

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS

Session CXI

General Body Meeting

7:00 pm, Tuesday, April 23, 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 | April 16, 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

- Senior Speeches
- Rod Jahromi Award Presentation
- Elections
 - Chair
 - Vice Chair
 - Secretary

Student Concern Link

Items to Be Considered

- CB-111-21-A “April 2024 Superior Court Act 1” (ConAd, Do Pass) (Glasscock/Burch/Halsey-Kraus/Taylor/Wolthius)
- CB-111-21-B “April 2024 Superior Court Act 2” (ConAd, No Rec) (Glasscock/Burch/Halsey-Kraus/Taylor/Wolthius)
- CB-111-23 “Conoco Student Leadership Center Pilot Program Act of 2024.” (Halsey-Kraus, Burch/Tramel/Glasscock/Mortazavi)
- CB-111-25 “Election Schedule Act” (ConAd, Do Pass) (Gilson-Bond)
- CB-111-26 “Summer Pay for SGA Leaders Act” (ConAd, Do Pass) (Mortazavi/Wolthius)

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 BILL CB-111-21-A
SENATE BILL GS24-XX

AS INTRODUCED

An Act of Legislation appointing justices to the SGA Superior Court; 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 “April 2024 Superior Court Act.”

Section 2: Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to name and appoint Superior Court justices.

Section 3: In accordance with SGACA Title IV, Chapter 2, section b, subsections iii and iv, Superior Court Justices will be appointed by a majority vote of the panelists [the SGA President, the GSS Chair, the Congress Chair, and the General Counsel]. The Chief Justice of Superior Court is one of the panelists, however they will only vote in the event of the tie.

- Tucker Dunn
- Catalina Emond
- Jack Sweet
- Randi Wright

Section 4: This act shall become effective (1) at the beginning of the Fall 2024 academic semester (2) when passed in accordance with the SGA Constitution.

Authors: President Caden Glasscock
Chairwoman Claire Burch, Graduate Student Senate
Chairwoman Abby Halsey-Kraus, Undergraduate Student Congress
Maddy Taylor, SGA General Counsel
Ellie Wolthuis, SGA Chief of Staff

Co-Author: Vice President S. Cyrus Mortazavi
Carter B. Strickland, SGA Director of the Interior

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CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-111-23
SENATE BILL GS24-XX

AS INTRODUCED

An Act creating a Pilot Program for allocating space in the Conoco Student Leadership Center; 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 “Conoco Student Leadership Center Pilot Program Act of 2024.”
- Section 2:** Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to create a Pilot Program for allocating space on the 2nd and 3rd floors of the Conoco Student Leadership Center.
- Section 3:** Beginning Fall 2024, RSOs will reserve times to use spaces on the 2nd and 3rd floors of the Conoco Student Leadership Center. All RSOs registered on Engage can reserve times, and no RSO will be allocated an exclusive, individual space.
- Section 4:** The goal of the Pilot Program shall be to optimize student space as well as provide equitable and accessible spaces for students to engage and collaborate with one another. In addition, the Pilot Program shall be a free, reservable, multipurpose space to meet the greater RSO community’s needs.
- Section 5:** After the Pilot period, the Space Allocation Committee shall evaluate the utilization of the space. Upon further consideration, the Space Allocation Committee shall continue or discontinue the program based on student feedback and space usage.
- Section 6:** This act shall become effective when passed in accordance with the SGA Constitution.
- Author(s): Chair Abby Halsey-Kraus, Undergraduate Student Congress
Chair Claire Burch, Graduate Student Senate
Chair Katie Tremel, Campus Activities Council
President Caden Glasscock, Student Government Association
Vice President Cyrus Mortavazi, Student Government Association

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CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-111-25

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 (1) 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.
- Section 4:** AMENDATORY: Adding a new section following section 3.2 of The Undergraduate Student Congress Bylaws, will be amended as follows, with a ~~strike through~~ indicating a removed section, and an underline indicating added sections.

2. ELECTIONS

1. Each seat of the Undergraduate Student Congress shall be held on a consistent cycle, with elections held once per year.
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.
5. In the case of open seats of the obverse semester is open during the election, this seat will be filled by the next highest voted candidate of the district, until that seat becomes available in the election, unless the candidate votes does not exceed the "prefer not to vote" option.
6. If a seat is not filled in the election or becomes vacant, the vacancy may be filled by appointment until the election for the respective seat.

Section 5: 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 6: This Act will not remove any currently serving representatives. Depending on the number their seat is assigned, they may be required to file for re-election in an opposing cycle to which they were elected initially. 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 7: This bill will go into effect at the conclusion of the Spring 2024 election cycle.

Section 8: The new sections will be renumbered accordingly.

Section 9: This act shall become effective when passed in accordance with the SGA Constitution.

Author(s): Representative Aaron Gilson-Bond, University College Representative

Co-Author(s): Congressional Administration Chair, Madeline Cantrell

Sponsor(s): Representative Chloe Harris, University College Representative

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An Act of Legislation providing pay for SGA leaders in the summer months; 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 “Summer Pay for SGA Leaders Act.”
- Section 2:** Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to allow SGA leaders to receive pay in the summer months, at the discretion of Student Affairs employees.
- Section 3:** AMENDATORY: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association’s Code Annotated Title X Chapter 5 Section 1 is amended as follows. For the purposes of this bill, all items removed shall be denoted with a ~~strike through~~. All items added shall be denoted with an underline.

Section 1:

Campus Activities Council Chair, Chair of Congress, Chair of Senate, Secretary of Congress, Secretary of Senate, Student Bar Association President, Vice Chair of Congress, and Vice Chair of Senate shall be compensated monthly with compensation periods beginning August 1st and perpetuating monthly until April 30th. The SGA President and SGA Vice President shall be compensated monthly with compensation periods beginning December 1st and perpetuating monthly until November 30th. The Chair of SGA Budgetary Committee shall be compensated monthly with compensation periods beginning the month of their appointment by the SGA Congress and ending April 30th.³ ~~The SGA President~~ All SGA officers who receive a stipend or salary shall be eligible to receive compensation at ~~the aforementioned rate~~ their usual rates of pay during the summer, which shall consist of the months June, July, and August. This pay will be given at the discretion of Student Affairs Staff, within the parameters of the budget. ~~The SGA President~~ officers who receive a stipend shall only be eligible to receive such compensation while executing their ~~presidential~~ official duties in the course of fulfilling their office hours. The GSS Ways and Means Chair stipend is to be paid out at the end of October and February, corresponding with the deadlines for the Fall and Spring grant deadlines.

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

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