

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS Session CIV

General Body Meeting

7:00 pm, Tuesday, October 13, 2020

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Roll Call 7:00pm

Mission Statement

Moment of Silence

Approval of Minutes

Chair's Report - Hey everyone,

My report is going to be a tad lengthy today. There are a lot of updates for you guys. Feel free to take notes. Today we had our VPAC meeting which is our Vice President's Advisory Council. This is a group of student leaders who get together and have conversations with members of student affairs and student life.

First in foremost, OU has a new OUPD chief of police his name is Mr. Tarver. He is so kind and I am looking forward to Congress fostering a relationship with him. We also have a new director of Esports as well as the OU debate team is now officially under Student Affairs which is really cool.

Second, updates for after thanksgiving break. As you all know, classes will be online, but there are a couple of logistic things happening in housing and with RSOs that everyone needs to be aware of. First OU housing is offering credit for those who wish to stay home after thanksgiving break for residents of the dorms, resident halls, and traditions east and west. This is an OPT-in process. They want us to stress the fact that if there is no action taken, OU will assume you want to remain in the housing and nothing will change. If you decide you want to opt into this process, there will be a credit added to your bursar account. If you are interested in pursuing this option but you want to know how much credit will be added, I have been told there is an addendum to the lease you signed saying how much credit you will receive. If you have any questions about this process, email Dr. Sharonda Maclin. Maclins@ou.edu There will be more information coming to students soon so please do not flood her inbox until you've read the emails and STILL don't understand.

For RSO's on the week of Nov29th-Dec5th in person events and programming will still be allowed, even after thanksgiving break. This is because the university operations will still be up and running even though classes are online. You must still follow OU's COVID policies.

For 6th-12th of DEC for dead week, exec and transition meetings may be held. Attendance may not be required and there will be no programming and events held that week. This is in line with policies in the past. You are allowed to host academic or honorary activities but you must email Quy from student life.

Finals week, like normal there will be no events or meetings.

For over the winter break, university operations will function like normal and RSOs can have events and programming following COVID policies on campus.

There is no more info about next semester, so if you are planning for events that take place in the spring, please plan as if there is still a pandemic.

There will also be a survey sent out to all students asking what kind of programming they would like to see from the university over winter break. I encourage EVERYONE who will be staying on campus to take the survey.

Speaking of survey, you all probably received an email from President Harroz recently about the campus climate survey. I cannot express how important it is to fill out this survey. This is a chance for administration to gauge the process of the diversity and inclusion office, so it is paramount that everyone take the survey. There will be more emails coming from this as well.

Finally: get your flu shot. Flu shots are being offered for free in a variety of places in Norman. It is very important especially this year to get your flu shot because we do not want to overwhelm our public health department with flu patients while we are handling COVID patients.

Vice Chair's Report – Hey y'all. This week we got access to the Instagram and we're going to start those campaigns soon.

Secretary's Report – Hi everyone! Hope you're all doing well. We're seeing the National Coming Out Day Resolution today, which I'm super excited about! Also, committee secretaries, be looking out for an email with me next week about mid-semester meetings, just so we can go over a few things and you can ask any questions you might have. Keep reaching out to your committee chairs for constituent service opportunities! I'll drop the link to the form at the end of this week. I know the end of the month seems far away, but it will be here before you know it.

Committee Reports-

- **Campus Outreach, Safety, and Concerns:** Light walk this month, led by my VC Allegra. I'll put a sign up in the GroupMe, it counts as a constituent service hour. The more people we have we can spread out a lot more with smaller groups. Turn up for transit will be online, we're thinking about an incentive program so people will come. Last year we had pizza, so maybe we'll have a giveaway so people will come. There's a GroupMe between committees about Goddard. Talking to OU IT about students who need access to Adobe when we go back online. Some students have online classes now and need access to Adobe products now. You can go into Gaylord and use the computers, but some students can't go in. We haven't had a suggestion in the box since August, so send it to your constituents. A lot of suggestions now come from Congress members, which is great, but I want more interaction with the suggestion box. Promote that to your RSOs and friends. Light Walk October 26th.
- **Congressional Administration:** We didn't meet this weekend, but we had Code Club, which happens every week. Seeing legislation this week.
- **External Affairs:** Currently working on international video project regarding how citizens voting impacts them. EA registered over 1000 new voters last month. Last day to request absentee ballot coming up soon. You can turn it in in person until November 2nd at 5pm. Early voting at Cleveland

County Fairgrounds Oct 29-31. I can help you find your early voting place. OU College Dems co-hosting a panel with Senator Mary Boren and Emily Virgin which represents OU's district. Also, sign up to be poll workers!

- **Human Diversity:** Didn't meet this weekend. Your grades don't define you. Study hard, but take time for self care and how far you've come this semester. Keep going. Project updates, really good ideas for the newsletter. We're finalizing the date for Friendsgiving with Second Wind. Also, form to sign up for the menstrual product drive. We'd love to see collaboration on that.
- **Sustainability:** Cool stuff right now. Campus lighting with COSCO, reducing unnecessary light usage. We're doing data collection with COSCO. Ideas about landscaping and making that more sustainable, early stages. Talking to Sarah Ballew about that. We're looking into plastic use at on campus restaurants. Got new info a few hours ago. Social media campaigns, relating to what is Susty, what efforts on campus, and what can you do. Trash walk this Sunday at Lake Thunderbird. Come get your service hour. Working with EA on that on collab with the City of Norman. Also, legislation on university's environmental commitments, lot of research there though.
- **University Policy:** Projects are in correspondence with administration. Email back from Dr. Miller at university counseling. They've already hired two new counselors. Also, Therapy Assistant Online, which gives students resources to therapy techniques and self-help. That can be used in the meantime to an appointment. Looking to see when that will be widely available. Pass/no pass, met with Faculty Senate Monday. Productive meeting, mostly receptive to the idea. Provost and Vice Provost more hesitant, but we're continuing conversations with them. Bill next week in UPol with our policy recommendation on pass/no pass. Come to UPol if you want to give comments on the bill.
- **Ways and Means:** Hi, we saw aux 5. Rec of do pass.

Liaison Reports

Tucker: Succulent planting from community garden today at 5pm! Went very well, good speaker about planting in small spaces as well as free succulents. Also, Write Club this Thursday at 8:30pm on Zoom.

Special Orders

CAC Swearing In Ceremony

Spigner: This process has been exhausting, but it's just the start of this amazing journey. I'm excited to work with all y'all to flourish.

Student Concerns

Lange: Emily's roommate came to SEC about TerraCycle, which works with difficult to recycle items. I thought that would be interesting to inform people of. Someone came to an SEC meeting with an idea.

Merchant: Rape awareness week this week. Greek houses had banners, but a lot of those got stolen. That's not cool.

Old Business

Items to Be Considered

CR-104-13 National Coming Out Day Resolution of 2020 (Tucker/Harman/Maxey) (Exec, Do Pass)

Representative Nath seconded by Representative Marvin

Tucker: Hi, National Coming Out Day Resolution of 2020. Caitlyn and I are really excited to present this.

Origin of coming out day was 1987 March on Washington for Gay and Lesbian Rights. Recognizes progress made, but there's still a lot of work to be done, especially for trans and nonbinary people. Also condemns LGBTQ+ violence. Details more specific acts of violence in our state and federal government. Passed GSS with unanimous consent, 13 senators, the VC, and the Secretary all sponsored it.

Harman: We'll accept a friendly from the body with co-sponsors. Send me a private message with your name and position. Everyone is welcome to co-sponsor bills.

Nath: Co-sponsor?

Harman: Yes.

AB-104-07 Auxiliary Allocation 5 Act of 2020 (Patton) (WAM, Do Pass)

Representative Buxton seconded by Representative Marvin

Patton: Aux 5, saw 6 applications, but it's only 4 organizations. Let me know about questions.

Nath: Reading through WAM minutes, and there was some confusion about Hacklahoma. What was that?

Patton: Fiscal only starts last year. They came to us as a new organization, but we remember seeing them in 2018. They didn't have fiscal. Maybe they reregistered without that same fiscal. We were excited they did it right this time, but it didn't change anything about our decision.

Patterson: Robotics club 3 apps?

Patton: That's just how they submitted it, that's how they did it last year too.

Follow-Up Reports

Hillis: True Democracy NOW passed GSS. Also, Civic Participation Act passed GSS.

Items for Future Agenda

Patton: Aux 6.

Marvin: Bylaws on Light Walks for COSCO.

South: Pass/no pass resolution.

Announcements and Comments

Tucker: Thank you to everyone who helped on the coming out day resolution. I'm working on a research project right now about a lawsuit at OU from the 1970s, where Student Congress refused to recognize the Gay Activist Alliance. Looking at that research and being able to be a gay woman in Student Congress now and being able to pass this resolution unanimously is really heartwarming seeing how far we've come.

Broadbent: Yesterday was Indigenous Peoples Day. There was an undue amount of hate that occurred yesterday from people outside the university towards indigenous students here. Please check up on your indigenous friends. That hate didn't need to happen. Look into who you're voting for. Your vote does matter, and if who you're voting for uses hate speech, that's hate speech towards your friends. Please remember that.

Nath: Little Event this weekend, so thank you so much for volunteering towards the community. Wonderful to see so many student volunteers.

Final Roll Call

Adjourn 7:48pm

Representative Marvin seconded by Representative Buxton

Chair: Savanah Patterson

Vice Chair: Malachi Bouch

Secretary: Emily Tucker

Session 104	General
Alpert, Lucy	x
Angstadt, Kennedy	x
Broadbent, Taylor	x
Bryant, Maegan	x
Buxton, Nate	x
Carmona, Ismael	x
Chenevey, Brandon	x
Cotton, Chad	x
Dobson, Jessica	x
Douglas, Zoe	x
Few, Kendall	x
Flaggert, Jayke	x
Garg, Nishit	x
Grebe, Jordan	x
Harman, Caitlyn	x
Hillis, Foster	x
Hong, Anna	x
Kerr, Susan	x
Kevric, Hanna	x
Lange, Jake	x
Lewis, Lacey	x
Loayza, Robert	x
Long, Matt	ex
Lynskey, Graeson	x
Marvin, Alexis	x
May, Sidney	x
Mayes, Mark	x
Merchant, Mahak	x
Miller, Summer	x

Mojekwu, Peace	x
Murdock, Max	x
Nath, Joy	x
Roberts, Lauren	x
Rosen, Ashley	x
Smail, Taylor	x
Stormer, Sam	x
Thomas, Christopher	x
Tucker, Emily	x
Present	37
Absent	0
Excused	1

Session 104	CR-104-13	AB-104-07
Alpert, Lucy	y	y
Angstadt, Kennedy	y	y
Broadbent, Taylor	y	y
Bryant, Maegan	y	y
Buxton, Nate	y	y
Carmona, Ismael	y	y
Chenevey, Brandon	y	y
Cotton, Chad	y	y
Dobson, Jessica		
Douglas, Zoe	y	y
Few, Kendall	y	y
Flaggert, Jake	y	y
Garg, Nishit		y
Grebe, Jordan	y	y

Harman, Caitlyn	y	y
Hillis, Foster	y	y
Hong, Anna	y	y
Kerr, Susan	y	y
Kevric, Hanna	y	y
Lange, Jake	y	y
Lewis, Lacey		y
Loayza, Robert	y	y
Long, Matt		
Lynskey, Graeson	y	y
Marvin, Alexis	y	y
May, Sidney	y	y
Mayes, Mark	y	y
Merchant, Mahak	y	y
Miller, Summer	y	y
Mojekwu, Peace	y	y
Murdock, Max	y	y
Nath, Joy	y	y
Roberts, Lauren	y	y
Rosen, Ashley	y	y
Smail, Taylor	y	y
Stormer, Sam	y	y
Thomas, Christopher	y	y
Tucker, Emily	y	y
Yes	34	36
No	0	0
Abstain	0	0

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SENATE SESSION GF20
October 11, 2020

CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-104-13
SENATE RESOLUTION NO. GF20-22

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution recognizing National
Coming Out Day 2020; and providing for
distribution.

- Whereas: National Coming Out Day was founded on the second anniversary of the 1987 March on Washington for Gay and Lesbian Rights by Richard Eichberg, renowned psychologist, and Jean O'Leary, a gay rights activist who believed awareness should be raised for the LGBTQ+ community and the civil rights movements¹;
- Whereas: The American Psychological Association, in line with National Coming Out Day founder Richerd Eichberg, adopted policies in 2016 to include demographics of sexual orientation and gender identity²;
- Whereas: Adopting such policies presents and allows visible data on a national level for sexual and gender minorities that went previously underrepresented, and such data informs areas like policy decisions and federal funding which holds wide impact for individuals³;
- Whereas: Historically, LGBTQ+ individuals have faced violence and discrimination simply for being who they are;

¹“National Coming Out Day History.” LGBTQ+ Resources. George Mason University, 2017.
<https://lgbtq.gmu.edu/programs-services/national-coming-out-day/>.

²“National Coming Out Day.” American Psychological Association. American Psychological Association, 2013.
<https://www.apa.org/pi/lgbt/resources/coming-out-day>.

³ *Ibid*

- Whereas: In recent years, the LGBTQ+ community has achieved many victories such as marriage equality⁴ and an end to legal employment discrimination;⁵
- Whereas: However, LGBTQ+ individuals still face unjust discrimination in housing, adoption, health care, and places of public accommodation;⁶
- Whereas: According to the Trevor Project, LGBTQ+ youth, especially transgender and nonbinary youth, are more likely to have considered suicide in the past;⁷
- Whereas: According to the Human Rights Campaign's 2018 report on anti-transgender violence, factors that contribute to this disproportionate rate include lack of family acceptance, discrimination in health care, and a hostile political climate;⁸ and
- Whereas: In light of these still-present inequalities, it is important now more than ever to continuously affirm and recognize the LGBTQ+ community through proactive policies, organizations, individual affirmation, and other additional efforts.

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

- Section 1:** This resolution shall be known and may be cited as the “National Coming Out Day Resolution of 2020.”
- Section 2:** The University of Oklahoma’s Student Government Association recognizes the members of the LGBTQ+ community at the University of Oklahoma as well as historical moments such as the 1969 Stonewall Riots in Greenwich Village, New York City that sparked the movement for full equality and an end to discrimination and violence.
- Section 3:** The University of Oklahoma’s Student Government Association affirms LGBTQ+ individuals in all stages of coming out and recognizes both individuals who are able to live openly as well as those who cannot for their own safety.
- Section 4:** The University of Oklahoma’s Student Government Association fully condemns all acts of violence and stigmatization against the LGBTQ+ community, including physical violence, legislative violence, and institutional violence.

⁴ *Obergefell v. Hodges*, 576 U.S. 644 (2015)

⁵ *Bostock v. Clayton County, Georgia* 590 U.S. __ (2020)

⁶ *Masterpiece Cakeshop v. Colorado Civil Rights Commission*, 584 U.S. __ (2018)

⁷ “Research Brief: Suicide Attempts among LGBTQ Youth of Color.” The Trevor Project, November 26, 2019. <https://www.thetrevorproject.org/2019/11/26/research-brief-suicide-attempts-among-lgbtq-youth-of-color/>.

⁸ Lee, Mark. “Dismantling a Culture of Violence: Understanding Anti-Transgender Violence and Ending the Crisis.” Human Rights Campaign, 2018. https://assets2.hrc.org/files/assets/resources/2018AntiTransViolenceReportSHORTENED.pdf?_ga=2.242498626.177765193.1601656674-1902235311.1600283801.

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

- The Gender and Equality Center
- The LGBTQ+ Student Alliance
- Out in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics
- University of Oklahoma Department of Women & Gender Studies
- President Joseph Harroz
- Frederick Redwine and Lindsey Kanaley, co-chairs of Freedom Oklahoma
- Governor Kevin Stitt
- Senator James Lankford
- Senator Jim Inhofe
- The OU Daily
- The OU Nightly

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Senator Theo Rusmore, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry
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Submitted on a motion by: Representative Nath seconded by Representative Marvin
Action taken by Congress: 34-0-0

Verified by Chair of Congress: _____ Date: _____

Submitted on a motion by: Senator Israel, seconded by Senator Donahue
Action taken by Senate: Passed by Unanimous consent

Verified by Chair of Senate: _____ Date: _____

Approved by SGA President: _____ Date: _____

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CONGRESSIONAL BILL AB-104-07
SENATE BILL NO. GF20-19

AS INTRODUCED

An act relating to appropriations; providing for short title; stating purpose; appropriating Auxiliary Funding for the 2020-2021 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 2020-2021”

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 Consulting Prep		325		325
Hacklahoma	200			200
Sooner Off-Road		700		700
OU Competitive Robotics Club		500		500
OU Competitive Robotics Club		200		200
OU Competitive Robotics Club		100		100
TOTAL:				2025

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 7, 2021

Section 6: All unspent money remaining in the accounts listed in Section 3 shall revert to the SGA General Account after May 7, 2021, 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 Buxton seconded by Representative Marvin
Action taken by Student Congress: 36-0-0

Verified by Chair of Student Congress: _____ Date: _____

Submitted on a motion by: Senator Israel, seconded by Senator Machette
Action taken by Senate: Passed by unanimous consent

Verified by Chair of Senate: _____ Date: _____

Approved by SGA President: _____ Date: _____