

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



**UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
Session CIV**

General Body Meeting

7:00 pm, Tuesday, November 3, 2020

**<https://oklahoma.zoom.us/j/96159309031?pwd=c2c1WDMyNGk3TXBuYVMzSXZjUEcwUT09>
Passcode: 74296497**

Call to Order 7:00pm

Roll Call

Mission Statement

Moment of Silence

Approval of Minutes

Representative Nath seconded by Representative Carmona

Chair's Report - Hey everyone!! Happy Election Day!!

I'm going to try and make this as quick as possible but there are a couple of important things to mention before hand.

In Big Exec we talked about a bunch of things but mainly programing for the next couple of days. There are many events and activities all over campus and online where students can practice stress mitigation, they can have emotional and intellectual conversations post elections. Catch me doin some yoga in between classes. Please repost the graphics that were sent in the GroupMe not to long ago on all your social media to get the word out to students.

Also, Big Exec has also informed me that we are to be having no conversations about funding outside of meetings. The main reason we have to abide by the open meetings act is because we handle the student activity fee. So technically, any mentioning of funding or plans to fund or defund need to be had on the record. Ways I suggest this are to attend WAM and Exec committee meetings and speak during general discussion.

Speaking of open meetings act. As some of you probably know. The part of the law that allows us to meet via teleconference is running out. This means that if something doesn't change, we HAVE to meet in person on

Nov 15th and Dec 1st. We are allowed to have zoom participants for associates or guests, however, all voting representatives would need to be able to make this meeting.

I share the sentiment that this is in NO way ideal. I do not want to do anything that limits the accessibility of our meetings but I need your help. EA Chair Broadbent and I have drafted a letter to send to Governor Stitt. This letter will be sent out with the minutes tonight. Please email this to him using your OU email. We also have volunteers who will be delivering letters to the capital so if you are interested in helping that way please contact Emily. It really is all hands on deck at this point. We need the Governor to issue an executive order if we want anything to change. I have been in contact with OSU and Broadbent has been in contact with UCO who are also going to be sending this letter. OSU is going to forward it to some of the smaller universities as well.

That is all I have for you today!

Vice Chair's Report - We met with Sooners Helping Sooners yesterday and talked about getting students on their board to decide where funding goes from that program, they mentioned some potential roadblocks, but the conversation is going to continue with Dr. Surratt. Representative Buxton and Vice President Gau attended. I'm proud of you all for exercising your rights and doing your civic duty in voting, especially in a year where it has been made so difficult. I'm proud of SGA and the University of Oklahoma for declaring election day a instructional holiday, and I hope that in the future our dedication to making the right to voting as accessible as possible, for everyone involved, continues. I want to shout out the External Affairs committee for all of their hard work this election season and congratulate them on registering a record number of students. And I want to emphasize the importance of making your voice heard. As the youth of this country, we play a vital role in determining what condition in which we shall inherit it, and I believe we should all take that responsibility very seriously and work towards a society that accepts all people and guarantees their rights, rather than one where we cast them into doubt.

Secretary's Report - I hope you all voted today. Whatever the outcome, if you need to talk about anything after the election please reach out. I've had really productive meetings with some of our lovely committee secretaries this week. I just have three left now, so I'll be reaching out to them soon. As for the letter about teleconferencing and the OK Open Meetings Act, if you write this letter, please send me a screenshot or a picture of the letter if you're having it hand delivered and I will count that as your constituent service hour for the month.

Committee Reports:

- **Campus Outreach, Safety, and Concerns:** Our light walk yesterday went great. If you have any lights that were out, please email me. We spoke to the student about the pre-pharmacy changes and we are looking at our next steps on how we can adapt that program. We are looking into security cameras and conversations with OUPD regarding bike theft on campus. One of my members will be writing some legislation or graphics about Adobe. Another member is working on graphics for an anti-littering campaign that came from the suggestion box. We are pushing TUFT until next semester. We should be sending out the survey about gym surveys soon and we are still working on questions for the Goddard surveys. My members are working with members of HD to host an OU Global Connections event with international students and Congress. We are continuing to work on looking at lights in buildings with Susty.
- **Congressional Administration:** CB-104-22 rec of do pass.
- **External Affairs:** Election Day watch party immediately following congress look for the link from @Rachel Koch. Template for the Letter to the governor lobbying on behalf of extending the

amendment to Oklahoma Open Meetings Act will be emailed to you to fill in and send to him. Thank you all for your civic engagement! Shoutout to my committee for all their hard work this election cycle.

- **Human Diversity:** For Friendsgiving, we have sent and received additional contacts from Lauren Miller, Director at Second Wind. Today, I reached out to the leadership of Frist Presbyterian to see if we could establish location there again this year. Other locations are being looked into; a google form was sent out to committee for additional organization of food. We will be working on a graphic soon.

In terms of the Newsletter, I asked and will be contacting Jake Lange, Susty Chair on collaboration with Susty about environmental justice or environmental conservation. We are hoping to draft this newsletter throughout the remainder of the semester and roll it out next semester.

For the Goddard project, we are still finding the student concern (it is out there somewhere, we just need to find it). Otherwise, we will be continuing research and hoping to see progress on that project.

Menstrual Product Drive is live! We have three different organizations that are a part of the drive. If you know more, please let Mahak know or reach out using the google form she created. The drive is from November 1st to the 24th.

In terms of Legislation, we will be writing and collaborating on National American Indian/Alaska Native Heritage Month. I sent out an email this afternoon to various organization leaders. I am hoping to set up a zoom time with all later this week. New members will be looking to work on this to allow them experience with writing legislation (yay!).

The GroupMe for the project between COSCO, HD & other members of Congress regarding International Student Meeting Space has been created! It is being known as OU Global Connections, if you are interested in the project, please let me or Audrey Dao know! We are hoping to meet within the next week to discuss ideas and further steps!

- **Sustainability:** We had a short meeting this week in the wake of last week's power issues. No new project ideas have really been brought up, but everyone is working on something, specifically with regard to campus lighting, plastic use, a Game-Day Trash Pickup event, social media content, oil divestment legislation, working with administration on sustainability education for RA's and tour guides, and working with Norman water quality and OU Tree Fest. Thanks!
- **University Policy:** Most of our projects are talking with people in administration. Working on resolutions commending resources from GEC so students know resources available. No way to change actual Title 9 policy but we can let people know what their options are. Resolution soon once we hear back from Goddard to use the Therapy Assistant Online. It can be a beneficial thing for students especially if they can't get in immediately to see a counselor. Both of those we're coordinating with GEC and Title 9 office.
- **Ways and Means:** We had aux! Thanks for voting. :)

Liaison Reports

Special Orders

Student Concerns

Old Business

CR-104-14 Pass/No Pass Policy Recommendation of 2020 (South) (Exec, Do Pass)

Representative Nath seconded by Representative Harman

South: Hello, we've already seen this bill. Slight edit in GSS to emphasize that graduate students are going to be included like they were last semester. Five words were changed.

Items to Be Considered

CB-104-22 An Act Appointing 2020-2021 SGA Election Board Members (Nees) (ConAd, No Rec)

Representative Buxton seconded by Representative Grebe

Nees: This is self explanatory, we're appointing 2020-2021 election board. Application through ENGAGE and interviews from myself and Chief of Staff. Three appointees, I'll let them talk more about themselves.

Kabrnick: I'm a fifth year, pre-law. Served as liaison to Congress with HCSA. Associate in Congress, worked with George on elections and other things. I'm a big rules junkie, I like democracy and fairness.

Lauffer: Excited to work for the election board this year.

Nath: Econ and linguistics major. Interested in this because I like democracy and this is the only place international students can vote, some of us can't even vote at home. I want to help give students their voice.

Buxton: Why was Joy Nath allowed to sit on the debate panel without being first confirmed by Congress?

Nees: This bill was meant to be passed weeks ago. The board members have been acting in an unofficial capacity. Last night, he wasn't performing an election task. There's no rule pertaining to who can serve at the debate.

AB-104-09 Auxiliary Allocation 7 Act of 2020-2021 (Patton) (WAM, Do Pass)

Representative Miller seconded by Representative Nath

Patton: Aux 7. Questions, ask.

Follow-Up Reports

Harman: Student concern about AISA getting emails from a journalism class, they're talking with them, I may hear more on Thursday.

Halsey-Kraus: Farewell OrgSync passed GSS!

Harman: Garg emailed Frank Henry, we may reach out again.

Items for Future Agenda

Patton: Aux 8.

Announcements and Comments

Kerr: Blood drive next week. Anyone tested positive for COVID, get them to come.

Patterson: Get your flu shot.

South: Flu shots in Jenkins tomorrow.

Bouch: Announce that today marks 100 years of women being able to vote in the United States.

Final Roll Call

Adjourn

Representative Few seconded by Representative Nath

Chair: Savannah Patterson

Vice Chair: Malachi Bouch

Secretary: Emily Tucker

Session 104	General
Alpert, Lucy	abs
Angstadt, Kennedy	x
Broadbent, Taylor	x
Bryant, Maegan	x
Buxton, Nate	x
Carmona, Ismael	x
Chenevey, Brandon	ex
Cotton, Chad	abs
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	x
Lynskey, Graeson	x
Marvin, Alexis	ex
May, Sidney	x

Mayes, Mark	abs
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	30
Absent	5
Excused	3

Session 104	CR-104-14	CB-104-22	AB-104-09
Alpert, Lucy			
Angstadt, Kennedy	y	y	y
Broadbent, Taylor	y	y	y
Bryant, Maegan	y	y	y
Buxton, Nate	y	y	y
Carmona, Ismael	y	y	y
Chenevey, Brandon			
Cotton, Chad			
Dobson, Jessica	y	y	y
Douglas, Zoe	y	y	y
Few, Kendall	y	y	y
Flaggert, Jake	y	y	y
Garg, Nishit		y	y
Grebe, Jordan	y	y	y
Harman, Caitlyn	y	y	y
Hillis, Foster	y	y	y
Hong, Anna		y	y
Kerr, Susan	y	y	y
Kevric, Hanna	y	y	y
Lange, Jake	y	y	y
Lewis, Lacey	y	y	y
Loayza, Robert	y	y	y
Long, Matt	y	y	y
Lynskey, Graeson	y	y	y
Marvin, Alexis			
May, Sidney	y	y	y

Mayes, Mark			
Merchant, Mahak	y	y	y
Miller, Summer	y	y	y
Mojekwu, Peace	y	y	y
Murdock, Max	y	y	y
Nath, Joy	y	y	y
Roberts, Lauren	y	y	y
Rosen, Ashley	y	y	y
Smail, Taylor	y	y	y
Stormer, Sam	y	y	y
Thomas, Christopher	n	y	y
Tucker, Emily	y	y	y
Yes	30	33	33
No	1	0	0
Abstain	0	0	0

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CIV
October 20, 2020

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GF20
October 25, 2020

CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-104-14
SENATE RESOLUTION NO. GF20-26

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution recommending the University of
Oklahoma adopt policy for the Fall 2020 Semester; and
providing for distribution.

- Whereas: The ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic poses unique risks and challenges which have significantly altered higher education;
- Whereas: On October 6, 2020 the University of Oklahoma announced a transition to all online classes for the three weeks remaining after Thanksgiving Break;
- Whereas: The University of Oklahoma adopted a policy in Spring 2020 which allowed classes to be graded on a Pass/No Pass basis;
- Whereas: The Pass/No Pass policy for the Spring 2020 Semester was put in place to mitigate academic harms that occurred due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and its ramifications, all of which are entirely out of the direct control of individual students;
- Whereas: Students across all Academic Districts have experienced and continue to experience academic harm due to the COVID-19 Pandemic;
- Whereas: Students have been forced to take on additional non-academic responsibilities, such as childcare, job searches, and working more to meet financial needs;
- Whereas: Students have individually reported poor mental health as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic, consistent with expert expectations regarding mental health;¹
- Whereas: The aforementioned challenges, along with an online learning environment which is new to students and faculty alike, have produced a fundamentally altered academic experience;

¹ http://www.oudaily.com/news/ou-medicine-expert-details-covid-19-pandemics-effects-on-mental-health-anxiety/article_a22bb6a2-025d-11eb-9a52-272712524bd9.html

Whereas: A recent student petition calling for a Pass/No Pass option has gathered over two thousand nine hundred signatures as of October 11, 2020;²

Whereas: Determined in consultation with the Faculty Senate, A Pass/No Pass option where a letter grade of D is considered a Pass may do more harm than good for the academic careers of students, particularly in classes considered as prerequisites for other classes;

Whereas: A Pass/No Pass option where a C or greater is considered passing will still offer students some academic relief, mitigating COVID-19 related harms outside of their control;

Whereas: The University of Oklahoma has the opportunity to be a leader among Universities across the nation in adopting a Pass/No Pass option for the Fall 2020 semester.

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

Section 1: Title: This resolution shall be known and may be cited as the “Pass/No Pass Policy Recommendation of 2020.”

Section 2: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association recommends that the University of Oklahoma adopt a Pass/No Pass grading policy for the Fall 2020 semester for the entire student body.

Section 3: Such a policy ought to be identical to the Spring 2020 Pass/No Pass policy for sake of consistency, with the single exception that at the Undergraduate level, all grades of C or higher be convertible to a Pass, while grades of D or lower be convertible to a No Pass.

Section 4: Students should be aware that in order to qualify for the President’s and Dean’s Honor rolls, they must retain a minimum of 12 letter graded credit hours. Undergraduate Students should also consider the consequences of opting in to a pass/no pass system with regard to graduate school applications, as some graduate schools will not accept pass/no pass grades and appeal processes to reverse the decision are cumbersome and not guaranteed. Before making a decision, Veteran students and dependents should consult the Veterans Affairs office to determine potential effects on tuition, fees, and housing stipends.

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

- President Joe Harroz, Jr.
- Interim Provost Jill Irvine
- The University of Oklahoma Board of Regents
- Dr. Amy Bradshaw, University of Oklahoma Faculty Senate Chair

² <https://www.change.org/p/ou-students-change-ou-grading-policy-to-pass-fail-for-the-fall-2020-semester?redirect=false>

- OU Daily
- OU Nightly

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 Savannah Patterson, Chair of the Undergraduate Student Congress
 Nathaniel Buxton, Humanities Representative

Co-Sponsor(s): Taylor Broadbent, External Affairs Chair
 Foster Hillis, Congressional Administration Chair
 Jake Lange, Sustainability Chair
 Emily Tucker, Secretary of the Undergraduate Student Congress
 Lucille Alpert, Physical Sciences Representative
 Ismael Carmona Casado, Business Representative
 Zoe Douglas, Atmospheric and Geographic Sciences Representative
 Kendall Few, Communications Representative
 Jayke Flaggert, University College Representative
 Anna Hong, Languages Representative
 Susie Kerr, Life Sciences Representative
 Hanna Kevric, University College Representative
 Robert Loayza, Communications Representative
 Graeson Lynskey, Fine Arts Representative
 Summer Miller, University College Representative
 Max Murdock, Social Sciences Representative
 Joy Nath, Social Sciences Representative
 Lauren Roberts, University College Representative
 Taylor Smail, Accounting and Finance Representative
 Jessica Bennet, Associate
 Weslie Griffin, Associate
 James Swafford, Associate

Submitted on a motion by: Representative Nath seconded by Representative Harman
 Action taken by Congress: 30-1-0

Verified by Chair of Congress: _____ Date: _____

Submitted on a motion by: Senator Akoneto, seconded by Linsey
 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 XX
October 20, 2020

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GF20
October 25, 2020

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-104-22
SENATE BILL GF20-28

AS INTRODUCED

An Act of Legislation appointing 2020-2021 SGA Election
Board members; providing for short title, 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 “An Act Appointing 2020-2021 SGA Election Board Members.”

Section 2: Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to appoint student members to the 2020-2021 SGA Election Board.

Section 3: In accordance with Title IV, Chapter 6, Section 25, which delineates the appointment process for students on the Election Board, the following students shall thus be appointed:

- Isaac Kabrick
- Beau Lauffer
- Joy Nath

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

Author(s): Peyton Nees, SGA Election Chair

Co-Author(s): Renata Emini, SGA Chief of Staff
Melissa Maxey, Chair of Graduate Student Senate

Co-Sponsor(s):

Submitted on a Motion by: Representative Buxton seconded by Representative Grebe
Action taken by Congress: 33-0-0

Verified by Chair of Congress: _____ Date: _____

Submitted on a Motion by: Senator Mallick, seconded by Senator Bonine
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 CIV

November 3rd, 2020

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GF20

November 8th, 2020

CONGRESSIONAL BILL AB-104-09
SENATE BILL NO. GF20-XX

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 7 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
BRASO	100			100
International Advisory Committee	195.75			195.75
LatinArte	210			210
Black Graduate Student Association	480			480
Campus Activities Council	3950			3950
Second Wind Ministries		1100		1100
Miracle Mindset College Access Program	1500			1500
TOTAL:				7,535.75

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 Miller seconded by Representative Nath

Action taken by Student Congress: 33-0-0

Verified by Chair of Student Congress: _____ Date: _____

Submitted on a motion by:

Action taken by Senate:

Verified by Chair of Senate: _____ Date: _____

Approved by SGA President: _____ Date: _____