

# THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



## UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS Session CII

**General Body Meeting**  
**7:00 pm, Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019**  
**Devon Hall 120**

**Roll Call 7pm**

**Mission Statement**  
**Moment of Silence**

**Approval of Minutes**  
**Motion to approve the minutes**  
**Representative Stack seconded by Representative Tucker**

**Chair's Report** - Hey everyone! I hope you all had a fun and safe weekend. First, I will start with what the rest of the semester will look like. After elections, which are October 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, we will start a new session. Please encourage people to vote even if you're uncontested. The end of the session is sooner than you think, so this might be one of your last chances of the semester to get feedback on bills that you've written or projects you hope to complete before the session ends. If you need help turning your constituents' concerns and wishes into legislation or if you can't figure out the formatting, please talk to me, your committee chair, or anyone else on exec. We are more than happy to set you in the right direction! Next, I'll touch on what this meeting will look like:

- Please remember the new structure of the meetings: no moving to a roll call vote! I will close time for questions if I do not see a hand WHEN I am asking if there are any more questions. We will then be in line for debate. If you wish to debate, call out "debate." I don't need to recognize you or anything! If I don't hear debate right after I ask, then we will be in line for a roll call vote.
- The presidential candidates have been nice enough to take some time out of their evening and present their platforms to you all! There will be some important rules to ensure that it's a fair process:
  - Please ask questions only about their platforms and not about qualifying experiences or personal qualities. If you do think of any questions about either of these, please email them or talk to them at a different time.
  - Please direct your questions to all three of the candidates. In other words, you cannot ask specific questions. Again, please email them or talk to them at a different time with these kinds of questions.
- In case you thought something was fishy, we HAVE already seen Aux 7. It is being sent back because Graduate Student Senate changed one of the organization's names. Lauren will explain more in her author's report.
- For either of the expulsion bills to pass, two-thirds of all the representatives who are present this evening will have to vote yes.
- The Election Board bill, CB-102-33, has guests. Do what you will with that information!

Thank you all for being here! I'm looking forward to the discussions we'll have this evening.

**Vice Chair's Report** – Hello, I hope everyone had a safe weekend. If you are having trouble with liasionship please talk to me after. Tonight's event is a parli pro learning event. If you have questions about that please ask Malachi.

**Secretary's Report** – Hey everyone! It is midway through spooky season so make sure you guys are keeping on top of your constituent service hour and liaison requirements. I've only had about three people total reach out to me. So please get on that.

#### **Committee Reports-**

- **Campus Outreach, Safety, and Concerns:** Our committee didn't meet Sunday, but all of our projects are going smoothly. Members are still addressing the concerns from the suggestion box. Also, in mid-November there will be 2 events. The details for these are to be determined.
- **Congressional Administration:** I cancelled my committee meeting on Sunday. There is a Parliamentary Procedure event after Congress on Tuesday.
- **External Affairs:** We did not meet. Taylor met with Forest Bennet, a representative of the Oklahoma House of representative and discussed issues pertaining to the flag salute bill. There were worries that the debate at the state level affected funding were made. But she talked to them and they claimed our worries.
- **Human Diversity:** Hey guys! Hope everyone had a good time at the game. We didn't meet on Sunday, but I still have some updates for everyone. The Know Your Rights class is Next Tuesday at 7 pm in the Bartlett room in the Union. If you know anyone that may benefit or be interested, please let them know! A rep. for Dream Act Oklahoma and will be talking about their advocacy efforts. The first DACA recipient lawyer in the state will be talking about his experience in the education system. We're getting things together for the Friendsgiving and working on the rest of our projects.
- **Sustainability:** Everyone in our committee is awesome and we are still working on projects. There will be a Food justice panel Thursday from 7pm-9pm in the Bierd lounge. We did not meet on Sunday. Sunday there will be a trash walk Sutton Wilderness please come and get your constituent service hour! Also let's carpool!
- **University Policy:** We didn't meet. Projects are going well. We should be seeing some resolution next couple weeks.
- **Ways and Means:** We didn't meet because OU/TX. See y'all for Aux 8 next week. Liaisons, please make sure you are talking to your organizations about applying for funding.

#### **Liaison Reports**

Tucker: World lit Today is having a news stop fest this week. There will be world class authors presentations etc. I posted the flyer in the congress Group Chat. The submission window opens October 31<sup>st</sup> so please submit stories. There will also be a cookie decoration.

Hardt: There is a transfer students Halloween Party on October 28<sup>th</sup> at Jim Thorp

#### **Special Orders**

##### **Presidential Platforms**

Patton: How do you guys deal with confrontation?

Gau: Basically, I want to just have an open dialogue, it is the job of the student government to represent the students on campus, it is the same with congress. It is important to have that conversation with open dialogue so we can get an open compromise.

Vijay: I will turn to reasoning. I would try to take what the majority wants to do and if its logical I would do that, if its illogical I would reconsider and if they still want to do that then I would agree.

Reed: The best way is by listening, assessing the situation. In consulting we take the situation and see what we can do to fix it. We also make sure the person knows what we are doing to fix the situation and make sure they are in the loop. Making sure that it is equitable.

Wilson: From the recent black face incidents, racial climate at OU is at an all-time high, how would you handle these incidents in the future?

Vijay: It is not happening just on campus but all over Oklahoma. This is a larger issue. If I see something, I would immediately get to it so the media doesn't get to it. If we can get to the people and reason with them then that is the best thing to do.

Reed: My experience with the black student response team, we asked who did this happen to and who is affected. My first reaction when this happens is "how are you doing, how are you handling yourself." They also need to know and understand their resources at Goddard. We also have to ask ourselves, what caused the situation to happen where is the space, can we educate. A lot of people say kick them out of the university, but we are all here to learn and we need to be asking ourselves "can we teach them." We need to show them what they did wrong. Sure, we can release statements and have meetings but how can we really change the environment. This is repeating, first, SAE, then the blackface, then the joke about blackface. How do we the break cycle and educate.

Gau: When Justin and I were first discussing, we were thinking how we can address this. We decided we needed to be proactive rather than reactive. In the Greek community we want to introduce an inclusivity Greek officer. We want to impose the inclusivity officer across every Greek organization across campus. Hopefully this will then explode to all other RSOs. Pan has already done it and IFC is interested. I am hoping the others will sign on to foster an inclusive environment

Buxton: What makes your platform distinguished from other candidates?

Reed: Most definitely it would be our motto, "A Real Change Today." Oh, sure, we have tomorrow, but tomorrow is not promise. I'm Christian so why do anything tomorrow when it can be done today. This makes us different. We've done the work before and we will continue to do it. Real solutions for real today. Gender inclusive restrooms have been a conversation for a bit, but we are just now getting it to the Gender and Equality Center. We have got to be real about the timeline that we are facing.

Gau: We don't want to dance around the issues. We have to be direct. We want the RSOs to come and join in one full community. We have a plan with a diversity and inclusion access week.

Vijay: First of all, I didn't get to tell my platform in full I'm sorry I don't have extra time. I'm talking about a united campus with all entities including faculty. I have close relationship with deans, and I want them to know that they will also with their research idea. You are free to go to talk to dean, he is not a person who is super busy I don't know why they fear them. This would increase the good things about campus.

Stack: What within the Student Government Association's feasibility would you do to improve the diversity initiative?

Gau: When Justin and I first started talking, we wanted to have this inclusivity officer thorough campus. How can we work with them and have the ability to start this initiative because the president cannot force the RSOs to have this position? We need to foster a relationship and partnership with these organizations and not a hierarchy.

Vijay: I really don't know how to answer that question.

Reed: First we have to ask what can SGA control. They have control over the student fees. Well not control but delegation and authority with funding. Does congress represent OU, the answer is no. you guys do not have pronouns on your placards. How can we make it a more inclusive space? We need to have more open meetings publicized to the student body. The executive branch has these progress reports that the chair and secretary usually come out but let's open that to all of the University of Oklahoma. What does Judicial actually do, during the meetings and are their meetings open? Making sure they know that they can come. Let's be more inclusive on how they fund things. For example, for homecoming, international students weren't invited to chalk or have boards on the south oval. It's all about the simple things. We want one OU body where everyone can sit at the table and let everyone speak. Different programs within SGA as well as what Gau mentioned, Greek life, need different kinds of attention. A solution is not one size fits all and we can't give everyone the same solution, something we give Pan I wouldn't give IFC. It's about equity not just equality. It's about what we can be. We need to be more gender inclusive.

Wilson: We know all three of you belong to different communities, how would you foster relationships with the communities you are not involved in?

Vijay: I don't get the question clearly; I don't know what communities you are referring to but I am a human and everyone is human and equal.

Reed: I am a part of a very intersectional community, black, LGBT, etc. how I would stay accountable is if people can contact me. I'm busy but not unavailable. I have to be available and reply to you in a very applicable time frame. But as well as other communities I do not identify as, how can I help and be an ally what do you need from me. You can't always ride front seat when interacting with communities you are not a part of, you have to ride back seat and support. How can I as a cis woman make a safe space for a trans woman? Understand to support others.

Gau: One thing we loved was the balance of the ticket, justice as Mr. Black OU and as a musical Theater major and I in Greek and congress have a good, large balance. But just because we associate with these groups does not mean we can be allies.

Broadbent: How will you seek to advance native voices on campus?

Reed: That is a really complicated issue, as a person I can only speak to what I've been told. Indigenous Land Acknowledgment Act passed through here. And what that does is that it recognizes that the land we are on is stolen and does not belong to us. We have to be understanding about the history and acknowledging it. Our mascot is the Sooner. Sooners stole this land, that being recreated every time OU scores a touchdown is rough. Indigenous People's Day was yesterday, and we posted about it all over social media but what are we actually doing for that community and are we getting them resources? It is important that we talk to the tribal liaison and asking them what we need and what this campus can do. We need a more inclusive and accepting space. You guys know you belong here this is your space.

Gau: It is important to talk to organizations and be an ally. I voted in support of the Indigenous Land Acknowledgment Act. It passes with unanimous consent. Tonight, Taylor and I are supporting Kimberly Teehee and her appointment to be in congress. We need to support them and acknowledge them.

Vijay: I am a fan of hard reality and there is a lot of talk with fake hope. You people pass a lot of resolution but there is a lot of fake hope. He was separated out from class not his fault but their fault. No one would reach out to them. Land acknowledgement is not the point. We need to go higher up. I want to fix this so much that I would be expelled for this.

Chism: How would your ticket spread awareness for trans or nonbinary peoples and how would you be an advocate for that community?

Gau: That goes back to just being there to listen. Like we said, we want to be a microphone and we want to be projecting the rest of the student body concerns like you guys do as liaisons. We want to foster a productive relationship, for them and what they want.

Vijay: They are just humans, they are not aliens, I would listen to them and reason to them if they need any special needs and if it is logical I will do it for them but if not then I would talk to some other people to see if it's possible.

Reed: Looking to these issues, you have to listen to them. Got to ask, "what do they need." It's about the simple things. In regard to gender inclusive restrooms, if you are binary it's not a problem, just go to this one, but if not, where do you go? If you gotta pee you gotta pee bro. With gender inclusive restroom it's not even about building a new restroom but changing signs. Simple stuff. You gotta listen to issues, correct programs, with you guys in Congress you do not have pronouns on your cards, and I'm frustrated because I cannot address you. We have to make sure we are not calling people by their dead name. Making it a habit to ask people what their pronouns are. But what about in the big lecture halls? Not being inclusive like this puts a damper on education. I mean that's happened to me in a class. We are all paying for education and that's what we need to focus on.

Thompson: We hear your platform, but why did you all decide to run and why OU is important?

Vijay: In 2018, stuck in an elevator at 3am. I waited 7 minutes to get out of the elevator. I was really fearful, and I also brought some evidence that the cops didn't support it. Cops on campus aren't protective of students at campus and women at night are not safe. Second thing is, I would like to raise university standards.

Reed: We have a bunch of problems at OU. I am tired of being called the n-word on south oval and having the same thing happen over and over again. We have to bring change and educate people on how this is not okay. I want to make OU united and inclusive to all. We are running for what we want to see. I believe that I have the experience, opportunity, and drive to make that happen. I want to represent you guys in undergrad

and at the graduate level. I want to be able to say, "These are my office hours come say something." I know who that problem needs to be addressed to. I want to make real change happen today.

Gau: I am constantly getting complaints from constituents and I wanted to solve them. Justin is Mr. Black OU and in the Black Student Association. He is also involved in Campus Activates Counsel, so he hears all kinds of student concerns. We really thought we make a good dynamic duo, to listen to your wants and your needs. We wanted to make ourselves a good voice and middle ground for all members to come together.

Werdel: How will you be incorporating environmental protection in your platform?

Reed: This is really important. Why are the stadium lights on while they are not practicing? I live a couple miles away at Campus Lodge, why am I seeing it these lights bright on a Tuesday night while I'm trying to sleep. Climate change is real, and being able to have that conversation with Facilities Management is important. How are we recycling, how are we dealing with trash? Trash piles up after games, it's disgusting, and half of that stuff is not biodegradable. We need to preach reduce reuse recycle and make sure we are sticking to that. Also making sure the WIFI works throughout campus so we can access what we need online. Also why pay \$500 for books. Can accessing an online version for cheaper price be better? We shouldn't be looking at sustainability initiatives for 1 week but all throughout. We need to be listening what other students are seeing. It's about the small things.

Gau: I want to work with the sustainability committee to continue with Greek recycling initiative. The Executive Branch will give us platform. Right now, there is no recycling within the houses and chapters and that is a big problem. Justin and I want to work with all of congress in the committees. Now that I actually have more of a larger voice with running for VP PAN wants to talk more and IFC wants to as well.

Vijay: I want to be realistic. Footprint is the main goal. If you want to know what is the biggest thing that affects is, it is not the plastic, but the reactor and it affects the center of the earth faster than plastic is. If you really want to do something do something bigger. A tiny drop of water will not create a wave but in the ocean it might. Everyone has the responsibility to recycle, things can change, if the tiny water remains just a tiny not going to do anything.

Marvin: How will you professionally handle student concerns while being respectful and valued?

Gau: That goes back to listening to the RSOs on campus. We want to be a microphone projecting their concerns and then come back and work with you all in congress. You all have that application for students to come voice student concerns. I want to work with you guys on your initiatives.

Vijay: In middle of the night, call me I'm there.

Reed: There are a couple different ideas flying around, like applying through congress and calling people in the middle of the night, sure do that, but we have resources to SGA that are open but not publicized. We all have office hours and we need to let people know. We get paid for this stuff and it comes out of the Student fees. We need to let them know. We need to utilize the webmaster to the best of our abilities and make use of the digital world. Access us meetings open come to meetings. People need know about accessibility. Let's have seminars and forums. All the issues every day. With the American Organ Institute, why did it take so long to see what's going on. We need to know about issues quickly to decide what to do next.

Lange: If there was one single change you could make at the expense of all others, what would it be?

Vijay: We need to change and make a proper code.

Reed: We need to be uniting communities; we all live in asylums. We come from different places and are staying in them. We need to be having real conversations. I hate feeling of having to walk down the south oval and its cliquish. You don't always have to agree but you should always respect.

Gau: I don't think I couldn't limit it to one. That's not feasible. The two I'm most excited about is the diversity and action week, and then shooting for a 4-day OU/Texas weekend. Congress is allowed to ask for one scheduled holiday but does not specify how long that is.

Bouch: Being SGA president and a college student is hard gig, how will you manage both?

Reed: Time management is the biggest thing. I use outlook religiously; I work two jobs and I'm in a lot of student organizations. I got here by planning having a plan to stick by.

Gau: Yeah, I believe time management, is key. For me it's never been too difficult to have a good GPA and to come to congress and attend Greek things. The transition between being chair here to executive branch shouldn't be that hard.

Vijay: I am a graduate student with 16 hours, I have an internship, I am the Graduate Student Senate academic affairs chair. I have family back in India. I don't care for time I have a lot of time if you need me. I have enough money so it's not a problem.

Tucker: Not a lot of people know what SGA does, what is the best way to connect students to SGA?

Gau: We want to reform the CAC spark program, and transition to more CAC leadership, this year we want more programming work with them to create and make equitable and feasible programming board. We also want to be more knowledgeable about SGA and let student body know how we are.

Vijay: I have been to the Conoco and see people sleeping in their office during their office hours. I will not tolerate that. I will make them work. The Code is outdated. I will have them run through all of them from 2017-2019. I can sit down and work on it. I don't know why people still don't trust me. I may have to go to their offices and reason with them and talk to them and motivate them and work as a group. We are here for them.

Reed: We need to be inclusive and accessible and united. We need to let freshman know what's going on. Being able during the class photo "hey I'm SGA president ask me anything." "Hey I'm here." Show them the Congress website, but also finding something on that is just daunting. We need to be able to communicate with the student body, because they don't understand Roberts Rules of order. What is an SGA workshop? This is what we need to cover this is who we are. We need to tell them that student fees goes to SGA and that they come from the regents and these are our branches and these are what they do. Explaining what that is. Advocacy to administration. Meeting with students. Mediate problems.

## **Motion to move in to Committee of The Whole**

### **Representative Buxton seconded by Representative Heuser**

Committee of the Whole

#### **Motion see bill**

#### **Representative Emini seconded by Representative Buxton**

CR-102-13 Treaty of New Echota Resolution (Broadbent)

Broadbent: This is a bill supporting Kimberly Teehee as the Cherokee representative in the House of Representatives. This resolution is us supporting these issues and the indigenous community. I need some Friendly Amendments. One adding SGA and deleting Congress and GSS. Add the title of Dr. to Dr. Orungu and fixing "appointed Teehee," to house of representatives, also adding bibliography. Striking co-author Dalton Gau and adding to author.

Chism: Would you accept the Friendly Amendments listed and email them to the secretary?

Broadbent: yes.

Marvin: So, what all would this piece of legislation affect?

Broadbent: Well, right now there is a stalemate in the House to appoint her. Not only would this show that we care about their community and government, but it would show the importance.

Marvin: So, for clarification? The statement supports it but does not change.

Broadbent: Yes, because this is just a resolution.

Tucker: Would you accept a Friendly Amendment sending this resolution to Majority and Minority leader in the House?

Broadbent: Yes

Chism: What is the issue with her appointment?

Broadbent: When the tribal nations created treaties they did not talk to congress, congress can decide if they want this. Impeachment of the President is currently their distraction.

Spangler-Day: Would you accept a friendly amendment adding myself as a co-sponsor

Broadbent: Yes, I would

Hillis: Is this resolution really why we are here?

Broadbent: We are a part of the External Affairs committee, which is related to things outside OU. We deal with things that do not just relate to the university.

Quick: Are you aware that Kimberly Teehee is like a godmother to me?

Broad: I've met her many times and she is an amazing person

Buxton: Would you accept a Friendly Amendment adding everything you asked for?

Broad: Chism did it.

Chism: Would you be open to a friendly amendment that makes a tie back to how this is important to the University as a whereas clause?

Broad: I didn't put one but I would be open to hearing an amendment.

**Motion to give bill recommendation of do Pass**

**Representative Tucker seconded by Representative Emini**

**Motion to see bill**

**Representative Douglas seconded by Associate Bouch**

CR-102-14 Indigenous People's Day Acknowledgment (Broadbent)

Broadbent: We need all the same amendments as last time, adding the bibliography at end, Dalton as author, and Dr. Orungu's name. This is the Indigenous People's Day Acknowledgment. It is important we do it now.

**Motion to give bill recommendation of do pass**

**Representative Chism seconded by Associate Bouch**

**Motion to see bill**

**Representative Stack seconded by Representative Papanicolaou**

CB-102-31 Act Expelling Session 102 Representatives (Patterson)

Patterson: This is another bill expelling a representative. We have to right one according to bylaws every time someone reaches 4 absences. Hennessey Chism is here to speak on behalf of herself.

Chism: I missed 4 meetings. I believe it was the very first general body meeting then some committee meetings because of academic things which kept getting moved around. I'm very committed to congress as I've been a member for 4 years now.

Buxton: Does the clock reset, or do we see another expulsion bill if she gains more absences?

Patterson: If the body doesn't expel her, she has 2 more unexcused absences, then the body will see another expulsion bill

Patton: Is this why we reassigned you to a different committee?

Chism: Yes.

Spangler-day: Did you reach out to your committee at all when you couldn't make your meetings?

Chism: I believe at the beginning I did, but later on I didn't do a good job of communicating, but things have gotten better this semester as I've settled in, considering I am a senior.

Hillis: You said you had academic reasons for not showing, aren't those excused?

Patterson: Depends on the academic reason and on the chair. I let chairs of committee's excuse absences they deem appropriate. My general rule for general body meetings was if you need more time for studying it was a no. We are all college students; we all need to study. But if it was extra credit for class, you're failing then yes, it's excused. Also, if you had a test scheduled during the meeting then it was also a yes. But the absences in committees were left up to the chairs and secretaries of that committee.

Chism: Just to clarify, I was the one who was not communicating, not the chair.

**Motion to give bill a recommendation of do fail**

**Representative Stack seconded by Representative Werdel.**

**Motion see bill**

**Representative Heuser seconded by Associate Carmona**

CB-102-32 Act Expelling Session 102 Associates (Patterson)

Patterson: This is our first expulsion bill of the session. One associate, Jafet Alfaro made it to one general body meeting and not a single other meeting. I reached out a couple weeks ago, I was aware he would not be able to make any general body meetings due to PLC. I asked if he knew about committee meetings and he said he didn't know they were a thing. But then I discussed his situation to the Chair Emma DeAngeli who said he requested Human Diversity committee, so he did know about the committee meetings.

Stack: Did you let him know he can Resign?

Patterson: Yes, I reached out and let him know he could resign or meet with me. I told him if he resigned, he could rejoin congress and let him know he could not rejoin upon expulsion. He didn't respond.

**Motion to give bill a recommendation of do pass**

**Representative Thompson seconded by Representative Garg**

**Motion see bill**

**Representative Stack seconded by Representative Schneider**

CB-102-33 An Act Appointing Members to the Election Board (Quick/Ridenour/Patterson)

Quick: Hello, these are the people I've chosen so election can happen.

McClung: I am a senior and I've been a part of SGA for three and a half years

Ball: I am a junior and I've been in SGA for 2 years.

Chatterjee: Hi, I joined SGA yesterday.

Broadbent: How many people applied?

Quick: 6

Marvin: Did you determine beforehand how many people you would accept?

Quick: According to the Bylaws, I needed to pick an odd number wither 3 or 5, I decided after reviewing the applications I was going to choose 3.

**Motion give bill recommendation of do pass**

**Representative Tucker seconded by Representative Papanicolaou**

**Motion leave Committee of the Whole**

**Associate Bouch seconded by Representative Douglas**

**Student Concerns**

**Old Business**

**Items to Be Considered**

**Motion see bill**

**Representative Stack seconded by Representative Spangler-Day**

AB-102-09 Auxiliary Allocation 7 (Patton) (Ways and Means > Do Pass)

Patton: Yes, this is Auxiliary 7, yes we saw this last week. I was dumb as wrote Iranian Student Association instead of Iranian Cultural Association.

Stack: FA saying "Cultural"

Patton: Yes.

Bouch: Are you aware that it says that

Patton: I told Savannah to change it already sorry don't need a friendly.

**Motion see bill**

**Representative Tucker seconded by Representative Bell**

CR-102-13 Treaty of New Echota Resolution (Broadbent)

Broadbent: We just saw this in Committee of the Whole



Chism: Would you accept a Friendly Amendment adding the last whereas clause “there are many Cherokee students at the University and having a delegate to the house would be important to representing the needs of the US government.”

Broadbent: Yes.

**Motion see bill**

**Representative Chism seconded by Representative Garg**

CR-102-14 Indigenous People's Day Acknowledgment (Broadbent)

Broad: I still need the Friendlies from COTW

Heuser: Would you like the Friendlies you mentioned?

**Motion see bill**

**Representative Chism seconded by Representative Bell**

CB-102-32 Act Expelling Session 102 Associates (Patterson)

Patterson: This is the associate expulsion bill with Jafet. If any questions, ask.

Broadbent: Is the associate a freshman?

Patterson: Yes.

**Motion to see bill**

**Representative Stack seconded by Representative Tucker**

CB-102-33 An Act Appointing Members to the Election Board (Quick/Ridenour/Patterson)

Quick: I sent candidates home, if you need to ask them questions, you could have asked them earlier.

Stack: You are aware that it's been a long night for us too?

Quick: Yes, but I'm not required to be here for the night.

**Follow-Up Reports**

Broadbent: I met with Forest Bennet of Oklahoma House. We voiced our concerns over budget being affected, but Bennet said these were unfounded and if there were issues he would raise hell and high water

**Items for Future Agenda**

**Announcements and Comments**

Bouch: It's 9oclock no parli-pro event tonight.

Gau: If you have any questions for Justin reach out to me please.

Broadbent: Cleats for kids going on, please help PCS support this effort.

Patterson: If you are going to leave in the middle of the meeting, please tell me when you leave so I don't look like a fool calling your name for voting.

Papanicolaou: Big event applications close soon.

Marvin: The elections are the 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, for those where confused.

**Motion to skip final roll call and adjourn**

**Representative Tucker seconded by Representative Stormer**

**Final Roll Call**

**Adjourn 9:10pm**

Chair: Emma DeAngeli

Vice Chair: Mahak Merchant

Secretary: Savannah Patterson

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CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-102-13  
SENATE RESOLUTION NO. GFXX-XX

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution Supporting the Cherokee Nation's Right to Appoint Kimberly Teehee to The United States of America House of Representatives; providing for a short title; and providing for distribution.

Whereas: In the treaty of New Echota, the Cherokee Nation was promised the following by The United States government: "it is stipulated that they shall be entitled to a delegate in the House of Representatives of the United States whenever Congress shall make provision for the same."<sup>1</sup>

Whereas: This treaty stipulates that the United States government is mandated by the Treaty of New Echota to allow the Cherokee Nation to appoint a delegate to The United States of America House of Representatives.<sup>2</sup>

Whereas: On August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019, The Cherokee Nation officially named Kimberly Teehee as the first delegate of the Cherokee Nation to the United States House of Representatives.<sup>3</sup>

Whereas: Kimberly Teehee was a senior policy adviser for Native American affairs during the Obama administration and previously was a Congressional Aide on Native American issues for more than a decade.<sup>4</sup>

Whereas: Kimberly Teehee has yet to be officially received by the United States House of Representatives.<sup>5</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Treaty of New Echota, 1904 <https://americanindian.si.edu/static/nationtonation/pdf/Treaty-of-New-Echota-1835.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> "Cherokee Nation Seeks to Send First Delegate to Congress." New York Times August 27, 2019 <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/08/27/us/cherokee-nation-delegate-congress.html>

<sup>3</sup> "Cherokee Nation Names First Delegate to Congress" National Public Radio September 3, 2019 <https://www.npr.org/2019/09/03/756048206/cherokee-nation-names-first-delegate-to-congress>

<sup>4</sup> "Cherokee Nation Names First Delegate to Congress."

<sup>5</sup> "Cherokee Nation Seeks to Send First Delegate to Congress."

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS AND THE GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN THAT:

**Section 1:** Title: This resolution shall be known and may be cited as the “Treaty of New Echota Resolution.”

**Section 2:** The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association Supports the Cherokee Nation’s Right to appoint a representative to the United States of America House of Representatives as provided in the Treaty of New Echota.

**Section 3:** The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association supports the rights of tribes to exercise their enumerated and implied treaty rights.

**Section 4:** Copies of this resolution will be sent to:

- Joeseph Harroz, Interim President of the University of Oklahoma
- Quy Nguyen, Director of Student Life
- Dr. Jane Irungu, Interim Vice President of Diversity and Inclusion of the University of Oklahoma
- Warren Queton, Tribal Liason for The University of Oklahoma
- Kimberly Teehee Appointed
- The Department of Native American Studies
- Katee Colbert, President of The American Indian Student Association
- Celena George, Public Relations Chair of the American Indian Student Association
- Abigail Hall, Culture Editor of the OU Daily
- Linsey Bark Reporter of The Cherokee Phoenix
- KOCO Staff
- Steny Hoyer, House Majority Leader
- Kevin McCarthy, House Minority Leader

Author(s): Taylor Broadbent, Representative of University College District  
Dalton Gau, Chair of External Affairs

Co-Author(s): Jori Cowley, Social Sciences Representative  
Peter Hardt, Vice Chair of External Affairs  
Savanah Patterson, Secretary of the Undergraduate Student Congress

Co-Sponsor(s): Santana Spangler-Day, Fine Arts Representative

Submitted on a motion by: Representative Emini seconded by Representative Buxton

Action taken by Congress: 28-0-0

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 CII  
October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE  
SENATE SESSION GF-19  
Month DD, YYYY

CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-102-14  
SENATE RESOLUTION NO. GFXX-XX/GSXX-XX

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurring Resolution  
Acknowledging Indigenous People's Day; providing  
for a short title; and providing for distribution.

- Whereas:** National Indigenous People's Day is October 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Whereas:** Native Nations have faced discrimination, violence, and removal by the United States Government.
- Whereas:** The University of Oklahoma has a thriving Native Community with organizations such as The American Indian Student Association, Gamma Delta Pi, Sigma Nu Alpha Gamma, Native American Law Student Association, American Indigenous Business Leaders, and the Indigenous Graduate Student Alliance.
- Whereas:** The University of Oklahoma features one of the first ever created Department of Native American Studies.<sup>1</sup>
- Whereas:** Oklahoma is home to 39 tribal nations, each of which has a distinctive culture, history, and government.
- Whereas:** The University of Oklahoma is ideally situated to serve the educational needs of Native and non-Native students, providing a place for students to deepen their understanding of the unique political status of tribes and to examine the contemporary tribal issues, as well as tribal cultures and histories.

<sup>1</sup>The University of Oklahoma Department of Native American Studies <https://www.ou.edu/cas/nas>

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION:

**Section 1:** Title: This resolution shall be known and may be cited as the “Indigenous People’s Day Acknowledgement.”

**Section 2:** The Student Government Association acknowledges the celebration of Indigenous People’s Day and the value of The University of Oklahoma’s Native community. The Undergraduate Student Congress also acknowledges the struggle faced by native nations and the wrongs done to them by the United States of America.

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

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- Quy Nguyen, Director of Student Life
- Dr. Jane Irungu, Interim Vice President of Diversity and Inclusion for The University of Oklahoma
- Warren Queton, Tribal Liaison for The University of Oklahoma
- Kimberly Teehee appointee to the House of Representatives
- The Department of Native American Studies
- Katee Colbert, President of The American Indian Student Association
- Celena George, Public Relations Chair of the American Indian Student Association
- Abigail Hall, Culture Editor of the OU Daily
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- KOCO Staff

Author(s): Taylor Broadbent, Representative of University College District  
Dalton Gau, Chair of External Affairs

Co-Author(s): Jori Cowley, Social Sciences Representative  
Peter Hardt, Vice Chair of External Affairs

Co-Sponsor(s):

Submitted on a motion by: Representative Tucker seconded by Representative Bell

Action taken by Congress: 28-0-0

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 CII

October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-102-31

AS INTRODUCED

A Congressional Act of Procedure expelling Session  
102 Representatives for excessive unexcused  
absences; providing for a short title; and providing an  
effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA UNDERGRADUATE  
STUDENT CONGRESS:

**Section 1:** Title: This act shall be known and may be cited as the “Act Expelling Session 102  
Representatives.”

**Section 2:** Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to expel members for excessive unexcused  
absences. Because Hennessey Chism has accrued excessive unexcused absences, she  
is pending expulsion.

**Section 3:** In accordance with the Section 3.4, subsection 2, subsection e of the SGA  
Undergraduate Student Congress Bylaws, “*Upon accruing a fourth 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      Representative Hennessey Chism

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

Author(s): Savannah Patterson, Undergraduate Student Congress Secretary

Co-Author(s):

Co-Sponsor(s):

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 CII

October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-101-32

AS INTRODUCED

A Congressional Act of Procedure expelling Session  
102 Associates for excessive unexcused absences;  
providing for a short title; and providing an effective  
date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA UNDERGRADUATE  
STUDENT CONGRESS:

**Section 1:** Title: This act shall be known and may be cited as the “Act Expelling Session 102 Associates.”

**Section 2:** Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to expel members for excessive unexcused absences. Because Jafet Alfaro has accrued excessive unexcused absences and has failed to petition the Executive Committee for an attendance waiver, and as a result has failed to represent their constituents, the membership of the aforementioned is pending expulsion.

**Section 3:** In accordance with the Section 3.4, subsection 2, subsection e of the SGA Undergraduate Student Congress Bylaws, “*Upon accruing a fourth 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      Associate Jafet Alfaro

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

Author(s):      Savanah Patterson, Undergraduate Student Congress Secretary

Co-Author(s):

Co-Sponsor(s):

Submitted on a Motion by: Representative Chism seconded by Representative Bell

Action taken by Congress: 25-1-2  
Verified by Chair of Congress:

\_\_\_\_\_ Date:\_\_\_\_\_

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION  
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CII  
October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE SESSION GF-19  
October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-102-33  
SENATE BILL NO.

AS INTRODUCED

An Act appointing members to the SGA Election Board;  
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 “Election Board Appointments Act of 2019”.

**Section 2:** Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to appoint members to the SGA Election Board.

**Section 3:** In accordance with Title IV, Chapter 6, Section 25 of the SGA-CA, “*The Election Chair shall appoint the Election Board with the advice and consent of the Legislative Branch. The Election Board may not consist of anyone currently holding an office within SGA...The Election Board must have an odd number of members.*” the following students shall be appointed to serve on the SGA Election Board:

- Maddie McClung
- Carson Ball
- Pragya Chatterjee

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

Author(s): Sam Quick, Election Board Chair  
Emma Ridenour, SGA Chief of Staff

Co-Author(s): Savanah Patterson, Secretary of Congress

Co-Sponsor(s):

Submitted on a motion by: Representative Stack seconded by Representative Tucker

Action taken by Congress: 29-0-0

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 CI  
October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE  
SENATE SESSION GF19  
October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019

CONGRESSIONAL BILL AB-102-09  
SENATE BILL NO. GF19-XX

AS INTRODUCED

An act relating to appropriations; providing for short title; stating purpose; appropriating Auxiliary Funding for the 2019-2020 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 7 Act of 2019-2020”

**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
Sooner Competitive Robotics			100	100
Sooner Competitive Robotics			100	100
Alpha Phi Alpha	360			360
ASHRAE	500			500
Disability Inclusion and Awareness	50			50

Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers	560			560
Iranian Cultural Association	200			200
OU Badminton Club	1680			1680
Skydiving Club	600			600
Tau Beta Pi	500			500
<b>TOTAL:</b>				<b>4,650</b>

**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 8, 2020.

**Section 6:** All unspent money remaining in the accounts listed in Section 3 shall revert to the SGA General Account after May 8, 2020, and the remaining appropriations shall be canceled.

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

Author(s): Lauren Patton, Chair of SGA Budget Committee

Co-Author(s): SGA Budgetary Committee

Submitted on a motion by: Representative Stack seconded by Representative Tucker

Action taken by Student Congress: 29-0-0

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: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Session 102</b>	<b>General</b>
Alpert, Lucy	ex
Bell, Aspen	x
Biškup, Emma	ex
Bridwell, Trey	abs
Broadbent, Taylor	x
Buxton, Nate	x
Carson, Jada	x
Chism, Hennessey	x
Cowley, Jori	x
Davydova, Daria	x
Douglas, Zoe	x
Emini, Renata	x
Garg, Nishit	x
Gau, Dalton	x
Hardt, Peter	x
Haugland, Sara	x
Heuser, Audrey	x
Hillis, Foster	x
Kolker, Sephra	x
Mayes, Mark	x
Miller, Lauren	x
Mohamoud, Abdifatah	abs
Papanicolaou, Peter	x
Schneider, Caitlin	x
Sertovic, Adia	abs
South, Crispin	x
Spangler-Day, Santana	x

Stack, Hunter	x
Stormer, Sam	x
Thompson, Gabbi	x
Tucker, Emily	x
vonHartitzsch, August	ex
Wegrzynski, Abbey	x
Werdel, Gina	x
Wilson, Taylor	x
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<b>Session 102</b>	<b>AB-102-09</b>	<b>CB-102-32</b>	<b>CB-102-33</b>	<b>CR-102-13</b>	<b>CR-102-14</b>
Alpert, Lucy					
Bell, Aspen	y	y	y	y	y
Biškup, Emma					
Bridwell, Trey					
Broadbent, Taylor	y	n	y	y	y
Buckston, Nate	y	y	y	y	y
Carson, Jada	y	y	y	y	y
Chism, Hennessey	y	y	y	y	y
Cowley, Jori	y	y	y	y	y
Davydova, Daria			y		
Douglas, Zoe	y	y	y	y	y
Emini, Renata	y	y	y	y	y
Garg, Nishit	y	y	y	y	y
Gau, Dalton	y	y	y	y	y
Hardt, Peter	y	y	y	y	y
Haugland, Sara	y	y	y	y	y
Heuser, Audrey	y	y	y	y	y

Hillis, Foster	y	y	y	y	y
Kolker, Sephra	y	y	y	y	y
Mayes, Mark	y	y	y	y	y
Miller, Lauren	y	y	y	y	y
Mohamoud, Abdifatah					
Papanicolaou, Peter	y	a	y	y	y
Schneider, Caitlin	y	y	y	y	y
Sertovic, Adia					
South, Crispin	y	y	y	y	y
Spangler-Day, Santana	y	y	y	y	y
Stack, Hunter	y	a	y	y	y
Stormer, Sam	y	y	y	y	y
Thompson, Gabbi	y	y	y	y	y
Tucker, Emily	y	y	y	y	y
vonHartitzsch, August					
Wegrzynski, Abbey	y	y	y	y	y
Werdel, Gina	y	y	y	y	y
Wilson, Taylor	y	y	y	y	y
<b>Yes</b>	<b>28</b>	25	29	28	28
<b>No</b>	<b>0</b>	1	0	0	0
<b>Abstain</b>	<b>0</b>	2	0	0	0