

**THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION**

**UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
Session XCII**

**General Body Meeting
7:00 pm, Tuesday, October 7, 2014
Devon Hall 120**

Session XCII

**Roll Call -
Flag Salute
Alyssa Rice**

**Approval of Minutes
Bourland sec Nguyen**

Chair's Report- There is a puppy, its right there. His name is Mr. Darcy and the other announcement is that everyone needs to file. If you have any questions about that you can email us. If you were appointed or a rep elected in the fall you need to file again. Tell your friends to file; you can also file for SGA president and vice president. If you have any questions about that email me, Alex, or Alma.

Vice Chair's Report- You do have to get someone from your college to sign it, for those planning to file last minute. We are not doing Chimmys after congress. However next week we are having a movie night in Headington. On the Forum please claim your ideas.

Secretary's Report- Please continue to turn in your list of RSO's. Thank to those who did office hours this week.

Committee Reports-

- **AA –**
Thank you to everyone who has emailed me your syllabi, if you haven't please do. I am very proud of all of my committee members for working tirelessly and diligently on legislation and making your academic experience better. I am looking forward to a candid and passionate discussion and I hope you are as well.
- **CA**
- **EA –**
Still discussing the 3 persons ordinance that's really all we have right now.
- **P&P**
Lots of ideas on the table, if you are working on parking please come talk to me, I have more information than I did before. If you are an engineering district rep talk to Ana Marie she has an idea that will relate to all of your constituents in particular.
- **PR**
Make sure you are following us on twitter and instagram. It is our job to tell people about filing, it is your job to re-file. We do want these to be competitive. We will be updating facebook and the website, specifically trying to get a logo, you will see a concept once it's done. My committee, I will be emailing and texting you tonight.
- **WAM**
Finishing Subsidiary and plan on posting the budget later on this week.

Liaison Reports

Special Orders

Oklahoma Blood Institute

Aragon: they'll be here next week

Student Concerns

Old Business

Items to Be Considered

920102 Congressional Resolution Supporting Right of Free Speech(Pae)(AA-Do Pass)

Pae sec Nguyen

Pae: I want to make two points before hand, as citizens we are all guaranteed a number of civil liberties. We have made tremendous social progress as far as being more open minded. Whenever we are conducting ourselves in a public arena, let's say a college campus, there is a certain level of civility, individuals should be considerate and that's what this resolution is about. People on the south oval have a right to spread their message but not to harass individuals.

Golestanipannah: can you cite any of the harassment you mentioned.

Pae: it was actually stevens, felt that she was verbally harassed. I have personally seen a girl cry to class because of that, and I don't believe the academic experience should be associated with that kind of behavior

Rice: Do you know what means the university would take to prevent this type of harassment?

Pae: I would assume, the provost office might handle that.

Rice: does the university have the right to keep them from doing that?

Pae: No, the OUPD said there isn't anything they can do. This resolution is saying we support freedom of speech but we do not condone the delivery

Rowell: let's say someone is harassed and they go to whoever is in charge, what can they do? Or is this just urging the university

Pae: I was talking to Gomez, and if you want to write a resolution with stronger language, I would co author that for you but right now it's just a message we are trying to send.

Searcy: Debate

Aragon: Will you state the question

Searcy: Do you not think this is pointing at religious groups in the whereas clause?

Pae: one of our committee members discussed that and if you have better wording for that I'm open to it

Golestanipannah: would you be willing to add the people who actually do this to the list of recipients

I feel that it would actually be more direct to the people this is addressed to

Pae: it is hard to nail down all the people who engage in this behavior but if they read the paper hopefully they will see it and think twice

Byron: Do you think that this would be qualified as hate speech?

Pae: I think so

Byron: you want to identify this as a religious organization?

Pae: I think this is individuals

Byron: you have religious groups listed

Nguyen motion to extend question for five minutes sec Cramm

Bourland: Will you accept a friendly amendment removing religious based groups?

Pae: Yes

Rice: would you say that the majority of these groups are student based or community?

Pae: I don't think they are members of the undergraduate student body

Bourland: Is that speculation?

Pae: they have grey air and look pretty old

Bourland: So Speculation?

Pae: I cannot unequivocally make that statement

Byron: as it currently reads we have taken out any religious group reference, what are you saying with that at that point?

Aragon: Debate

Byron: Withdrawn

Cramm: do you think by removing voices from campus, even if they have a radical voice, do you think it could limit learning for the students?

Pae: it's not a ban or an act

Nigh: coming from our student council and everyone involved, it's not about shutting them out it's more about saying we do not condone this type of behavior

Searcy Debate sec Byron

Pro:

Pae

Rowell

Con:

Park

Searcy

Byron

Sandoval

Bourland

Previous Question Sample sec Skelton

We are voting to move back into roll call vote

Failed by Roll Call Vote: 4-15-13

920103 A Congressional Resolution About Sample Papers (Pae)(AA-Do Pass)

Bourland Sec Sample

Pae: Expository writing class, for their first assignment they didn't know what the paper was to look like, professor gave her a sample paper. She wants to set that as a standard for all 1000 level courses. Past committees tried to get this idea implemented, so it's been a long work in progress so let's consider it tonight

Bourland: Friendly amendment changing the second line of section three to say Dr. Kyle Harper, Interim Provost and Senior Vice President of the University of Oklahoma.

Pae: Yes

Sample: I notice that in section three copies of this resolution will be sent to dept chairs outside of English dept, is that because you would encourage them to also have sample papers?

Pae: Yes

Sample: Will you accept a friendly amendment to change section to add, Political Science, History, Psychology, OU Honors College and Gaylord to the departments it urges to hand out sample papers?

Pae: Yes

Searcy: Would it not be better to send this out to all teachers who assign writing assignments?

Pae: I think there is a limit, and eventually you have to find your own resources, this is mainly for freshmen, so they can know what it should look like and adapt.

Golestanipannah: would you consider making an amendment focusing on the technical aspect rather than a set sample that students might try to copy?

Pae: I think that's ultimately up to the discretion of each professor, if they want to go more technical.

Elwick: I personally think if you gave them a paper of what you want it to look like they would copy it, would it be better to have 12" margins etc?

Bourland Debate

Aragon: could you please just get to a question

Khan: Is the purpose to show how it should be formatted, or a stylistic guide?

Pae: more of a technical formatting.

Hill: Could part of the concerns addressed also be resolved by way of promoting the OU writing center?

Pae: The author of this resolution spoke with them and they emphasized that they give general guidelines not preference of professor.

Golestanipannah: you say it should be more technical, but the bill says focused on style.

Pae: That's really formatting not style.

Byron: Has there been a call or need for us to address this, why can't students just request this in class?

Pae: because some professors don't, we want them to be obligated to provide sample papers.

Golestanipannah: Don't professor usually tell you what formatting they expect?

Pae: but sometimes they are really picky.

Golestanipannah: would this be necessary since it's already kind of done.

Pae: This is a resolution and it is not forcing them to do anything, just suggesting it.

Searcy motion to extend time for questions for five minutes

Sample motion to extend time to end of the list

Sec Searcy

Sample: In the sample paper would it also include guidelines for bibliographies?

Pae: again up to the discretion of professor.

Searcy: Is there any oversight for students getting counted off for preference

Pae: I would recommend talking to the department at that point.

Rowell: I am unclear on the type of writing because you say not style but then you mention style.

Pae: They can do anything they want but it's mostly about formatting.

Aragon: No follow ups at this time

Bourland: I believe, correct me if I'm wrong she can have one follow up and that may be a friendly amendment

Passed by Roll Call Vote 16-12-5

920508 A Resolution recommending the addition of the Spicy Chicken Sandwich (Bourland)(P&P- Do Pass)

Bourland Sec Rice

Bourland: let's be real our job is to service students, our job is to make sure we are taking care of things they can not necessarily do themselves. We can also have fun. This resolution is not mandating it, we are just asking. Among the list of recipients is the director of the OMU. I know the chik-fil-a is expanding soon but I am graduating soon and I would love to have a spicy chicken sandwich on campus before I graduate.

Sample: you stated you were not able to get in touch with the director of OMU or the general manager how do you know they will get the sandwich before the expansion?

Bourland: Employee doesn't know who GM is, and I'm just waiting on a response from the director.

Hill: Did you think about possibly adding it to the Cafs chik-fil-A?

Bourland: Great question, while that would be worthwhile, you are welcome to add a friendly amendment, I think it would be less plausible to get it at the caf, because they have less space. I would be open to that, I'm just not sure it would actually happen.

Hill: So I understand this right, this would be to get the sandwich earlier then the already planned expansion?

Bourland: Yes

Skelton: What is the expansion going on?

Bourland: They would close it down during the summer and double its size. I believe the menu expansion includes everything except for breakfast.

Byron: whatever ends up happening can you confirm or deny if it's going to be everything but the breakfast menu in your follow up report?

Bourland: Every source I have asked has told me that.

Nguyen: Do you know why except breakfast?

Bourland: No

Byron: Could you ask?

Bourland: I think we are shifting slightly from the scope of this resolution, if you want to ask you are free to do so. I don't feel that I am overly qualified to answer.

Sample: Debate

Skelton: Objection

Voice vote: no

Bourland: on information was division called

Aragon: yes

Passed by Roll Call Vote 22-3-7

920809 An Act Appointing Members To The SGA Election Board (Petersen)(Exec-Do Pass)

Nguyen sec Searcy

Petersen: What is in front of you today is a bill appointing the election board who help me in my task. Abbey Taylor who will run publicity Brent who will run debate and Torres who will run election sites. We had 7 interviews one dropped out so we conducted 6 interviews and then I narrowed it down to these three.

Rice: What background do you two have that make you qualified for this position?

Taylor: I am currently on 2017 class council, I think I can use those skills here to increase voter turnout, like you were talking about no one knows when to vote or file I think that I can help.

Brent: I am on the integrity council, Sooners helping Sooners, and my fraternity, I'm pretty diligent and go full blast in everything that I do.

Torres: My major deals with project management which I think relates, I helped with Soonerthon. I think I am qualified.

Nguyen: What are some of your duties?

Petersen: Publicity is getting the word out, she has a lot of ideas for reaching out to gateways and different classes, Brent is in charge of debate, he helps set that up and plan it, venue etc. Torres helps run the software we vote on and the sites.

Nguyen: Since filing is on Thursday, what do you plan to do to make that big push?

Petersen: Social Media.

Byron: Have you considered social media advertising on facebook to promote the post?

Petersen: We have not.

Byron: would you be willing to consider it?

Petersen: Yes, we have a budget. Thank you vice chair Byron.

Sample: We are having several surveys during elections, what are your insights on handling those surveys?

Petersen: I helped last year with surveys; I feel that it will be similar.

Golestahnipanah: What software is it?

Petersen: I don't know what it's called, George actually runs the software.

Golestanipanah: What are the qualifications he has to run the software?

Petersen: I didn't mean run I met input the names.

Nguyen: Why did you choose these candidates?

Petersen: I looked at experience, Brent was willing to be flexible and ideas were great and Ramon had experience as well. They seemed more qualified or had more experience.

Rice: What would be your stance about extending filing deadlines?

Petersen: I said this last week, if we have one person apply we won't if we don't then we will extend the deadline.

Sample: if one of the rep seats is vacant will you extend the deadline?

Petersen: you are not the president so no, you have an appointment process.

Consent

New Business

Follow-Up Reports

Items for Future Agenda

Nguyen: legislation concerning distribution of survey during elections

P&P

Sample: Resolution requesting better distribution of emergency protocols

P&P

Searcy: Use of censorship

Exec and PR

Announcements and Comments

Bourland: Please be safe this weekend, it's a blast. It is a great time to get in trouble with the law, if you are going to do something stupid make sure it's not illegal, look out for Ebola.

Aragon: Don't drink and drive. Also I am glad to see you all asking questions about legislation that is what it is about.

Sample: our lovely friend in the Conoco office Cody, wants you to know that tonight until 9 there is a benefit night at Louie's for benefit without borders, so they can build wells. Will be having a meeting next week in addition to the movie night?

Aragon: Yes

Final Roll Call

Chair: Lauren Aragon
 Vice-Chair: Alex Byron
 Secretary: Alma Sandoval

Session 92	General 10/7	920508	920103	920102
Akinwande, Kennedie	x	y	n	
Akita, Emmanuel	abs			
Aragon, Lauren	x			
Barbee, Jacqueline	x			n
Bevilacqua, Benjamin	x	y	n	n
Black, Kesia Maria	abs			
Bourland, Connor	x	y	n	n
Brown, Colby	abs			
Byron, Alexandra	x	y	n	n
Cramm, Matthew	x	y	a	n
Droege, Dylan	x	y	n	n
Elwick, Kara	x	a	n	n
Franzese, Jamie	ex			
Gillespie, Taylor	x	a	n	a
Golestanipanah, Soheil	x	y	a	y
Gomez, Andres	x	a	y	a
Hill, Johnnie	x	y	n	n
Hudson, Todd	x	y	y	n
Kadiku, Hafeez	ex			
Khan, Eihab	x	a	n	a
Kirby, Bryan	x	y	a	a
McKenzie, Maggie	x	n	y	a
Molina, Luis	x	a	n	n
Naberhaus, Bryce	abs			
Naqvi, Ozair	ex			
Nguyen, Crystal	x	a	y	n
Nigh, Ryan	x	y	y	a
Nimmo, Cole	ex			
Owens, Alexandra	x	a	y	y
Pae, Daniel	x	y	y	y
Park, Conor	x	y	a	n

Powell, Haley	ex			
Rao, Ratnesh	x	y	y	a
Rice, Alissa	x	n	y	y
Riley, Kendall	x	y	y	
Rowell, Ana Marie	x	y	n	a
Sample, Emily	x	n	y	a
Sandoval, Alma	x		a	n
Scott, Cassie	x	y	n	a
Searcey, Patrick	x	y	y	n
Short, Jamison	x	y	y	a
Siddique, Adam	x	y	y	a
Skelton, Emery	x	y	y	a
Wise, Tave	x	y	y	n
Attending	17	22	16	4
Excused	2	3	12	15
Absent	3	7	5	13

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS

CONGRESSIONAL SESSION XCII

October 7, 2014

CONGRESSIONAL ACT NO. 920102

AS INTRODUCED

A congressional resolution strongly supporting an individual's right to free speech on OU's campus but not condoning anyone who engages in verbal harassment or rudeness towards students, and providing for distribution.

Whereas: It is the purpose of OU Student Government Association, and therefore including the Undergraduate Student Congress, to be a government of the students, by the students, and for the students; and

Whereas: The Mission Statement of OU is "to provide the best possible educational experience for students through excellence in teaching, research and creative activity, and service to the state and society."

Whereas: The First Amendment of the Bill of Rights to the Constitution of the United States prohibits abridging the freedom of speech; and

Whereas: A number of individuals and groups, most of whom are religious-based, have been exercising their right to free speech on OU's campus; and

Whereas: The inflammatory rhetoric of previously mentioned religious-based individuals and groups have offended many OU students, both undergraduate and graduate; and

Whereas: OU students should not be afraid to walk past these religious-based individuals and groups to attend classes nor should their academic experience, in terms of listening to speakers on the South Oval, be associated with anger, frustration, or vindictiveness; and

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

Section 1: It unequivocally supports the freedom of speech, which the First Amendment guarantees to every American citizen.

Section 2: It also robustly sides with the OU student body and does not condone any individual or group who is disrespectful towards students walking down the South Oval.

Section 3: It urges the OU Administration to do its best in making sure every Sooner's academic experience is positive and rewarding.

Section 4: Copies of this resolution will be sent to:
David Boren, President of the University of Oklahoma
Undergraduate Student Congress Public Relations Committee
The Oklahoma Daily
The Norman Transcript
KFOR-TV NewsChannel 4

Author: Kayli Warmker, Academic Affairs Committee Associate Member

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

Co-Sponsor(s): Lauren Aragon, Chair of the Undergraduate Student Congress
Representative Emily Sample, Problems and Projects Committee Chair
Representative Alissa Rice, External Affairs Committee Chair

Submitted on a motion by: Pae, seconded by Nguyen

Action taken by Congress: Failed by Roll Call Vote 4-15-13

Verified by Chair of Congress: _____ Date: _____

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS

CONGRESSIONAL SESSION XCII

October 7, 2014

CONGRESSIONAL ACT NO. 920103

AS INTRODUCED

A congressional resolution encouraging professors who teach freshman-level courses, especially writing-intensive courses, to provide and distribute a sample paper for each writing assignment, and providing for distribution.

- Whereas: The Academic Affairs Committee is responsible for addressing any concerns that can help improve the academic experience for students; and
- Whereas: A plethora of freshman students enter college with different backgrounds on how to write an essay, so having a sample paper will help them transition to college-level academic work; and
- Whereas: Professors do not even need to give the sample paper about the same topic, just a general guide to see what type of writing they want; and
- Whereas: OU students should know the expectations for each professor on the grading of writing assignments; and

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

- Section 1: It urges the OU Department of English, Political Science, History, Psychology, Honors College and Gaylord to encourage professors to upload a sample paper on either Desire2Learn or hand one out in class.
- Section 2: It enhances the student body's understanding of how different professors grade papers and about the standards of academic writing.
- Section 3: Copies of this resolution will be sent to:
Dr. Kyle Harper, Interim Provost and Senior Vice President of the University of Oklahoma
Dr. Daniela Garofalo, Interim Chair of Department of English
Dr. Keith Gaddie, Chair of Department of Political Science
Dr. James S. Hart, Jr., Chair of Department of History
Dr. David Ray, Dean of the Honors College

Dr. Jorge L. Mendoza, Chair of Department of Psychology
Dr. Joe Foote, Dean of the Gaylord College
Undergraduate Student Congress Public Relations Committee
The Oklahoma Daily

Author: Sehrish Shahabuddin, Academic Affairs Committee Associate Member

Co-Sponsor(s): Daniel Pae, Academic Affairs Committee Chair

Submitted on a motion by: Bourland, seconded by Sample

Action taken by Congress: Passed 16-12-5

Verified by Chair of Congress: _____ Date: _____

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION XCII

October 7, 2014

CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION NO. 920508

AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution recommending the addition of the Spicy Chicken Sandwich to the Chick-fil-a in the Oklahoma Memorial Union Food Court, and providing distribution

Whereas: Chick-fil-a is a staple of the Oklahoma Memorial Union Food Court; and

Whereas: The aforementioned Chick-fil-a could arguably benefit from slightly extending its menu offerings; and

Whereas: The aforementioned Chick-fil-a does not currently offer the Spicy Chicken sandwich.

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

Section 1: The Undergraduate Student Congress recommends the addition of the Spicy Chicken Sandwich to the Chick-fil-a in the Oklahoma Memorial Union Food Court at its earliest convenience.

Section 2: Copies of this resolution will be sent to:
David Boren, President of the University of Oklahoma
Laura Tontz, Director of the Oklahoma Memorial Union
General Manager of the Chick-fil-a in the Oklahoma Memorial Union Food Court
The Oklahoma Daily

Authors: Connor R. Bourland, Public Relations Committee Chair

Submitted on a motion by: Bourland sec Rice

Action taken by Congress: Passed by Roll Call vote 22-3-7

Verified by Chair of Congress: _____ Date: _____

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION XCII

October 7, 2014

GRADUATE STUDENT
SENATE SESSION GF-14

October 5, 2014

CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 920809

SENATE BILL NO. GF14-XX

AS INTRODUCED

An act appointing members to the SGA Election Board; providing for codification;
providing for a short title; and providing for an effective date

BE IT ENACTED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT ASSOCIATION:

Section 1: TITLE. This act may be known and shall be cited as the Election Board Appointment Act of 2014

Section 2: PURPOSE. To appoint members to the SGA Election Board

Section 3: In accordance with Title VII, chapter 2, section a, subsection ii of the SGACA, "*The Election Chair shall appoint the Election Board with the advice and consent of the Legislative Branch,*" the following students shall be appointed to serve on the SGA Election Board:

- Ramon Torres
- Abbey Taylor
- Brent Janss

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

Author(s): Taylor Petersen, Election Board

Co-Author(s): Connor Bourland, Public Relations Committee Chair

Co-Sponsor(s): Matt Epting, SGA President

Submitted on a Motion by: Nguyen, seconded by Searcy

Action taken by Congress: Consent

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: _____