

# THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



## UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS Session XCV

**General Body Meeting**  
**7:00 pm, Tuesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016**  
**Devon Hall 120**

### Session XCV

**Roll Call – 7:01**

**Flag Salute Rep Elwick**

**Approval of Minutes**

**Kelling sec Elliott**

**Chair's Report-** Two resignations, Rep. Marhanka and Rep. Balangue and due to time conflict Rep Wise has stepped down to associate. If you want to be recognized for a motion raise your hand so I can recognize you. If you have a statement at the end of meeting, like something “thank you everyone staying here” or discussing the roles of member we would love to hear that but want to hear that in committees, so keep that time just to quick announcements. Kaylee will send out office hours in minutes because I always forget them.

**Vice Chair's Report-** Monday office hours are changing from 3-5 to 10:30-12:30. Orientation will be **February 21<sup>st</sup> and it is Mandatory**. Will more than likely be from 2-6 with a dinner afterwards? Food provided twice! Few questions about liaison positions, those will be readdressed after we get our new members. If you want to keep your current liaisons positions please send me an email showing me you have communicated with the organization showing me you are their current liaison. congressvc@ou.edu

**Secretary's Report-** Office hours have officially started! They are due February 14<sup>th</sup>, with the exception of WAM and ConAd as you both are completing interviews this month, every other committee member **MUST** complete one office hour before Valentines Day! Just come hang out in the Conoco and do some homework or work on some of your project ideas. Also, one hour of constituent service is due by the end of the month. If you have any questions regarding that please come talk to me after the meeting.

### **Committee Reports-**

- **Academic Affairs-** We met on Sunday. We appointed Jordan Abney as Vice Chair and Conor Park as Secretary. Threw around ideas concerning advising and fixing how terrible that is, more stuff we are going to be taking care of semester and we are excited to move forward
- **Congressional Administration-** Went over applications from past and revised those questions, applications went out yesterday and out till next Thursday at midnight, elected

our new Vice Chair who is Danielle Lewis, we think she will do a great job and we saw one bill 950103 expelling one member and sadly gave it a rec of do pass. So most important spread the word about applications and tell people to apply

- **External Affairs-** Higher Ed Day Applications are due Friday so spread the words about those because we want a large pool of applicants, they are due Friday at midnight, super quick and easy application. Also, Higher Ed day is Tuesday February 16<sup>th</sup>, will be gone all day so you will be missing class but most professors are willing to excuse you because it is a university sanctioned event. This Sunday we were talking about higher ed day and are going to work on the information session before the Higher Ed day being a little more informational not just kind of throwing stuff at you, we really want to prepare you guys to talk to the Reps and Senators on policy issues.
- Byron- Are we going to work on any specific policy issues?
- Bishop- Not that I know of, pretty much what any students want to talk about and are passionate about.
- **Human Diversity-** We had a productive meeting this weekend, we introduced our selves and bounced our ideas, we are going to be working closely with multicultural organizations and making sure they are satisfactory to students. Also, discussing having a floor in the dorms strictly for individuals who identify as LGBTQT.
- **Problems and Projects-** Productive meeting. Elected Madison James as Vice Chair, working on big projects some of them are going to be: establishing a veggie and fruit garden on campus, bookstore issues, CART issues, Veteran Center Issues others, you can expect to see a lot from us!
- **Public Relations-** We talked a lot about paper campaigns going to launch Valentines Day weekend put those out and around the campus. One will be talking about social media and one will be a very broad introduction to who we are and what we do. Kind of trying to spark interest with this first round. Make sure to order t-shirts, link and password will be sent out tonight in minutes. It closes next Tuesday at 11:59pm. Won't be able to order after.
- **Ways and Means-** We did emergency funding interviews and saw Emergency Allocation 7 which I will explain more tonight and we gave it a rec of do pass.

## **Liaison Reports**

### **Special Orders**

Daniel & @kbish77:

Daniel- Congratulations to new committee chairs, Kelling you are going to do a great job as PP. Williams I thought you were fabulous Vice Chair last semester and I know you are going to do great. Watts I was also once AA chair so no pressure, we will be sending you a piece of legislation on Dead week reform soon. After cabinet orientation Crisp and cabinet members worked on that legislation. Great turn out at south oval office and a lot of people filled out primary forms! I'll be honest I miss doing the motions but you got a fantastic exec and going to do great things! These meetings aren't normally 3 hours long.

Kim- Today at south oval office, we had a lot of interest, a lot of people hadn't heard of it. So we spent a lot of time explain it is and its opportunity, the biggest thing I found was maybe they know its a cool opportunity but wouldn't know what to say, you should tell everyone and tell them we will prepare you!! Don't know how to relay info to senators? We will teach you in the info session. We want you to walk out being able to talk to reps. We have about 30 applications out right now, encourage each of you to apply, it is a lot of fun and good experience, tell every single human being to apply for it. It is semi university excused, you don't have to worry about that and free food and cool people!

## **Student Concerns**

**Old Business**

**Items to Be Considered**

**950403 A Resolution Addressing the 2016 Oklahoma Education Budget Cuts**

**(Elliott/Elwick)(Rec of do pass)**

**Trinh sec Nguyen**

Elliott: I'm sure all of you have heard the recent budget cuts, big part of that was AP tests, im sure a lot of us have taken those, they can save us a lot of money in college, one test is 85 and more you sign up for cheaper, so this is much cheaper than a college course!

Byron: Friendly amendment for was completely eliminated, section 1 changing undergraduate to doesn't support to does not support.

Echols: scrivener's error?

Sample: Yes

Kelling: When did this happen?

Elwick: Yes in one swipe cut it by 1.7

Kelling: Do we have the bill number or date to add to bulk this up?

Elwick: I don't know it off the top of my head but we can add that in

Kelling: Friendly amendment to in section 2 adds the Oklahoma state legislature?

Elwick: Yes

Reid: Accepting amendment adding the superintendents of the 5 largest school districts?

Elwick: Yes

Trinh: With these amendment will their be time to make it finished before higher ed day?

Sample: solely going through Congress so should be enough time to get this signed and mailed before higher ed day.

Kelling: Accept to add that they cut it during the FY 2016 Budget we were cut during the FY budget by?

Elwick: adding a new or creating its own?

Elliott: Add it to first one

Kelling: open to cosponsors?

Elwick: Yes welcome it

Cosponsors:

Brown

Pham

Mee

Ryana

D. Williams

M. Williams

Reid

Cramm

Watts

Nguyen

Trinh

Chun

Park

Israel

James

Thompson

Byron

Klima

Kelling  
Sparks  
Steward  
Capehart  
Pae  
Bishop

Nguyen: So how has similar legislation persuaded the legislator to go against what they did originally?

Elwick: The goal isn't to persuade them to change their mind because they can't really do that now; the goal is to let our opinion be known so they can't say later on in the future, "Oh we didn't know so we just made decisions on your behalf". When we write legislation addressing things happening at the capitol it is us saying hey we like this or we don't like this. It takes the responsibility off of us and puts it onto them

Watts: Would accept friendly amendment: adding supers of top 7 schools to include Lawton school districts?

Elwick: Sure

Sample: Find the names for us and get them to us.

### **Consent**

#### **950501 Emergency Allocation #7 (Cramm) (Rec of do pass)**

##### **Elliott sec Steward**

Cramm: Emergency Allocation 7, emergency funding is happening on a rolling basis, as long as they are registered can apply; currently have 13,000 prior to passage. Sooner Mental Health is doing a coffee chat prior to dead week and need help funding that, idea is to help distress students \$167 for materials. Korean Conversation Club is celebrating the New Year and so for food drinks games etc. we allocated them \$285.

Watts: Didn't sooner mental health change their name?

Cramm: It was different on email and budget so wrote down Sooner Mental Health

#### **Motion to move to roll call vote Nigh sec Elliott**

##### **32-0-0 bill passes**

#### **950103 An Act Expelling Associates (Rains) (Rec of do pass)**

##### **Kelling sec Nguyen**

**Nigh:** I am chair of Congressional Administration Committee and we oversee maintenance and things like getting people in and unfortunately getting people out if they don't show up. Nick Pappas, I've never met him, his committee chair has not met him, he has occurred more than 4 absences and so we have to say goodbye.

Byron: How many times have we tried to contact him??

Rains: Multitude of times. Texts and emails, I would text him about other things and he responds but when I ask about Congress I get no response.

Reid: I also emailed him every week with the agenda and minutes and tried to text him and received no response

Kelling: Have we given him and opportunity to resign?

Rains: Yes, in my emails I told him that if I did not receive a resignation with certain dates I would be forced to kick him out.

### **Consent**

#### **New Business**

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

Reid: I have good news for some of you and bad news for some of you, so the Syrian resolution went to the Senate, discussed for 30-45 minutes, was sent back to their Human Diversity committee

who will work on it and make amendments to it, it will go to GSS on the 15<sup>th</sup> and we will see it again on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

### **Items for Future Agenda**

Cramm: Emergency Allocation 8 WAM 950502

Watts: An Act Amending the Standing Rules ConAd 950104

Sample: An Act Changing the Office Space Application Deadline Con Ad 950105

Rains: An Act Amending the Bylaws ConAd 950106

Pae: A Resolution regarding Pre Finals Week AA 950102

### **Announcements and Comments**

Rains: OIL Thursday Gaylord 2025 8pm come it's awesome!

Echols: School of Dance just finished YCS, ask them if they were in it was amazing. Next weekend after this one, the 12<sup>th</sup> is the opening of the Trojan Woman it's going to be great show so come check it out!

Kelling: SVA is doing a bake sale on February 11<sup>th</sup> in Buchanan Hall come by and say hi and give us donations for free food items! Also, OIL is awesome so check it out!

Reid: There is an amazing exhibit at Fred Jones detailing Galileo; it is fantastic, the other thing as PR chairs FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA!!!!!!!!!!

Kovach: February 5<sup>th</sup> is last day to register to vote or change your party/address so do so by the March 1<sup>st</sup> deadline, Primaries are coming up and that is how people get elected here in Oklahoma so go do that!

Chun: Honors College Inclusivity met last night so anyone with above a 3.5 GPA please encourages them to apply for the honors college.

### **Final Roll Call**

#### **Elwick sec Trinh**

Chair: Emily Sample

Vice-Chair: Chelsea Brown

Secretary: Kaylee Rains

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS

CONGRESSIONAL SESSION XCV

February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016

CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 950103

AS INTRODUCED

An Act of Procedure Expelling Members  
of Congressional Session 95 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 Associates.”

**Section 2:** Purpose. The purpose of this act shall be to expel a member for excessive absences. Because Nick Pappas has accrued excessive unexcused absences and have failed to petition the Executive Committee for an attendance waiver, and as a result have failed to represent their constituents, 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. Nick Pappas.

**Section 4:** This act is hereby enacted.

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

Authors: Kaylee Rains, Secretary of Undergraduate Student Congress  
Ryan Nigh, Congressional Administration Committee Chair

Submitted on a motion by:

Action taken by Student Congress:

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

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS  
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION XCV

January 31, 2016

CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION NO. 950403

AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution Addressing Oklahoma State Budget  
Cuts on Advanced Placement Testing and STEM  
Education Initiatives; and providing for distribution.

- Whereas: Advanced Placement teacher training, staff development funds, and test fee assistance for Oklahoma schools were cut by \$1.7 million, a 55% reduction; and
- Whereas: Money for Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) education initiatives were completely eliminated; and
- Whereas: AP Exams were taken by more than 2.5 million students in 2015, in a wide variety of subject areas; and
- Whereas: Most four-year colleges, including the University of Oklahoma, annually receive AP Exam scores and provide credit for qualifying scores; and
- Whereas: Students who take AP courses and exams are more likely to graduate in four years, saving themselves and their families up to tens of thousands of dollars in unnecessary college costs; and
- Whereas: Thirty one percent of colleges and universities consider a student's AP experience when making decisions about which student will receive scholarships.

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

**Section 1:** The Undergraduate Student Congress, on behalf of the students of the University of Oklahoma, do not support the decision to decrease Advanced Placement funding and cut STEM initiatives, and feel that these cuts inhibit the future successes of Oklahoma students.

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

- Governor Mary Fallin
- State Superintendent Joy Hofmeister
- *The Oklahoman*
- *The Norman Transcript*

- *The OU Daily*
- *The OU Nightly*

Authors: Shelby Elliott, Physical Sciences District Representative  
Kara Elwick, Business District Representative; External Affairs Committee Chair

Co-Authors: John Grunewald, Architecture District Representative  
Chase Kovach, Engineering District Representative  
Connor Moore, Associate Member

Co-Sponsor: Kaylee Rains, Secretary of Undergraduate Student Congress, Social Sciences Representative  
Austin Reid, Fine Arts District Representative; Public Relations Committee Chair

Submitted on a motion by:

Action taken by Congress:

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



THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS  
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION XCIV

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE  
SENATE SESSION **GF-14**

CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 950501  
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 #7” Act of 2016.

**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:

**Sooner Mental Health**

Office and General Expenses: \$0  
Capital Investments: \$0  
Programs/Events/Activities: \$167  
**Total: \$167**

**Korean Conversation Club**

Office and General Expenses: \$0  
Capital Investments: \$0  
Programs/Events/Activities: \$285  
**Total: \$285**

**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.

Author: Matthew Cramm, Chair of SGA Budget

Co-Author (s): Budget 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: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Session 95</b>	<b>Committee</b>	<b>General 2- 2</b>	<b>950501</b>
Abney, Jordan	AA	ex	
Benjamin, Morgan	PR	abs	
Bhojwani, Akash	AA	abs	
Brown, Chelsea	VC	x	y
Browning, Chris	P&P	abs	
Byron, Alex	WAM	x	y
Capehart, Tanner	ConAd	x	y
Chun, Bum Ki	PR	x	y
Cox, Reece	P&P	x	y
DeSanto, Jaclyn	EA	ex	
Echols, Ryan	WAM	x	y
Elliott, Shelby	ConAd	x	y
Elwick, Kara	EA	x	y
Grunewald, John	EA	x	y
Henderson, Jenna	AA	x	y
Israel, Dayten	HD	x	y
James, Madison	P&P	x	y
Kelling, Taylor	P&P	x	y
Klima, Ali	HD	x	y
Kovach, Chase	EA	x	y
Lewis, Danielle	ConAd	x	y
Long, Lauren	WAM	ex	
Mee, Emily	HD	x	y
Meyer, Kyle	AA	x	y
Morris, Nick	AA	abs	
Mullins, Matthew	WAM	x	y
Nguyen, Maxell	PR	x	y
Nigh, Ryan	ConAd	x	y
Park, Conor	AA	x	y
Pham, Daniel	ConAd	x	y
Rains, Kaylee	ConAd	x	y
Reid, Austin	PR	x	y
Ryana, Naomee	HD	x	y
Scott, Cassie	P&P	abs	
Sparks, Molly	PR	x	y
Steward, Sarah	ConAd	x	y
Trinh, Lillian	PR	x	y
Thompson, Maddy	ConAd	x	y

Velesko, Paulius	EA	abs	
Williams, Dan	P&P	x	y
Williams, Morgan	HD	x	y
Zahra, Andi	HD	ex	
<b>Attending</b>		32	32
<b>Absent</b>		6	0
<b>Excused</b>		3	0