

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS Session CIII

General Body Meeting
7:00 pm, Tuesday, April 14th, 2020
<https://oklahoma.zoom.us/j/583838005>

Roll Call

Mission Statement

Moment of Silence

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes

Representative Sertovic seconded by Representative Schneider

Chair's Report – Hello, I hope your final committee meetings went well. Let's refrain from using goofy zoom background. Our picture could be taken at any time. The reason I am delaying legislation because we have a couple hard meetings ahead of us. It would be great to have that kind of communication. I changed the zoom rules slightly. On-information just unmute yourself. Please email me if you would like me to send you the zoom rules. I wanted to mention sometime from guests, it could be intimidating to talk to so many people. Please refrain from using your phone. Please make sure to do those things. We are adjourning sine and die. After we sign out then those who were not elected, and associates are no longer members of the body. Please let people know if they want to give speeches. Committee chair applications open tonight at 8:30pm. They close on April 21st at 11:59 pm. I will be going into more detail during the last meeting. It was my pleasure to serve you all.

Vice Chair's Report – I was reached by exec to let RSOs know that negative fiscal will not affect them.

Secretary's Report – I don't really have anything else to report.

Committee Reports-

- Campus Outreach, Safety, and Concerns: All of our projects have concluded. It was an honor being chair of this committee. I owe so much gratitude for my committee meetings.
- Congressional Administration: Thank you all so much for serving in ConAd. We loved all the work that all the members were able to do. All of my committee members did absolutely fantastic.
- External Affairs: I sent them out a cute agenda and the things that I was proud of them and the things I think they can do better next semester. We are getting ready for the next voting season. I am very sad to say goodbye to everyone. And I am especially sad because a couple of them are not coming back. Thank you all for appointing me, I loved it. I loved every minute of this. I want to thank Emma, Savannah, and Mahak. Thank you, Nate, and Jayke for all the help.
- Human Diversity: We wrapped up all of our projects this semester and I am so proud of our time in congress and I loved handing out with you all.
- Sustainability: I missed my last committee meeting, but Jake ran it and they planned for projects for last year. I had a really good time this year. Thank you all.
- University Policy: Thank you Crispin and Emily for all of their hard work. All of UPOs projects have come to a stopping point. They are either completed or they will be completed next semester.

The summer classes and may intersession classes have a \$120 online fee. So, I have been working with George to see what can be done about it. I have a resolution that may or may not be seen last minute. I am waiting for George's go ahead. It's been real, it's been fun, and it has been real fun.

- Ways and Means: Primary is done, and it is posted. Thank you for my committee for being flexible because there was a lot of work that still needed to be done. Next Tuesday will be much easier if everyone comes in already with the questions that they want to ask. Shootout to Taylor Wilson, she is a constant member always helpful.

Liaison Reports

Broadbent: We are meeting with President Harroz tonight for PCS. Send me questions and they will be asked.

Special Orders

Exec Branch Progress Review

Bouch: Can you tell us about how you plan to reorient back into being on campus or what your plans are if they stay virtual.

Norris: I think right now, I talked with the President the other day. Seeing how we can keep student moral up. That way if we are able to come on campus that way all the branches of SGA, because we are going through a transition period, we are able to do good work over the summer, so we do not have to have so many setbacks. My goal is efficiency. It is just going to be more of a collaborative effort. This summer we are going to lean on one another. I am confident in our ability to do that. If we are online for the rest of the fall semester. I wish I could give you a tangible plan. It is more so playing it by ear. Seeing how we can rely on student affairs office and how we can be there for each other or our constituents. It is really hard for people just in the spring so I can't imagine what it would be like if this transitioned for the fall.

Merchant: OU love Norman, is that something you all see moving until spring 2021?

Farzaneh: yes, that would be great if we can do that if we do not have school in the fall in person. Business do look forward to it and it has the potential to grow. Crossing my fingers this isn't the case.

Farmer: did we have any answer on the refund for meal points?

Norris: I do not know the definite answers for that. I saw some emails for the meal plan housing and parking, but I heard that there were some issues with that. In that sense the exec branch knows just as much as the rest of the student body.

Harman: if you call them, they will put your name and number down and they will get back to you in 8 weeks.

Student Concerns

Marvin: I had a lot of people come to me about students who are out of state. If there are going to be reimbursement for them?

Old Business

Items to Be Considered

Motion to see bill

Marvin sec Sertovic

CB-103-27 An Act Expelling Session 103 Representatives (Patterson) (Executive > Rec of no Rec)

Patterson: I reached out to Emma asking her about her absences. I have had no response. She missed every meeting this semester and this session.

Chism: Can you tell us how you reached out to her and what the timeline on that was?

Patterson: I originally emailed her back in January and I think the second one was in March.

Ownby: What district is she in?

Patterson: Engineering

Chism: If she was such an active member in the body, kicking her out of congress would mean that she could never come back, correct?

Patterson: Yes.

Chism: So if the bill fails she would be out of the body anyway tonight?

Patterson: Yes

Hillis: Is the chair aware we used CB-103-27 already? It was a ConAd expulsion bill on February 18th

DeAngeli: I didn't know that was a separate bill there was nothing in the k-drive.

Patton: Did you discuss with the WAM chair?

Patterson: Yes, and there was no contact from any of us.

Patton: What was her position in WAM?

Patterson: She was the secretary.

Hillis: So just to summarize, Emma was the WAM secretary before the ghosted?

Patterson: Yes, that is one way of putting it.

Spangler-day: Did she have total knowledge of this expulsion bill?

Patterson: I did not email her specifically about this bill, but she was aware that with the occurred absences there would be a bill.

Spangler-Day: Is she still on the Congress email list?

Patterson: Yes, she is on the email list.

Motion to see bill

Representative Murdock seconded by Representative Carson

CB-103-28 Expulsion Records Act of 2020 (Patterson) (ConAd > Rec of Do Pass)

Patterson: This is just a bill to add a section to the secretary's duties stating that they will keep a running list of all of the members of the body who get expelled.

Hillis: Is there a specific reason you wrote this bill?

Patterson: It is merely a clarification.

Chism: Secretary is so busy already?

Patterson: This just means that the secretary would have to add a name to an already running list after an expulsion bill is passed. secretaries preview

Harman: How was this record previously handled?

Patterson: There really wasn't a way. We were just having to look through legislation of different sessions and that is a really daunting task.

Motion to see bill

Representative Carson seconded by Representative Murdock

CB-103-34 Sooner Freshman Council Co- Chair Appointment Act of 2020 (Rust/Patterson) (ConAd Rec of no Rec)

Mitranca: we put out an application and we interviewed them about a week and a half ago. We think they are fabulous pick. Luke and Reagan.

Rust: we did the whole process like normal; it was a little sooner this year because of the pandemic. We are excited and incredibly proud of them. Whatever situation we are in next semester we are confident that they are going to be able to tackle that.

Hammock: hi he/him/his I am a freshman finance major. I am originally from Tulsa area on gran lake. As a freshman coming into OU I first heard of this through mutual friends and it looks interesting and a great opportunity and it was the greatest experience of my freshman year. I was introduced to so many people and so many aspects of campus. I knew that I wanted to continue my involvement in SFC for those who come next. I want to create and outstanding group that works together well and people who make a difference.

Brannon: Reagan she/her/hers social studies education major. RA sent me this info of SFA at the beginning of the year. Some of the things I would like to do is find ways of be more involved with SGA as a whole and expose freshman to the numerous resources and all the faculty on campus and creating bonding experience for the students.

Bouch: can you tell us about the application process?

Rust: we asked some questions about what could be improvised and what would be enjoyed. Three people applied. We did 15-minute interviews. We made a decision pretty quickly after that. And we thought both of them absolutely killed it even if there were 20

Sertovic: I brought this question up a few weeks ago and I keep bringing it up because it is important. How are you going to spread the awareness of SFC to the international community?

Brannon: flyers in the international college. Try to send as many mass emails out as we can guess and hope that they receive.

Hammock: Reaching out to them in as many ways as possible. It is a vital key of SGA as a whole we represent all parts of campus especially international students. I hope to see a growth in those numbers but a growth of the international communities present. I would like to discuss this further.

Garg: want to get SFC involved in the SGA process how?

Hammock: creating a more in depth understanding in what SGA is. Presenting the way, you go through meeting and the day to day processes, the committees and how they are structures. Creating an environment where they know about this opportunity.

Motion to extend time for questioning by 10 minutes Representative Hillis seconded by Representative Marvin

Hillis: I just passed a bill requiring members to stay for a full meeting or what is reasonable. We have had a big problem with allowing the cochairs to not stay. What would you consider a reasonable amount of time?

Brannon: a full length meeting so they can see everything that happens.

Hammock: I agree everyone should be able to stay. We are expected to be there from 6:45 to 8 on Monday nights and they knew that there are some exceptions like tests but outside of being understanding and requiring them to be there is important.

Buxton: how much of advisement did you receive by outside influences like George when making the decision?

Rust: we kept it in house, and we told Dalton afterward. We didn't talk to George. It was such a quick process.

Merchant: What is something you think was done well and how do you plan on continuing?

Brannon: the speakers were chosen really well, and it helped me get a better feel for the university themselves. I have been able to make connections with other groups on campus.

Hammock: I commend the previous chairs ability to get the speakers and their ability to bring this group together as a whole. in such a short amount of time the way we were able to work together way amazing.

Chism: SFC is very similar to PLC and PCS but it is smaller. If it were larger it would help or hurt?

Hammock: the expansion wouldn't be a bad idea, but it would require a stronger form of leadership. We would need to be more effective with a larger group. Having the ability to do that on a larger scale as equally possible.

Hillis: as you know, SFC name change is coming up. How do you plan to proceed with this process?

Hammock: I think it would be an excellent idea to hear opinions from everyone. Hearing the limitations from for the name for last year. It could be a simple name rechange but it could also be a different organization as a whole

Grebe: do you all have plans to SFC outreach to the rest of the student body?

Brannon: I think that would be a good idea to expose who we are to the rest of the student body because it will show SGA as well.

Chism: could you explain your understanding on SGA and then the relationship between SGA and SFC?

Brannon: SGA is an organization that helps create policies on campus and keeping student needs met. SFC ties into it because it shows freshman what SGA is. It exposes them to the branches that they can be a part of.

Follow-Up Reports

Items for Future Agenda

Announcements and Comments

Patterson: I just wanted to say that I am so proud of this body. This session we have seen pieces of legislation and have heard so many opinions. I am so proud that this body is not afraid to speak their minds. I know this is cheesy, but democracy is beautiful.

Chism: I've been in the body for 4 years. Emma and I joined at the same time and it's been 4 years of going to these meeting and this is the end

Schneider: I wanted to say thank you for being such a big part of the college experience. Thank you all for going at it with me.

Motion to skip final roll call and adjourn sine die

Representative Chism seconded by Representative Schneider

Final Roll Call

Adjourn Sine Die

Chair: Emma DeAngeli

Vice Chair: Mahak Merchant

Secretary: Savanah Patterson

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UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CIII

April 14th, 2020

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-103-27

AS INTRODUCED

A Congressional Act of Procedure expelling Session 103
Representatives for excessive unexcused absences;
providing for a short title; and providing an effective date.

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

- Section 1:** Title: This act shall be known and may be cited as the “Act Expelling Session 103 Representatives.”
- Section 2:** Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to expel members for excessive unexcused absences. Because Emma Biskup has accrued excessive unexcused absences, she is pending expulsion.
- Section 3:** In accordance with the Section 3.4, subsection 2, subsection e 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 Representative Emma Biskup
- Section 4:** This act shall become effective when passed in accordance with the SGA Constitution.

Author(s): Savanah Patterson, Undergraduate Student Congress Secretary

Co-Author(s):

Co-Sponsor(s):

Submitted on a Motion by: Representative Marvin seconded by Representative Sertovic

Action taken by Congress: 25-6-0

Verified by Chair of Congress: _____ Date: _____

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CIII

April 14th, 2020

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-103-28

AS INTRODUCED

A Congressional Act of Procedure adding a job requirement to the Secretary section of the Bylaws; providing short title; and providing an effective date.

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

Section 1: Title: This act shall be known and may be cited as the “Expulsion Records Act of 2020.”

Section 2: Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to allow the secretary to maintain a running record of the members of congress who have been expelled.

Section 3: Section 5.3: CONGRESS SECRETARY

1. The Secretary is the third-highest ranking officer of Student Congress. The Secretary shall strive to facilitate the execution of Student Congress’ mission.

2. The Secretary shall preside over general meetings and Executive Committee meetings in the absence of the Student Congress Chair and Student Congress Vice-Chair.

3. The Secretary shall be responsible for all records of Student Congress not otherwise specified in these Bylaws. The Secretary shall be responsible for conspicuously posting, in the SGA offices as well as on the SGA Congress website, a printed agenda for each general meeting and each meeting of the Executive Committee.

4. The Secretary shall take minutes at general meetings.

5. The Secretary shall be responsible for recording and reading all submitted amendments to legislation pending before Student Congress.

6. The Secretary shall be responsible for roll calls of Student Congress and for taking roll call votes.

7. The Secretary shall be a voting member of the Congressional Administration standing committee.

8. The Secretary shall keep a record of the terms of districts and offices held by all members.

9. The Secretary shall keep a record of all attendance, including general meetings, committee meetings, office hours and constituent service. The Secretary Shall weekly post this record conspicuously in the SGA offices as well as on the SGA Congress website.

10. The Secretary shall keep a record of all votes cast in general meetings by all representatives. The Secretary shall weekly post conspicuously in the SGA offices as well as on the SGA Congress website a record of all votes cast in general meetings on legislation, amendments to legislation, or elections and on any other questions deemed appropriate by the Secretary or higher-ranking officer of Student Congress.

11. The Secretary shall keep a record of all associates and representatives of the body who have been expelled from congress. This record will be saved to an online storage system at the chair’s discretion.

~~11.~~ 12. The Secretary shall be ultimately responsible for maintaining and updating all records and documents which are required to be posted on the website of Student Congress.

~~42.~~ 13. The Student Congress Secretary shall forward all documents which are required to be posted on the SGA Student Congress website to the Student Congress Webmaster, which will in turn, post all said documents on the SGA Student Congress website.

~~43.~~ 14. The Secretary shall have the sole right to author any acts of procedure expelling a member for excessive absences. The Secretary shall do so in a timely manner upon the accrual of excessive absences by a member, as specified elsewhere in these Bylaws.

~~44.~~ 15. The Secretary shall be required to complete no less than 8 hours of “office hours” per week in accordance with the monthly stipend awarded to the position. Should the stipend change, this section shall be amended to reflect the new stipend.

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

Author(s): Savanah Patterson, Secretary of the Undergraduate Student Congress

Co-Author(s):

Co-Sponsor(s):

Submitted on a Motion by: Representative Murdock seconded by Representative Carson

Action taken by Congress: 31-0-0

Verified by Chair: _____ Date: _____

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UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CIII

April 14th, 2020

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GS20
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CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-103-34
SENATE BILL GS20-XX

AS INTRODUCED

An Act appointing Sooner Freshman Council Co-Chairs;
providing for codification; providing for short title; and
providing an effective date.

BE ENACTED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT
ASSOCIATION:

Section 1: TITLE. This act shall be known and may be cited as the “Sooner Freshman Council Co-Chair Appointment Act of 2020.”

Section 2: PURPOSE. The purpose of this act shall be to appoint SFC Co-Chairs so that they may officially serve in the positions to which they have been elected.

Section 3: In accordance with Title III, Chapter 6, Section 28, Subsection b of the SGACA, “The Co-Chair positions shall be appointed by a board comprised of the SGA President, SGA Vice President, and previous year’s Co-Chairs, with advice and consent of the Legislative Branch,” the following students shall be appointed as Co-Chairs:

- Luke Hammock - Co-Chair
- Reagan Brannon - Co-Chair

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

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Co-Author(s): Savanah Patterson, Secretary of the Undergraduate Student Congress
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Submitted on a Motion by: Representative Carson seconded by Representative Murdock

Action taken by Student Congress: 19-12-0

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: _____