

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS Session XCIV

General Body Meeting
7:00 pm, Tuesday, September 29th, 2015
Devon Hall 120

Session XCIV

Roll Call - 7:02

Flag Salute

Approval of Minutes

Echols sec Reid

Chair's Report- We are still working on pomping at KA house for homecoming. **THIS WEEK:** There will be no pomping Wednesday because the next shipment of pomp isn't due to arrive til Thursday. One request you can be there from 9:00 in the morning till 10:30 at night except for Wednesday and Friday's they ask us to be out by 8:30. Committee directory will be going out with minutes. Parliamentary Procedure flow chart, I heard that if you pull it up on a mobile device it gets cramped down on the bottom. Sorry about mobile device, I don't know why that happens, however it does work if you pull it up on computers. Since we have a full room tonight please be respectful and listen to what people are saying. Decorum means watch your tone keep it down, be respectful.

Vice Chair's Report- Most of you got an email about liaisons, if you are a new member will get those by Friday, since they are due on the 30th. If you are having issues or concerns email me. If you didn't get liaison come talk to me after. The legislative forum is up and open, so go post your ideas so people can work with you and you can get more feedback. Mock congress evaluations are going out at the end of this meeting and an orientation evaluations as well so please fill those out!

Secretary's Report- New members send me your RSOs due by the 30th. Since there were so many people that didn't do office hours I'm giving you guys till tomorrow to complete them. Next office hour is due October 12th; also OU Votes only has 5 sessions left so don't forget to sign up for that!

Committee Reports-

- **Academic Affairs** Talked about new ideas our committee has, regulating attendance policies, bridge programs with gen eds, fixing up d2l.
- **Congressional Administration** First time since I have been chair that we didn't meet quorum, so didn't get to see election reform but we will hopefully see that next week.
- **External Affairs-** Appointed our Vice Chair, Connor Moore and Secretary, Jillian Buxton, and we are looking into starting a weekly benchmark report program. This will be to make sure OU up to par with other Universities in Oklahoma. OU votes only 5 times left so please get those done!
- **Human Diversity-** All members talked about the different groups and new ideas for the year, I meet with Deondre Fisher, he has a very accommodating and flexible policy, encourages us all to come say hi, he is extremely happy to talk with you. Also heard back from United World, and sometime late next month we should have the SGA/United World town hall, will be updated later this week on the details.

- **Problems and Projects-** We had a short meeting. Appointed our secretary who is Cassie Scott. We are looking for projects, if you are not in our committee but have something you want to work on let us know, we'd love to help.
- **Public Relations-** Thanks to Maxell and Dylan for running all the meetings while I was doing my show. We are working on t-shirt design, doing a t-shirt, long sleeve and pull over. We are still working on those designs and working on ways to promote SGA better to student body better. So send us those ideas.
- **Ways and Means-** We conducted interviews for emergency funding on Sunday.

Liaison Reports

Special Orders

Student Concerns

Old Business

Items to Be Considered

940503 Emergency Allocation #3 (Cramm) (Rec of no rec)

Echols sec Reid

Cramm: We gave \$250 to Pi Tau Sigma, which is an engineering honors society, \$300 for Chess Club, and \$250 for Students for Liberty, \$450 Film Production Club and \$200 for Students for Social Justice.

Watts: What are the costs for?

Cramm: \$250 for Pi Tau Sigma went for a conference; for their traveling cost, they have to take part to be nationally recognized. The \$300 for the Chess Club was for the boards and for software analysis and their purpose is to help teach people about chess. \$250 for Students for Liberty for speaker costs, hosting a lot of speakers on November 14th for their event so its for their travel fees. \$450 for the Film Production Club is to help them be able to go to the Austin Film Festival. \$200 for Social Justice is for snacks and money, they aren't going to get subsidiary funding so it is for food for the rest of the year.

Crisp: How much does this leave us in emergency fund?

Cramm: Around \$16,300

Watts: What are the Students for Liberty?

Cramm: They used to be the Young Americans for Liberty, they seek to promote freedom in the world and explore ideas of economic freedom and liberties.

Nguyen: Do you have more information about the Student Film Production Club?

Cramm: They meet biweekly and get involved in film production they have 30 members, they need the funding for the Austin Film Festival. They originally requested \$750 but we could only give them \$450, good networking opportunity for students

Halpin: How many members does Chess Club have?

Cramm: They are at around 130 people and they have so many people interested in it that they couldn't fit and they don't have enough boards. One of founders is a national competitor, it is a very good program and they want to turn it into a chess team for OU.

Watts: Are they a new organization, younger than a year?

Cramm: Yes just registered in August

Park: Wouldn't supplies for boards be a capital investment rather than PEA?

Cramm: They put it in PEA since it could get lost or broken easily they did put other things in capital they needed in Capitol Investments

Reid sec Crisp

35-0-0 pass by roll call vote

940301 A Resolution Regarding Indigenous Peoples Day (Joint Committee) (Rec of Do pass)

Crisp sec Nguyen

McGray: Hi I am a PhD student here, part of Indigenize OU, we are asking you to please pass a resolution of recognizing the 2nd Monday of every October as Indigenous People's Day. It passed through GSS, we have heard about it in Senate and in other organizations. We think recognizing this would be a good way to restore trust and justice within the university. Would be good to collaborate with other organizations and get to show you who we are and what we do. Thank you for listening to us!

Williams: Are there going to be any events that will make students recognize we have changed this day?

McGray: There is an event planned for this upcoming Indigenous Peoples Day, they are hoping to make it like a talk and let people know what Indigenous Day is and is all about. We are hoping to make a day that shows Indigenous Peoples Day, we want to bring in live artists, Native hip-hop artists, so we can show that we are a diverse body still.

Marhanka: Is AISA part of this day?

McGray: We are hoping that those organizations would plan and take this over and the money would be allocated to them. We are only 4 people here so we want the entire community to be heard. We would like maybe CAC, the native sorority and fraternity be heard as well and get involved.

Reid: Why is NASA not collaborating?

McGray: It's not that they aren't collaborating, we personally just wanted it to happen now and bring it forward and if they want to do indigenous people that's great! We just want to make it something more official for the future.

Robbins: We want to make our problems known. We don't currently have the connections that other have so that makes this important to have our connections made and problems known now. It's not that the other groups don't agree with us, it is time that this change happens it has been a long time coming. I am glad it isn't celebrated on OU, but it is still recognized elsewhere and that baggage follows me off campus and it would be great to have it known on campus that it isn't recognized as Columbus day but Indigenous People's Day.

Nigh: Are there currently any holidays recognizing indigenous people??

McGray: The UN does have an official day in August and there is a month for Native Americans but we want something that is going to replace Columbus and build up Indigenous Peoples Day.

Trinh: Are the clubs on campus aware that they are having the responsibility of making the events happen?

McGray: They are aware and are already planning but we want the structure of it to be official so when there are different and new organizations are made there is something already made for them to help recognize this

Robbins: I want my future family to have an opportunity to experience this and for that to be stable.

Nguyen: How is Indigenize OU growing?

McGray: We see ourselves as moving agendas forward and getting the conversations out there. More sustainable groups are better for having those conversations and it would be better done through those big organizations that can put on those big events and know how to plan and go about doing that.

Motion to move to extend time to 10 minutes Watts sec Crisp

Long: What kind of funding you were thinking about?

McGray: native organizations under funded and we are hoping this is a collaborative effort and brings us together hoping events like CAC help since they have a lot of funding, possibility of tribe helping, UPB possibly help. Want people from outside of community to come and see how vibrant our culture is.

Crisp: How many of the native American indigenous people and organizations have you spoke too to see if this is what they, do they want it on Columbus day or one a different day?

McGray: They definitely want it to be on this day, going to be putting on activity on this day, October 12th diff organizations, different allies will be there to celebrate culture and have these tough discussion

Robbins: I've heard it is almost a protest against Columbus Day would be great to turn it into a celebration of indigenous peoples day

Echols: Would you say that having indigenous peoples day on Columbus day is a way to move this forward?

Yes this is definitely Chris colombus really hurtful and he never stepped foot on our g rounds so irrelevant.

We get stories, we get that it was a long time ago and told to get over but we are losing who we are and some of brothers and sisters might have colonized but it had made e this a unique struggle within community. We all hear stories of genocide and displacement within our families. Our father talking about Cuban and conquistadors, whether Columbus or whoever. It is a way to get over the Columbus, wrong guy to celebrate

Crisp: For people who are not up to date on Columbus can we get a brief description as to why?

What would you say to other groups or cultures such as catholic and Italians who celebrate Columbus?

McGray: they picked the wrong guy to celebrate; I grew up catholic so I feel comfortable saying that, hard to pick heroes since humans are so complex, everyone has good and evil so how can you pick that.

Columbus did horrible things, anyone who reads knows that a baby's head shouldn't be smashed into a rock, this is a human thing

McGray: I get why it is important to Italian but I think there are better people who they could recognize and people who are more historically accurate

Reid: Asked and Answer

Franzese: There are several whereas clauses, has there been any polling to see how the students are actually feeling?

McGray: Yes, in one day we received over 200 letters, in less than 24/7 we asked people at OU and received many letters addressed to SGA in support of this resolution. Includes people from all types of populations. OU women's outreach, unheard and more.

Buxton: Copies of resolution will be sent to representatives and governors, when this is passed is this going to be an issue that tribe leaders or other teens will take this to the State senate?

McGray: Hopefully. We feel it is a bottoms up event, we think that the OU campus community is a great place to spearhead this, there are movements to spearhead this to the Norman council and we think that will be the best place to have that done.

Lefler: Thank you for coming up with this day first off; what would you like to see on October 12th? I know it will be on the south oval, but what would you like to see people presenting?

McGray: The vision we have painted so far, we can't speak for all communities, but we imagine a full day of indigenous cultures not just native ones but a multitude of them. We are interested in bringing in different indigenous foods. Many people perceive Indian tacos as traditional, but that is not true. It is very colonized and we could bring a variety of food. We want lots of dancing, it would be great to have an inter-tribal powwow and invite the Norman community to join, it is very traditional at times but we also would like to show that we are in the future and moving forward as well, so we would like to bring in hip-hop artists and different artists and be able to show how diverse we are.

Lefler: Would you like to see historical representation about what happened and what Columbus actually did from that era?

McGray: I think it would be okay to have that, but I would like to celebrate the other parts more because it is hard to read and it is more about moving forward as people then having to hear 'get over it', we want to show that we celebrate things too! Our social dances are never exclusive, everyone is always welcome to join.

Maybe, would want some historical things there about our culture movement throughout the times.

Crisp: For people who do not have an understanding of Columbus can you give us a brief description of that history?

Robbins: This is all coming straight from documents by Columbus and his right hand man. The people where he landed were remarkable in their hospitality there were no weapons, when the boat shipwrecked they worked for hours to help fix it. However, within two years of him being there half the population was dead. He started a slave trade. He noticed girls from ages 9-10 were the most desired so he sold them into slavery. I don't know if you know but the percentage of native women that are raped is drastically higher than national average. Columbus had the natives enslaved to work until death, they had to meet a quota per week and if they didn't deliver the gold quota by the deadline he would cut off their hands. At one point, 100 people committed mass suicide because it was so bad. On his second trip back he tried to enslave people and if people refused they were disembodied and were attacked by his dogs, when he ran out of dog food babies were killed for dog food. He was so terrible that he was even arrested in his day and sent to Italy, he was tried and let go. One of his men, was so mortified by his actions he quit and became a priest; he wrote they would cut people in half for fun to see who could do it best. He was a witness to such inhumanities that nothing can parallel to, it says he trembles as he writes because so mortified. It has been said that Columbus had a ship without compass but one only needs to follow the trail of dead Indians to find way. He got most of the income from the slave trade, as native slaves died off they were replaced with black slaves, his son was one of the first slave trader.

McGray: This is an important date to heal on because it is not just history it is something that is still happening everyday, there are still so many Native people who are being sold in sex slavery today, it is important to talk about how these things are being mirrored today still. To present Indigenous Peoples Day will help us to show how this isn't just a painting or history, its real, we feel it today, and our families are still

hurting because of this. Colonization affected all of us, in a good way or bad way you could argue that but it would be great to have the support and the help of our brothers of color.

Motion to extend time by 10 minutes Crisp sec Reid

Lewis: How are you going to implement the teaching on indigenous day throughout the rest of the year?

McGray: We have a twitter and Facebook pages, we are vocal in the different media outlets, we repost what other people and organizations are saying and are in contact with other organization to help promote this.

Robbins: We are focused on indigenous Peoples Day, in hoping that one day people will go celebrate Indigenous Peoples Day, that's moving on I would like it to be a day to celebrate, the people of Oklahoma, the red people, that is my peoples name.

Miller: I come from a community that is very sheltered from indigenous people, is they're going to be some kind of event where we can talk to people personally and get a more one on one understanding?

Gray: Yes we want it to be a dialogue between people.

McGray: There will be room for those sorts of conversation, lots of different ways, one through food, discussion of culture and how it changed over time, a lot of people are educated about where the food comes from so that is good to discuss. I think it is good to have people that have more knowledge about this to discuss these issues since they are sensitive and I think it would be good have small groups available and different tables set out with different topics so people could go to each table to discuss all of the tables more closely.

Robbins: Native people are very social people, they love to talk, I promise if you ask about the dance no one will shoo you away.

Gray: It is a community and we want everyone involved not just us.

McGray: We know not everyone has interactions with native communities we understand that this is a first step so we want organizations in the planning be very attentive to making those dialogues happen and welcoming feel aware.

Robbins: It is important to get out there so you can meet us.

Reid: In terms of PR and as some who would like to see this succeed, would you accept a friendly amendment to strike out all language in Whereas clause 2?

Reid: To make it clear up confusion and make it not be possible perceived as hostile wording?

Lefler: Did we already determine whether OU did or did not recognize Columbus day ever?

George: We have not gotten out of school for it ever, and I do not think it has been on the calendar.

McGray: Based on those answers, we are unsure whether or not university has recognized this day, I think this language makes it clear that OU hasn't recognized it but important to know OU just doesn't do it. Authors rejected the amendment. Language remains the same.

Kovach: What will the funding be like directed to this day, is there a specific amount asked for and who will receive that?

McGray: Were hoping after this is passed different groups on campus who are doing this will come together to ask for money and plan who will be doing what. We have a ton of awesome native brothers and sisters who would come for free. Powwow and dancers would come free. We have connection with other groups, we probably won't consult yet until this passes, we just want to open door now. Bigger organizations are more capable to do this since they have the structural organization that is set up to plan big events like this. We see ourselves as opening the door so these people can do this.

Motion to move to extend time to the end of the list Reid sec Benjamin

Echols: In regards to the 10th whereas clause. What evidence do you have for this?

McGray: We don't have exact data but we have our own narrative, I have been in a ton of different capacities so I know that it can be an unwelcoming environment, I am the only indigenous women in my department and one of the only 2 women of color in my department, there was even hostility brought upon me when I recommended fixing the program, felt like I was going to be kicked out

Robbins: We are trying to extend an invitation to other indigenous people and make them feel better and more welcomed on campus.

McGray: These stats more troubling to state of Oklahoma, we have 38 recognized tribes here and we think this statistics speaks negatively on OU and it should be hub on knowledge and collaboration of this history

Gray: Oklahoma has the 2nd highest population of indigenous people with over 251,000 indigenous people that are here today in Oklahoma, right now OU has less than 4.12% of their student population as indigenous, as there are a high rates of drop outs among indigenous, most of our families haven't gone to college so this is all new and it is important for OU to fix this.

Robbins: If you notice there is one full tribe member up here that hasn't said anything, this shows you how maybe they don't feel completely comfortable here.

Henderson: You talked about ideas for this upcoming October 12, do you have concrete plans?

McGray: We aren't that group that's planning it but there are conversations about forming concrete events, those conversations will be happening, we have no plans to have food, dance, and songs, as of yet since it does take a time to get funding and planning.

Robbins: It show demonstration of what is happening right now, if this is passed it will change how indigenous people feel about this day and it will be like a time to celebrate

Crisp: Would it be true that out of the OU population 4% are Native American and only 59% percent of that 4% only complete graduation?

McGray: Yes and that doesn't include the people who aren't recognized as Indigenous, so that is a low estimate, drop out rates in a university setting is chronic.

Robbins: One person in my family graduated high school, so this is a problem with education within native Indians and this is a way to start fixing that.

Lefler: Friendly amendment to 10th whereas clause.

Accepted by authors

Benjamin: What reasons do you think that we shouldn't have this day? What have you heard from students opposing this?

Gray: I think it might just be a traditional day thing, there are people who really don't want this, and it is a tradition thing

Robbins: Most of the ones against are also blatantly racist, they tell us to go back to our country, and America is offended. I think that is the most we get as far as logical go, I heard from an Italian person from New York who contacted me because we are doing this is as a day we celebrate the discovery of America, that's a weak argument since he wasn't the first white person here anyway. That is the best one I have heard and that is debatable.

McGray: Today we went before city council and the critic was a diplomatic racism kind of way, the mayor just wasn't ready yet for this. Not ready to acknowledge that Columbus is the worst person or what? We argue that the reason we are asking for this is because these atrocities were done in this state.

Robbins: Google mere numbers of Columbus genocide, it was just as bad as Hitler, the culture that was left extinct, I want to be able to love myself and it is hard to do so because society tell me the way I am is ugly, a way to make people more comfortable speaking. I don't want to feel the race card guy, I want to be on the same team and feel comfortable on this campus.

Kelling: Does these two weeks pushing this legislation back to be seen in GSS going to make it have not enough time to publish it to the community?

Sample: Since we already adopted the amendment we need another amendment to remove that. GSS meets in the next 2-week, October 11th, Indigenous People's Day is on the 12th

Reid: Is there is a way for the executive branch to have it be ratified before the 12th?

Sample: That's not in our constitution anywhere so it would be unconstitutional so no.

Kelling: Is there a way to call for emergency meeting to make this happen earlier??

George: Many of the senators are very busy, however if it is on the 11th, and Alex signs it as soon as it passes she could sign it after that meeting and it would be done and ready before the 12th

Miller: I understand that the 12th would be the day we put it in the papers, could we get with OU Daily to put in the paper now, maybe writing an article saying we have done this we just have to get the amendment and language change approved again by GSS?

Sample: PR can work with OU Daily to make a press release about what happened.

Lefler: Does the passing of this bill have any influence of whether it happens on the 12th?

McGray: No, we think it will be great to have it recognized on Indigenous People's Day.

Watts: Earlier you mentioned that Native American Students organizations were underfunded and lacking infrastructure to have this on their own. On what merit do you make this claim, when NASA is one of the groups that did receive a big amount of money?

McGray: NASA is responsible for the powwow contest; so they are paying for the drums, host's drums, dancers, and food, space. My family makes money from powwows so this funding goes mainly towards paying for those people to come since it is some of their livelihood. They also do a spring powwow and it would be awful to take that away since it is so important, especially since most of the powwows are far away it is nice to be able to drive down the street and attend that.

Gray: Last year there were raffles, feeding of the elders, they do a lot to make powwow great. They also do events throughout the year. They pay for the other events throughout the year, and they have two powwows.

Watts: Is there a way I can finish my questions?

Sample: Well she gave you an opportunity to so

Watts: There was a miscommunication

Sample: Procedurally no...

Watts: Are the chair and the WAM chair aware that the funding of NASA was dramatically more than the average amount of money allotted to other groups?

Cramm: I funded so many people I don't know what I allotted to them off the top of my head.

Trinh: Are you aware that there only less than 70 members on AISA

Sample: Out of order

Crisp: According to rumors that have been circulating about what students have been saying about the history/tradition and what the history is for calling it Columbus day, what do you argue about that?

McGray: A lot of those arguments are replicated throughout the south as whether the confederate flag should be recognized, it might be a tradition but it is one that doesn't need to be a tradition.

Robbins: We have a different definition of tradition. I don't know how much tradition is without ceremony.

Echols: Is there currently anything else at OU that is recognized or celebrated on OU that is offensive to native people?

Robbins: I don't want to be bated into talking about things I find offensive. I don't want to blame this on people or OU, but there has been a structural way of doing things that makes people offended. I'm offended I'm speaking English right now but I don't think it is OUs fault it is a structural problem. Everyone should feel that way about something; it is something that we need to change. I want to focus on Indigenous Peoples Day and not Columbus Day.

Crisp: Based on how soon this has come up to this student body and now that it does have to come back to GSS in two weeks, how would you feel about us postponing this till our next meeting on next Tuesday to talk to our constituents, and see what students really want. While I personally agree with passing this, I want to make sure my constituents are in favor of it. How do you feel?

Robbins: I wouldn't personally be comfortable because I have been doing this since 1st grade, I am tired of waiting. We have been here and been talking about it and its dangerous, I get death threats from people at OU, people call me wagon burner among other things and it's crazy. I have saved all these texts for proof and I am ready to get this off of me and make this done.

Gray: We have been asking permission over and over again, we have century of resistance in our blood, were ready to do this.

McGray: I can give you the letters from the 200 people that we got from students, faculty, staff and more on OU campus for you to look at.

Robbins: I don't want to go back and tell my people it has been postponed.

Motion to roll call vote Lefler sec Echols

Objection- Halpin: I would like to amend legislation to the second whereas clause.

Not two thirds so objection does not pass so at this time we will move to a roll call vote

28-3-5 this bill does pass

New Business

Follow-Up Reports

Items for Future Agenda

Cramm: Emergency Allocation 4 (WAM) 940504

Nigh: Act Appointing a New Life Sciences Representative (ConAd) bill number will be 940605

Brown: A No Guns on Campus Resolution (EA) 940402

Pae: A Resolution Thanking Indigenous OU for coming to congress 940907 (PR)

Announcements and Comments

Sample: Thank you guys so much for coming! And thanks to congress for staying for this whole meeting.

Reid: Would like to give another round of applause to what we just did tonight! YAY! And follow social media accounts.

Crisp: Thank you to you guys for stepping up and standing up and bringing such a challenging piece of legislation to us, and facing what you have to go through, the comments and the acts, you should be so proud of what you are doing.

Benjamin: This Thursday an LGBTQ candle vigil at Unity Garden at 7pm to reflect on the past and talk about the future for everyone. Will have guest speakers SGA President and a poet will be there. It is going to be really great and great for university too!

Marhanka: Dad's Day is November 7th. Father of the year application on the CAC website and a bunch of other stuff on the website would be great to see you all there!

Pearse: CAC Soonerathon, you can register and start funding now.

Henderson: 5k for Sooner-a-thon now open and will happen October 27th

Crisp: Made my decision tonight based off of a trustee representative format.

Robbins: This is a big deal for our community and I want to thank you in our way, by our memorial song, we sing this to acknowledge the people that had passed because of Columbus, sacrifice is something sacred to us, we honor their sacrifices.

Rains: Pre Law Society at Gaylord 2020 7pm University of Texas will be there.

Final Roll Call

Motion to suspend the rules and skip final roll call Crisp sec Watts

Chair: Emily Sample

Vice-Chair: Chelsea Brown

Secretary: Kaylee Rains

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GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GF-15

September 27, 2015

CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION NO. 940301

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. GF15-07

AS INTRODUCED

A Joint Resolution relating to Indigenous Peoples' Day; declaring the second Monday in October as Indigenous Peoples; Day at The University of Oklahoma; encouraging other institutions to recognize the Day; and reaffirming the University's commitment to promote the well-being and growth of The University of Oklahoma's American Indian and Indigenous community; and providing for distribution.

- Whereas: The University of Oklahoma has been encouraged to designate the second Monday in October as Indigenous Peoples' Day; and
- Whereas: The University of Oklahoma does not recognize, observe, or celebrate Columbus Day; and
- Whereas: The University of Oklahoma recognizes that the Indigenous Peoples of the lands that would later become known as the Americas have occupied these lands since time immemorial; and
- Whereas: The University of Oklahoma recognizes that Indigenous Peoples first inhabited the lands that would later become known as Oklahoma; and
- Whereas: The University of Oklahoma acknowledges that designating the second Monday in October as Indigenous Peoples' Day is a proactive and positive step toward restoring justice and trust with the Indigenous Peoples' community; and
- Whereas: The University of Oklahoma values the many contributions made to its community through Indigenous Peoples' knowledge, labor, technology, science, philosophy, arts and the deep cultural contribution that has substantially shaped the character of the University of Oklahoma; and
- Whereas: The University of Oklahoma promotes the pursuit of education regarding Indigenous Peoples history, culture, and civilization; and
- Whereas: The University of Oklahoma encourages others to recognize and celebrate Indigenous Peoples, their history, culture and civilization; and

Whereas: The Student Body feels that the University of Oklahoma has a responsibility to oppose the systematic racism towards Indigenous People in the United States, which perpetuates high rates of poverty and income inequality, exacerbating disproportionate health, education, and social crises; and

Whereas: The state of Oklahoma has the 2nd largest population of indigenous people in the nation and since 2012 the enrollment rate of Native American students at the University of Oklahoma has decreased significantly, demonstrating the lack of welcoming environment and resources available for Native students; and

Whereas: The Student Body feels that the University of Oklahoma should actively promote the closing of the equity gap for Indigenous Peoples through policies and practices that reflect the experiences of Indigenous Peoples, ensure greater access and opportunity, and honor our nation's indigenous roots, history, and contribution;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION THAT:

Section 1: The Student Body requests that the University of Oklahoma declare the second Monday of October as Indigenous Peoples' Day to become a celebration of the culture of all Indigenous Peoples and have University Programming Calendars include Indigenous Peoples' Day in the future.

Section 2: Furthermore, the Student Government Association requests that student organizations and administration direct funding to the organization of Indigenous Peoples' Day and the events that occur at that time.

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

- David L. Boren, President of the University of Oklahoma
- Jabar Shumate, Vice President for the University Community
- Kristen Partridge, Associate Dean of Students and Director of Student Life
- Mary Fallin, Governor of Oklahoma
- Senator John Sparks
- Senator Rob Standridge
- Representative Claudia Griffith
- Representative Emily Virgin
- Representative Scott Martin
- *OU Daily*
- *OU Nightly*
- *Norman Transcript*
- *Native News Online*
- *Indian Country Media Network*
- *Last Real Indians*
- Jen Tregarthen, Public Relations and Marketing Officer at Sam Noble Museum
- Edwina Butler Wolfe, Governor of Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma
- Sarah Adams-Cornell, Sitting Member of the Oklahoma City Choctaw Tribal Alliance
- Dwanna Robinson, Muscogee Creek Nation

- Chief Tiger of Muscogee Creek Nation
- Chloe Tadlock, Campus Activities Council Chair
- Sherri Irvin, Co-Director of Center for Social Justice
- Amanda Cobb-Greetham, Director of Native American Studies Department at the University of Oklahoma

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- Joshua Murphy (Chahta) Indigenize OU Leader
- Carrie Pavlowsky, Chair of the Graduate Student Senate
- Emily Sample, Chair of Undergraduate Student Congress
- Janessa Doucette, Vice Chair of the Graduate Student Senate
- Jonathan Merlini, Chair of the GSS Human Diversity Committee
- Daniel Pae, Chair of the Congress Human Diversity Committee
- Nathan Thompson, Legislative Assistant to the Executive Branch and Congress Problems and Projects Chair

Co-Sponsor: Chelsea Brown, Vice Chair of the Undergraduate Student Congress
 Kaylee Rains, Secretary of the Undergraduate Student Congress
 Nathan Kapoor, Department History of Science Senator

Submitted on a motion by:

Action taken by Congress:

Verified by Chair of Congress: _____ Date: _____

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THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION XCIV

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GF-14

CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 940502
SENATE BILL NO. GF14-XX

AS INTRODUCED

An act relating to appropriations; providing for short title; stating purpose; appropriating emergency funding for the 2015-2016 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 #3” Act of 2015.

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:

Pi Tau Sigma

Office and General Expenses: \$0
Capital Investments: \$0
Programs/Events/Activities: \$250
Total: \$250

Chess Club

Office and General Expenses: \$40
Capital Investments: \$0
Programs/Events/Activities: \$260
Total: \$300

Students For Liberty

Office and General Expenses: \$0
Capital Investments: \$0
Programs/Events/Activities: \$250
Total: \$250

Student Film Production Club

Office and General Expenses: \$0
Capital Investments: \$0
Programs/Events/Activities: \$450
Total: \$450

Students For Social Justice

Office and General Expenses: \$0
Capital Investments: \$0
Programs/Events/Activities: \$200
Total: \$200

Computer Science Interview Prep Club

Office and General Expenses: \$0
Capital Investments: \$0
Programs/Events/Activities: \$400
Total: \$400

- 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, 2016
- Section 6:** All unspent money remaining in the accounts listed in Section 3 shall revert to the SGA General Account after May 4, 2016, and the remaining appropriations shall be canceled.
- Section 7:** This act shall become effective when passed in accordance with the SGA Constitution.

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Arlan, Jordan	x	y	
Balague, Michael	x	y	y
Benjamin, Morgan	x	y	y
Bhojwani, Akash	abs		
Brown, Chelsea	x	y	y
Buxton, Jilian	x	y	y
Cramm, Matthew	x	y	y
Crisp, Timothy	x	y	y
Droege, Dylan	x	y	a
Echols, Ryan	x	y	n
Elwick, Kara	x	y	y
Franzese, Jamie	x	y	y
Halpin, Sofia	x	y	y
Henderson, Jenna	x	y	a
James, Madison	ex	y	a
Kebede, Hawi Burka	abs		
Kirby, Bryan	x	y	y
Kovach, Chase	x	y	y
Lefler, Brooke	x	y	y
Lewis, Danielle	x	y	y
Long, Lauren	x	y	a
Maier, Jay	x	y	y
Marhanka, Liza	x	y	y
Miller, Jordan	x	y	y
Mills, Sydney	x	y	y
Nguyen, Maxell	x	y	y
Nigh, Ryan	x	y	y
Pae, Daniel	x	y	y
Park, Conor	x	y	y
Pearse, Jordan	x	y	n
Rains, Kaylee	x	y	y
Reid, Austin	x	y	y
Riley, Kendall	x	y	y
Sample, Emily	x		
Scott, Cassie	x		y
Steward, Sarah	x	y	y
Trinh, Lillian	x	y	y
Velesko, Paulius	ex		

Watts, Trevor	x	y	a
Williams, Morgan	x	y	y
Wise, Tave	x	y	n
Yes	37	36	28
No	2	0	3
Abstaining	2	0	5