

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS  
Session XCIV

General Body Meeting  
7:00 pm, Tuesday, September 1, 2015  
Devon Hall 120

Session XCIV

Roll Call -  
Flag Salute

Approval of Minutes

**Chair's Report-** Hi, I'm Emily Sample, Chemical Biosciences Senior Pre-Law major. I spend a lot of time in the office so come by! If you need to get a hold of me email me at [congress@ou.edu](mailto:congress@ou.edu). My office hours are Monday 11:30-12:30, 1:30-2:30 Tuesdays 1:00-5:00, Wednesday 11:30-12:30, Thursday 1:00-3:00pm and Friday 11:30-12:30. Kunal Naik resigned, Alex Byron is now president, if you have any questions for her ask her. Applications close tonight at midnight, so apply. If you get it have to resign from congress.

**Vice Chair's Report-** Chelsea Brown-Vice Chair reach me at [congressvc@ou.edu](mailto:congressvc@ou.edu). Open door policy! Come talk to me. Office Hours: Sunday 2:00-6:00 Monday 11:30-1:00pm, 3:00-5:00pm. Tuesday 5:00-6:30, Wednesday 11:30-1:15pm.

**Secretary's Report-** Hi guys I am so excited for the new semester! I think it is going to be a great year. We have two hours of constituent service and two office hours due this month. So come and hang out in the Conoco and spend time with us!! For constituent service please send me a list of your 5 RSO's you plan on going to visit with eventually or that you would like to potentially be liaisons for. Also, OU Votes is also back in the swing of the things which means that they need people to work it, so every member is required to complete AT LEAST one hour at the booth, this will be counting for one of your office hours. If you have class and are not able to do this for class or other reasons I will need you to send me documentation. Office Hours: Monday 11:30-1:15 Tuesday 4:00-6:30 Wednesday 11:30-1:15, Thursday 12:00-2:00, Friday 12:00-1:00pm.

**Committee Reports** No Report

- **Academic Affairs** No report
- **Congressional Administration** No report
- **External Affairs** No report
- **Problems and Projects** No report
- **Public Relations** No report
- **Ways and Means** No report

**Liaison Reports** No report

**Special Orders**

SGA President Alex Byron

Byron: If you guys don't know I started out in congress in EA, keep doing what you do! Got a lot of things in the works, turn up for transit, looking into a bike share program, help and get some feedback to see if students want to do it. There will be a third party involved that will bring

in bikes that will provide more convenient way for students to get to campus. Come talk to her about it and vote yes on the poll. Also working with Kara's committees on OU Votes campaign, in a competition with other universities in Oklahoma, fell a little short of OCU last year, game planning to make sure that doesn't happen this year. More initiatives going on, come talk to her about them. Office hours Mondays and Fridays all day come see me, I have puzzles.

Appointments, involving faculty and administration needing student input, working with issues over seeing daily, if you are interest. Also, OU budget positions available, flat rate appeals positions available. You can be on the board to hear the student concerns and decide whether or not to grant the appeals. Will send contact info and info about the bike share!

### **Student Concerns**

#### **Old Business**

#### **Items to Be Considered**

940101 An Act Making Committees More Diverse (Sample/Brown/Rains) (Exec-Do Pass)

#### **Crisp sec Watts**

Sample: Act making committees more diverse, establishing the human diverse committees. Hope you approve this bill!

Benjamin: What projects do you hope to accomplish with this committee?

Sample: I hope that every member will be a liaison, especially to multicultural groups such as, BSA, LGBTQ, etc. any group that feels like they need more of a voice. We also have a few ideas from last year such as transgender issues to work on, like safe transgender bathrooms for students, we're hoping to work with housing and food to fix that. Also, working with Native American Student Association on some things.

Benjamin: Why do you think this hasn't happened before at OU?

Sample: There is one at the GSS but they are not very involved. P&P becoming large, so hopefully this break up will help us focus on more Human Diversity issues.

Velesko: You said P&P is a big committee, is that the majority of the issues they work on?

Sample: No, they work on everything, were still hoping that this will just focus more on human diversity specifically.

#### **Consent**

940102 OU-Texas Holiday Act of 2015 (Byron/Pavlovsky/Sample/Thompson) (Exec-Do Pass)

#### **Pae sec Crisp**

Thompson: Straight forward, OU/TX big deal, it's OU tradition to take the Friday before the game off and travel to Dallas, so encouraging you to pass this bill!

#### **Consent**

940601 An Act Appointing Committee Officers for Session 94 (Sample/Brown/Rains) (Exec-Do Pass)

#### **Crisp sec Park**

Sample: This bill is appointing our committee chairs, we interviewed them, emailed out the applications multiple times, we had 11 applications, these are the people who the three of us thought were the best for the positions, committee chairs can come on down and you are welcome to ask them questions.

Balangué: Hi guys I am a sophomore chemical engineer major, am now the Academic Affairs chair, I'm really excited to work with you all. I know everyone on my committee is passionate about AA and I am looking forward to getting all ideas out and going soon.

Pae: Hi guys, I'm a Senior Economics major. I am the Human Diversity committee char, I'm excited to work on this, working on United World to get that going and make sure to get the student feedback on our projects. Also in my education policy class will be working with the guys to get human diversity issue started more. Looking forward to work with Jordan and Jenna and the rest of the new committee soon, this committee is not just about race, also about religion, gender, and all different types of diversity, I am excited to get started.

Nigh: Hi I've Member of congress for 3 sessions, excited to be ConAd chair again.

Elwick: Hi I'm Kara the EA chair, lots of stuff going on this semester, OU Votes big thing happening right now, meeting with exec tomorrow night, department of exterior to get OU votes events going.

Reid: Hi I'm a Drama major Junior. PR Chair, this is my first session, wanting to step up social media account, wanting to get sponsor to get shirts and fundraising and stuff. Follow us on social media!! If you know of any sponsor you would like to have please let me know and well get it started!

Cramm: Senior IAS major German minor, was WAM chair last year.

Thompson: Sophomore, pending PP chair, a big amount of the legislation is going to run through PP, looking forward to it going well and being productive, given our size and our productivity it should be a great semester.

### **Consent**

940602 An Act Appointing Committee Membership for Session 94 (Sample/Brown/Rains) (Exec-Do Pass)

#### **Nguyen sec Reid**

Sample: This bill puts all of you on committees, however this time I do need an amendment to remove Bellafiore from the AA committee he resigned after this was formed.

Crisp: Would please accept friendly amendment to sadly remove Robert Bellafiore from the AA committee?

Sample: Yes

Watts: How was apportionment decided?

Sample: I gave everyone the opportunity to be moved from the committee you were previously on; if you were on a committee we left you there. There will be more people on these committees once we get associates. Each committee must have a mandatory 3 people on it to conduct business.

Marhanka: Is it too late change??

Sample: No but you can offer an amendment to change it.

Franzeze: Would you accept a friendly amendment to move me back to PP from EA?

Sample: Yes.

Velesko: My name is on there. Is everyone on a committee?

Sample: Yes, if you did not email me I got to put you on a committee.

Steward: Friendly amendment to change my name from Stewart to Steward?

Sample: Scriveners errors will change that.

Droege: Would you accept a friendly amendment from PP to PR?

Sample: Yes

### **Consent**

#### **New Business**

#### **Follow-Up Reports**

Crisp: I've been working quite a bit on AA initiatives, we had a switch from AA form in the provost, and have first meeting with Provost to get the form started this week. Have to take it back through PACCA, concerned there might be a lot of changes after PACCA so be looking for possible new legislation.

Brown: Legislative forum. CMS does not do any closed website; with new Orgsync we are going to transition our legislative forum to OrgSync.

Sample: Back in January we saw bill about a parking forgiveness quiz, spoken with Vicky Holland, it is almost done, just waiting on IT to make it a one-time thing. Should be done very soon!

#### **Items for Future Agenda**

Cramm: Emergency Funding #1 WAM

#### **Announcements and Comments**

Sample: All committees' members go meet with chairs

George: Org Sync meeting tomorrow from 3-4 in scholars room. Q&A session in the end.

Benjamin: OU Cousins apps end tonight, go meet with international students, registration tonight!!

Reid: Won't be back in GM for a while due to show, any ideas please get them to me, still working on them even though I won't be here.

Long: Student Alumni Association: Apps on Sept 16<sup>th</sup> can find info on the website.

Sample: Committee chairs stop by and meet our reporters

Reid: Working on new slogan for congress and pending SGA if I can get ideas on that it would be very helpful, shoot me a text or post it please!

#### **Final Roll Call**

**Motion to suspend the rules, skip final roll call and adjourn Crisp sec Reid**

Chair: Emily Sample  
Vice-Chair: Chelsea Brown  
Secretary: Kaylee Rains

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION  
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS  
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION XCIV  
September 1, 2015

CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 940101

AS INTRODUCED

An act amending the Student Congress Bylaws and Standing Rules of Order; providing short title; providing for codification; 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 “An Act Making Committees More Diverse.”

**Section 2:** For the purpose of this Act, deletions shall be indicated with a ~~striketrough~~ and additions indicated with an underline.

**Section 3:** Section 6.1 of the Bylaws shall be amended to read as follows:

**Section 6.1:** COMMITTEE ESTABLISHMENT. The ~~six (6)~~ seven (7) standing committees (also referenced in these Bylaws as “committees”) and their responsibilities shall be as follows:

- 1) **ACADEMIC AFFAIRS.** The Academic Affairs Committee shall address academic issues that affect the university and shall strive to improve the academic quality of the university.
- 2) **CONGRESSIONAL ADMINISTRATION.** The Congressional Administration Committee shall address matters concerning the internal affairs of the Student Congress and the SGA. It shall strive to make the Student Congress more effective in fulfilling its role within the SGA. In the fall of even-numbered years, it shall be responsible for reapportioning the seats within the Student Congress, pursuant to the SGA Constitution.
- 3) **EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.** The External Affairs Committee shall address issues, organizations, and institutions either partially or entirely outside the University of Oklahoma.

- 4) HUMAN DIVERSITY. The Human Diversity Committee shall address any and all issues related to diversity issues within the University.
- 5) PROBLEMS AND PROJECTS. The Problems and Projects Committee shall address all non-academic issues concerning student life within the university.
- 6) PUBLIC RELATIONS. The Public Relations Committee shall be responsible for conceptualizing, planning, organizing, and executing the public relations efforts of the Student Congress.
- 7) WAYS AND MEANS. The Ways and Means Committee shall address all matters concerning the expenditure or appropriation of student funds in accordance with the most current Budgetary Procedures Act.

**Section 4:** Rule 2, Section 3. C of the Standing Rules of Order shall be amended as follows:

C. Reports

1. Congress Chair, Congress Vice-Chair, Congress Secretary, Academic Affairs, Congressional Administration, External Affairs, Human Diversity, Problems and Projects, Public Relations, and Ways and Means.

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

Author(s): Emily Sample, Undergraduate Student Congress Chair

Co-Author(s): Chelsea Brown, Undergraduate Student Congress Vice Chair  
Kaylee Rains, Undergraduate Student Congress Secretary

Submitted on a Motion by:

Action taken by Congress: Passed by Consent

Verified by Chair of Congress: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE  
SENATE SESSION GF-15  
August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015

CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 940102  
SENATE BILL NO. GF15-XX

AS INTRODUCED

An act of procedure acknowledging the Fall 2015 student holiday; providing for codification; providing for a short title; and providing for 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 “OU-Texas Holiday Act of 2015”.
- Section 2:** This holiday helps the student body to travel and prepare for the celebration of defeating the University of Texas football team in Dallas.
- Section 3:** The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association officially recognizes Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015, as the Fall 2015 Student Holiday.
- Section 4:** This act shall become effective, while in accordance with the SGACA, immediately following passage and approval.
- Author(s):** Alex Byron, SGA President  
Carrie Pavlowsky, Graduate Student Senate Chair  
Emily Sample, Undergraduate Student Congress Chair  
Nathan Thompson, Executive Branch Legislative Assistant

Submitted on a Motion by:  
Action taken by Congress: Passed by Consent

Verified by Chair of Congress: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS

CONGRESSIONAL SESSION XCIV

September 1, 2015

CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 940601

AS INTRODUCED

An act of procedure appointing committee officers  
for Session 94; providing short title; and providing for  
an effective date.

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

**Section 1:** This Act shall be known and may be cited as “An Act Appointing Committee  
Officers for Session 94.”

**Section 2:** PURPOSE. The Purpose of this Act is inherent in the Title.

**Section 3:** APPOINTMENT. The Following Persons shall be appointed to Committees and  
other positions as follows:

**Academic Affairs**

Michael Balangue– Chair

**Congressional**

**Administration**

Ryan Nigh– Chair

**External Affairs**

Kara Elwick– Chair

**Human Diversity**

Daniel Pae– Chair

**Problems and Projects**

Nathan Thompson– Chair

**Public Relations**

Austin Reid– Chair

**Ways and Means**

Matthew Cramm– Chair



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

**Author:** Emily Sample, Chair of the Undergraduate Student Congress

**Co-Author(s):** Chelsea Brown, Vice-Chair of the Undergraduate Student Congress  
Kaylee Rains, Secretary of the Undergraduate Student Congress

Submitted on a motion by:

Action taken by Congress: Passed by Consent

Verified by Chair: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS  
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION XCIV

September 1, 2015

CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 940602

AS INTRODUCED

An act of procedure amending committee membership for Student Congress Session 94; providing short title; and providing an effective date.

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

**Section 1:** This Act shall be known and may be cited as “An Act Appointing Committee Membership for Session 94.”

**Section 2:** APPOINTMENT. The Following Persons shall be appointed to committees:

**Academic Affairs**

Michael Balangue– Chair  
Kendall Riley  
Timothy Crisp  
Carl Berry  
Bryce Naberhaus  
Christopher Carter II

**Congressional Administration**

Ryan Nigh– Chair  
Kaylee Rains – *ex officio*  
Trevor Watts

**External Affairs**

Kara Elwick– Chair  
Jordan Arlan  
Paulius Velesko  
Jamie Franzese

**Human Diversity**

Daniel Pae– Chair  
Jenna Henderson  
Jordan Pearse

**Problems and Projects**

Nathan Thompson– Chair  
Cassie Scott  
Bryan Kirby  
Anna Marie Rowell  
Sydney Mills  
Conor Park  
Madison James  
Akash Bhojwani  
Liza Marhanka  
Sarah Stewart

**Public Relations**

Austin Reid– Chair  
Morgan Benjamin  
Hawi Burka Kebede  
Maxell Nguyen  
Alyssa Witt  
Nathaniel Johnson  
Dylan Droege

**Ways and Means**

Matthew Cramm – Chair  
Ryan Echols  
Lillian Trinh  
Eihab Khan  
Tave Wise  
Lauren Long

**Section 3:** This Act shall become effective when passed in accordance with the SGA Constitution.

**Author:** Emily Sample, Chair of the Undergraduate Student Congress

**Co-Author(s):** Chelsea Brown, Vice Chair of the Undergraduate Student Congress  
Kaylee Rains, Secretary of Undergraduate Student Congress

Submitted on a Motion by:

Action taken by Congress: Consent

Verified by Chair: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Session 94</b>	<b>Committee</b>	<b>General 9-1</b>
Arlan, Jordan		x
Balangué, Michael		x
Benjamin, Morgan		x
Berry, Carl		x
Bhojwani, Akash		x
Brown, Chelsea		x
Carter II, Christopher		x
Cramm, Matthew		x
Crisp, Timothy		x
Droege, Dylan		x
Echols, Ryan		ex
Elwick, Kara		x
Franzese, Jamie		x
Henderson, Jenna		x
James, Madison		x
Johnson, Nathaniel		abs
Kebede, Hawi Burka		x
Khan, Eihab		abs
Kirby, Bryan		abs
Long, Lauren		x
Marhanka, Liza		x
Mills, Sydney		x
Naberhaus, Bryce		abs
Nguyen, Maxell		x
Nigh, Ryan		x
Pae, Daniel		x
Park, Conor		x
Pearse, Jordan		x
Rains, Kaylee		x
Reid, Austin		x
Riley, Kendall		x
Rowell, Anna Marie		ex
Sample, Emily		x
Scott, Cassie		x
Steward, Sarah		x
Trinh, Lillian		ex

Velesko, Paulius		x
Watts, Trevor		x
Witt, Alyssa		abs
Wise, Tave		x
<b>Attending</b>		32
<b>Absent</b>		5
<b>Excused</b>		3