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UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
Session CII

General Body Meeting
7:00 pm, Tuesday, September 24, 2019
Devon Hall 120

Roll Call – 7:01
Flag Salute
Reading of the SGA mission statement

Motion to Approve the Minutes
Representative Spangler-Day seconded by Representative Papanicolaou
Approval of Minutes

Chair's Report – Savannah is presenting the Indigenous Land Acknowledgement Act again, there is a small change. We have already passed this bill 2 weeks ago. There are notes on the board CB-102-20 has a guest, Sam Quick, he is up for an appointment to the election chair position, if you move so. Please make motions because we have a huge agenda, we need to have lot of attention. Shoot your hand up. There are snacks! We will do that a little later on because we are kind of settled now. CB-102-21 and CB-102-23 require a 2/3rds vote. This means that 24 people need to vote yes for it to pass. We are trying to keep vacant seats filled, one of the things is we have to represent the student body, if you are in a district with empty seat let me know so I can show you how to get your constituents engaged.

Vice Chair's Report – Hey everyone! I'm trying to get the liaison program jump started by October 1st so if you have not emailed me yet please do that, also we have 5 new PR directors, Audrey Heuser, Caitlin Schneider, Caitlyn Harman, Hunter Stack, and Sara Haugland. They will all have different responsibilities including designing new merchandise so if you have any suggestions please reach out to one of them. Don't forget our after-Congress event today. Also, if you get an email from me, please make sure you are hitting "reply" not "reply all" other than that if you ever need anything you know where to find me.

Secretary's Report – Hey guys! It's great to see everyone here! You all have been amazing at letting me know when you are going to be here so thank you for that. Also, I just wanted to say that it is important that even through longer meetings like this we are still attentive and ask the important questions because our purpose here is to pass impactful legislation.

Committee Reports-

- Campus Outreach, Safety, and Concerns: I have a meeting with Kris Glenn from Parking Services on Wednesday. The light walk went well. Buildings easily navigating. SGA suggestion box is open, plug this in your GroupMe's.
- Congressional Administration: We saw 3 bills and conducted two interviews. CB-102-21 received a recommendation of do pass. CR-102-09 received a recommendation of no recommendation. CB-102-22 received a recommendation of do pass. We also appointed 1 member to a representative seat, hopefully we will see a bill soon. The new representative is in the humanities district. Rolling

applications for our empty seats are still open. We also talked about having a ParliPro event. More to come.

- External Affairs: Happy National Voter Registration Day! We saw our voter registration resolution today. We are moving swiftly along with class speeches and registering students. Please take forms to classes to get students registered. I spoke with the Norman City mayor and we talked about the 3-person ordinance.
- Human Diversity: We still need people to sign up for the tabling on Monday, October 7th. Join us and the Gender and Equality center for an open mic night that same day. We are also continuing preparing for the “Know Your Rights” class October 27th 7pm.
- Sustainability: We saw bill CB-102-22 and gave it a recommendation of do pass. We are still continuing with all projects. We are posting publicity for the Food Justice Panel today. We are also looking into printing on recycled paper in the Conoco. I am also discussing logistics with Lauren Patton to change the Orgsync budget form to support environmental sustainability.
- University Policy: We went through everyone’s updates. Things are taking a little while because of the communications with other people. A new member of the committee is looking into the Student counselor ratio. We are also looking into an affordability guide for students; it would be like a course page to add on Canvas.
- Ways and Means: We saw Auxiliary 5 and we gave it a recommendation of do pass. Auxiliary 3 and 4 went to the Graduate Student Senate on Sunday. Gina and I are taking care of the budget form.

Liaison Reports

Tucker: There is an open mic night at Second Wind this Thursday at 7:30pm.

Ballew: I am a part of the skydiving club; we meet on Wednesdays at Dale 6pm.

Schneider: October 1st, 6pm before congress CSSA is hosting a trivia night in Carnegie.

Special Orders

SFC Reports

Rust: Hi, my name is Logan Rust, I am the co-chair. The Sooner Freshman Council is required to give monthly reports, this is ours for September. We had our first meeting, we just had introduction, we had a retreat, we saw an alumni panel, we also had a meeting last night. These random people in the body are our members of Sooner Freshman Council, see them, wave to them. Thank you.

Motion to move into Committee of the Whole

Representative Thompson seconded by Representative Alpert

Committee of the Whole

Motion to see bill

Representative Stack seconded by Associate Bouch

- CB-102-23 Appointing a Humanities Representative for the 102nd Session

Bouch: Hi, my name is Malachi I am the chair of the Congressional Administration Committee. This is the first person that we will be appointing from the rolling applications. This is Nate Buckston, he is taking the only humanities seat, he is a letters major. We decided to go with him based on the interview process. The three older members, I, Caitlyn, and Savannah, had to recuse ourselves because of conflicts of interest. The new members made the unanimous decision and we remained in the room to provide guidance.

Thompson: What was the conflict of interest?

Bouch: All of us knew one or both of the applicants.

Motion to give bill a recommendation of do pass

Representative Gau seconded by Representative Schneider

Motion to move out of Committee of the Whole

Associate Bouch seconded by Representative Thompson

Student Concerns

Broadbent: In Carnegie, the air condition is out, it was 90 degrees upstairs.

DeAngeli: I will give this to Campus Safety and Concerns.

Stack: We have had another incident, I propose a campus wide seminar. Maybe Human Diversity outreach?

DeAngeli: I will send this to the Human Diversity committee.

Old Business

Items to Be Considered

Motion to move to see bill

Representative Tucker seconded by Representative Heuser

AB-102-07 An act funding Auxiliary 5 (Patton) (WAM > Do Pass)

Patton: Hi, this is auxiliary bill number 5. We saw 5 organizations and gave them \$1,495 for food, events or printing and promotion for events.

Motion to move to a roll call vote

Representative Stack seconded by Representative Schneider

Motion to see bill

Representative Werdel seconded by Representative Garg

CB-102-11 Indigenous Land Acknowledgment Act (Chiariello/Patterson)

Patterson: Hi guys, like Emma said in her report, the bill says practically same thing. The Graduate Student Senate eliminated a word to reduce redundancy, envisioned was removed because it was said multiple times. Does not change the outcome or intention of the bill.

Motion to move to a roll call vote

Representative Miller seconded by Representative Tucker

Motion to see bill

Representative Thompson seconded by Representative Hillis

CB-102-20 Election Board Chair Appointment Act of 2019 (Ridenour/DeAngeli) (Congressional Administration > Do Pass)

Ridenour: Hi, I'm Emma I am the Chief of Staff. We are confirming Sam Quick. He has a lot of SGA experience. We served 4 years in congress. He was the Way and Means committee chair last year. He has ran in several elections, he knows what's wrong with elections and knows ways to fix that.

Spangler-Day: What is the most important committee in congress?

Quick: I have no bias but the Ways and Means committee by far.

Stack: What needs to be reformed?

Quick: Some of the meetings are disorganized or too in depth, I am trying to find that happy medium.

Gau: Are you proposing any changes in rules?

Quick: I only want to change the way meetings are held. I want to create documents that mark highlights the important of the important things and the punishment for breaking the rules, so they do not have to go too in depth.

Bouch: Do you know the requirements for filling for president.

Quick: I do not know all of the details, but I do know there are lots of signatures involved. But my ability to recite from the code does not show my ability to be chair.

Motion to move to roll call vote

Representative Thompson seconded by Representative Stack

Motion to see bill

Representative Gau seconded by Representative Papanicolaou

CB-102-21 Parliamentary Clarification Amendment of 2019 (Bouch) (ConAd >Do Pass)

Bouch: This is a long bill, but I am going to try to make it simple. There is only a little change. I am making it more in line with Robert's Rules of Order. What used to be tabling to a certain time is now postponing to certain time, does same thing. Tabling indefinitely, is now postponing indefinitely, adding a motion that wasn't in bylaws, this is a general motion to lay something on the table. For clarification to take an item off the agenda until a motion to take off of table. Legislation has to be taken off table in the same body that it was tabled in. Legislation has to be taken off the table in the exact same state as when it was put on the table. But there is no set time or date to take them off the table. This is important because when Congressional Administration is seeing executive appointments, sometimes they do not show up because we aren't going pass a bill with no candidate, but now we can table is until they show up instead of continually guessing. Stack: If something is tabled, doesn't that allow for the legislation to stay in limbo?

Bouch: Theoretically, but that is essentially the same thing as postponing indefinitely. Postponing ends the discussion period for the end of the legislation session. Laying it on the table has the ability to take it off table, but we already have a different motion that does the limbo thing.

Patton: So, this new motion to take off the table, is there a second motion to take it off the table?

Bouch: Yes, but the second motion does not need to be clarified.

Motion to move to a roll call vote

Representative Gau seconded by Representative Tucker

Motion to see bill

Representative Tucker seconded by Representative Spangler-Day

CB-102-22 An Act Amending Title IX, Chapter 8, the Student Environmental Coalition, of SGA Code Annotated (Werdel) (Sustainability > Do pass) (ConAd > Do pass)

Werdel: Hi, this is a bill to update the Code Annotated. This will allow the code to accurately reflect the Student Environmental Coalition, that way people won't look at the code and think they act incorrectly. I took out the procedures for members elected and selected. I also took out how the organization must abide by the Open meetings act. We do not make decisions in that body. There should not have to be a process for who gets to attend meetings. I also changed officer elections. Our meetings are open, so anyone can attend them. The meetings are always at the same time, defeats purpose with an agenda and minutes.

Broadbent: Would you accept a friendly amendment to strike section 47 as a whole?

Werdel: Yes.

Broadbent: Would you accept a friendly amendment under section 42 officers, striking "or consensus" from section b and adding "present" after SEC officer will be selected by a majority vote of current SEC members,"?

Werdel: Yes.

Broadbent: Would you accept a Friendly Amendment adding co-authors Tess McGee, Julio Rojas, Zoe Douglas?

Werdel: Yes

Tucker: In section b, it states that that SEC responsibilities are transferred, that is pretty vague, so how would these responsibilities get decided?

Werdel: The SEC is fluid, if the officer position were to go vacant someone in the committee would be able to pick how those would be delegated.

Tucker: To clarify, the committee would decide how process would be delegated?

Werdel: Yes

Motion to move to roll call vote

Representative Hardt seconded by Representative Heuser

Motion to see bill

Representative Gau seconded by Representative Stack

CR-102-08 Voter Participation Resolution 2019 (Gau) (External Affairs > Do pass)

Gau: Happy Voter Registration Day! Today, we made telling efforts with drive. This year we partnered with the Carl Albert center and registered over 200 students. We aren't finished. We have a booth in bizz right now. I would like a Friendly Amendment exclaiming our effort with students registered.

Bridwell: Would you accept a Friendly Amendment adding a whereas clause stating "On the 2019 National Voter Registration Day, the Undergraduate Student Congress and the Carl Albert center registered 200+ students to vote at the University of Oklahoma."

Gau: Yes.

Motion to move to a roll call vote

Representative Heuser seconded by Representative Schneider

Motion to take a 5 minutes recess

Representative Miller seconded by Representative Thompson

Motion to see bill

Representative Stack seconded by Representative Heuser

CR-102-09 Sit Down (Thompson) (ConAd rec of no rec)

Thompson: I know everyone has been really excited about this bill but hear me out before you all jump to many conclusions. This is a Congressional Resolution to remove the flag salute from the agenda. Section 6.2 of the undergraduate student congress bylaws does not include the flag salute in our agendas. The Pledge of Allegiance was included between 2008-09 and was carried on because it was then tradition. In 1892 Youth's Companion weekly magazine, in honor of Columbus Day, they came up with the idea to instill nationalism in order to sell flags to public schools. The pledge led to sale of 25,000 flags. This was all in celebration of the 400th Anniversary of Columbus Day, ignoring his crimes against the Native American population. Lastly, the "one nation under god" speech conflicts with freedom speech in the 1st amendment.

Broadbent: How many Native American students did consult before writing this bill?

Thompson: I didn't. I have done lots of research, however. Norman does not celebrate Columbus Day because of his crimes against Natives.

South: Would you agree that saying the pledge promotes a sense of nationalism that doesn't belong in student body?

Thompson: Yes, over the years at this University there have been instances of black face and swastikas. There are few countries that have pledges, Nazi Germany is one and so is North Korea.

Ballew: Just to clarify you did not consult native tribes?

Thompson: No but I did a lot of research, the nationalism that this instills in inappropriate.

Gau: Did this resolution idea derive from a constituent complaint or from you?

Thompson: I have been a representative for 4 years. I haven't stood since then; I am a member of my college and all of whom I've talked to have agreed and were astounded that we stood. I did mention this to them, and I think it is the right call.

Gau: Would you say that the majority of your constituents would support this resolution?

Miller: Do you believe there are enough history books out there to make connection from flag to the issue regarding Christopher Columbus?

Thompson: Yes, I don't have to talk to black students at OU to understand that they feel discriminated. Columbus colonized villages and raped indigenous women.

Miller: Isn't it true that because the pledge is not in the bylaws, someone can make bill that formally inserts the pledge in the bylaws?

Thompson: Yes, this is just a resolution. I wanted to bring it to the Chair's that the majority of the body disagrees with the pledge.

Stack: Do you believe fellow SGA members feel ostracized by the pledge?

Thompson: Yes, it is a strange thing. It comes up in other situations. I have received threats of bad will against me for my refusal to stand for pledge.

Lange: So, you cite harms and you make connections to the abuse of the Native American population and you state how this is disrespectful for them and that this pledge instills nationalism, but how does the practice of reciting the pledge induced these harms?

Thompson: To allow the flag salute to continue is to be apathetic, apathy in the face of injustice is not justice.

Marvin:

Motion to extend time for questioning by 5 minutes

Representative Stack seconded by Representative Mohamoud

Marvin: Would you be willing to do some salute to OU to remind ourselves of why we are here in the body?

Thompson: That actually came up during the Congressional Administration committee meeting.

Representative Hillis mentioned the alma mater. I would like to remind them that this is a congressional resolution merely asking very nicely for the pledge to be removed, if you want something to be added, feel free to write a bill.

Lissau: A couple colleagues of ours discussed your constituents, did you take a survey of all students?

Thompson: I have been on campus for a long time. I am a 6-year senior. I have mentioned this to a lot of students. Some personally do not have any objections to the flag they understand why I am doing it.

Spangler-Day: Are you aware of other organization who recite the pledge before their meetings?

Thompson: I would imagine some do but I don't believe that we should as a representative body.

Buckston: Outside of Columbus, how do you make that Italian born connection?

Thompson: The pledge was written in support of Columbus' 400th anniversary of coming to America.

Ballew: Has anyone ever tried to force you to stand?

Thompson: No, but I have received declaration of bad thoughts towards me, people have shamed me and made me feel ashamed.

Lange: Who is benefited by disallowing a voluntary practice?

Thompson: I don't think anyone is suffering. The pledge states that there is liberty and justice for everyone but not everyone would agree.

Hillis: Did you know that the graduate student senate does not say the pledge because it is not in their agenda.

Thompson: Yes.

Alpert:....

Motion to extend time for questioning by 5 minutes

Representative Gau seconded by Representative Hardt

Alpert: What authority do you have to make that claim equating the Nazi pledge to the American pledge, as a Jew I am concerned.

Thompson: Yes, in Germany, there was a pledge to the flag including a Nazi salute which is the extension of the arm. In Germany 1940s they did a pledge.

Wegersinski: Have you talked to the international students?

Thompson: We do have a lot of international students in the body, Sertovich let me know that this is something that doesn't happen in other counties, but they do not feel okay to pledge to a country that isn't theirs.

Garg: Could you elaborate on the freedom of expression portion of your bill?

Thompson: Yes, the 1st amendment right says we have the right to freedom of religion and to petition the government for grievances. If pledging to the flag stands for justice, we shouldn't have to pledge allegiance to this country because it doesn't always carry out justice.

Lissau: Do you not think it is hypocritical to change the pledge to the alma matter, considering this is the most racist institution in the Midwest?

Thompson: This bill is not in support for adding the alma matter, the flag salute is racist.

Lissau: You are generalizing pledge as racist, is it hypocritical to change it?

Thompson: I'm not asking to change it. That was mentioned, and if they want to change it, they can write a bill.

Broadbent: To reiterate, have you been punished by anyone in authority?

Thompson: No, but I have received death threats, and have been criticized by people who are in supported of it.

Miller: No one made you stand, but don't you think the social implications are enough?

Thompson: Yes, I do believe the social implications are more than enough to warrant this resolution.

Motion to suspend the rules and extend time for questioning by 5 minutes

Representative Spangler-Day seconded by Representative Stack

Thompson: I am a huge advocate for freedom of speech.

Werdel: Is it possible that saying pledge would reflect our desire to expand our reach to better our country?

Thompson: That is a thought. I am of the personal belief that the pledge doesn't deserve that credit. I've learned about it in advertising class, that the nationalism behind the pledge is inappropriate.

Heuser: The fact is that it is not in the bylaws is reason enough to remove it?

Thompson: It is not in the bylaws therefore it has no reason to be in the agenda.

Spangler-Day: No one in the body got to vote to include the pledge?

Thom: No body has ever voted; it was simply put into the agenda without legislative action.

Patterson: Isn't it true that the passage of this resolution would not inherently change anything because it is just merely a suggestion to the chair?

Thompson: Yes, this is simply a request, to draw the attention of the executive of the body.

Stack: Doesn't this open door to someone that will make this a bylaw so that we have to say this pledge. That the pledge is tradition to hear it and people are afraid of change?

Thompson: I am inviting and opening the door for people to write this bill. But it needs to be evident in the bill and in the record why we added the pledge.

Hillis: Do you believe that international students in this body would or ever feel marginalized?

Thompson: Would the marginalized international students raise their hands?

Papanicolaou: Even though not everyone receives liberty and justice, isn't reminding ourselves striving for that?

Motion to extend time for questioning to the end of the list

Representative Tucker seconded by Representative Alpert

Thompson: The pledge says liberty and justice for all, but this is not a reminder, but it only instills complacency. It states that we are already a republic built on justice which I believe we are not. I don't think it is reminder.

Merchant: Is your issue with the pledge itself or with the fact that it is not in the bylaws?

Thompson: Both.

Gau: Are you aware that the supreme court stated that the pledge is secular, with no religious anecdote?/

Thompson: Yes, many have decided that it is, if you continue your research. That is why many states do not require this in schools.

Ballew: Given that I am a Cherokee, I'm curious, if everyone has the option not to, why it is important to remove this for the people who want to recite the pledge?

Thompson: It does matter when views are marginalized, ask me one question?

Ballew: Why is this your task without taking into consideration the views of the Native American population?

Thompson: There are other Native American members who feel that this is related to Columbus. I have not been the only one who has sat. This is me taking action. This is inappropriate.

Cowley: Could please explain more your experience in this body that has made you feel uncomfortable?

Thompson: This body is brand new, so I have had no instances, however bodies in my past, people made me feel uncomfortable and me sitting made them feel uncomfortable.

Tucker: Reasonably what kind of change would this make in this environment and with students outside of congress in student concerns?

Thompson: It is honestly jarring to come to a meeting just to have to stand to salute the flag, in my time here, other students, this was a source of discomfort.

Lange: Would you say that history of pledge is common knowledge, that the perception is inclusive of racially sensitive connotation?

Thompson: No, I don't believe that people know the history, we should not turn a blind eye from it. Something is inappropriate and we make change now.

Werdel: We bring the flag to do the salute?

Thompson: It can stay in the Conoco. For a while, we didn't have a flag, we used a picture on power point.

Miller: The most important thing is that the flag doesn't mean the same thing to everyone else and it stands for oppression to some?

Thompson: Yes, it is inappropriate to enforce our interpretation of the flag on them. My mother is Latina and has always been harassed in America because of her accent. She did not receive liberty and justice.

Lissau: My biggest concern is talking to multiple constituents is important, if the resolution were to pass, would your committee survey the student body?

Thompson: It is interesting to mention student body was not addressed when we added the pledge. Write a bill to add the pledge but it was not addressed with the students. Just introduced.

South: If this hasn't been added to the bylaws, how has it remained?

Thompson: Under tradition it has been done before. That mindset of "always been done this way" is a dangerous and slippery slope.

Stack: In addition to the "under god", the Baptist church included that God hates fags.

Thompson: Yes, this language is inappropriate

Hillis: Even if it doesn't pass, wouldn't the chair be in violation because it is not in the bylaws if we keep going.

Thompson: This is a resolution so exec can make decision. It is up to exec to keep it or remove it.

Miller: Everyone wanting to vote against the bill should analyze why they are voting the way they are and try to understand people's point of view?

Thompson: Yes.

Harman: Mentioned early, constituents as a whole, you talked to them outside of you district, what district?

Thompson: Humanities and social sciences, I don't know that what major they all fall into, no one was addressed when it was first added.

Spangler-Day: Frankly do the students care either way what we do in our meetings?

Thompson: There were students that sat for the pledge when they did come here. I don't know if they all have invested interest.

Gau: Will the passage of this resolution affect the general body meeting's future agendas?

DeAngeli: Yes, we will remove it, if it is passed.

Ballew: It is evident that it is the will of this body and student body if they stood, I think that reflects the mood of the body?

Thompson: For 19-20 years of my life I stood. A lot of them said this before they realized the implications.

Ballew: Why is it more important that the choice is removed given its an option?

Thompson: People can sit if they want to be part of the minority, the threats I get are fine because I am not a Person of Color, but if people want to salute the flag, they can do it on their own time.

Papanicolaou: Let's say we take the pledge out, what good is that going to do?

Thompson: The same reason removing Columbus Day from calendar in Norman. We are a more inclusive body. Shows what kind of body that we are.

Marvin: In the 8th whereas, where it says it is incompatible, with the first amendment, under god, it is known you do not have to say this phrase, god hates fag, but Lutheran church loves all, it's important to not generalize?

Thompson: I am LGBTQ and I am not religious. But I believe that there are Christian groups that support my community. While I do not think that under god is explicitly targeting the LGBTQ community, but other members are threaten by churches.

Garg: Does asking to stand gives pressure on the people to stand?

Thompson: Peer pressure is a real thing, not the same for when we are a kid, I sit at the front row of every meeting, I think that I am the only one event though I know I'm not.

Motion to recess for 5 minutes

Spangler-Day seconded by Representative Mohamoud

Sertovich: Pledging represents pledging to the country, this community does not represent the country but the student body, we only represent American student when in reality 10 percent of students are international. Would we bring our own flags and sing our own national anthem would that be appropriate, if it passed? We would pledge allegiance to flag of Oklahoma.

Gau: We are here to represent the student body's interest, when you vote, vote to what the majority of your constituents think about this bill, do they believe we need to get rid of the tradition? The major of my constituents would vote to keep the pledge here. My district along with many other is very representative of the OU community and would disagree with the passage of this resolution.

Merchant: As a woman of color, daughter of immigrant, minority, while you are thinking about bill, keep in mind LGBTQ students, immigrants, international students, women of color. Reflect on yourself and what it means to be a representative. The only reason I stand is cause I'm at the front where people can lose respect if they see me sit. Lauren talked about how we reflect on ourselves. Everyone on the opponency has one thing in common.

Lange: I am not a bible thumping red blooded American, I don't think the pledge offers much to the meeting. I have stood at the meetings. How is it that the practice induces harms it fails to solve them people are suffering? We are just changing a normative experience to a positive, people don't have common perception of author ship. If we are not seeing any harms, and it is not in bylaws, no problems are caused, nothing is solved, the option taken from those who want to. Those who feel ostracized to sit or stand, hold vast in your rebellion.

Tucker: Nowhere in the bylaws does it say that the pledge is to be recited, that doesn't mean that it is prohibited, this body in the past or present has once voted on saying the pledge, it is not something the body decided on. If the body wants to write it into the bylaws, we will see it. If you take away ideology it is simply something not in the bylaws, we as representatives need to reach out and see what our constituents actually want, many people who do feel uncomfortable sitting down.

Broadbent: As an LGBT citizen of the Cherokee nation, my family walked trail of tears into Oklahoma, whose land you are standing on. The author's lack of knowledge in consulting Native Americans and using racism against them to get rid of the pledge. In in certain tribal nations, schools just say the pledge, if you consider the pledge as racism, would you agree that voting is racism because People of Color are disenfranchised by voting, do you not give up power? Slave owners wrote the declaration and the constitution, do we consider this?

South: I am of the Choctaw nation. I have a quote: "Compromise where you can. Where you can't, don't. Even if everyone is telling you that something wrong is something right. Even if the whole world is telling you to move, it is your duty to plant yourself like a tree, look them in the eye, and say 'No, you move'"- Captain America, we have to think of the will of the constituents, the majority may not be in favor, simply because they think it's right, it must be right, simply because they may think it is right does not make it right. We need to stand on the side of justice because the arch of history will always stand on the side of justice.

Cowley: This is a resolution not a bill. I am standing here as a Cherokee nation citizen so let me discuss my personal experiences. When I was 8, being in the Cherokee nation in youth choir, I learned the pledge in Cherokee and star-spangled banner. We went to the veteran's hospital recite the pledge to them and I want to point out that no matter where something starts, it is about where it is continuing to go. The 400th anniversary doesn't mean what it is now. My great-grandmother was an English immigrant. It's what you do with what you have. Where we are going.

Stormer: This is a quote from Justice Stone in a case about the pledge, the very essence of liberty is what they shall think or say, but being forced or to make necessary creates a false sense of unity. Force compulsion does not create a sense of unity, pluralism is a real celebration of individuality. Saying that is something that you

just do does not justify doing it. I am the only straight right male on this side and have no problems standing but that does not mean I can't relate with my peers.

Marvin: To further clarify the incompatibility with the pledged under god conflicting 1st amendment, it can be argue to make a point to take it away, we are taking away our right to express our beliefs, I have the right to say nation under god just like someone else has the right to not say under god, I will say I do not support anyone calling them out in a negative way and no one should feel ostracized, you should not say anything negative. They should not feel left out because it is still their right. Making a point to take it away infringe of freedom of speech.

Heuser: You could remove every whereas statement after the first one but the resolution will still hold the same weight, just because it isn't in the bylaws doesn't mean it cannot be in the order of business, we have not had the chance to vote. How can we call ourselves a democratic body if we cannot vote. I want a chance to vote.

Lissau: To clarify democratic institution, we serve the people we represent, ignored the fact with the student body and that they would be okay with this. No one on the opponency wants to segregate the person sitting. We are not going to threaten you because that is your right. We want to create an inclusive environment. It is your right to do so and not to do so. We should be passing a resolution condemning what happened two days ago, not this.

Stack: No one voted in favor, we did not ask representative, how many people say this more times a week? I don't know it feels like representatives don't care what we do, what I do here, they don't care, and it is not the biggest concern. Karl Marx once said....

Emini: I am just going to say this to confront the accusation of everything one side has in common. I am a child of 2 immigrants, my parents came to America to have a better life, I am proud to say the pledge because my parents were not able to. If you feel the need to sit because of the pledge that is your right, you should not feel isolated because that is what you believe in. No one else's opinion should matter.

Miller: I am an active member in my tribe, I am also the Human Diversity chair. I talk to many constituents of color; the pledge does make them feel a certain way. It is oppressive. We do important things in 2007 before the pledge and will continue to be important in congress after this meeting. It is not in the bylaws, if you feel passionate in this, write it. This is divided enough as a body and it should not be here.

Papanicolaou: Just to mirror what Emini said, I am a son of family of immigrants, that flag means more to me than stars and stripes, it means hope and freedom, it is a choice to come to this nation, that flag is not just considered racism. It is a reminder of unity and everything else the country stands for.

Mohamoud: It is important to remember that African Americans did not come here by choice. It makes students uncomfortable. When I joined SGA, I felt uncomfortable because it is not welcome to everyone. I come from Somali and I am not a citizen, but it is not important for us to do something that is not required. I have my own freedom to bring my own life here.

Bridwell: Part of getting rid of pledge would be getting rid of the flag, but the flag serves as a symbol of the ideas of America and the men and women who fight for this country. It is important to me and many of us to have that remind of what our country has gone through. We all need to remember this.

Hillis: The pledge is not in bylaws, regardless of nationality, it is in violation of bylaws. It should be taken out just because of that. Do you guys talk to your constituents about auxiliary bills, or the voter registration bill? Just because we haven't talked to them doesn't mean they cannot call for it.

Ballew: I've lost family members in service of the flag, you have a choice, if you don't want to stand, that is what people died for you to have that choice. All I ask is that you give me the option to pay respect. We do not want to make anyone feel like they do not belong here or make them feel uncomfortable. The absence of the pledge would make me feel uncomfortable. I value that choice.

Spangler-Day: The question is not why we shouldn't, but why should we? This was not voted on, we did not consult our constituents 10 years ago when they put this in, why should the obligation be on us. I want to bring up a point about the symbolism of the flag, the beauty of political symbolism it is in the eye of the individual, to some it is nationality, but to others it is a bunch of negative things. The flag doesn't have to leave.

Garg: I am Person of Color from a diverse country, India. Diversity is sometimes respected and sometimes not, I also respect the freedom of expression the country provides, case study of India, 2014 government

made it mandatory for people to stand in the movie theater, but this action led to mob violence, arrests and people throwing them out. The US does allow for sitting but it could go the wrong way. The fact that it is being conducted in congress gives us some kind of pressure.

Schneider: Reiterate that this body doesn't not represent Oklahoma or the government. This body includes international students. We should not make them say the pledge to a country they do not belong to. I grew up in military bases, my family did not serve to be glorified through a flag, but they served for the freedom of expression.

Bouch: I know this has been a long night, I really just ask you to listen to the last two speeches. I want to lay the issues clearly before you, please keep an open mind. I want to start off with issue 1st amendment, supreme court cases when it violates the 1st amendment right, they have decided that everyone in the country has the right to sit. They may exercise that right if they do not wish to say the pledge. I don't think that under god while it may have been written with Christian backgrounds, in a modern context can be implied under Christian background. The pledge means something different to every individual. What the pledge means is entirely up to you. You have your own reasons for doing what you wish. The nature of the pledge has change throughout time, to provide more context to the research the author, the pledge was written by a socialist in a time when socialists were imprisoned, the original text of the pledge of allegiance was written "I pledge allegiance to my flag for which it stand" further, the other nations have pledges, Mexico, India, and Singapore have them. Texas schools are forcing students to say the Mexican pledge. Written by a socialist. 1923 words were changed to "my flag" were changed to "the flag of US" then "of America" added in 1942, after fall of Nazi, we removed the extension of the arm, because that salute did not mean the same thing because that is not what the salute wasn't meant to be. "under god" was put into the pledge because of the rise of socialism and atheism was bad and Christianity was good. The pledge has not been updated but our perception changed over time. Before 9/11 only schools said it. In Oklahoma 2014 it was required to say it once a week. After 9/11 it was seen as a rallying call. Citizens of not just US were killed. We started saying it because there was something bigger than ourselves. I can get up here and say this and that's my view of the pledge and I am willing to fight and die for this meaning. Someone else can say that the pledge and flag is a symbol of people who were never given those right. When you cast your votes remember what it is meant to be is a reminder of what you think liberty for all and justice truly is and when you sit down, that is a reminder of what should change. A lot has been said that it isn't in the bylaws and that is independently, and we should take it out. The mission statement is not in the bylaws that we say that. We shouldn't also say the mission statement because we haven't voted that. Don't say the mission statement and that it should be removed.

Hardt: Everyone is crazy, this isn't the flag, whether is it in the bylaws, not too. This has gone so long, it is 9:30, we are going to be here until 10.

Miller: I'll make this quick, many of the opponency, even though are people of color, they pass as white, which means you don't experience many of the same things other people of color do. The constituents don't care what we do. We are not against the flag, but we are against the pledge. I do also have family members who have served and died for the country. I do not equate the love for my family to the flag, the mission statement is applicable for what we were going. Think of the body, what it means to you does not mean the same to everyone else, but compassion and empathy for other is important enough.

Thompson: Thank you all, this is what I wanted to have I was tired of unanimous voted, we should be acting as such instead of passing things just to pass them. Different countries that have pledges, they are not a democracy and do not stand for freedom in the same way that we say. The Indian pledge was repledged in 2019 because of mobs and violence. While we do idolize veterans, we should support, and if you look it up, a lot of veterans are against the pledge of allegiance. Silence in the face of unjust is complicity in the face of the oppressor. There is a lot of people who are hurt more than helped with this. If we removed this, why would the cons care? Thank you for contributing.

Motion to move to a roll call vote
Representative Miller seconded by Representative Sertovic

Motion to see bill

Representative Thompson seconded by Representative Spangler-Day

CB-102-23 Appointing a Humanities Representative for the 102nd Session

Bouch: We saw this bill in committee of the whole. It's good.

Motion to move to roll call vote

Representative Gau seconded by Representative Thompson

Follow-Up Reports

Items for Future Agenda

Patton: I would like auxiliary 6

Announcements and Comments

Gau: Thank Gabbi for bill, I voted no but thank her and support her for spicy bill. I just wanted spicy in the minutes.

Patterson: So, recorded.

Miller: We still need tabling for Human Diversity please October 7th 9am-3pm.

Merchant: We had a reservation cancelled for next week.

Ballew: I resign effective immediately

Patterson: You guys are getting some absences with your hours, so please email me.

Thompson: Spectacular show of democracy grateful for all of you.

Gau: Justin norris and I are running for president and vice president

Papa: COSCO is planning RSO resourch swap, gonna be sweet

Harmon: thank you for all participating, great learning experience.

Miller sec stack

Final Roll Call

Adjourn

Chair: Emma DeAngeli

Vice Chair: Mahak Merchant

Secretary: Savanah Patterson

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CII
September 24, 2019

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-102-23

AS INTRODUCED

A Congressional Act of Procedure Appointing a
Humanities Representative for the 102nd Session;
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 “Humanities Appointment Act of Fall 2019.”

Section 2: Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to Appoint a Humanities Representative.

Section 3: Representative:

Humanities
Nathan Buxton

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

Author(s): Malachi Bouch, Chair of The Congressional Administration Committee

Co-Author(s): Congressional Administration Committee

Submitted on a Motion by:

Action taken by Congress

Verified by Chair: _____ Date: _____

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CI
September 24th, 2019

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GF19
September 22nd, 2019

CONGRESSIONAL BILL AB-102-07
SENATE BILL NO. GF19-08

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 5 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
African Women’s League	650			650
Game Developers Association	100			100
Medical Ethics and Issues Discussion Panel	200			200
Peruvian Student Association	500			500
Tabletop Gaming Club	45			45
TOTAL:				1,495

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 of the SGA Budget Committee

Co-Author(s): SGA Budgetary Committee

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

Action taken by Student Congress: 27-0-0

Verified by Chair of Student Congress: _____ Date: _____

Submitted on a motion by: Senator Howe seconded by Senator DuBose

Action taken by Senate: Passed by Unanimous Consent

Verified by Chair of Senate: _____ Date: _____

Approved by SGA President: _____ Date: _____

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CII
September 10th, 2019

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GF19
September 22nd, 2019

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-102-11
SENATE BILL GF19-04

AS INTRODUCED

An Act of Legislation implementing the Indigenous Land Acknowledgement Statement in SGA events; establishing Title XII of the Code Annotated; providing for short title, providing for codification, and providing for 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 “Indigenous Land Acknowledgement Act.”
- Section 2:** Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to implement an Indigenous Land Acknowledgement (ILA) statement as campus-wide introduction that shall be recited before designated events in order to honor the Indigenous community on campus as well as the rich American Indian heritage and history of our University and state.
- Section 3:** NEW LAW: A new chapter and Title is hereby established in Title XII of the Code Annotated to read as follows:

Title XII: Tribal Recognition
Chapter 1: Indigenous Land Acknowledgement

1. ILA Template

“Before we begin today, The Student Government Association would like to take a moment to honor and recognize the rich heritage and traditions of the land and its peoples on which we are gathered today.

Long before David Ross Boyd envisioned the University of Oklahoma, the land on which we gather today served as a site of meeting and exchange amongst many Indigenous peoples. Tribes such as the Caddo and Wichita and Affiliated tribes called

this land home long before the University of Oklahoma was established. Today, 39 tribal nations dwell within the state of Oklahoma as a result of policies that were designed to assimilate Native people and strip them of their diverse and sacred cultures and traditions.

This land acknowledgment statement is a public expression of gratitude and honor for the people who have been living on and cultivating this land from time immemorial. Today, many Native people represent their families and tribes from across the land as Indigenous students, faculty and staff here at the University of Oklahoma.

The Student Government Association/ Campus Activities Council/ Undergraduate Student Congress/ Graduate Student Senate would like to acknowledge that today...

We are visitors on this land.

We are thankful for the privilege and opportunity to be visitors. We would like to recognize all of our Indigenous people who are present today and honor them for allowing us to gather here with them.”

2. Requirements

- A. The Indigenous Land Acknowledgment shall be stated before the start of SGA events. SGA For the purpose of this Act, tabling on the South Oval should not be considered an event. Further exclusions shall be recurring meetings such as Undergraduate Student Congress Meetings, Graduate Student Senate Meetings, Executive Cabinet meetings, and any informal or formal committee or department that occur on a recurring basis.
- B. Events/ILA Destinations
 - i. State of the SGA
 - ii. OU SGA website
 - iii. CAC Events
 - a. Homecoming
 - b. Rah Rally
 - c. University Sing
 - d. Sooner Scandals
 - e. Soonerthon
 - f. State of CAC
 - iv. Appropriate settings at the discretion of the directing organization of the event.
- C. Appropriate statement formats
 - i. The ILA shall be stated orally, recorded and made into a video, or recorded audio. Wording should mimic this document, or be approved by the Office of Student Life for guidance on appropriate wording.

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

Section 5: Copies of this bill shall be sent to:

- Dr. David Surratt, Dean of Students and VP of Student Affairs
- Quy Nguyen, Director of Student Life
- Jema Esparza, Campus Activities Council Chair
- Preston Court, Campus Activities Council Advisor
- OU Daily

Author(s): Taylor Chiariello, co-Director of Inclusivity, Adran Gibbs, SGA President,

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

Jema Esparza, Chair of Campus Activities Council

Co-Sponsor(s):

Submitted on a Motion by: Representative Werdel seconded by Representative Garg

Action taken by Congress: 27-0-0

Verified by Chair of Congress: _____ Date: _____

Submitted on a Motion by: Senator Finkelstein seconded by Senator Soto Zambrana

Action taken by Senate: Passed by Unanimous Consent

Verified by Chair of Senate: _____ Date: _____

Approved by SGA President: _____ Date: _____

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION

September 24th, 2019

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-102-20

AS INTRODUCED

An Act of Procedure appointing the SGA Election Board Chair; providing for codification; providing for short title; and providing an effective date.

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

Section 1: This Act shall be known and shall be cited as the “Election Board Chair Appointment Act of 2019”

Section 2: Purpose: To appoint a Chair to the SGA Election Board

Section 3: Appointment: In accordance with Title IV, Chapter 6, Section 25, Subsection A of the SGACA “*The Election Chair shall be appointed by the SGA President with the advice and consent of the Legislative Branch,*” the following student shall be appointed as the SGA Election Board Chair:

- *Samuel Quick*

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

Author(s): Emma Ridenour, Chief of Staff of the Student Government Association
Emma DeAngeli, Chair of the Undergraduate Student Congress

Co-Author(s):

Co-Sponsor(s):

Submitted on a Motion by: Representative Thompson seconded by Representative Stack

Action taken by Congress: 26-0-0

Verified by Chair of Congress: _____ Date: _____

Submitted on a Motion by:

Action taken by Senate:

Verified by Chair of Senate: _____ Date: _____

Approved by SGA President: _____ Date: _____

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS

CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CII

September 22nd, 2019

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-102-21

AS INTRODUCED

A Congressional Act of Procedure Amending the Bylaws
in order to clarify parliamentary language; providing for a
short title; and providing for 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 “Parliamentary Clarification Amendment of 2019.”
- Section 2:** Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to Amend Section 3.1 Definitions, of the Undergraduate Student Congress Bylaws.
- Section 3:** All items removed shall be denoted with a strikethrough. All items added shall be denoted with an underline.

For the purpose of the SGA Undergraduate Student Congress meetings, the following definitions shall be regarded as the official definitions for the following items:

1. Amend: Inserting or deleting words or paragraphs or substituting whole paragraphs or resolutions.
2. Appeal Decision of the Chair: Appeal for the assembly to decide- must be made before other business is resumed. This is not debatable if the motion relates to decorum, violation of rules, or order of business.
3. Commit to Committee: The Chair will state the committee to receive the act or resolution.
4. Committee of the Whole: The assembly as a whole moves into a committee; this committee may limit number or length of speeches or close debate by other means by a 2/3 vote. Committee of the Whole is often used to see bills that may have been missed in committee but should, for some emergency or specific reason, be seen in that general meeting.
5. Consent: A motion by the body to adopt an act or resolution by unanimous consent. If an objection is heard by a voting member, consent is withdrawn.
6. Dilatory: Tactics used to delay or obstruct business, annoy the deliberative assembly, or delay consideration of a subject. Reasonableness is often used as a criterion deciding whether a motion is dilatory.
7. Divide the Question: Divides a motion into two or more separate motions (these motions must be able to stand alone as motions).
8. Long Title: Description of the legislation’s purpose and effects. This may include things such as the short title, providing for an effective date.
9. Main Motion: Brings the next item on the agenda before the assembly. Main motions are made while no other motion is pending.

10. On information: Generally, a question to the chair which can be redirected to the appropriate person to answer.
11. Orders of the Day: A call to adhere to the agenda (deviation from the agenda requires a suspension of the rules).
12. Parliamentary Inquiry: Inquire as to the correct motion-to accomplish a desired result or raise a point of order.
13. Point of Order: Infraction of the rules, or improper decorum in speaking. Must be raised immediately after the error is made.
14. Previous Question: Closes debate and moves directly into a roll call vote on the item being debated.
15. Providing for codification: A mandatory clause within the long title that authorizes amendments to governing documents to be integrated into the document.
16. Providing for distribution: A mandatory clause within the long title allowing for copies of resolutions and acts to be sent beyond the body.
17. Providing for an effective date: A mandatory clause within the long title specifying the date at which an act shall be implemented.
18. Providing for a short title: A mandatory clause within the long title authorizing a title by which an act shall be known.
19. Scrivener's error: Mistake by preparer of a document that results in intent of the parties being thwarted.
20. Short title: Formal name by which a piece of primary legislation may be cited.
21. Suspend the Rules: Allows a violation of the assembly's own rules (except those guidelines found in the SGA Constitution); the motion must include the reason for the suspension.
22. Table to a Certain Time Postpone to a Certain Time: State the time the motion or agenda item will be next seen.
23. Table Indefinitely Postpone Indefinitely: Ends discussion on the question/resolution for the remainder of the current legislative session.
24. Lay on the Table: To take an agenda item off of the agenda until a motion to take it off the table has been passed. The legislation will be taken off of the table exactly as it was laid on the table.

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

Author(s): Malachi Bouch, Chair of the Congressional Administration Committee

Co-Author(s):

Sponsor(s):

Submitted on a Motion by: Representative Gau seconded by Representative Papanicolaou

Action taken by Congress: 28-0-0

Verified by Chair: _____ Date: _____

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CII

September 24th, 2019

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-102-22

AS INTRODUCED

A Congressional Act of Procedure to amend
the Student Government Association Code Annotated,
Title IX – SGA Boards, Committees, and Commissions,
Chapter 8 – Student Environmental Coalition;
providing short title; and providing an effective date.

Whereas: The Student Environmental Coalition does not function as written in the student government code, and never has functioned as written in the code.

Whereas: The Code Annotated should accurately reflect the Student Environmental Coalition and how the committee is run.

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 “An Act Amending Title IX, Chapter 8, outlining the Student Environmental Coalition.”

Section 2: Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to amend the Student Government Association Code Annotated regarding the Student Environmental Coalition in order to accurately reflect the operations of the Coalition.

Section 3: AMENDATORY: Title IX, Chapter 8, is amended as follows. All additions are underlined and all deletions are marked with a strikethrough:

Title IX – SGA Boards, Committees, and Commissions
Chapter 8 – Student Environmental Coalition *459*

459 An Act Establishing the Student Environmental Coalition, CBN 980128, SBN GS17-26. Revised on: November 17, 2017.

40. Delegation Purpose

The SGA Student Environmental Coalition, “SEC,” will ensure that various environmental groups communicate well to accomplish goals in the most effective way possible and serve as environmental advisors to the campus at large.

41. Membership Requirements and Responsibilities

All students currently enrolled at the University of Oklahoma shall be eligible to submit applications. These applications shall be reviewed and interviews shall be held by the executive members. serve as a representative for any campus environmental initiative, RSO, or non-student organization. Faculty and staff are also eligible to serve on the coalition in order to speak for university-based initiatives. Students must remain in good standing with the University.

42. Officers

The officers of the organization shall be Chair, Vice-Chair, Communications Director, and Secretary.

a. Eligibility

Members of SEC in good academic standing will be eligible to run for office; the chair of SEC must have adequate time to devote towards stewarding the council.

b. Selection

SEC Officers will be elected by a majority vote ~~or consensus~~ of current SEC members ~~present~~. ~~Current SEC members shall be defined as members who have attended at least sixty percent of the meetings of the previous semester.~~

c. Term Length and Limit

All SEC Officers will be elected for one academic year. ~~With exception of the Chair, officers may serve for more than one academic year.~~

d. Responsibilities

The Officers will work closely with the SGA and, most importantly, the various Registered Student Organizations related to Environmental Sustainability to ensure the mission of SEC is actualized.

e. Vacancies

If a vacancy arises, an ad-hoc election will be held for the corresponding position. Until that election is held, the position immediately subordinate (Descending from Chair to Vice-Chair to Secretary to Director of Communications) will serve as the interim officer; if the Secretary resigns, the Director of Communications will assume those responsibilities. ~~an interim officer will be chosen by the current members of the SEC by majority vote or consensus. The coalition will decide how officer responsibilities will be transferred for the remainder of the academic year.~~

f. Officer Removal

The SEC shall have the authority to remove an officer with a simple majority with the advice and consent of the legislature.

43. Internal Proceedings

The Student Environmental Coalition shall establish rules of procedure for the internal operations for the organization. These rules shall be published and available to students upon request. Any proposed and adopted rule changes must be sent to the SGA President, Graduate Student Senate Chair, Chair of the Undergraduate Student Congress, and Campus Activities Council Chair.

44. Meetings

a. Meeting Times:

The Chair of the SEC shall establish meeting times for the full academic year ~~academic semester~~ by the third academic week of the fall ~~each~~ semester. The meetings shall be open to the public and are subject to the Oklahoma Open Meetings Act.

b. Attendance:

Members will be allowed two excused absences (outside of academic obligations) with prior notification to Chair or Vice-Chair. An unexcused absence without notification will count as strike, and after three strikes the membership will be under review.

~~The SEC shall function as a resource to members. Responsibility to attend shall be strongly advocated for by the officers. SEC members must attend at least sixty percent of the meetings in order to vote in officer elections.~~

45. Power and Authority

The SEC shall be empowered to create any such committees, boards, commissions, or other such entities that it deems are necessary to further its purpose.

46. Funding

The SGA Student Environmental Coalition shall be provided financial support through the Executive Branch.

47. Student Advisement

The SEC shall report to the SGA Vice President ~~Faculty Advisor~~ for advisement on major initiatives or changes.

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

Author(s): Gina Werdel, Biology Representative

Co-Author(s): Tess McGee, Associate, Julio Rojas, Associate, Zoe Douglas, Representative

Co-Sponsor(s):

Submitted on a Motion by: Representative Tucker seconded by Representative Spangler-Day

Action taken by Congress: 27-1-0

Verified by Chair: _____ Date: _____

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CII

September 24th, 2019

CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION NO. 102-08

AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution encouraging voter participation among the student body at the University of Oklahoma; providing for a short title.

- Whereas: The Student Government Association serves as the official voice of students at the University of Oklahoma; and,
- Whereas: The 2014 voting rate for students at The University of Oklahoma was 16%; and,
- Whereas: The 2016 voting rate for students at The University of Oklahoma was 48.6%; and,
- Whereas: The 2018 rate for students at The University of Oklahoma was 19.6%; and,
- Whereas: The voting rate for students at The University of Oklahoma between the 2016 presidential election and the 2018 midterms dropped by 29%; and,
- Whereas: Voting is a civic right and duty granted to citizens in the United States and is a fundamental pillar of our civic society; and,
- Whereas: Elections impact the direction of our government at local, state, and federal levels and especially impacts the University of Oklahoma as a public university; and,
- Whereas: The National Voter Registration Day is September 24, 2019; and,
- Whereas: The External Affairs Committee with the assistance and collaboration of the Carl Alberts Center held our annual Voter Registration Drive on National Voter Registration Day.
- Whereas: On the 2019 National Voter Registration Day, the Undergraduate Student Congress and the Carl Albert center registered 200+ students to vote at the University of Oklahoma.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS:

- Section 1:** The Undergraduate Student Congress recognizes the imperative role that voting has in our political system, and supports the efforts made by the Carl Albert Center at the University of Oklahoma.
- Section 2:** The Student Government Association encourages all eligible students to register and vote in the upcoming presidential and congressional elections on November 4, 2020.
- Section 3:** Copies of this resolution shall be sent to:
- Joseph Harroz Jr., President of the University of Oklahoma

- Adrian Gibbs, President of the Student Government Association
- The Carl Albert Center at the University of Oklahoma
- The OU Daily
- The Norman Transcript
- The Oklahoma Observer
- KOCO 5
- The Odyssey

Authors: Dalton Gau, Chair of the External Affairs Committee
Peter Hardt, Vice-Chair of the External Affairs Committee
Renata Emini, Social Sciences Representative
Taylor Broadbent, University College Representative
Lacey Lewis, Associate

Co-Author(s): Jakob Smethers, Associate
Sara Haugland, Communications Representative

Co-Sponsor:

Submitted on a motion by: Representative Gau seconded by Representative Stack

Action taken by Congress: 28-0-0

Verified by Chair of Congress: _____ Date: _____

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CII
September 24, 2019

CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-102-09

AS INTRODUCED

A Congressional Resolution to remove the flag salute from
the University of Oklahoma Undergraduate Student
Congress Agenda

- Whereas: In Section 6.2 of the Undergraduate Student Congress Bylaws, there is no flag salute in the Order of Business for General Meetings.
- Whereas: The flag salute began being included in USC agendas between 2008-2009 without any legislative action; and since has been carried on simply because it was there before.
- Whereas: The Pledge of Allegiance was first published in the September 8, 1892 issue of a weekly family magazine called the Youth's Companion.
- Whereas: This issue of the Youth's Companion was celebrating the National Public School Celebration of Columbus Day.
- Whereas: James B. Upham, marketing lead for the magazine, came up with this idea to instill a feeling of American nationalism in schools and sell flags to schools.
- Whereas: The Pledge of Allegiance led to the sale of 25,000 flags to schools and government offices in the U.S.
- Whereas: The Pledge of Allegiance was written for the 400th anniversary of Christopher Columbus' discovery of America, ignoring Columbus' occupation and abuse of natives and their land.
- Whereas: The Pledge of Allegiance is incompatible with the U.S. Constitution's First Amendment as pledging your allegiance to the flag of the United States as one nation under God conflicts to our rights to free exercise of religion, freedom of speech, and to petition the government for redress of grievances.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS THAT:

- Section 1:** Title: This resolution shall be known and may be cited as the "Sit Down Bill."
- Section 2:** Upon passage of this resolution, the University of Oklahoma Undergraduate Student Congress chair will be informed of the bodies majority decision to no longer include a flag salute in the weekly agenda.
- Section 3:** Copies of this resolution will be sent to:

- Emma DeAngeli, Chair of Undergraduate Student Congress

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Submitted on a motion by: Representative Stack seconded by Representative Heuser

Action taken by Congress: 15-11-1

Verified by Chair of Congress: _____ Date: _____

Session 102	General
Alpert, Lucy	x
Ballew, Matthew	x
Bell, Aspen	ex
Biškup, Emma	
Bridwell, Trey	x
Broadbent, Taylor	x

Buxton, Nate	x
Carson, Jada	x
Chism, Hennessey	
Cowley, Jori	x
Davydova, Daria	x
Douglas, Zoe	
Emini, Renata	x
Garg, Nishit	x
Gau, Dalton	x
Hardt, Peter	x
Haugland, Sara	ex
Heuser, Audrey	x
Hillis, Foster	x
Kolker, Sephra	x
Mayes, Mark	x
Miller, Lauren	x
Mohamoud, Abdifatah	x
Papanicolaou, Peter	x
Schneider, Caitlin	x
Sertovic, Adia	x
South, Crispin	x
Spangler-Day, Santana	x
Stack, Hunter	x
Thompson, Gabbi	x
Tucker, Emily	x
vonHartitzsch, August	ex
Wegrzynski, Abbey	x
Werdel, Gina	x
Wilson, Taylor	ex
	28
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Session 102	AB-102-07
Alpert, Lucy	y
Ballew, Matthew	y
Bell, Aspen	
Biškup, Emma	
Bridwell, Trey	y
Broadbent, Taylor	y
Buckston, Nate	
Carson, Jada	y
Chism, Hennessey	
Cowley, Jori	y
Davydova, Daria	y
Douglas, Zoe	
Emini, Renata	y
Garg, Nishit	y
Gau, Dalton	y
Hardt, Peter	y
Haugland, Sara	
Heuser, Audrey	y
Hillis, Foster	y
Kolker, Sephra	y
Mayes, Mark	y
Miller, Lauren	y
Mohamoud, Abdifatah	y
Papanicolaou, Peter	y
Schneider, Caitlin	y
Sertovic, Adia	y

South, Crispin	y
Spangler-Day, Santana	y
Stack, Hunter	y
Thompson, Gabbi	y
Tucker, Emily	y
vonHartitzsch, August	
Wegrzynski, Abbey	y
Werdel, Gina	y
Wilson, Taylor	
Yes	27
No	0
Abstain	0

Session 102	CB-102-11
Alpert, Lucy	y
Ballew, Matthew	y
Bell, Aspen	
Biškup, Emma	
Bridwell, Trey	y
Broadbent, Taylor	y
Buckston, Nate	
Carson, Jada	y
Chism, Hennessey	
Cowley, Jori	y
Davydova, Daria	y
Douglas, Zoe	
Emini, Renata	y
Garg, Nishit	y
Gau, Dalton	y

Hardt, Peter	y
Haugland, Sara	
Heuser, Audrey	y
Hillis, Foster	y
Kolker, Sephra	y
Mayes, Mark	y
Miller, Lauren	y
Mohamoud, Abdifatah	y
Papanicolaou, Peter	y
Schneider, Caitlin	y
Sertovic, Adia	y
South, Crispin	y
Spangler-Day, Santana	y
Stack, Hunter	y
Thompson, Gabbi	y
Tucker, Emily	y
vonHartitzsch, August	
Wegrzynski, Abbey	y
Werdel, Gina	y
Wilson, Taylor	
Yes	27
No	0
Abstain	0

Session 102	CB-102-20
Alpert, Lucy	y
Ballew, Matthew	y
Bell, Aspen	
Biškup, Emma	

Bridwell, Trey	y
Broadbent, Taylor	y
Buckston, Nate	
Carson, Jada	y
Chism, Hennessey	
Cowley, Jori	y
Davydova, Daria	y
Douglas, Zoe	
Emini, Renata	y
Garg, Nishit	y
Gau, Dalton	y
Hardt, Peter	y
Haugland, Sara	
Heuser, Audrey	y
Hillis, Foster	y
Kolker, Sephra	y
Mayes, Mark	y
Miller, Lauren	y
Mohamoud, Abdifatah	y
Papanicolaou, Peter	y
Schneider, Caitlin	
Sertovic, Adia	y
South, Crispin	y
Spangler-Day, Santana	y
Stack, Hunter	y
Thompson, Gabbi	y
Tucker, Emily	y
vonHartzsch, August	
Wegrzynski, Abbey	y
Werdel, Gina	y
Wilson, Taylor	
Yes	26

No	0
Abstain	0

Session 102	CB-102-21
Alpert, Lucy	y
Ballew, Matthew	y
Bell, Aspen	
Biškup, Emma	
Bridwell, Trey	y
Broadbent, Taylor	y
Buckston, Nate	y
Carson, Jada	y
Chism, Hennessey	
Cowley, Jori	y
Davydova, Daria	y
Douglas, Zoe	
Emini, Renata	y
Garg, Nishit	y
Gau, Dalton	y
Hardt, Peter	y
Haugland, Sara	
Heuser, Audrey	y
Hillis, Foster	y
Kolker, Sephra	y
Mayes, Mark	y
Miller, Lauren	y
Mohamoud, Abdifatah	y
Papanicolaou, Peter	y
Schneider, Caitlin	y
Sertovic, Adia	y

South, Crispin	y
Spangler-Day, Santana	y
Stack, Hunter	y
Thompson, Gabbi	y
Tucker, Emily	y
vonHartitzsch, August	
Wegrzynski, Abbey	y
Werdel, Gina	y
Wilson, Taylor	
Yes	28
No	0
Abstain	0

Session 102	CB-102-22
Alpert, Lucy	y
Ballew, Matthew	y
Bell, Aspen	
Biškup, Emma	
Bridwell, Trey	y
Broadbent, Taylor	y
Buckston, Nate	y
Carson, Jada	y
Chism, Hennessey	
Cowley, Jori	n
Davydova, Daria	y
Douglas, Zoe	
Emini, Renata	y
Garg, Nishit	y
Gau, Dalton	y

Hardt, Peter	y
Haugland, Sara	
Heuser, Audrey	y
Hillis, Foster	y
Kolker, Sephra	y
Mayes, Mark	y
Miller, Lauren	y
Mohamoud, Abdifatah	y
Papanicolaou, Peter	y
Schneider, Caitlin	y
Sertovic, Adia	y
South, Crispin	y
Spangler-Day, Santana	y
Stack, Hunter	y
Thompson, Gabbi	y
Tucker, Emily	y
vonHartitzsch, August	
Wegrzynski, Abbey	y
Werdel, Gina	y
Wilson, Taylor	
Yes	27
No	1
Abstain	0

Session 102	CB-102-23
Alpert, Lucy	y
Ballew, Matthew	y
Bell, Aspen	
Biškup, Emma	

Bridwell, Trey	y
Broadbent, Taylor	y
Buckston, Nate	
Carson, Jada	y
Chism, Hennessey	
Cowley, Jori	y
Davydova, Daria	y
Douglas, Zoe	
Emini, Renata	y
Garg, Nishit	y
Gau, Dalton	y
Hardt, Peter	y
Haugland, Sara	
Heuser, Audrey	y
Hillis, Foster	y
Kolker, Sephra	y
Mayes, Mark	y
Miller, Lauren	y
Mohamoud, Abdifatah	y
Papanicolaou, Peter	y
Schneider, Caitlin	y
Sertovic, Adia	y
South, Crispin	y
Spangler-Day, Santana	y
Stack, Hunter	y
Thompson, Gabbi	y
Tucker, Emily	y
vonHartitzsch, August	
Wegrzynski, Abbey	y
Werdel, Gina	y
Wilson, Taylor	
Yes	27

No	0
Abstain	0

Session 102	CR-102-08
Alpert, Lucy	y
Ballew, Matthew	y
Bell, Aspen	
Biškup, Emma	
Bridwell, Trey	y
Broadbent, Taylor	y
Buckston, Nate	y
Carson, Jada	y
Chism, Hennessey	
Cowley, Jori	y
Davydova, Daria	y
Douglas, Zoe	
Emini, Renata	y
Garg, Nishit	y
Gau, Dalton	y
Hardt, Peter	y
Haugland, Sara	
Heuser, Audrey	y
Hillis, Foster	y
Kolker, Sephra	y
Mayes, Mark	y
Miller, Lauren	y
Mohamoud, Abdifatah	y
Papanicolaou, Peter	y
Schneider, Caitlin	y
Sertovic, Adia	y

South, Crispin	y
Spangler-Day, Santana	y
Stack, Hunter	y
Thompson, Gabbi	y
Tucker, Emily	y
vonHartitzsch, August	
Wegrzynski, Abbey	y
Werdel, Gina	y
Wilson, Taylor	
Yes	28
No	0
Abstain	0

Session 102	CR-102-09
Alpert, Lucy	n
Ballew, Matthew	n
Bell, Aspen	
Biškup, Emma	
Bridwell, Trey	n
Broadbent, Taylor	n
Buckston, Nate	y
Carson, Jada	n
Chism, Hennessey	
Cowley, Jori	n
Davydova, Daria	
Douglas, Zoe	
Emini, Renata	n
Garg, Nishit	y
Gau, Dalton	n

Hardt, Peter	y
Haugland, Sara	
Heuser, Audrey	y
Hillis, Foster	y
Kolker, Sephra	n
Mayes, Mark	n
Miller, Lauren	y
Mohamoud, Abdifatah	y
Papanicolaou, Peter	n
Schneider, Caitlin	y
Sertovic, Adia	y
South, Crispin	y
Spangler-Day, Santana	y
Stack, Hunter	y
Thompson, Gabbi	y
Tucker, Emily	y
vonHartitzsch, August	
Wegrzynski, Abbey	y
Werdel, Gina	abs
Wilson, Taylor	
Yes	15
No	11
Abstain	1