

**THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION**

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
Session XCII

General Body Meeting
7:00 pm, Tuesday, September 16, 2014
Devon Hall 120

Session XCII

Roll Call -
Flag Salute
Approval of Minutes
Sample sec Pae
Chair's Report-

Aragon: Alex will be here soon with name tags! Matt Epting, the president of SGA wants to make an announcement about one campus one book. The idea is to get the OU campus to read a book together. ou.edu/onebook is where you can sign up. I need two more liaisons for the budget council. If you are interested please come and talk to me after the meeting. They meet at 3:30 on Mondays and I believe it is once every month. Subsidiary funding applications are due on Friday; make sure RSOs also get their training done by Thursday.

Vice Chair's Report-
Secretary's Report-

Sandoval: Thank you to everyone who has done their office hours so far, I saw several of you today! Please make sure you get them done by the end of the week. Constituent service is coming up, list of five RSO's is due by Sept, 29th. Please remember to email me if you can't make it to a meeting so that I can count you as excused. Communication is important!

Committee Reports-

- **AA**
Pae: We had a terrific meeting this past Sunday. We will see some legislation tonight. I am excited to work with all of my committee members.
- **CA**
- **EA**
Rice: When we met this Sunday we appointed a vice chair and secretary. The vice chair is an associate and Representative Barbee is our new secretary. Please sign up for OU Votes and remember it counts as constituent service.
- **P&P**
Sample: We saw some legislation and gave it a recommendation of do pass. If anyone in my committee is interested in being secretary shoot me an email or a text message. We have several vice chair requests so I will get back to you when we have that decision made.
- **PR**
- **WAM**
Cramm: We elected a vice chair for the committee which is Kaylee Rains. We allocated some emergency funding which you will see tonight.

Liaison Reports
Special Orders
Student Concerns

Old Business

Items to Be Considered

920101 A Resolution About Korean Class (Pae) (AA-Do Pass) (P&P-Do Pass)

Sample sec Pae

Pae: We are all members of Student congress and therefore members of SGA. We are part of a government of the people and for the people. That is why last semester we conducted a survey concerning Korean language classes. As a Korean American it is important to me that we have the opportunity to experience different languages and cultures. It is my hope that before I graduate from OU I can log onto to Ozone and enroll in a Korean class. We need to act now.

Hill: How was the survey distributed?

Pae: Through OUMM

Barbee: I am confused about section two, is it dependent on eliminating one course to allow for this course?

Pae: This resolution does not have a say in that matter, it just says they should add Korean classes however they think is best for the dept. and students overall.

Aragon: Do you think this is representative of the student body?

Pae: yes

Aragon: Did you ask grad students

Pae: Yes

Sample: what did Legreca say?

Pae: She said at the time there were no plans for Korean classes. I did notify her of the survey results, so I hope that she is open minded if the opportunity arises.

Cramm: did you go to career services and try to get them on board?

Pae: I think that is a good idea, I didn't think of it at the time.

Rowell: I see that in section 3 it discusses it as filling language requirements for graduation, have you considered offering it as a minor as well

Pae: Yes that is something I thought of.

Pass: 20-4-5

920308 An Act Expelling Representatives (Sandoval) (Exec- Do Pass)

Sample sec Pae

Sandoval: This is an Act Expelling a member of congress. After three unexcused absences the secretary has the right to expel a member for excessive absences. Representative Harb was contacted and made aware via email that this legislation was being written. I received no response. It's not something we like to do but it has to get done.

Sample: what happens to his seat?

Sandoval: It will be open until someone is appointed.

Cramm: Does an associate take his seat?

Sandoval: An associate can take his seat, however the position will be available to anyone in that college.

Consent

920509 A Resolution Requesting A More Professional Dress Code (Sample) (ConAd-No Rec) (Exec-No Rec)

Pae sec Hill

Sample: I realize I am currently not dressed in business casual, which actually supports part of this legislation. I want everyone to feel comfortable here in congress. There is no penalty if you do not dress business casual. I want you guys to make an effort to be here. I think that dressing in business casual creates a nicer image. We have guests who come in and it gives us a more professional feel. If you look at the legislation if outlines what I think business casual is.

Black: Do you think this will cause less attendance?

Sample: I want you to decide and vote accordingly. I don't think it would, but if you think it would be a restraint on you then vote no. I have no personal preference.

Black: would it be possible to receive a notification when we do have guests.

Sample: I am open to an amendment.

Naqvi: When you write exec does that mean the top three positions in congress?

Sample: yes that would be Lauren, Alex, and Alma

Benjamin: didn't we see a bill like this almost two years ago?

Aragon: The only thing we have ever seen on dress code is the cargo embargo. This is a resolution not an act, so it's just a suggestion it is not forcing anyone to do anything

Byron: Would the author be willing to add a friendly amendment to add snappy casual?

Sample: I think that the term is vague and would make it confusing, so no.

Cramm: Will there be any penalty for people who decide to not abide by this legislation?

Sample: no

Self: What is the point if half the people dress up and half the people don't?

Sample: I think that seeing business casual would bring a different air, but this is entirely up to you

Naqvi: Question to the chair, if this legislation came to you to be signed would you sign it?

Aragon: Yes.

Roll Call Vote

Passed 16-12-1

920703 Emergency Funding Allocation #2 (Cramm) (Do Pass)

Nguyen sec Hill

Cramm: This concerns emergency allocations; we met with the student organizations on Sunday.

Sample: I thought Second Wind was just a coffee shop.

Carmm: They also have an organization on campus

Kirby: What is the Soccer Enthusiasts League?

Cramm: They love soccer and get together to play and watch it.

Kahn: Did they say what they needed the money for?

Cramm: Yes

Byron: Second Wind on Friday will sometimes close early, so we will get together and build community.

Skelton: I was curious what was the insurance was for?

Cramm: As you can see the insurance was not funded and the explanation given to us was not very strong so we did not fund that.

Barbee: Do you know what they were allocated last year?

Cramm: They both did not receive funding in the past.

Roll Call Vote

Passed 23-0-6

New Business

Follow-Up Reports

Items for Future Agenda

Announcements and Comments

Byron: So I missed my VC report but I am here now. Tomorrow is the south oval office, it's a time where we all get to get outside on the south oval and talk to people it's from 9am to 3pm. You will get to meet other SGA members from different branches. Also thank you everyone who came to the orientation. Whenever we send our emails out we will attach a survey please fill out and give feedback. Office hours, we are doing a big push tomorrow to get everyone's office hours done. There may or may not be cookies.

Aragon: stop by the Conoco and hang out with us! It is also required, and will count as an absence if you don't do your office hours. On name tags, if you have one of the cardstock name tags please bring them up to the front.

Byron: people who did not get a portfolio, we are working on that.

Hill: Everyone next week is OK Creativity festival. There are awesome events that are free for the entire campus. If you are interested I can tell you more about the events.

Naqvi: I'm sorry for missing my report; we saw legislation, the resolution for the dress code. If you have any questions or are still confused, about anything internally, about how SGA operates or parliamentary procedure feel free to email me ozair@ou.edu. After Dark is happening at 9pm tonight I invite you guys to check it out, it's free.

Cramm: I want to thank you all for asking really good questions, also if you want to come talk to me about why you abstained I would love to hear your opinion.

Aragon: Thank you to new members and old members who asked questions.

Nguyen: Do we just stop by the south oval office?

Aragon: yes

Aragon: I got the doodle pole yesterday but it was full that's the reason I didn't send it out. Just show up!

Final Roll Call

Chair: Lauren Aragon

Vice-Chair: Alex Byron

Secretary: Alma Sandoval

Session 92	General 9/16	920101	920509	920703
Akinwande, Kennedie	x	y	y	y
Akita, Emmanuel	x	y	y	a
Aragon, Lauren	x			
Barbee, Jacqueline	x	y	n	y
Bevilacqua, Benjamin	abs			
Black, Kesia Maria	x	n	n	y
Bourland, Connor	ex			
Brown, Colby	abs			
Byron, Alexandra	x	a	n	y
Cramm, Matthew	x	y	n	y
Droege, Dylan	x	y	y	y
Elwick, Kara	ex			
Franzese, Jamie	x	y	n	y
Gillespie, Taylor	x	y	y	y
Golestanipanah, Soheil	x	n	n	y
Gomez, Andres	x	a	y	a
Hill, Johnnie	x	y	y	y
Hudson, Todd	ex			
Kadiku, Hafeez	ex			
Khan, Eihab	x	y	n	y
Kirby, Bryan	x	y	y	a
McKenzie, Maggie	x	a	y	a
Molina, Luis	abs			
Naberhaus, Bryce	x	y	n	y
Naqvi, Ozair	x	a	n	y
Nguyen, Crystal	x	y	y	y
Nigh, Ryan	x	y	y	y
Nimmo, Cole	x	n	n	y
Owens, Alexandra	x	a	y	a
Pae, Daniel	x	y	y	y
Park, Connor	ex			
Powell, Haley	abs			
Rao, Ratnesh	x	y	n	y
Rice, Alissa	x	y	y	y
Riley, Kendall	ex			
Rowell, Anna Marie	x	n	y	a

Sample, Emily	x	y	y	y
Sandoval, Alma	x	y	a	y
Scott, Cassie	abs			
Searcey, Patrick	ex			
Short, Jamison	x	y	n	y
Siddique, Adam	abs			
Skelton, Emery	x	y	y	y
Wise, Tave	abs			
<u>Yes</u>		20	16	23
<u>No</u>		4	12	0
<u>Abstention</u>		5	1	6

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS

CONGRESSIONAL SESSION XCII

September 16, 2014

CONGRESSIONAL ACT NO. 920101

AS INTRODUCED

A congressional resolution encouraging the OU Department of Modern Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics to actively plan for an opportunity that allows for the addition of a Korean language course.

Whereas: It is the purpose of Undergraduate Student Congress to legislate based upon the needs and opinions of students at the University of Oklahoma; and

Whereas: There are currently 17 language courses available at OU (Spanish, French, German, Arabic, Cherokee, Choctaw, Creek, Greek, Hebrew, Chinese, Japanese, Italian, Kiowa, Latin, Persian, Portuguese, and Russian); and

Whereas: Korean businesses such as Samsung, LG, and Hyundai are looking for bilingual job applicants; and

Whereas: This language is spoken by approximately 78 million people around the world; and

Whereas: Adding Korean as a language course for students to learn is both economically and culturally beneficial; and

Whereas: During the spring of 2014, the Problems and Projects committee surveyed undergraduate students to discover whether there is interest in Korean courses to be added at OU.

Whereas: The questions in this survey, as well as the results from a sample of 181 students who participated, are as follows:

Korean Courses at OU:

If the OU Department of Modern Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics offered a Korean language course, would you be interested in taking such a class?

- A) Yes (115 students) 64%
- B) No (44 students) 24%
- C) DK/Refuse (22 students) 12%

Furthermore, if you are interested, would you be willing to take three semesters or more of Korean?

- A) Yes (95 students) 52%
- B) No (52 students) 29%
- C) DK/Refuse (34 students) 19%

Even if you are not interested, do you believe that funding for Korean language courses is justifiable and worthwhile?

- A) Yes (157 students) 87%
- B) No (11 students) 6%
- C) DK/Refuse (13 students) 7%

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

Section 1: It urges the OU Department of Modern Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics to actively search for qualified professors to teach Korean.

Section 2: It urges the OU Department of Modern Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics to assess whether some language courses currently offered have low student enrollment, which can determine whether such language courses should be eliminated to make room for new languages.

Section 3: Such a course will give students another choice when considering foreign language requirements for graduation.

Section 4: Copies of this resolution will be sent to:
 Dr. Nancy LaGreca, Chair of the Department of Modern Languages, Literature, and Linguistics
 David Boren, President of the University of Oklahoma
 Undergraduate Student Congress Public Relations Committee
The Oklahoma Daily

Authors: Representative Daniel Pae, Academic Affairs Committee Chair

Co-Sponsor(s):

Submitted on a motion by:

Action taken by Congress:

Verified by Chair of Congress: _____ Date: _____

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UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION XCII

Sep 16, 2014

CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 920308

As Introduced

An act of procedure Expelling a Member of Congressional Session 92 for excessive absences; providing for a short title; stating purpose; and providing an effective date.

Section 1: Title. This act shall be known as An Act Expelling Representatives.

Section 2: Purpose. The purpose of this act shall be to expel a member for excessive absences. Because Ahmad Harb has accrued excessive unexcused absences and has failed to petition the Executive Committee for an attendance waiver, the membership of the aforementioned is pending expulsion.

Section 3: In accordance with the Section 3.3 subsection 2 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. Ahmad Harb

Section 4: This act is hereby enacted.

Section 5: This act shall become effective when passed in accordance with the SGA Constitution

Author: Alma Sandoval, Secretary of Undergraduate Student Congress

Submitted on a Motion by:

Action taken by Congress:

Verified by Chair of Student Congress: _____ Date: _____

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UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION XCII

September 16, 2014

CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION NO. 920509

AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution requesting a more professional dress code
for Congress general meetings; and providing for distribution.

Whereas: The members of Congress represent the student body to incoming guests and speakers; and

Whereas: All Congress meetings are open; and

Whereas: More professional attire projects a better image; and

Whereas: The Cargo Embargo initially failed; and

Whereas: Business casual attire meets the goal of looking more professional yet still casual enough to be comfortable and classy without making Congress guests uncomfortable.

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

Section 1: The members of Congress shall be requested to make an effort to dress business casual to convey a more professional appearance to congress general meetings. Business casual has a fairly wide range of fashion options including skirts, dresses, blazers, nice jeans, blouses, button-ups, khakis, sweater vests, flats, heels, boat shoes, and dockers. This would exclude t-shirts, jean shorts, cargos, athletic wear, miniskirts and mini-dresses, and athletic sandals.

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

- Congress Executive Leaders

Authors: Emily Sample, Physical Sciences District

Co-Author: Lauren Aragon, Chair of the Undergraduate Student Congress

Submitted on a motion by:

Action taken by Congress:

Verified by Chair of Congress: _____ Date: _____

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UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION XCII
September 16, 2014

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GX-XX

CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 920703
SENATE BILL NO. GXXX-XX

AS INTRODUCED

An act relating to appropriations; providing for short title; stating purpose; appropriating emergency funding for the 2014-2015 process; stating appropriation guidelines; establishing expiration deadline; directing transfer of unused funds by deadline; and providing an effective date.

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

Section 1: This act shall be known and may be cited as the “Emergency Allocation Act #2” Act of 2014.

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:

Second Wind Student Group

Office and General Expenses:	\$10
Capital Investments:	\$0
<u>Programs/Events/Activities:</u>	<u>\$200</u>
Total:	\$210

Soccer Enthusiasts League

Office and General Expenses:	\$150
Capital Investments:	\$0
<u>Programs/Events/Activities:</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Total:	\$150

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

Section 5: This fiscal year for the account listed in these sections shall end May 4, 2015

Section 6: All unspent money remaining in the accounts listed in Section 3 shall revert to the SGA General Account after May 4, 2015, and the remaining appropriations shall be canceled.

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

Author: Matthew Cramm, Chair of SGA Budget

Co-Author (s): SGA Budgetary Committee

Submitted on a Motion by:

Action taken by Student Congress:

Verified by Chair of Student Congress: _____ Date: _____

Submitted on a motion by:

Action taken by Senate:

Verified by Chair of Senate: _____ Date: _____

Approved by SGA President: _____ Date: _____