

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
Session CIII

General Body Meeting
7:00 pm, Tuesday, March 10th, 2020
Devon Hall 120

Roll Call
Mission Statement
Moment of Silence
Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve minutes
Representative Broadbent seconded by Representative Buxton

Chair's Report – Hello, I hope you all are having a nice week. As for rolling apps, I don't think we will do that. It is a little late. The representatives will only be in the body for a month. Please read the agenda. There should be questions on all the bills, not just the spicy ones. We want to do the best job we can. We as the exec team are going to try to help you to the best of our abilities. If you all have questions, please say on information. We want you all to have a good time in congress. If you are still a little shy on parli pro again, on information it. If anyone has a question, I'm sure other's do to. There are only two committee meetings left. After we gavel in, we will not have committees as they will dissolve. We do have a lot of guests today. Ask whatever questions you wish of them. Thank you all for coming.

Vice Chair's Report – Hello everyone we have a tabling event this Thursday for recruiting. It will be in the union but when we get back, we will be focusing on districts that chronically have empty seats. In the meantime, please be safe over spring break, we would love to see everyone come back happy, healthy, and safe. I know I said it earlier but if you are struggling with the rape incident that happened last week, I really do encourage you to call OU advocates 405-615-0013. Merchandise will also close soon; I sent the link into the group chat again in case you needed it. Also, if you are interested in running for Vice Chair please let me know!

Secretary's Report – Hey everyone! Please remember to let me know about your consistent service hours. On the off-chance school is canceled and we get an extension on spring break, I will excuse all consistent hours. But as of now they are not excused, and I will be keeping you all updated on that.

Committee Reports-

- **Campus Outreach, Safety, and Concerns:** All of our major projects are on hold at the moment, but we are still making good progress on the concerns we received from the suggestion box. Filters have been replaced in the Biz, we are making some headway with the various crosswalk concerns.
- **Congressional Administration:** We did not see any legislation. We are still working on projects.
- **External Affairs:** We passed CR-103-06 and CR-103-07 with a recommendation of do pass. March 25th, we are doing an event with OK votes. Our Federal and State Budget team are looking at Higher-Ed numbers over the fiscal years. The second Higher-Ed day will either be Monday April 1st or Tuesday 2nd or the 3rd. Campaign job fair is set for early April.

- **Human Diversity:** We saw the BERT Resolution and resolution for International Women's Day and gave them recommendations of Do Pass. We are also talking with the Native community and admin to talk about our mascot bill. If you all have any questions about that please let me know.
- **Sustainability:** We are reaching out to RAs about sustainability measures. We will also be co-programing with international student association about international students affected by climate change. 29th trash walk. They are doing this community gardening class on Sunday. 29th at the earth cafe
- **University Policy:** Projects are continuing. There was someone whose project wrapped up but we assigned her that new student concern. We also started one issuing trigger warnings for appropriate OUPD alerts.
- **Ways and Means:** We didn't meet. That is on me. So we will see legislation in committee of the whole. My version will go on the agenda. As of right now we will be closing Aux period.

Liaison Reports

Kerr: We are hosting spring blood drive. It will be at the Union and in different colleges. On Friday there will be a dorm competition.

Harman: Tomorrow, 6pm dale hall OU set club. Power of art therapy. Our guest speaker, classes at personal studio and classes here at the university.

Special Orders

- Campus Activity Council Chair Candidate Introduction

Spigner: Thank you for allowing me to come speak to you. I will be talking about my vision for CAC. I am a junior at OU. I am running for CAC because I never thought I would be able to. I thought that was a leadership roll that was beyond me. But they taught me that anyone would be able to do this. Flourish is my word that I would like to focus on. Assess tradition, having an organization as set as ours, we need to look at what is working versus what is not and we need to grow what is and stop what is not. I want to work with SGA to re-write our constitution to more align with SGA. In regard to cultivating unity, CAC is an umbrella association with 14 events. Most of these events are focused on goals within themselves. But I want to celebrate the differences with each organization in order to create unity. Implement change, we need to not fall for victory blindness. We need to not lose pace. We need to work 10 times harder for 10 times more. I want to have mandatory reports. We need to make sure we are not just meeting people half way. I want to create a constitutional amendment that allows for accessibility. I am very big on having a constant stream of collaboration. My platform is on lafonzoforcac.com. Please reach out to me with any questions.

Chism: You mentioned CAC constitution, that is the only thing that is not included in the Code annotated. How would you feel about moving the appropriate parts?

Spigner: at the end of the day we are a branch in SGA. We are leaning into that belief. But there needs to be more talk and more elaboration.

Merchant: What is your experience?

Spigner: I have been on multiple execs for multiple events. I have not been chair for any of these events. But this is not my first time in the game. I have held numerous leadership experiences on campus. I understand what needs to happen.

Marvin: Can you elaborate on the accessibility you were speaking about?

Spigner: SGA is looking at spaces that are fully accessible to all students but many times we do not think about the able body. We as an organization need to have that at the for-front on our mind.

Farmer: Can you explain some of your vision on growth?

Spigner: I am thinking collaborating in 2 ways, 1 with campus as a whole. I want to create the leadership intake and bring that discussion to all campus programmers. We need to collaborate as a group inside of CAC also. One event often doesn't know what the other events are doing. I want to streamline the organization and help it flow. We need regular event participants and event members to understand how the events run. Many of the general members to not understand what the top exec members do and that is a problem.

Chism: What is CAC doing right now to recruit diverse members and what would you change?

Spigner: Selection bias training. We train our vice chairs and chairs to interview students and understand and check the biases they have. My problem is that with reading it, they never explain ways. Personally, students should not be teaching this. We need adults to come in and facilitate this.

Chism: what is your biggest frustration with CAC if you have one?

Spigner: I think that in hitting everything that I want to change, it might sound like I don't think there are things happening right. But I think that with the disjointedness, people aren't understanding the decisions being made on their behalf.

Broadbent: Expand on the OU in population surveys?

Spigner: we send out emails to get more information and data within the org. my problem is, not a lot of people fill them out. We need to be having face to face interactions with these event organizations. The data collection will still get done.

Lange: do you have goals that you feel would be best achieved by the cooperation with SGA?

Spigner: The constitution, the other branches are way more qualified to deal with the constitutional change than we are. We need to learn how to better align our goals.

Grebe: What is your plan for evaluating spark?

Spigner L: they are starting to do more of SGA's program. We have changed Spark every year we have been here. There has made a 5-year plan. But the problem with this is that SGA needs to be a part o this conversation. We need to work together to rewrite the 5-year plan.

Harman: change the disconnect, how?

Spigner: Website mentions this more. Restructure the liaison roll. That roll really is there for the chairs. I want to require them to go to 2 meetings so they can understand what is talked about in these meetings. They will also be educating them on how the exec runs. Equipping all of our members with the organizational understanding is important.

Lee: Hi everyone my name is Louisa Lee, she her hers. I served as a freshman on exec committee. I am currently the vice chair. I have gotten a lot of experiences that not a lot of students on campus have had. My platform is data driven and development. CAC in 3D. I will be leading the charge; we will take feedback and enhance the experience. First, we need to set up standard procedure for data collection, importance of student feedback. Feedback on people who serve on our events. This would mean that every event would be involved in selecting a vice chair. We need to be actively pursuing feedback on students at OU. Before this we have never had a set up way to find out way. Take resumes out of exec committee applications. A resume is a barrier for students. I say that there is a place for people who don't have a lot of experience. Currently, every week we send out an email to all 800 members. External liaisons established to other RSOs open collaborations opportunities. We need to be willing to show that support. I have a lot more on my website.

Chism: Currently CAC has own constitution, that is separate, and it is the only branch where all of them are separate?

Lee: great idea, I have no reservations with that. With collaboration with spark it is proven that we work better together.

Marvin: You mentioned opening positions for vice chairs and liaisons, accountable?

Lee: on exec community experience coordinator that hasn't been very defined. Vice chair on every event coordinating outreach and survey external experience but the coordinator would be overseeing them having one on one meetings. What this does is it gives our different events agency.

Marvin: Not in your opinion, and essay and interview would not give more context.

Lee: formal resume does not mean taking out opportunity to get to know applicants on paper. Freshman coming in should not be concerned in getting their resume together that week. We would discuss the alternative. Tell us 10 things you are really proud of or 5 things that would have accomplished.

Grebe: website?

Lee: www.louisalee4cac.wixsite.com/cacin3d

Grebe: What are your plans regarding spark?

Lee: Sit on the 5 year plan meeting. Before this, spark exists in a way for students to join without a application. Students do not know this. We need to figure out a way to advertise this. The other candidate said to work with the other chair to establish this vision instead of starting from scratch.

Sertovic: I don't think I have seen Collab between CAC and IAC. Is there a reason for this? If it isn't an issue is it something that you are willing to work on? We don't have big numbers of attendance.

Lee: Jema has been in contact with them all year. Constant communication is better. Plan for external liaison with other orgs is to create constant communication. They offered us tickets for eve of nations. A group of us went to international prom. We are demonstrating support.

Chism: What is CAC doing to recruit diverse individuals?

Lee: We are going to organization and speaking to them. A lot of them are still not interested. The beginning of last year I created a video. We should not just be expecting people to know. We sent it to other orgs. The problem is that we are really reliant on social media, but this doesn't help. We need to be constantly communicating with other organizations. Constant communication demonstrates we support them.

- Executive Branch Progress Review
- Census Presentation
- Oklahoma Student Government Association Presentation

Marvin: We went to the spring congress. 3 delegates that get to vote. Resolutions and bills to the regents and the state government. We are allowed to send more and proxy vote. We saw 33 pieces of legislations. We got to hear from the community colleges. We both passed resolutions

Glasgow: a couple resolutions that passed, creating diversity training for PLC and other leaderships, self-defense classes worth 1 credit, increased awareness for human trafficking, tampons and feminine hygiene products free. We both passed pieces unanimously. Mine was free speech, organizations cannot be banned by speaking on campus.

Marvin: Mine was about ADA accessibility. I called on the regents and the board to make it required to post a report on how accessible their buildings are. Some university have 9 buildings and if they cannot access that building, they cannot go to class. This is calling anyone to change or restructure their buildings but this would hopefully make them embarrassed enough to do something about this. We can send as many people who want to go. You really get to meet a lot of people.

Glasgow: please go to the one in the fall it is really exciting

Buxton: When you go you represent OU?

Marcin: Yes.

Buxton: Open to making it a congress body, congress approve your resolutions?

Glasgow: yes! And we can send you the templates and we can debate them on your behalf.

Motion to move into committee of the whole

Representative Harman seconded by Representative Sertovic

- Committee of the Whole

Motion to see bill

Representative Buxton Seconded by Representative Schneider

- o AB-103-08 Auxiliary Allocation 18 (Patton)

Patton: This is Aux 18. There are 12ish maybe 14. My committee didn't meet. But they have had over 24 hours to review this. If they wanted any changes, I would have added a friendly. There were no changes. If you have any questions, please ask because it was definitely my decision.

Bouch: why did miracle mindset get 1500?

Patton: money for food for college prep. \$1500 was what they were in line with.

Bouch: how many people does that feed?

Patton: 125 students using union catering.

Broadbent: You stated that you were closing aux after. What do we do with rest and how much is left?

Patton: 22 thousand leftovers. I want it to be gone. But we cannot throw money at organizations. But it will go into aux next year. To explain why we made the decision is

because we won't be able to get into it until March 29th. May first is when reimbursements was due.

Buxton: how much rolled over from last year?

Patton: I don't know how much was leftover in aux last year. The rest of it came from money that wasn't spent my organizations.

DeAngeli: What is student consulting prep.

Patton: new organization to bring future consultants together. It is mainly networking.

DeAngeli: what is Friday accounting meeting?

Patton: it is an accounting meeting that meets every Friday

Lange: why are there 2 separate application for student veteran association?

Patton: They submitted 2 separate applications.

DeAngeli: why does OU cycling need 700?

Patton: spring schedule, membership for one of the races?

Broadbent: what is sooner off-road?

Patton: they go off-roading. It is an engineering and they off-road with them.

Broadbent: And the money is for?

Patton: buying and racing them

Grebe: why does the Friday accounting meeting need 600?

Patton: new orgs get 500-700. They have a larger number of people and they bring in guest speakers. Their application was thorough.

Motion to give bill recommendation of do pass

Representative Buxton seconded by Representative Carmona

Motion to move out of Committee of the Whole

Associate Bouch seconded by Representative Marvin

Student Concerns

Broadbent: There is ticketing right outside of the native student lounge. Can we up the time in that specific lot?

DeAngeli: I will refer that problem to Campus Outreach Safety and Concerns

Powell: What happens with elections if we have close campus?

DeAngeli: if you have any questions about the closure of campus, George can make an announcement later.

Schneider: spending money if we have to miss 3 weeks of school will they be penalized for that?

DeAngeli: we will cross that bridge when we get there.

Ahmadi: no matter what decision is made. I do not plan on stopping standard business that is electronic. I do not know what events look like. But if orgs need to make withdraw requests. We need to look at what campaigning would look like. I can also talk to Sam. It is electronic, it doesn't have to be affected. You all would have to decide.

Old Business

Items to Be Considered

Motion to see bill

Representative Marvin seconded by Representative Grebe

CR-103-06 OU Election Day Resolution (Buxton/Broadbent)(External Affairs → Do Pass)

Buxton: This is just something we have been looking for. We have been talking about this for a couple months now. I'll be seeing a couple friendlies to make it a policy change request. Also, if you have a better name than this, I will be open to a name change. EA couldn't think of a better one.

South: Would you accept a friendly amendment to section 2?

Buxton: Yes.

South: FA adding co-author?

Buxton: yes

Marvin: have you talked to anyone about the realities of this?

Buxton: I haven't talked to them but because we have the one holiday it seems like they are open to this. The one reason that most Americans don't vote is because they are too busy.

Marvin: do you think that there will be a problem with exec because of OU/TX?

Buxton: we talked to them and cleared miscommunication.

Chism: FA amending the end of each of whereas clauses to read “; and,”?

Buxton: yes

Grebe: FA changing title, Get OUt the Vote?

Buxton: yes.

Heuser: would it also be reasonable to extend it just being a holiday, cannot be penalized?

Buxton: when we go talk to them, then that is a negotiating point. A policy that is in other states is giving employees 2-hour lunches.

Motion to see bill

Representative Tucker seconded by Representative May

CR-103-07 Election Day Holiday (Buxton/Broadbent)(External Affairs → Do Pass)

Buxton: This bill is similar. This is calling on different levels of government to make this a state holiday. I yield my time.

Chism: Would you be open to a FA with the same as last bill?

Kerr: State holiday or?

Buxton: All levels. I think says all respective levels of government.

Lange: open to amending language FA?

Buxton: Yes.

Motion to see bill

Representative Tucker seconded by Representative Carmona

CR-103-04 Black Emergency Response Team Support Resolution (Chism/South) (Human Diversity → Do Pass)

Chism: this is the same bill supporting BERT. After some clarification the majority of opponency and proponency has come to the agreement that it does not support the demands. This commends the efforts of everyone involve. Regardless of the racist actions, I hope we all support the meaning of why the actions were made.

South: there were some minor clarifications in section 2, co-sponsors, and adding the Dr. Hippolyte's title.

Harman: would you accept the FA to clarify the language in section 2.

Chism: yes

Harman: Dr. title FA?

Chism: yes

Harman: co-sponsors.

Chism: yes

Motion to see bill

Representative Tucker seconded by Representative Sertovic

CR-103-05 Women's History Month Acknowledgement Resolution of 2020 (Broadbent/Yanez) (Human Diversity → Do Pass)

Broadbent: This is really simple. The language is taken from proclamation 4903 and 5619 and women's history month acknowledgment.

Harman: FA adding women co-sponsors?

Broadbent: yes

Motion to see bill

Representative Schneider seconded by Representative Sertovic

AB-103-08 Auxiliary Allocation 18 (Patton)

Patton: We just saw this. `

Follow-Up Reports

Items for Future Agenda

Patton: Primary

Announcements and Comments

Merchant: GEC applicants' close tomorrow

Patton: Aux is closed. If someone asks, please direct them to me.

Broadbent: Leap team applications open today.

Schneider: college bowl applications

Chism: if you are work study or if you know anyone who is, there are a lot of openings.

DeAngeli: for anyone who wrote resolutions, go ahead and talk to Mary about sending that out to the right people.

Broadbent: FA's going around.

DeAngeli: Have a wonderful spring break

Motion to skip final roll call and adjourn

Chism seconded by Harman

Final Roll Call

Adjourn

Chair: Emma DeAngeli

Vice Chair: Mahak Merchant

Secretary: Savanah Patterson

Session 103	General
Alpert, Lucy	x
Babbitt, Jason	x
Bell, Aspen	x
Biskup, Emma	abs
Broadbent, Taylor	x
Buxton, Nate	x
Carmona, Ismael	x
Carson, Jada	x
Chism, Hennessey	x
Flaggert, Jayke	x
Garg, Nishit	ex
Grebe, Jordan	x

Harman, Caitlyn	x
Heuser, Audrey	x
Hillis, Foster	ex
Kerr, Susan	x
Lange, Jake	x
Long, Matt	ex
Luthfiyah, Anne	x
Marvin, Alexis	x
May, Sidney	x
Mayes, Mark	x
McGee, Tess	x
Murdock, Max	x
Powell, Britney	x
Roberts, Lauren	abs
Rojas, Julio	ex
Rosen, Ashley	x
Schneider, Caitlin	x
Sertovic, Adia	x
Spangler-Day, Santana	x
South, Crispin	x
Stormer, Sam	abs
Thomas, Christopher	x
Tucker, Emily	x
vonHartzsch, August	x
Werdel, Gina	x
Present	30
Excused	3
Absent	4

Session 103	CR-103-04	CR-103-05	CR-103-06	CR-103-07	AB-103-08
Alpert, Lucy	y	y	y	y	y

Babbitt, Jason	y	y	y	y	y
Bell, Aspen	y	y	y	y	y
Biskup, Emma					
Broadbent, Taylor	y	y	y	y	y
Buxton, Nate	y	y	y	y	y
Carmona, Ismael	y	y	y	y	y
Carson, Jada	y	y	y	y	y
Chism, Hennessey	y	y	y	y	y
Flaggert, Jayke					
Garg, Nishit					
Grebe, Jordan	y	y	y	y	y
Harman, Caitlyn	y	y	y	y	y
Heuser, Audrey	y	y	y	y	y
Hillis, Foster					
Kerr, Susan	y	y	y	y	y
Lange, Jake	y	y	y	y	y
Long, Matt					
Luthfiyah, Anne	y	y	y	y	y
Marvin, Alexis	y	y	y	y	y
May, Sidney	y	y	y	y	y
Mayes, Mark	y	y	y		y
McGee, Tess	y	y	y	y	y
Murdock, Max	y	y	y	y	y
Powell, Britney	y	y	y	y	y
Roberts, Lauren					
Rojas, Julio					
Rosen, Ashley	y	y	y	y	y
Schneider, Caitlin	y	y	y	y	y
Sertovic, Adia	y	y	y	y	y
Spangler-Day, Santana	y	y	y	y	y
South, Crispin	y	y	y	y	y
Stormer, Sam					
Thomas, Christopher	n	y	y	y	y

Tucker, Emily	y	y	y	y	y
vonHartitzsch, August	y	y	y	y	y
Werdel, Gina	y	y	y	y	y
Yes	28	29	29	28	29
No	1	0	0	0	0
Abstain	0	0	0	0	0

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GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
 SENATE SESSION GF20
 March 29th, 2020

AS INTRODUCED

An act relating to appropriations; providing for short title; stating purpose; appropriating Auxiliary Funding for the 2019-2020 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 “Auxiliary Allocation 18 Act of 2019-2020”

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

Organization	Programs, Events & Activities	Capital Investments	Office and General Expenses	Total
Student Veterans Association	200			200
Student Veterans Association	50			50
OU Cycling Club	700			700
Christians on Campus	105			105
Student Consulting Prep	214.51			214.51
Student Chapter of the American Meteorological Society and National Weather Association	350			350
Finance Student Association	200			200
Society of Plastic Engineers Student Chapter	400			400
Friday Accounting Meeting	600			600
Miracle Mindset Leadership and Empowerment Conference	1,500			1,500
Sooner Off-Road	595.16			595.16
Society of Undergraduate Philosophers	500			500
			TOTAL:	5,414.67

Section 4: All guidelines and provisions in Title 10 of the Code Annotated shall apply to all funds appropriated in this act.

Section 5: This fiscal year for the account listed in these sections shall end May 8, 2020

Section 6: All unspent money remaining in the accounts listed in Section 3 shall revert to the SGA General Account after May 8, 2020, and the remaining appropriations shall be canceled.

Section 7: This act shall become effective when passed in accordance with the SGA Constitution.

Author(s): Lauren Patton, Chair, SGA Budget Committee

Co-Author(s): SGA Budgetary Committee

Submitted on a motion by: Representative Schneider seconded by Representative Tucker

Action taken by Student Congress: 29-0-0

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: _____

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CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-103-06
SENATE RESOLUTION NO. GFXX-XX/GSXX-XX

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution calling on the University of Oklahoma to make election day a school holiday.

- Whereas: The average voter turnout for the US since 2000 is 54.96%; and
- Whereas: The turnout for the 2018 midterm elections was 50.3%; and
- Whereas: Youth involvement in American politics is increasing with innovations in media and youth outreach programs from campaigns; and
- Whereas: Students should not have to decide between academic success and fulfilling their civic duty to our exceptional democratic process; and
- Whereas: Delaware, Hawaii, Kentucky, Montana, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, West Virginia, and the territory of Puerto Rico have declared Election Day a civic holiday. Along with other states giving workers parts of the day off for voting.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION, CONCURRING THEREIN THAT:

- Section 1:** Title: This act shall be known and may be cited as the “Get OUt the Vote”
- Section 2:** The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association encourages The University of Oklahoma to make Federal Election day a school holiday as a matter of policy, outside of the unscheduled school holiday allowed by the University of Oklahoma Regents policy manual section 5.15.
- Section 3:** The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association encourages students of our University to fulfill their civic obligation to register and vote in their nations State and Local elections.
- Section 4:** The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association encourages residents of Oklahoma, in places of civic engagement, to consider the importance of a highly educated voter base from our country to local community.
- Section 5:** Copies of this resolution will be sent to:
- President Joseph Harroz Jr.
 - Vice President of Student Affairs Dr. David Surratt
 - OK Votes
 - The Norman Transcript

- The OU Daily
- The OU Nightly
- KOCO 5

Author(s): Representative Nathaniel Buxton, Vice-Chair of External Affairs

Co-Author(s): Representative Taylor Broadbent, Chair of External Affairs
 Representative Crispin South, Vice Chair of University Policy

Submitted on a motion by: Representative Marvin seconded by Representative Grebe

Action taken by Congress: 29-0-0

Verified by Chair of Congress: _____ Date: _____

Submitted on a motion by:

Action taken by Senate:

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Approved by SGA President: _____ Date: _____

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CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-103-07
 SENATE RESOLUTION NO. GFXX-XX/GSXX-XX

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution calling on the our respective levels of Government to make election day a holiday.

Whereas: The average voter turnout for the US since 2000 is 54.96%; and

Whereas: The turnout for the 2018 midterm elections was 50.3%; and

Whereas: Youth involvement in American Politics is increasing with innovations in media and youth outreach programs from campaigns; and

Whereas: Americans should not have to decide between academic success and fulfilling their civic duty to our exceptional democratic process; and

Whereas: Delaware, Hawaii, Kentucky, Montana, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, West Virginia, and the territory of Puerto Rico have declared Election Day a civic holiday. Along with other states giving workers parts of the day off for voting; and

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION, CONCURRING THEREIN THAT:

Section 1: Title: This act shall be known and may be cited as the “Election Day Holiday”

Section 2: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association encourages our federal, state and local legislators to make Federal Election Day a federal/state holiday.

Section 3: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association encourages students of our University to fulfill their civic duty to register and vote in their nations State and Local elections.

Section 4: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association encourages all Americans, in places of civic engagement, to consider the importance of a highly populated and highly educated voter base from our country to local community.

Section 5: Copies of this resolution will be sent to:

- President Donald J. Trump
- Governor Kevin Stitt
- Majority Leader Mitch McConnell
- Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi
- Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy
- Minority Leader Chuck Schumer
- Representative Tom Cole
- Senator Jim Inhofe

- Senator James Lankford
- Speaker Charles McCall
- President Pro Tempore Greg Treat
- Minority Leader Emily Virgin
- Senator Rob Standridge
- Senator Mary Boren
- Representative Merleyn Bell
- Representative Jacob Rosencrats
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Co-Author(s): Representative Taylor Broadbent, Chair of External Affairs

Submitted on a motion by: Representative Tucker seconded by Representative May

Action taken by Congress: 29-0-0

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Submitted on a motion by:

Action taken by Senate:

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CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-103-04

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. GFXX-XX/GSXX-XX

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A Resolution supporting the efforts of the Black
Emergency Response Team; and providing for
distribution.

- Whereas: There have been egregious incidents of explicit racism at the University of Oklahoma, both over the years and in the very recent past.
- Whereas: Such incidents include the racist “Little Red” mascot in the 1950’s, incidents of blackface in 2019, and usage of racial pejoratives by professors in 2020.
- Whereas: Substantive change and accountability must occur to facilitate an inclusive environment for all students of color on campus.
- Whereas: The Black Emergency Response Team led a well-publicized multi-day sit-in and hunger strike at Evans Hall with the goal of forcing the University of Oklahoma to take action against racism in the OU community.
- Whereas: The Black Emergency Response Team released a list of demands that the University must meet in order for the sit-in and hunger strike to end.
- Whereas: Lack of consequences in the face of blatant structural and explicit racism enables racist behavior and makes complicit those who stay silent.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA UNDERGRADUATE
STUDENT CONGRESS AND THE GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE, CONCURRING
THEREIN THAT:

- Section 1:** Title: This resolution shall be known and may be cited as the “Black Emergency Response Team Support Resolution.”
- Section 2:** The Student Government Association supports and commends the efforts and dedication of the Black Emergency Response Team, as well as the administration, staff, faculty, and students who have given their support.
- Section 3:** Copies of this resolution will be sent to:
- University of Oklahoma President Joseph Harroz
 - Provost Kyle Harper
 - Dr. David Surratt, Dean of Students
 - Dr. Belinda Higgs-Hyppolite, Vice President of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
 - The Black Emergency Response Team
 - OU Daily
 - OU Nightly

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THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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A Concurrent Resolution Recognizing the Importance
Women's History Month.

Whereas: On August 4th 1981 the 97th United States Congress jointly resolved in Public Law 97-28 to establish the week of March 7th, 1982 as Women's History Week¹; and

Whereas: President Ronald Reagan issued Presidential Proclamation 4903 on February 26th 1982 which states; "*Now, Therefore, I, Ronald Reagan, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim the week beginning March 7, 1982, as Women's History Week. Recognizing that the many contributions of American women have at times been overlooked in the annals of American history, I encourage all citizens to observe this important week by participating in appropriate ceremonies and activities planned by individuals, governmental agencies, and private institutions and associations throughout the country;*" and

Whereas: In 1987 the National Women's History Project successfully lobbied the 100th United States Congress to issue Public Law 100-9 on March 12th 1987 to declare the month of March Women's History Month³; and

Whereas: President Ronald Reagan issued Presidential Proclamation 5619 on March 16th 1987 which states; "*Now, Therefore, I, Ronald Reagan, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim March 1987 as Women's History Month. I call upon all*

¹ govinfo, § (1981). <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/STATUTE-95/pdf/STATUTE-95-Pg148.pdf>.

² "Proclamation 4903-Women's History Week, 1982." Proclamation 4903-Women's History Week, 1982 | The American Presidency Project, February 26, 1982.

<https://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/documents/proclamation-4903-womens-history-week-1982>.

³ govinfo, (1987). <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/STATUTE-101/pdf/STATUTE-101-Pg99.pdf>.

Americans to mark this month with appropriate observances to honor the achievements of American women⁴;" and

Whereas: Women of every race, class, and culture helped found the Nation in countless recorded and unrecorded ways as servants, slaves, nuns, homemakers, industrial workers, teachers, reformers, medical professionals, scientists, lawyers, politicians, soldiers, and pioneers¹; and

Whereas: Women serve in numerous positions throughout the Nation including service, leadership, STEM, philanthropy, and additional spaces. In doing so, women continue to push barriers and create new marks in American history; and

Whereas: Women have played and continue to play a critical economic, cultural, and social role in every sphere of our Nation's life by constituting a significant portion of the labor force¹; and

Whereas: Women have played a unique role throughout our history by providing the majority of the Nation's volunteer labor force and have been particularly important in the establishment of early charitable philanthropic and cultural institutions in the country¹; and

Whereas: Women of every race, class, and cultural background served as early leaders in the forefront of every major progressive social change movement, not only to secure their own right of suffrage and equal opportunity, but also in the abolitionist movement, the emancipation movement, the industrial labor union movement, and the civil rights movement; and ¹

Whereas: Despite these contributions, the role of American women in history has been consistently overlooked and undervalued in the body of American history¹; and

Whereas: Women serve in numerous positions throughout the Nation including service, leadership, STEM, philanthropy, and additional spaces. In doing so, women continue to push barriers and create new marks in American history; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Section 1: Title: This resolution shall be known and may be cited as the "Women's History Month Acknowledgement Resolution of 2020"

Section 2: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association acknowledges the

⁴ "Proclamation 5619-Women's History Month, 1987." Proclamation 5619-Women's History Month, 1987 | The American Presidency Project, March 16, 1987.
<https://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/documents/proclamation-5619-womens-history-month-1987>.

historic work of women as early leaders in the forefront of every major progressive social change movement, not only to secure their own right of suffrage and equal opportunity, but also in the abolitionist movement, the emancipation movement, the industrial labor union movement, and the civil rights movement

Section 3: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association seeks to empower women as leaders both on and off campus and ensure they have access to any and all resources necessary to succeed.

Section 4: Copies of this resolution will be sent to:

- Joeseph Harroz, Interim President of The University of Oklahoma
- Dr. Belinda Higgs Hypolite Vice President of Diversity and Inclusion for The University of Oklahoma
- Dr. David Surratt Vice President of Student Affairs and Dean of Students
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Action taken by Senate:

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Approved by SGA President: _____ Date: _____