

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS Session XCV

General Body Meeting 6:00 pm, Tuesday, March 22, 2016 Devon Hall 120

Session XCV

Roll Call – 7:05 Flag Salute Rep Capehart Approval of Minutes Kelling sec Owings

Chair's Report- See a bill want to make a lot of amendments feel free to motion to move back to committee. If many amendments, better to refer back to committee. Listen to questions to make sure not asking repeating question. We have a survey legislation today, that cannot be amended on general floor, if you see something let us know. After tonight we only have two meetings of this session left. Next week on 29th and 30th are ELECTIONS!! If you want your name off ballot let election chair Friday. Make sure your constituents know, we want our students to vote. Final night of session 5th of April. If term is ending after elections, you still have to be here on the 5th of April. If not here we cannot see all of the legislation you all have worked on this semester. This is going to be a long meeting! We WILL HAVE FOOD ⊚ if you have legislation you have two weeks to get it done this session, after that, associate terms end and if you did not win election, term ends. If you were on a committee, no longer on one. Committees disband, so you wont have to worry about meetings so you can study for finals. Just have these meetings after that point. On the April 5th Session 96 starts. Nominations on 12th of April for top three position, if you are interested in one of these positions please come talk to us, our jobs are hard, a lot more work than you see in meetings. We can show you are time sheets. Elections for top three positions are on the April 19th. Final meeting of this semester is the 26th of April. Then we are done with the semester!! Wow.

Vice Chair's Report- Hi everyone, I don't have a report, love seeing you guys! If you are interested in running for vice come talk to me.

Secretary's Report- Constituent service is due at the end of the month. You need one hour before the end of the month, as well as one office hour due before the end of the month. Austin is going to talk about an event that is available to everyone this week in his report so listen for that it is a great opportunity to get last minute constituent service done. Also, if thinking about running for secretary I will be available after this meeting to talk to people!

Committee Reports-

- O Academic Affairs- Hey everyone, hope you had great spring break. Met this Sunday and were not able to move forward as fast as planned with student concern, regarding study abroad fees, hoping to make more progress going on. Working on other projects hope for legislation to come soon
- O Congressional Administration- Rec of do pass for three of the bills we will see today. Amending the code, multicultural survey and polling sites.

- o **External Affairs-** I'm here for Kara, looking at mental health bill that got referred back to committee, worked through again, trying to edit and add some of the amendments proposed. Gave it a rec of no rec, to make sure people at this meeting give it what they wanted, we want people to be able to add what they think they should add. A rec of no rec is not negative.
- o **Human Diversity-** We saw multicultural survey you will see tonight. Moved forward on antisemantism bill, thought doing other legislation regarding Latino Americans, Arab, Islam, Asian, native Americans, LGBTQA. Thinking about doing other legislation for all other groups.
- o **Problems and Projects-** Meet informally, we liked it and got more done. No legislation but have projects been working on and closing. Water fountains have been investigated, been installed everywhere they were supposed to be installed, if you see anywhere that needs one let us know. Engineering computer problems solved. Legislation about garden coming. Working on benches in different areas, parking sign in places where you shouldn't be parking
- O Public Relations- Mostly meeting about the constituent service opportunity, going to Thursday from 10-1245, come and join us. Wanting to meet at beginning you will go to Conoco to meet Emily at 10am, PR committee members as well. Job is handing out our pamphlets we got printed for our paper campaign, wanting to hand them out in front of dale on Thursday. This counts for constituent service! A lot of shirts that have to be picked up, they will be back in office again, by end of session pick up shirt, if not passing them out to people who do want them.
- Ways and Means- In middle of primary interviews. Got a thank you note from Latino's without borders.

Liaison Reports

Pham- Before spring break, SGA exec announced excellence award and my liaison Pre Med club won award in academic development!

Mazeitis: Next week, the Crimson Chords will be preforming during Mom's Day brunch!

Mishket: Performing at kick off event Friday night!

Special Orders

Student Concerns

Old Business

950405 A Resolution Regarding the Collegiate Housing and Infrastructure Act (Byron)

Kelling sec Chun

Byron: This is reaffirming legislation passed a few session ago, coming up again in US legislator this session, something I want to gage interest on it, so when I go to DC in a month talk to these representatives we will be sending this too. CHIA referring tax deduction loop holes advocating for, this resolution supporting legislation intro in house and senate that apply same kind of tax exemptions university received so we can use these for fraternities and sororities and similar non profits can receive these deductions without having pay tax on. Majority argument, a lot of houses are really old and outdated, university had hayday with grandparent generation. Houses underfunded to improve safety concerns. One of our sorority houses that had an incident with fire that caused a dangerous environment for students. The more we can do to prevent these incidents from happening the better our students will be. There is a bunch of information we can get into.

Reid: So essentially what tax cuts for are for things, like fire sprinklers, smoke detected, more safety? Byron: IT would be used towards events for sororities is not the case Solely for safety measures. It explicitly says what it is used for, improved heating or cooling infrastructure, save energy primarily for safety features.

Watts: Does this bill currently have a number?

Byron: HR 1718, S. 1002. This is the federal bill. For us is 950405.

Mazeitis: Are there any non Greek non university own non profit housing in Norman?

Byron: Not currently in Norman, but they could eventually exist. Organizations benefiting this, HILLEL organization, no housing yet, Muslim student association, etc. any existing fraternity type groups. Framed in context because frats and sororities are the ones bringing it up, not exclusive to these organizations. For

example. We have about 1400 students who live in housing each year. When look at how 24% of campus is Greek that is a a large portion who live in these at one point

Kelling: Section 2 who you are sending it to, middle name really mountain?

Byron: Yes I interned for him. Mountain man

Echols: Would you say that fraternal and sorority organizations largest beneficiaries to this law?

Byron: Yes relative to organizations who could benefit

Reid: Would you say some of these houses are outdated and unsafe?

Byron: I wouldn't say anything is unsafe but there is a lot of room for improvement. The reason the fire ended up happening, accidents do happen, living in these houses between 30 and 75 people and that dramatically increasing the likelihood of accidents, in same way as dorms pose high risk for safety. Usually university can provide help but also a lot more expensive to live in university housing rather than

Greek housing

Motion to extend time 5 mins Reid sec Chun

Byron: For purposes of houses itself for Greek affiliated houses, housing dues themselves cheaper than university housing, take into account other aspects included in funds. Cheaper

Reid: These tax cuts wouldn't go toward donations to ATO who just built a house with state of art equipment?

Byron: Could receive grants if make the case they needs these grants

Echols: Would accept friendly amendment, to strike out the honorable due to the fact the yare not justices?

Byron: Yes kept in for parallel to previous legislation.

Owings: How much money is expected to be taken out of tax revenue for this bill?

Byron: Not substantial funds from government funds

Watts: Do we have amendment Reid: would accept cosponsors?

Byron: yes

Reid, Kelling, Long, Steward, Chun, Mazeitis, Elliott, Williams, Lewis, Ryana, Pham, Brown, Park, D. Williams, Meyer, James, Israel, Maher, Rains

Watts: How much of language on this bill sake for parallelism? 1st whereas clause

Watts: Friendly amendment, changing the Collegiate Housing and Infrastructure act would establish.....

Sample: This has passed in the past and looking to renew?

Byron: Been passed in 2012, the one in 2012 didn't make it out of committee which is why it is coming up again.

Watts: It seems less confusing. It eliminates distinction which prevents taxes

Byron: Yes accept friendly amendment

Consent Debate

Motion to move to debate Reid sec Kelling

Opposition- Echols

Motion to move to previous question Reid sec Long

Sample: Remember this: Author recognized for two minutes of rebuttal when you come to speak

Byron- Rebuttal

Kelling: Following debate and rebuttal is consent in order?

Sample: No consent is not in order. Great questions though! Move directly into roll call vote

31-1-0 this bill does pass

Items to Be Considered

950101An Act Establishing a Multicultural Survey (Brown/Williams) (Rec of do pass)

Reid sec Chun

Sample: Reminder this cannot be amended on the floor since it is a survey bill.

Williams: Enacting survey discussing feelings on multicultural organizations. Going to be a series of surveys, going to be Greek organizations, LGBTQ, etc. This survey will be on orgsync, link sent out

through OrgSync, deans of each college send out link to all students. Will see survey and if you are confused, the way you answer questions will send you to a specifc question, it goes through them, if confused asked questions.

Brown: Survey designed to get a feel from student body how multicultural student orgs performing on campus. If anything they are not aware of that students concerned with or students would like them to emphasis on more. Talk to Alyssa Freir who is a data manager here at OU, PHD in Analysis, has no affiliation with the survey but there for the logistics of survey, also talked to University Community Jabar and Deondre Fischer talked to Quy and Kristen Partridge and few other administrators.

Moore: Are the results going to be published publically, if so when and how?

Brown: Analysis will be published at later date after analyzed by us, university community and other admins

Kelling: this is going to fielded on OrgSync

Yes

Sample: This set up is on qualtrics and were going to convert over to orgsync? Brown: Yes, If you want I can pull up the survey so you can see what it will look

Israel: Can you pull up the survey?

Consent

This bill does pass

950802 An Act Amending the Polling Site Locations (Taylor/Sample) (Rec of do pass)

Elliott sec Chun

Sample: Abbey couldn't be here because class. This is adding additionally polling site location, SBA came and asked for a polling site location at the law school to make it easier for law students. Just adding to the three we previously already passed.

Mee: If another school wanted polling location, considered in same manor or preference in two? Sample: At this point no, it has already been seen by GSS and approved, not enough time for them to decide. In future, if another school wanted one and election board though their reasoning was good

Scott: Is voting only possible at these locations or can they do it online?

Sample: No they can do it online, or at any type of device that is able to get to the internet and the election website. Tables have laptops

Scott sec Owings

31-0-0 this bill does pass

950114 An Act Amending the Code Annotated (Park) (Rec of do pass)

Mazeitis sec Elliott

Park: In past when RSO's applied for funding had to go through mandatory training quiz. Last semester we removed that and this is simply reflecting the code to that change

Consent

950406 A Resolution Regarding Mental Health (Owings) (Rec of no rec)

Reid sec Elliott

Kelling: So back again, after committee we have done a lot of work, condensed a lot, cut down to five wheras clauses, made much more clearer. Intent is we know we don't have adequate mental health care, not just OU in country in general. Our committee talked to Goddard, Regents, State etc. who all said have no money which is why this goes to the federal government so they can trickle down funds and we can increase mental health funds. Tried to keep inline with students concerns at OU. Especially in light of recent events at OU Dorms.. WE think mental health should be more priority at OU and National level. Watts: I understand this referred back to committee, walk me through changes?

Kelling: first whereas clause completely changed from OU problems to we have problems everywhere. Second whereas combined. Third combined more concise. Fifth stayed the same. Did not change sections except for things brought up during last meeting

Reid: Although support sentiment of bill. Outline specifics of what you want to happen with this bill?/ Kelling: larger national funding, OU regarding increasing funds for mental health services. WE want them to hire the doctor promised and lower health care costs

Mee: Accepting cosponsors?

Kelling: Yes

Mee, Watts Cox D. Williams. Ryana, Abney, Pham. Scott, Kovach James Klima Elliott Israel

Echols: Would accept friendly amendment to change 2nd whereas clause: "??

Kelling: Yes

Echols: Accept friendly amendment in the third whereas clause, inserting comma after crisis striking after that is and inserting a comma after safety and replacing and with which??

Kelling: Grammar attacked but yes

Friendly amendment to do that Echols sec Byron

Friendly amendment accepted

Meyer: You said wanted to lower cost for students who use Goddard, are you aware only \$10 per session? Kelling: Yes I want to get rid of the lifetime cap which is 16, you can only see the doctor 16 times in your time on campus.

Reid: So with this bill, why are we wanting this bill to go now if something more specific down the line which could have more effect? Why not make one bill?

Owings: Point to address root problem for university to see main issue behind this, once that discussed go to regents and say we have asked people holding back and now you can do this

Reid: Does this bill untie hands of regents?

Owings: Point of this bill for regents hands to be untied, when they want to hear us they see we see the issues behind that

Kelling: We have gone to Goddard and admin and asked answer is we don't have the money. So once they tell us we don't have the money we can saw we know make it happen

Motion to extend time by two minutes Chun sec Elliott

Echols: Friendly amendment in fourth whereas clause to add comma after population and strike out mental health veterans and replace thousands affected by mental health issues

Kelling: Yes if move arm services up

Reid: Would accept friendly amendment to strike the word very from fourth whereas clause for flows sake?

Kelling: Yes

Mee: Has does fourth whereas clause read now?

Echols: OU as well as nation of the whole has a large armed service population thousands who are affected by mental health issues causing 22 veterans to commit suicide daily

Friendly amendment accepted

Motion to extend questions to the end of the list Rains sec Kelling

Byron: friendly amendment to affirmation

Kelling: Yes

Echols: Chalked to scriveners comfortable in section one deleting comma after congress after senate inserting and in-between Congress and GSS and deleting and after senate

Kelling: Yes **Debate- Reid Reid opposition**

Motion to move to previous questions Elliott sec Pham

Owings and Kelling authors rebuttal

24-7-0 this bill does pass

April 10th at GSS go to senate

New Business

Follow-Up Reports

Reid: Hear in a moment on items for future agenda, do I need to say that hear?

Sample: Yes

Kelling: Follow up on public safety survey passed GSS on Sunday going to be fielded and expect numbers soon

Items for Future Agenda

Sample: State of SGA Public more public 950116 ConAd Reid: Actually Communicating Act of 2016 950117 ConAd

Mazeitis: an Act Amending Code Annotated for Director Appointment Clarification Act 950118 ConAd

Kelling: A Resolution in Support of University Garden 950301 P&P

Announcements and Comments

Mazeitis: Remind about elections, promoting platform on social media, you cannot campaign for yourself in a group me, applies for campaigns, cannot advocate in a group me unless specifically for your campaign Sample: Do not campaign or platform in group me

Chun: Korean Student Association tomorrow night at 7:00 in Meacham

Reid: Tomorrow night in Advanced voice class putting together live comic book reading as a fundraiser to help fund voice reels. \$5 advised entry fee. Going to be folly artist other side is a silent auction.. Tomorrow night at 10:00

Kelling: P&P meet me in the back

Meyer: College Republicans trying to work on diversity training. Not trying to get rid of diversity training rather trying to improve it, so we want people to come give us ideas, if you are on the human diversity committee maybe be interesting for you come talk to us

Williams: HD come meet me after

Watts: AA meet me after

Kovach: Everyone registered to vote in Norman, April 5th is mayoral elections and city council elections. Most important elections in regards to what happens here in Norman

Final Roll Call

Motion to suspend the rules skip final roll call and adjourn Kelling sec Owings

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

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS CONGRESSIONAL SESSION XCI February 23, 2016

CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION No. 950405

AS INTRODUCED

A Congressional Resolution Supporting the Collegiate Housing and Infrastructure

Act;

and directing distribution.

WHEREAS: The Collegiate Housing and Infrastructure Act eliminates a distinction in existing tax

law that would result in allowing tax-exempt charitable and educational organizations to make grants to non-University owned not-for-profit student housing entities that

provide collegiate student housing; and

WHEREAS: The Collegiate Housing and Infrastructure Act would make college more affordable

at no cost to taxpayers by offering a housing alternative less expensive than

University housing; and

The Collegiate Housing and Infrastructure Act results in safer student housing by WHEREAS: encouraging charitable contributions to collegiate housing for installation of life saving equipment such as fire sprinklers, smoke detectors, and alarm systems; and WHEREAS: Approximately 1,400 University of Oklahoma students live in non-University-owned not-for-profit housing during a collegiate year; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS: That the Undergraduate Student Congress reaffirms its support of the Collegiate Section 1: Housing and Infrastructure Act. Section 2: Copies of this resolution shall be distributed to: The Honorable James Paul Lankford, United States Senator from Oklahoma The Honorable James Mountain Inhofe, United States Senator from Oklahoma The Honorable James Frederick Bridenstine, United States Representative from Oklahoma The Honorable Markwayne Mullin, United States Representative from Oklahoma The Honorable Frank Lucas, United States Representative from Oklahoma The Honorable Steve Russell, United States Representative from Oklahoma The Honorable Thomas Jeffery Cole, United States Representative from Oklahoma Author(s): Alex Byron, Representative, Undergraduate Student Congress Co-Author(s): **Co-Sponsor:** Submitted on a Motion by:

____ Date: __

Action taken by the Undergraduate Student Congress:

Verified by Chair: ___

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS CONGRESSIONAL SESSION XCV March 20, 2016

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE SENATE SESSION GS-16 March 20, 2016

CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 950101 SENATE BILL NO. GS16-12

AS INTRODUCED

A Congressional Act establishing the Multicultural Student Organization Survey providing for a short title, providing for codification, and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT ASSOCIATION:

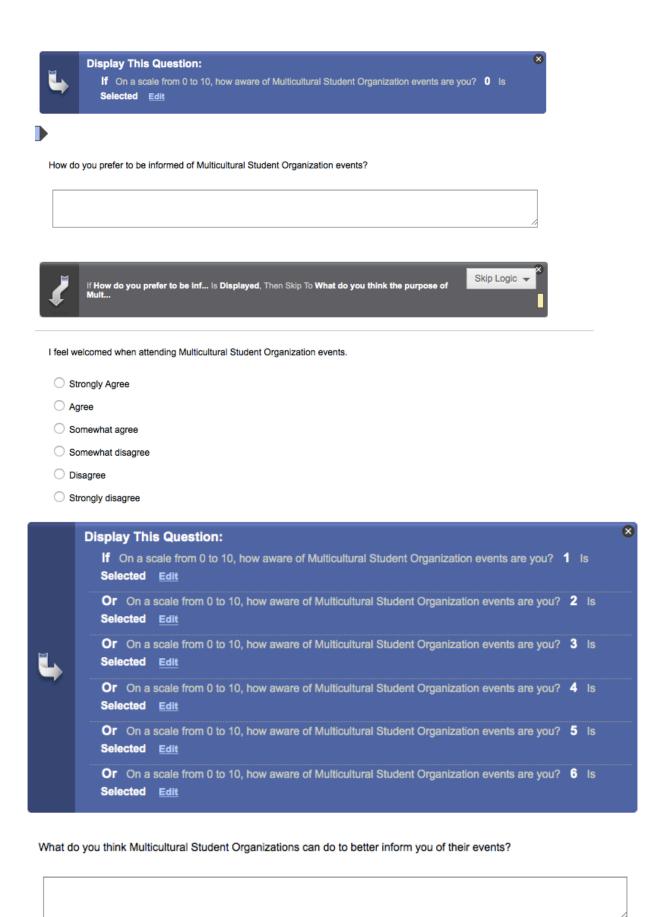
- **Section 1:** Title: This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Multicultural Student Organization Survey".
- **Section 2:** Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to establish and distribute this survey to the student body to collect data on multicultural student organizations.
- Section 3: This survey is to be distributed through OrgSync, OUMM, SGA Executive Branch social media, Undergraduate Student Congress social media, Graduate Student Senate social media, and large classroom white boards.
- **Section 4:** The Multicultural Student Organization Survey shall read as follows:

The following questions will give you an opportunity to tell us more about your experience with Multicultural Student Organizations on OU's campus.

Please answer openly and truthfully.

What is your race/ethnicity?
 White or Caucasian Black/African American or African Hispanic or Latin American American Indian or Alaskan Native Asian or Asian American Hawaiian Native or Pacific Islander Biracial/Multiracial (Please list all races/ethnicities that you identify with) I'd prefer not to answer
What is your academic classification? Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior Graduate or PhD Student

How many years ha	ve you been o	n OU's cam	npus?						
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How many Multicultural Student Organizations are you involved in? (Involvement includes membership, Executive member, member at large or event attendee.)
○ None
O 1-3
O 4 or more
Display This Question:
If How many Multicultural Student Organizations are you involved in? (Involvement includes membershi 1 - 3 Is Selected Edit
Or How many Multicultural Student Organizations are you involved in? (Involvement includes membershi 4 or more is Selected Edit
Please list the Multicultural Student Organization(s) you are involved in? (Please do not use abbreviations)
When I attend Multicultural Student Organization events, I am often approached by members hosting the event.
○ Agree
○ Somewhat agree
○ Somewhat disagree
O Disagree
○ Strongly disagree

Display This Question:



 $\textbf{If} \quad \text{How many Multicultural Student Organizations are you involved in? (Involvement includes membershi...}$

None Is Selected Edit

Why are you not involved in any Multicultural Student Organizations on campus?

(Please select all that apply)

I am too busy.

I don't know how to get involved.

I am uninterested in getting involved.

I don't feel like I would be accepted or welcomed.

Other

What do you think the purpose of Mult (Please drag each response into the b purpose you can do so in the "other" b	ox and rank your answers from mos	t to least important. If you would like to add a
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To promote diversity		
To educate the student body about their culture		
To be a safe place for people who identify with that multicultural student organization		
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Please answer openly and truthfully.

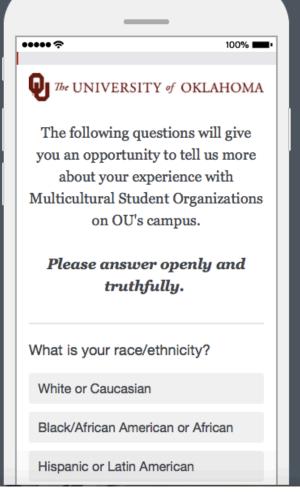
What is your race/ethnicity?

White or Caucasian

Black/African American or African

Hispanic or Latin American

American Indian or Alaskan Native



nded by SGA

Section 5: Th	his act shall become effective when passed in accordance with the SG.	A
Co	onstitution.	
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UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS CONGRESSIONAL SESSION XCV 03/08/16

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE SENATE SESSION GF-15 Date

CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 950114 SENATE BILL NO. GF15-XX

AS INTRODUCED

A congressional act amending the Code Annotated to remove language no longer needed, providing for a short title, providing for codification, and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENAC Section 1:	CTED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STU Title: This act shall be known as the "Code Annotated	
Section 2:	Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to revise the part of a section that is no longer used or applicable.	Code Annotated to remove
Section 3:	For the purposes of this legislation, deletions shall be Additions shall be marked with an underline.	e marked with a Strikethrough
Section 4;	AMENDATORY: The following parts are to be amended Section 39 of the SGA Code Annotated.	nded to Title 3, Chapter 7, and
39. Director		
act, overseein	e a Director of Student Organizations, responsible for exing and coordinating the Offices in the Department, adminudent Organization Training, and managing and ensuring l Purpose.252 This act shall become effective when passed in accordance.	nistering the Mandatory g the execution of the
Author(s):	Conor Park, Business Representative	
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Approved by SGA President: ______ Date:_____

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS CONGRESSIONAL SESSION XCIV March 22, 2016 GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE SENATE SESSION GF15 March 20, 2016

CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 950802 SENATE BILL NO. GF15-16

AS INTRODUCED

An Act designating poll locations for the Spring 2016 General Elections; providing for codification; providing for a short title; and providing for an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT ASSOCIATION:

Section 1: TITLE. This act may be known and shall be cited as the "An Act Amending the Polling Location Act of Spring 2016."

Section 2: PURPOSE. To designate polling locations for the Spring 2016 General Elections.

Section 3: In accordance with Title VII, Chapter 1, Section 12 of the SGACA, "The number and location of polling places shall be established by an Act of the Legislative Branch," the following polling locations are established for the Spring 2016 SGA General Elections (March 29 and 30) and reserved for a potential run-off election (April 4):

- Oklahoma Memorial Union
- Dale Hall

Author(s):

- Bizzell Memorial Library, Lower Level 1
- Amicus Café, Law School.

Abbey Taylor, Election Board Chair

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

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Submitted on a Motion by:	
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Approved by SGA President:	Date:

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS CONGRESSIONAL SESSION XCV March 22nd, 2016

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE SENATE SESSION GF-16 Date

CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION NO. 950406

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. GF-XX

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution requesting improvement of mental health services on campus, in the state of Oklahoma, and across the United States; and providing for distribution.

Whereas: Mental health issues are prevalent in every environment, including the University of

Oklahoma; and

Whereas: The University of Oklahoma has repeatedly expressed their commitment to improving

mental health care for students, faculty and staff on campus, yet has only had the funding available to hire one new staff member due to budget cuts and chronic underfunding from

the State and Federal Government; and

Whereas: Mental health issues currently affect one in five Americans as well as many

Oklahomans which constitutes a nationwide crisis that is vital to public health

and safety and requires immediate attention and action; and

Whereas: The University of Oklahoma, as well as the nation as a whole, has a very large veteran

population and mental health issues affect thousands of Armed Services veterans, causing 22

veterans to commit suicide per day nationally; and

Whereas: Mental health is a multifaceted issue that requires attention at all governmental levels in

order to be addressed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS AND GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN THAT:

Section 1: The Undergraduate Student Congress, the Graduate Student Senate, and on behalf of the

student body of the University of Oklahoma urge the University of Oklahoma Board of

Regents and President David Boren to increase funding for mental health programs at the University and to investigate ways to improve mental health on campus.

- Section 2: The above fore mentioned bodies of the University of Oklahoma Student Government Association, and on behalf of the student body respectfully request Governor Fallin and the Oklahoma Legislature increase funding for the University of Oklahoma's mental health programs and for other statewide mental health initiatives and programs, as well as to take action on the mental health crisis facing Oklahomans every day.
- Section 3: The governing bodies of the University of Oklahoma Student Government Association, on behalf of the student body of the University of Oklahoma urge President Barack Obama and the United States Congress to take action to immediately improve mental health funding for mental health programs across the country, as well as revise the Affordable Care Act to include mental health care under required coverage within insurance plans.
- **Section 4:** Copies of this resolution will be sent to:
 - President Barack Obama
 - Speaker Paul Ryan, Speaker of the House
 - Senator Orrin Hatch, President Pro Tempore of the US Senate
 - Senator Mitch McConnell, Senate Majority Leader
 - Representative Nancy Pelosi, House Minority Leader
 - Senator Jim Inhofe
 - Senator James Lankford
 - United States Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
 - Representative Jim Bridenstine
 - Representative Markwayne Mullin
 - Representative Frank Lucas
 - Representative Tom Cole
 - Representative Steve Russell
 - United States House Energy Subcommittee on Health
 - Governor Mary Fallin
 - Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives
 - President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma Senate
 - Oklahoma State Senator John Sparks
 - Oklahoma State Senator Rob Standridge
 - Oklahoma Senate Health and Human Services Committee
 - Oklahoma State Representative Emily Virgin
 - Oklahoma State Representative Scott Martin
 - Oklahoma State Representative Josh Cockroft
 - Oklahoma State Representative Jon Echols
 - Oklahoma State Representative Claudia Griffith
 - Oklahoma State Representative Chris Kannady

- Oklahoma State Representative Mark McBride
- Oklahoma State Representative Paul Wesselhoft
- Oklahoma State Representative Bob Cleveland
- Oklahoma House Committee on Public Health
- President David Boren, University of Oklahoma
- University of Oklahoma Board of Regents
- Dr. Scott Miller, Director of the University Counseling Center
- The OU Daily
- The OU Nightly
- The Oklahoman
- The Tulsa World
- The Norman Transcript
- ABC News, KOCO
- Fox News, KFOR
- CBS News, KOKH & KOKI
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Rengifo, Rafael	У	у	У	x
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