

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
Session XCIII

General Body Meeting
7:00 pm, Tuesday, March 31, 2015
Devon Hall 120

Session XCIII

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Chair: Lauren Aragon
Vice-Chair: Connor Bourland
Secretary: Emily Sample

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UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION XCIII
March 31, 2015

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GS-15
April 12, 2015

CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 930117
SENATE BILL NO. GS15-XX

AS INTRODUCED

An act amending Title XII of the SGACA, 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:** This act shall be known and may be cited as the “Secretary Compensation Act”
- Section 2:** The purpose of this act is to increase Secretary pay rates in both Congress and the Graduate Student Senate by the equivalent of 2 hours per week.
- Section 3:** AMENDATORY. The following parts are to be amended to Title XII Chapter 5 of the SGACA:

31. Positions Receiving a Salary/Stipend

Section 1: The following positions shall receive a stipend:

- Campus Activities Council Chair: \$365/month
- Chair of Congress: \$365/month
- Chair of Senate: \$365/month
- Chair of SGA Budgetary Committee: \$265/month
- Secretary of Congress: ~~\$215/month~~ \$265/month
- Secretary of Senate: ~~\$215/month~~ \$265/month
- Student Bar Association President: \$290/month
- SGA President: \$450/month
- SGA Vice President: \$365/month
- Vice Chair of Congress: \$265/month
- Vice Chair of Senate: \$265/month

- Section 4:** All salaried and stipend positions listed within this section, Section 32, shall be compensated monthly with compensation periods beginning September 1st and perpetuating monthly until April 30th of the same academic year except for the positions of SGA President, SGA Vice President, Chair of Congress, Chair of Senate, Campus Activities Council Chair, and Housing Center Student Association President, which shall terminate employment and compensation May 31st of the same academic year. The SGA President shall be eligible to receive compensation at the aforementioned rate during the summer, which shall consist of the

months June, July, and August. The SGA President shall only be eligible to receive such compensation while executing his/her presidential duties in the course of fulfilling his/her office hours.

Section 5: This act shall become effective, while in accordance with the SGACA, immediately following passage and approval.

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Co-Author(s): Alex Byron, Vice President of the Student Government Association
Cooper Lund, Executive Assistant

Submitted on a Motion by:

Action taken by Congress:

Verified by Chair of Congress: _____ Date: _____

Submitted on a Motion by:

Action taken by Senate:

Verified by Chair of Senate: _____ Date: _____

Approved by UOSA President: _____ Date: _____

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UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION XCIII

March 31, 2015

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GS-15

April 12, 2015

CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 930118
SENATE BILL NO. GS15-XX

AS INTRODUCED

An SGA Code Annotated amendment amending the procedure for State of the SGA and Inauguration; providing for codification; providing for a short title; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION:

Section 1: TITLE: This Amendment shall be known and may be cited as the “State of the SGA and Inauguration Update Act.”

Section 2: Title III, Chapter 2, Section 8a of the SGACA shall be amended to read as follows:

a. State of the SGA Address

~~The SGA President shall convene a joint session of the Undergraduate Student Congress and Graduate Student Senate before the general election~~ The State of the SGA Address shall be held at the final meeting of the Undergraduate Student Congress before finals week each spring semester to deliver an address concerning the current state of Association. The address shall include, but is not limited to, an outline of the current administration’s accomplishments up to that point. The chairs shall speak on the accomplishments of their branch and the upcoming goals of their respective branches. At this meeting the SGA President shall administer the Oath of Office to the CAC Chair.

Section 3: Title 1, Chapter 6 of the SGACA shall be amended to read as follows:

1. Date

The SGA President and Vice-President shall be inaugurated one week after validation of the presidential election.

~~**2. Joint Session Ceremony**~~

~~For the purposes of inaugurating the new SGA President and Vice President, the SGA Legislative branch shall meet in joint session. The Chair of Congress and the Chair of Senate shall serve as co-chairs of the inauguration and joint session. The co-chairs of the inauguration will coordinate and conduct the session. They shall set the date for the inauguration as soon as possible with regard to the validation of the presidential election. The co-chairs will be responsible for establishing procedure for the joint session not explicitly laid out in this act. The outgoing Executive Branch shall organize the Inauguration of the new SGA President and Vice-President.~~

3. Oath of President and Vice President

The Chief Justice of the SGA Superior Court will administer the oath of office to the incoming SGA President and Vice-President. If the Chief Justice is unavailable to administer the oath, ~~the Chief Justice the co-chairs~~ shall select another person to do so. The oath shall read as follows: “I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the office of Student Government Association President/Vice-President, and will to the best of my ability, preserve, protect, and uphold the Constitution of the Student Government Association.” After the oath has been administered the President will give an inaugural address.

4. New Executive Officers

~~After the incoming President has given his or her address, the President will swear in the newly elected Executive officers.)-At the election of the Undergraduate Student Congress Chair and Graduate Student Senate Chair, the outgoing Chair shall administer the oath for the newly elected Chair.-The SGA President shall administer the Oath of Office to the newly elected Campus Activities Council Chair at the State of the SGA Address.~~ The oath for these officers shall read as follows: “I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the office for which I have been elected, and will uphold the rules and represent the members of the organization to which I belong to the best of my ability.”

Section 4: Title IV, Chapter 2, Section 36f shall be amended to read as follows:

a. Inauguration

The Chief Justice of the SGA Superior Court will administer the oath of office to the incoming SGA President and Vice-President. If the Chief Justice is unavailable to administer the oath, ~~the co-chairs~~ Chief Justice shall select another person to do so. The oath shall read as follows: “I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the office of Student Government Association President/Vice-President, and will to the best of my ability, preserve, protect, and uphold the Constitution of the Student Government Association.” After the oath has been administered the President will give an inaugural address.

Section 5: Title III, Chapter 1, section 4 shall be amended to read as follows:

1. Inauguration

a. Oath of President and Vice President

The Chief Justice of the SGA Superior Court will administer the oath of office (referenced in Title I, Chapter 6, section 24) to the incoming SGA President and Vice-President. If the Chief Justice is unavailable to administer the oath, ~~the co-chairs~~ Chief Justice shall select another person to do so. After the oath has been administered the President will give an inaugural address.

b. New Executive Officers

~~After the incoming President has given his or her address, the President will swear in the newly elected Executive officers (referenced in Title I, Chapter 6, section 25).-At the election of the Undergraduate Student Congress Chair and Graduate Student Senate Chair, the outgoing Chair shall administer the oath for the newly elected Chair.-The SGA President shall administer the Oath of Office to the newly elected Campus Activities Council Chair at the State of the SGA Address.~~ The oath for these officers shall read as follows: “I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the office for which I have been elected, and will uphold the rules and represent the members of the organization to which I belong to the best of my ability”.

Section 6: Title II, Chapter 1, section 2b shall be amended to read as follows:

~~b. Inauguration~~

~~For the purposes of inaugurating the new SGA President and Vice President, the SGA Legislative branch shall meet in joint session. The Chair of Congress and the Chair of Senate shall serve as co-chairs of the inauguration and joint session. The co-chairs of the inauguration will coordinate and conduct the session. They shall set the date for the inauguration as soon as possible with regard to the validation of the presidential election. The co-chairs will be responsible for establishing procedure for the joint session not explicitly laid out in this Sec.; Title I, Chapter 6; or any governing Act.~~

Section 7: This act shall become effective, while in accordance with the SGACA, immediately following passage and approval.

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Emily Sample, Secretary of the Undergraduate Student Congress

Co-Author(s): Carrie Pavlowsky, Chair of the Graduate Student Senate

Submitted on a Motion by:

Action taken by Congress:

Verified by Chair of 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 XCIII

March 31, 2015

CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 930121

AS INTRODUCED

A congressional act amending the Bylaws, 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 the “Secretary Responsibilities Act.”
- Section 2:** Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to amend the office hours required by the code in order to reflect the stipend increase allotted to the Secretary.
- Section 3:** A strikethrough denotes a deletion of the Bylaws; an underline denotes an addition:
- c) ~~STUDENT CONGRESS SECRETARY~~
 - i) The Secretary is the third-highest ranking officer of Student Congress. The Secretary shall strive to facilitate the execution of Student Congress’ mission.
 - ii) The Secretary shall preside over general meetings and Executive Committee meetings in the absence of the Student Congress Chair and Student Congress Vice-Chair.
 - iii) The Secretary shall be responsible for all records of Student Congress not otherwise specified in these Bylaws.
 - iv) The Secretary shall be responsible for conspicuously posting, in the SGA offices as well as on the SGA Congress website, a printed agenda for each general meeting and each meeting of the Executive Committee.
 - v) The Secretary shall take minutes at general meetings and be responsible for recording, via electronic media, the audio of all general Congress meetings, excluding executive session.
 - vi) The Secretary shall be responsible for recording and reading all submitted amendments to legislation pending before Student Congress.
 - vii) The Secretary shall be responsible for roll calls of Student Congress and for taking roll call votes.
 - viii) The Secretary shall be a voting member of the Congressional Administration standing committee.
 - ix) The Secretary shall keep a record of the terms of districts and offices held by all members.
 - x) The Secretary shall keep a record of all attendance, including general meetings and constituent service. The Secretary shall weekly post this record conspicuously in the SGA offices as well as on the SGA Congress website.
 - xi) The Secretary shall keep a record of all votes cast in general meetings by all representatives. The Secretary shall weekly post conspicuously in the SGA offices as well as on the SGA Congress website a record of all votes cast in general meetings on legislation, amendments to legislation, or elections and on any other questions deemed appropriate by the Secretary or higher-ranking officer of Student Congress.
 - xii) The Secretary shall be ultimately responsible for maintaining and updating all records and documents which are required to be posted on the website of Student Congress.

xiii)The Student Congress Secretary may choose to either post all documents which are required to be posted on the SGA Student Congress website, or forward all said documents to the Student Congress Webmaster, which will in turn, post all said documents on the SGA Student Congress website.

xiv)The Secretary shall have the sole right to author any acts of procedure expelling a member for excessive absences. The Secretary shall do so in a timely manner upon the accrual of excessive absences by a member, as specified elsewhere in these Bylaws.

xv) The Secretary shall be required to complete no less than ~~6~~ 8 hours of “office hours” per week in accordance with the monthly stipend awarded to the position. Should the stipend change, this section shall be amended to reflect the new stipend.

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

Author(s): Nathan Thompson, Legislative Assistant.

Co-Author(s): Alex Byron, SGA Vice President.

Submitted on a Motion by:

Action taken by Congress:

Verified by Chair of Congress: _____ Date:_____

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION XCIII

March 10, 2015

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GS-15

March 8, 2015

CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION NO. 930307

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. GS15-12

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution releasing an official statement regarding recent diversity concerns; and providing for distribution.

- Whereas: The University of Oklahoma recognizes the merits and cultural significance of different minority groups on campus; and
- Whereas: Every student, regardless of religion, ethnicity, race, sexual orientation, socioeconomic background, origins, gender, age, color, disability, or gender identity and expression, is an equally valuable member and contributor to the Sooner Family; and
- Whereas: There are only a few programs aimed at increasing diversity and inclusion in specific departments; and
- Whereas: It is currently difficult to accurately determine the reasons behind low retention and graduation rates at the University of Oklahoma; and
- Whereas: Some student groups have expressed discontent and concerns regarding the equality of campus; and
- Whereas: Student organizations should seek to represent a more collective effort to embrace diversity on campus; and

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

- Section 1:** The Student Government Association Legislative Branch wishes to express that we value and seek to uphold unbiased judgment on the diversity of the student body here at the University of Oklahoma and hopes to continue to strive for the inclusion of all minority groups on campus.
- Section 2: The Undergraduate Student Congress and the Graduate Student Senate urge greater transparency reporting regarding enrollment, retention and graduation rates, including but not limited to the categories of ethnicity, race, socioeconomic background, and gender.
- Section 3: The University of Oklahoma should strive to have more diversity and inclusion programs similar to the Multicultural Engineering Program in other colleges such as, but not limited to, the College of Atmospheric and Geographic Sciences, the Gaylord College of Journalism

and Mass Communications, Jeannine Rainbolt College of Education, Mewbourne College of Earth and Energy, and the Weitzenhoffer College of Fine Arts.

Section 4: The Student Government Association would like to keep an open dialogue with all minority groups so we can continue to progressively address further concerns.

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

- President David L. Boren
- Kyle Harper, Interim Senior Vice President and Provost
- Clarke Stroud, Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students
- Matt Hamilton, Vice President for Enrollment and Student Financial Services
- Tom Clark, Chairman of the Oklahoma Board of Regents
- Charles W. Graham, Dean of the College of Architecture
- Kelly Damphousse, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences
- Berrien Moore, Dean of the College of Atmospheric and Geographic Sciences
- Thomas Landers, Dean of the College of Engineering
- Suzette Grillot, Dean of the College of International Studies
- James Pappas, Dean of the College of Liberal Studies
- Joe Foote, Dean of the Gaylord College of Journalism and Mass Communication
- David Ray, Dean of the Honors College
- Gregg Garn, Dean of Jeannine Rainbolt College of Education
- Larry Grillot, Mewbourne College of Earth and Energy
- Daniel Pullin, Dean of the Michael F. Price College of Business
- Nicole J. Campbell, Dean of the University College
- Joseph Harroz, Dean of the University of Oklahoma College of Law
- Johnson Ong, Multicultural Greek Council President
- Payne Parker, Interfraternity Council President
- Chris Flix, National Panhellenic Council President
- Breanna Bober, President of the Panhellenic Association
- Isaac Hill, President of the Black Student Association
- Chanh Le, President of the Asian American Student Association
- J. Omar Salas, President of the Hispanic American Student Association
- Marcellus T. Thurman, President of the African American Student Association
- Molly Retherford, President of the Hillel Jewish Student Organization
- Eric Budder, President of the American Indian Student Association
- Ahmad Harb, President of the Arab Student Association
- Kimberly Larson, President of the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer
- Alexis Hall, Member of the OU Unheard Exec
- Samuel Iroanya, Member of the OU Unheard Exec
- Spencer Davis, Member of the OU Unheard Exec
- Meagan Johnson, Member of the OU Unheard Exec
- Keith Logan, Member of the OU Unheard Exec

- Chelsea Davis, Member of the OU Unheard Exec
- AuBriana Busby, Member of the OU Unheard Exec
- Naome Kadira, Member of the OU Unheard Exec
- Kumba Sicarr, Member of the OU Unheard Exec
- *OU Daily*
- *OU Nightly*

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Chelsea Brown, Undergraduate Student Congress Problems and Projects Chair
Emery Skelton, Undergraduate Student Congress Public Relations Chair
Matt Cramm, Undergraduate Student Congress Ways and Means Chair
Daniel Holland, Undergraduate Student Congress Humanities District Representative
J.D. Baker, Undergraduate Student Congress Communication District Representative
Timothy Crisp, Undergraduate Student Congress Humanities District Representative
Conor Park, Undergraduate Student Congress Business District Representative
Bryan Kirby, Undergraduate Student Congress Academic Affairs District Representative
Sydney Tran, Undergraduate Student Congress Physical Sciences District Representative
Jiyoun Yoo, Undergraduate Student Congress Language District Representative
Mark Hall, Associate Member of the Undergraduate Student Congress
Sarah Steward, Associate Member of the Undergraduate Student Congress
Andres Gomez, Associate Member of the Undergraduate Student Congress
Hannah Davis, Associate Member of the Undergraduate Student Congress
Aspen Real, Director of the Exterior
Avery Marczewski, Executive Branch Chief of Staff

Submitted on a motion by: Representative Carter, seconded by Representative Benjamin

Action taken by Congress: Consent without Objection

Verified by Chair of Congress: _____ Date: _____

Submitted on a motion by: Senator Bowman, seconded by Senator Pope

Action taken by Senate: Passed by unanimous consent

Verified by Chair of Senate: _____ Date: _____

Approved by SGA President: _____ Date: _____

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UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION XCIII

March 31, 2015

CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION NO. 930308

AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution voicing Congressional Support for the placement of a 125th Anniversary Seal to be placed on all diplomas in 2015, and providing distribution.

- Whereas: The University of Oklahoma is currently celebrating its 125th Anniversary; and
- Whereas: The 125th Anniversary is being celebrated through the “Live On, University” campaign; and
- Whereas: The Graduation Office is currently working on designs for a 125th Anniversary commemorative seal that could be placed on diplomas in 2015 provided the President’s Office and Board of Regents approve the addition.

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

Section 1: We give our full support to the addition of a special 125th Anniversary seal to be placed on all diplomas awarded from the University of Oklahoma during 2015 or throughout the duration of the “Live On, University” campaign and urge President Boren and the University of Oklahoma Board of Regents to strongly consider any proposals submitted by the Graduation Office.

Section 2: We in no way desire the 125th Anniversary commemorative seal replace any existing seals on diplomas awarded by the University of Oklahoma.

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

- David L. Boren, President of the University of Oklahoma
- Dr. Kyle Harper, Senior Vice President and Provost of the University of Oklahoma
- Becky Heeney, Director of the Graduation Office, University of Oklahoma
- The University of Oklahoma Board of Regents
- *The OU Daily*
- *OU Nightly*

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Nathan Thompson, Undergraduate Student Congress Associate
Kyle Ferguson

Submitted on a motion by:

Action Taken by Congress:

Verified by Chair of Congress: _____ Date: _____