

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
Session XCIII

General Body Meeting
7:00 pm, Tuesday, February 24, 2015
Devon Hall 120

Session XCIII

Roll Call -

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Vice Chair's Report-

Secretary's Report-

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- External Affairs
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- Public Relations
- Ways and Means

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930409 A Resolution Responding to HB 1362 (Aragon/Sample)

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930201 A Resolution Regarding the Live On, University Campaign (Pae) (Do Pass-Exec) (Do Pass-AA)

930406 A Resolution Expressing Condolences for the North Carolina Tragedy (Hasan) (Do Pass-Exec)

930407 A Resolution Responding to Senate Bill 733 (Sample/Aragon) (Do Pass-EA)

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Final Roll Call

Chair: Lauren Aragon

Vice-Chair: Connor Bourland

Secretary: Emily Sample

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CONGRESSIONAL SESSION XCIII

February 24, 2015

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE

SENATE SESSION GS-15

March 8, 2015

CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION NO. 930201

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. GS15-XX

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution expressing support for OU's Live On, University Campaign, which will help students in terms of receiving more scholarships and opportunities; and providing for distribution.

Whereas: The University of Oklahoma will be celebrating its 125th anniversary in 2015; and

Whereas: Over the past 125 years, the University of Oklahoma has positively impacted countless students' lives through leadership and service opportunities; and

Whereas: In honor of OU's 125th anniversary, the University has launched the Live On, University Campaign, a \$500 million private fundraising campaign, of which the largest component is to raise \$100 million to provide undergraduate scholarships and graduate fellowships; and

Whereas: With an emphasis on providing more scholarships and opportunities for students, the Live On, University Campaign has much potential.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS AND THE GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN THAT:

Section 1: The student body of the University of Oklahoma supports the Live On, University Campaign for its focus on improving the spectacular Sooner Experience.

Section 2: We hope that this fundraising campaign achieves its goals and that students will be provided with more scholarships and opportunities to be successful.

Section 3: Due to the rising costs of higher education, we fully support President Boren and the University of Oklahoma in seeking funding to increase the quantity and quality of scholarships at the University of Oklahoma.

Copies of this resolution will be sent to:

- David L. Boren, President of the University of Oklahoma
- Jim Day, Co-chair of Live On, University Campaign
- Bonnie Kennedy, Co-chair of Live On, University Campaign
- *The OU Daily*
- OU Nightly

Author(s): Daniel Pae, Academic Affairs Committee Chair

Co-Author(s): Timothy Crisp, Humanities District Representative
Garett Hueffed, International Studies District Representative

Co-Sponsor(s): Hunter Brunwald, Vice Chair of the Graduate Student Senate
Lauren Aragon, Chair of the Undergraduate Student Congress
Emily Sample, Secretary of the Undergraduate Student Congress
Ryan Nigh, Congressional Administration Committee Chair
Kara Elwick, External Affairs Committee Chair
Matthew Cramm, Ways and Means Committee Chair
Chelsea Brown, Problems and Projects Committee Chair
Emery Skelton, Public Relations Committee Chair
Trevor Watts, Social Sciences District Representative
Conor Park, Business District Representative
Ryan Echols, Fine Arts District Representative

Submitted on a motion by:

Action taken by Congress:

Verified by Chair of Congress: _____ Date: _____

Submitted on a motion by:

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Approved by SGA President: _____ Date: _____

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CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION NO. 930406

AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution commemorating the lives of the victims of the Chapel Hill, North Carolina shooting; and providing for distribution.

- Whereas: Each person has the right to practice his/her beliefs according to the first amendment of the US Constitution; and
- Whereas: The three victims, Deah Barakat, Yusor Abu-Salha and Razan Abu-Salha, were Muslim American who served their community by helping others; and
- Whereas: Deah Barakat was collecting donations to help Syrian refugees and after his tragedy the donation raised by \$400,000; and
- Whereas: The continued prevalence of sectarianism in our society needs to be replaced by religious tolerance on the basis of respect for all humanity
- Whereas: Peace and love create a better community to work as one unit with respect to race, and religion; and

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

Section 1: The University of Oklahoma undergraduate student body offers its heartfelt condolences to the victims and their families of the tragic shooting on Tuesday February 10, 2015, in Chapel Hill, North Carolina near campus of the University of North Carolina and to the faculty, administration and staff, and their families who have been deeply affected by the tragic events that occurred there.

Section 2: Copies of this resolution will be sent to:

- William “Randy” Woodson, Chancellor of North Carolina State University
- Thomas W. Ross, President of University of North Carolina
- *OU Daily*
- *OU Nightly*
- *KFOR News*
- *The Oklahoman*
- *Chapel Hill News*
- *WNCN News*
- *WRAL News*
- *The Daily Tar Heel*

- *The University Gazette*
- *The Technician*
- *NC State News*

Authors: Alyass Hasan, Undergraduate Student Congress Engineering District Representative
Lauren Aragon, Chair of the Undergraduate Student Congress

Co-Author: Manar Kabbani, Muslim Student Association, President

Co-Sponsor: Emily Sample, Secretary of the Undergraduate Student Congress
Timothy Crisp, Undergraduate Student Congress Humanities District Representative

Submitted on a motion by:

Action taken by Congress:

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UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
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CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION NO. 930407

AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution responding to OK SB 733; and providing for
distribution.

Whereas: Oklahoma Senate Bill 733 alters the marriage application to require an affidavit from a doctor to prove that the persons are free from “syphilis and other communicable or infectious diseases” and are at least no longer contagious before they can get their marriage license; and

Whereas: Communicable diseases is incredibly non-specific and includes very common ailments such as the common cold, the flu, strep throat and mono; and

Whereas: Many diseases will test positive after the illness has been treated for the rest of the patient’s life for illnesses such as herpes (without distinguishing between strains), mono, and strep throat because of cross-reactivity between assays or they are an antibody test; and

Whereas: No single blood test could screen for all communicable illnesses, and running these battery of blood tests could prove prohibitively expensive to either the patients or the state; and

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

Section 1: The student body of the University of Oklahoma opposes Senate Bill 733, as it will impede young families from being able to begin their lives together as this legislation’s definitions are excessively vague, and violates their rights.

Section 2: Hence, we urge the Oklahoma State Legislature not to consider SB 733.

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

- Senator Anthony Sykes
- Senator Brian Crain
- Senator Corey Brooks
- Senator Kay Floyd
- Senator AJ Griffin
- Senator David Holt
- Senator John Sparks
- Senator Rob Standridge
- Senator Roger Thompson
- Senator Greg Treat
- President David L. Boren
- *OU Daily*

- *OU Nightly*

Authors: Lauren Aragon, Chair of the Undergraduate Student Congress
Emily Sample, Secretary of the Undergraduate Student Congress

Co-Author: Sarah Sample-Eppinger, MLS (ASCP)^{CM}

Co-Sponsor:

Submitted on a motion by:

Action taken by Congress:

Verified by Chair of Congress: _____ Date: _____

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UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION XCIII

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CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 930505

AS INTRODUCED

A congressional act authorizing the purchase of decorative chain to be placed around the South Oval Seal with the Congressional Initiatives Fund , providing for a short title, providing effective date, and providing distribution.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT ASSOCIATION:

Section 1: Title: This act shall be known and may be cited as the “We’ll Buy it Ourselves Act of 2015.”

Section 2: Purpose: The purpose of this act is inherent in the As Introduced.

Section 3: The Undergraduate Student Congress hereby authorizes the purchase and installation of decorative chain to be placed around the South Oval Seal at a cost of \$1,712 to be paid from the Congressional Initiatives Fund.

Section 4: This act has the approval and blessing of President Boren and shall be effective immediately.

Section 5: Copies of this act shall be distributed to:
David L. Boren, President of the University of Oklahoma
Brian Ellis, Director of Facilities Management
The Oklahoma Daily
OU Nighly

Author(s): Connor R. Bourland, Undergraduate Student Congress Vice-Chair

Co-Author(s):

Submitted on a Motion by:

Action taken by Congress:

Verified by Chair of Congress: _____ Date: _____

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UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION XCIII

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GS-15

CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 930506
SENATE BILL NO. GS15-XX

AS INTRODUCED

An act relating to appropriations; providing for short title; stating purpose; appropriating emergency funding for the 2014-2015 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 “Emergency Allocation #10” Act of 2015.

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:

Name of Organization	Total Allocation	P/E/A	Capital Investments	Office and General Expenses
Intercollegiate Athletics Administration Student Association	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Colleges Against Cancer	\$450.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
German Club	\$300.00	\$300.00	0.00	0.00
Society of Chinese Students and Scholars	\$200	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total	\$1,200.00	\$1,150.00	\$0.00	\$50.00

Section 4: All guidelines and provisions in the Comprehensive SGA Financial Responsibilities Act shall apply to all funds appropriated in this act.

Section 5: This fiscal year for the account listed in these sections shall end May 2, 2015

Section 6: All unspent money remaining in the accounts listed in Section 3 shall revert to the SGA General Account after May 2, 2015, and the remaining appropriations shall be canceled.

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

Author: Representative Matthew Cramm, SGA Budget Chairman

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:

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Approved by SGA President: _____ Date:_____

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CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 930604

AS INTRODUCED

An Act of Procedure appointing an Representative to
Session 93; providing for a short title, providing for
codification, and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT ASSOCIATION:

Section 1: Title: This act shall be known and may be cited as “Another Appointment Act of Session 93.”

Section 2: APPOINTMENT In accordance with Student Congress Bylaws §3.2 ¶3.A.5(1), the following Representative member is hereby appointed:

Rep. Kaylee Rains

Social Sciences

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

Author(s): Congressional Administration Committee

Co-Author(s): Lauren Aragon, Student Congress Chair
Connor Bourland, Student Congress Vice Chair
Emily Sample, Student Congress Secretary

Submitted on a Motion by:

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GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GF-15
March 8, 2015

CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 930109
SENATE BILL NO. GS15-XX

AS INTRODUCED

An act amending the SGA Code Annotated to update portions concerning Residential Governments; providing for a short title, providing for codification, and providing 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 “Residential Governments Updates Act of 2015.”
- Section 2:** Purpose: To update the SGA Code Annotated in order to align with the current practices and Constitution of the Housing Center Student Association.
- Section 3:** Title VI, Chapter 2 of the SGA Code Annotated shall be amended to read as follows:

**Title VI – Resident Governments
Chapter 1 – General Provisions**

1. Membership

The Residential Governments of the SGA shall be comprised as follows: Housing Center Student Association President; Commuter Student Association President; Interfraternity Council President; Panhellenic Association President; and National Pan-Hellenic Council President.

2. Residential Government Presidents

The Residential Government Presidents of the SGA shall be as follows: Housing Center Student Association President; Commuter Student Association President; Interfraternity Council President; Panhellenic Association President; and National Pan-Hellenic Council President.

3. Residential Presidents

The Residential Presidents of the SGA shall be as follows: Those presidents of organizations under the jurisdiction of the Residential Government Presidents, including Residence Hall Presidents in University Housing; and Presidents of fraternities and sororities.

a. Role

Each ~~Center~~ Residential President shall be the chief executive officer of his/her defined center or organization. ~~All resident hall presidents shall be responsible to their respective center presidents.~~

~~b. Residence~~

~~Each Center President shall reside in his/her district during his/her term of office. A Center President who is involuntarily moved from his/her district by University Action or Action of God shall be allowed to serve out the remainder of his/her term.~~

e b. Terms

~~The term of office of the Housing Center Student Association President, Commuter Student Association President, and National Pan-Hellenic Council President, and Campus Activities Council Chair shall coincide with the term of the SGA President shall be elected in the Spring SGA Election~~
The Interfraternity Council President, Panhellenic Association President, and Latino Greek Council President shall be elected in the Fall SGA Election. The term of office shall be January 1 to December 31 of the year following each Fall SGA Election.

d c. Other Employment

No employee in a SGA stipend position shall be employed by the University of Oklahoma in a position that could be considered a conflict of interest. Neither shall he/she accept any special favors or privileges from any university employee or student or outside source which might in any way compromise his/her position and responsibilities while in office. This does not intend to include traditional and recognized academic and athletic compensation in the form of scholarships, fellowships, grants of other similar aid, or employment, which clearly does not represent a conflict of interest. Notification of other employment must be submitted to the office of the SGA General Counsel prior to elections for the purpose of determining a conflict of interest.

e d. Special Privileges

Special privilege means a privilege, not conferred upon the regular student body, but conferred on center presidents solely because of their position. Special privileges are only prohibited when such privilege compromises, in any way, the office. To determine whether an impermissible special privilege has been granted, it must be determined whether the privilege was solely because of one's position and whether the privilege compromises the office.

Chapter 2 – Governments

4. Housing Center Student Association

Membership in the Housing Center Student Association (HCSA) shall consist of the student all resident of the following residence halls: Adams Center, Cate Center, Couch/Cross Center, University Apartments Center, and Walker Center, Kraettli Apartment Complex, Traditions Square East Apartment Complex, and Traditions Square West Apartment Complex.

a. Role

~~The HCA~~ HCSA shall strive to maintain a working relationship with the SGA. The Housing Center Student Association shall be a student organization and not a member of the Legislative, Judicial, Executive, or Programming Branch.

The purpose of the Housing Center Student Association is to enhance the living and learning environment of the university's residential community through programming, advocacy, and service.

b. Resident Student Associations

Membership of HCSA shall be divided into Resident Student Associations (RSAs) as determined by the center or apartment complex in which the student resides, in accordance to the HCSA Constitution.

b c. Housing Center Student Association General Council

i. Power

~~The Housing Center Association (HCA) HCSA General Council shall have the all legislative powers with respect to to set policies affecting housing and the Housing Center Student Association. The HCA Council shall meet on a regular basis and have power to recommend policy to the HCA director. The HCA Council shall have the power to legislate an absence policy for the HCA Council. The HCA Council shall have the power to draft a constitution and set of by laws to govern themselves which should include the policies dealing with the attendance policy, filling HCA Council vacancies and any other matters directly affecting the governing of the Housing Center Association.~~

ii. Membership

~~The HCA HCSA General Council shall consist of three ten voting members from each constituted housing center RSA or as outlined in the HCSA Constitution. Housing Center Presidents shall be members of the HCA Council. Two members of each Housing Center shall also serve as members of the HCA Council. One shall be elected in the Fall SGA election and the other shall be elected in the Spring SGA election. Should either of the elected HCA Council representatives cease to be regularly enrolled students of the University of Oklahoma Fall or Spring semesters, resign, or move out of their elected centers, that representative shall be removed from his/her seat and the respective Center President's Council shall fill that seat until the next SGA election.~~

iii. Quorum

~~A quorum of the HCA Council shall consist of no less than 2/3 of the body.~~

iv. Secretary/Treasurer

~~The HCA Director shall appoint with the advice and consent of a majority of the HCA Council a Secretary/Treasurer whose term shall run concurrent with that of the HCA Director. The Secretary/Treasurer shall be responsible for the keeping of the minutes and attendance of HCA Council meetings. The Secretary/Treasurer shall share the powers of financial administration and responsibility with the HCA Director. The Secretary/Treasurer shall be responsible for distributing the minutes to the HCA Council, the HCA Director, the HCA Advisory, and the Chair of Congress.~~

e d. Housing Center Student Association Director President

~~There shall be a Housing Center Student Association Director President.~~

i. Election

~~The Director President shall be elected by a majority of residence hall students voting in the Spring SGA General Election. If no candidate receives a majority in the general election a run-off will be held between the two candidates receiving the highest pluralities of votes cast in accordance with the SGA Election Procedures Act.~~

ii. Term

~~The HCA Director's term of office shall coincide with the term of the SGA President. Should the Director President cease to be a regularly enrolled student at the University of Oklahoma for the Fall or Spring semesters, be impeached, or otherwise vacate the position, a replacement shall be named by a majority vote of all members of the HCA HCSA General Council. If the President shall vacate the position or be aware of an impending vacancy before the Fall SGA Election, the position shall be filled at that time. 1/2 of the term of the HCA Director should be left, the position shall be filled by the Fall SGA Election. The HCA Director shall not be a member of the HCA Council, nor shall Center Presidents serve as HCA Director until such time as the Center President's regular term of office has expired. Should a member of the HCA Council be selected to serve as HCA Director, he/she shall~~

~~immediately relinquish his/her seat on the HCA Council. The HCA Director shall not be directly employed by the University in any other capacity.~~

iii. Removal

~~The HCA Director~~ HCSA President shall be removed from office with a 2/3 majority vote of the HCSA General Council ~~total body of the HCA Council.~~

~~iv. Role in Housing Center Association Council~~

~~The Housing Center Association Director shall act as Chair over the HCA Council. The HCA Director shall appoint an Assistant Director who will chair the HCA Council and have full executive powers in the event of the HCA Director's absence. The HCA Director shall have the right to veto any policy recommended by the HCA Council. The HCA Council shall have the right to override any veto by a 2/3 majority vote of the body. The HCA Director shall have the right to vote in the HCA Council only in the case of a tie. The HCA Director shall be responsible for informing the SGA President as to the needs, interests, activities and programs concerning the Housing Center Association. The HCA Director shall be responsible for taking policies recommended by the HCA Council to the proper authority (Undergraduate Student Congress, Housing Programs, Food Services, Parking and Transportation, CART...).~~

e. Housing Center Student Association Vice President of Internal Affairs

The HCSA Vice President of Internal Affairs (VPIA) shall serve as the Chair of the HCSA General Council. The VPIA will assume the duties of the HCSA President if he/she is unable to do so.

~~d. Presidential Appointments~~

~~The Housing Center Student Association President has the power to appoint, with the advice and consent of the Housing Center Student Association Council, a Vice President, Secretary, a National Communications Coordinator, and any other officer necessary to help with the execution of his/her duties and powers.~~

e f. Impeachment

Because neither the Housing Center Student Association nor its President is a member of the Legislative, Judicial, Programming, or Executive Branch, the Housing Student Association President is not subject to impeachment and removal proceedings of the SGA Legislative Branch.

Section 4: This act shall become effective, while in accordance with the SGA Code Annotated, immediately following passage and approval.

Author(s): Luis Molina, Humanities District Representative
Carrie Pavlowsky, Chair of the Graduate Student Senate

Co-Author(s): Jeremiah Stinnett, Housing Center Student Association President

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