existence of a strong empirical link between education and economic growth at the state level; and

¹ "2024 Funding Request," Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education <https://okhighered.org/leg-info/funding-request/>

² "Launch Oklahoma," Oklahoma Works (November, 2017). <https://oklahomaworks.gov/attainmentgoal/>

³ "Oklahoma Public Higher Education Graduates Learn Here, Earn Here," Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education (December 13, 2023). <https://okhighered.org/2023/12/oklahoma-public-higher-education-graduates-learn-here-earn-here/>

⁴ "The Economic Role Of Oklahoma's Public Colleges and Universities," Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education (April 20, 2020). <https://documents.pub/document/the-economic-role-of-oklahomaas-public-colleges-and-economic-role-of-oklahomaas.html?page=1>

⁵ "Fast Facts," Oklahoma State Regent for Higher Education <https://okhighered.org>

- Whereas: The University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center supported the greatest amount of local economic activity among all institutions and constituent agencies; and
- Whereas: The facility supports approximately \$1.85 billion in total economic activity, 10,700 jobs, and \$1.1 billion in employee compensation in the Oklahoma City region; and
- Whereas: In Fiscal Year 2023, the regents complied with the request and submitted a report that showed less than 1% of state and federal funding supports DEI; and
- Whereas: They estimated \$10.2 million in DEI spending for the 2023-2024 fiscal year, with \$3.4 million of that amount coming from state appropriations⁶; and
- Whereas: The Governor's Executive Order 2023-31, which allows state agencies and institutes for higher education to initiate a review of DEI positions, departments, activities, procedures, and programs, and mandated the elimination of all state DEI-related funding and activities; and
- Whereas: This executive order puts at risk the DEI programs at the University of Oklahoma; and
- Whereas: The order could put federal funding or accreditation at risk, as many colleges depend on millions of dollars in grant funding, and several grants are tied to DEI support; and
- Whereas: DEI programs give necessary support to underrepresented minorities⁷.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS THAT:

- Section 1:** Title: This resolution shall be known and may be cited as the “The Higher Education Day Resolution of 2024.”
- Section 2:** OU SGA Undergraduate Student Congress encourages the protection of DEI programs, and for state funding to be protected for DEI programs.
- Section 2:** OU SGA Undergraduate Student Congress encourages federal entities to appropriate more funds to Oklahoma for use in education.

⁶ Goins, Adria, “Stitt signs executive order taking aim at DEI,” (December 13, 2023). <https://kfor.com/news/oklahoma-legislature/stitt-signs-executive-order-taking-aim-at-dei/>

⁷ “Governor Stitt Signs Anti-Discrimination Executive Order, Takes Aim at DEI Measures,” Oklahoma Governor (December 13, 2023). <https://oklahoma.gov/governor/newsroom/newsroom/2023/december2023/governor-stitt-signs-anti-discrimination-executive-order--takes-.html>

Section 3: OU SGA Undergraduate Student Congress encourages residents of Oklahoma to contact local and state legislators about the importance of education and higher education funding at state and national levels.

Section 4: OU SGA Undergraduate Student Congress encourages residents of Oklahoma, in places of civic engagement, to consider the importance of a highly educated and competitive workforce in an increasingly global community.

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

- OU Office of Governmental Affairs
- Caden Glasscock, SGA President

Authors: Marilou Bento, External Affairs Chair

Submitted on a motion by:

Action taken by Congress:

Verified by Chair of Congress: _____ Date: _____