

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS  
Session CIV

General Body Meeting

7:00 pm, Tuesday, September 15, 2020

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**Roll Call 7:01pm**

**Mission Statement**

**Moment of Silence**

**Approval of Minutes**

**Representative Buxton seconded by Representative Murdock**

**Chair's Report** - Hi everyone! Thank you to all who joined us on Sunday for orientation. I hope that was helpful for all the new members and informative for older members in attendance.

A couple things: Next week, I will be having conversations with big exec about the comms director position. The project is going longer than anticipated but that is okay. We are taking it slower because this is something we really want to get right the first time. Also next week during special orders, Foster Hillis, Conad chair will be presenting the True Democracy Now bill (the election reform). This way you all can ask questions instead of making the meeting with the bill presentation unnecessarily long.

Lets move onto this week! Dr. Bratzler will be coming in around 8pm today. So we will skip him for now and come back to him when he jumps off the call. I want to reiterate, please be respectful and welcoming to our guests who take the time out of their evening to be here with us.

We are also seeing 3 pieces of legislation today and for the first time we get to see what committee of the whole is to all the new members!!

Lastly, a couple logistic things. To increase engagement, I will only be recognizing motions, questions, and all speaking if cameras on are. If you camera is off, I will not recognize you. Finally, if you are leaving the meeting at any time please let Emily Tucker know. It is important that everyone stay for the entire meeting

**Vice Chair's Report** - Orientation went well! And don't forget to apply to be on PR committee, application closes at midnight

**Secretary's Report** – Hi everyone! Just to reiterate a few things from orientation for anyone who wasn't there – make sure that you're letting me know if you're going to be absent from Congress, let me know by noon CST the day of. If you're going to be absent from committee, let me, your committee chair, and your committee secretary know by noon Sunday. If you accumulate four absences, I am forced to write an expulsion bill and I really don't like doing that! Everyone needs a constituent service hour every month – a

couple of you have submitted your September hour, so thank you very much! Everyone else, I'll send out the Google Form around two weeks from now so you can log it.

### **Committee Reports-**

- **Campus Outreach, Safety, and Concerns:** This Sunday we talked about our projects this semester regarding online or in person events. We talked about renovations at the gym as well as surveys on Goddard and childcare. We had concerns from the suggestion box about the mask mandate with concerns and the football game. We talked about the golf carts and if it would be used especially now.
- **Congressional Administration:** First, if you're confused during the meeting, please ask questions. If you're confused others are too. Just unmute your mic and ask for a parliamentary inquiry. I'll answer, but Savannah will have the final say. We're starting Code Club, which will be so much fun. We'll learn about the governing docs. It will be at 3:30 on Sundays. It's a great way to start learning about our documents. I highly suggest new members to come as it is important to learn about the governing documents. I'll send more info in the GroupMe. We saw the Expulsion Reform Act with a Rec of Do Pass. Sec. Tucker will present. During her author's explanation, I'll be the secretary, so be slow in asking questions. I'm fast at typing, but minutes are different. If you could repeat your name when you are speaking, that'd be helpful.
- **External Affairs:** We saw CR-104-10, Rec of Do Pass. Sept 22 Voter Registration Day on the Walker Adams Mall. Constituent service hour. College Republicans hosting Q&A with Mayor David Holt in Farzaneh or Zoom. College Democrats presentation party on Zoom.
- **Human Diversity:** This Sunday we met with prospective members. Our thing Sunday was a write session with the HASA president. The bill is about Hispanic Heritage Month starting today. Sept 15-Oct 15. Other things, newsletter to OU students. Friendsgiving, contacted with IAC president. How we can put on the event safely to have the event or something similar.
- **Sustainability:** This week we reviewed ongoing older projects and newer ones. Social media campaign on public health and sustainability, research by next week. Also, trash walk this Sunday. More proper statement in the GroupMe this week. We want people to go with their households in case you can't make it with Susty. One new member thought about single use plastics in on campus restaurants. Excited to work with new members.
- **University Policy:** Sunday we didn't see legislation. Answered questions about the year and the projects from members interested in the committee. We're seeing appointment bill tonight, so excited for that. We'll have project assignments next week.
- **Ways and Means:** First meeting. We saw aux 1. We'll see it with aux 2 next week. Excited to meet new members and have a good committee and keep going.

### **Liaison Reports**

Tucker: OU Write Club 8:30 virtual!

Harman: OU Pre-law society has meeting tomorrow to discuss officers. Link on canvas for pre-laws.

Buxton: Student Advisory Council for MLLL meets Friday. Any suggestions, let me know and we can talk to faculty about that.

Merchant: GEC has program next week for HASA. Menstrual product drive November. Anyone interested in donating let me know!

Yanez: OIL has second meeting of the year on Zoom. Moot court, government, should be fun! OU Dems having a powerpoint party on Wednesday on Zoom.

### **Special Orders**

- [Dr. Dale Bratzler, OU Chief COVID Officer](#)

Bratzler: We had low growth in cases in June, but now we've had increases. In the past few weeks we've plateaued. Part of the reason for the increase is that the Health Department has changed the way they're including tests, including antigen tests. 7 day rolling average of new cases, trending upward, not significantly so. We have antigen tests in the mix. About 900 new cases in the state per day. Top cases are Tulsa, Oklahoma, Cleveland, Payne counties. Payne is much smaller than Cleveland County. Cleveland, 108 cases today. Spikes first or mid of the

week. For the Norman zips, 64 cases today. Around 40 on average daily for Norman zips. Tests positive percentage in the state, 9.5% positive cases. Lowest May 24<sup>th</sup>, only 1.8% positive in the state. Data that put Oklahoma in the red zone on the WH Task Force, last week 10% tests positive. 4.5% percent positive at Goddard last Friday. Cate testing, 3.8% positive. None of this is random or population based – students who decide to get a test done. Hospitalizations in the state is another factor – 458 positive cases, half of those in ICU.

This virus is contagious. No one has immunity. Most spread is by being in close contact to a person and not wearing a mask. Inhaling droplets from someone else's mouth. Just talking, droplets come out of your mouth. Simple cloth masks are very effective at stopping droplet spread. Some data showing that if you're infected, inhaling a smaller viral load gets you less sick. Looking at hotspots, they're gyms, restaurants, bars, places of worship. At health science center, almost no health care worker to patient transmission. About 10% infected at workplace due to breakrooms. No confirmed cases due to classroom exposure on campus. Wearing a mask and physical distancing substantially reduces person to person transmission of the disease.

A lot of us were disappointed by the fan activity at the football games, but no one should be surprised. There's no vaccine or supplements that will prevent transmission. Only thing we have is physical distancing, hand hygiene, and wearing a mask.

Garg: Thank you for your time. What's the ability of surface transmission? How much caution should we have touching surfaces?

Bratzler: Early on there was concern about surface contamination. The CDC has downplayed that as a risk factor, not a common mode of transmission. Probably has a lower viral load than breathing in the droplets from someone else's mouth. I can send a YouTube link that shows how breathing droplets in works. I don't discount enhanced disinfection. We have sanitizer wipes and ask students to wipe down desks. I don't think it's the principal mode of transmission for the virus. For primary aged children, it might be a bigger issue.

Buxton: Thank you for coming. A lot of students might get a call from the Health Dept about contact tracing, so we take antigen tests. I'm worried about the reliability of these tests.

Bratzler: I was a strong proponent of reporting positive antigen tests. If you get a positive, you have COVID. They do have a high false negative rate. If you develop fever and a cough and your antigen test is negative, you can't rule out COVID-19. It's not the gold standard. In Goddard and Cate, we're using OU Medicine lab for PCR testing. We always have the results within a day.

South: Thank you for being here, it's very helpful. How would you anticipate with people not following guidelines on game days to affect how the university moves on this going forward?

Bratzler: I haven't talked to the president yet. Talked to others. I was very up front. I told the leadership after the game that we needed to take some action showing we're going to enforce policies especially in the stadium. I don't know if there'll be an outbreak. When a person gets infected, usually it takes 2-3 days before you shed virus at all, so you're not infectious. Younger people are less likely to get symptoms, but it's usually 5.5 days. If we're seeing an outbreak from game day, I wouldn't expect to see much for the first week. If you're exposed and get the test done in first 3-4 days, it might be negative.

Bryant: Instead of trying to test every student at OU, wastewater tests have been done. How has that gone?

Bratzler: Researchers had already started doing it. It's been done in the past for things like ebola. Early warning sign of an outbreak. Biggest challenge is that we're testing buildings, most of them have low rates. You'll hear more about higher rates near the end of the week. Why aren't

we testing everyone? The tests we have are almost \$100 a test. It's 2.5 million dollars per week. I think we'll have low cost tests we can do more frequently in the future. Abbott has a test that is \$5 per test. We're on the waiting list. The government stepped in early for nursing homes. We need a sensitive, inexpensive test we can do frequently. We want to do more testing. When we find areas with higher rates of transmission, we'll randomize students to get a true idea of how many are infected. We have the capacity to do 400-500 tests per day at the Cate Center.

Chenevey: I worked on contact tracing in the summer. What records is OU keeping to facilitate contact tracing?

Bratzler: Work with the Cleveland County Health Department done to contact trace. We didn't have the authority to do contact tracing. Someone from the Health Department can call and contact people. We have a contract with the Health Department to give Goddard that authority. All info goes into FIDO. Following state process. If faculty wants to know why you're not in class, that may be violation of privacy rights.

Garg: Apolitical question, but concerns about Governor Stitt saying he doesn't need a mask because he had corona. Is that argument valid?

Bratzler: You do have some immunity after COVID-19. Stitt was an antibody donor. For several months people can antibodies. But everyone thinks that recovered COVID patients have immunity, but only 2 cases in the world and infected a second time. They had a different COVID-19 virus.

Alpert: One of my constituents wondered about policies in place or options for administration to sanction students about mask or distancing violations?

Bratzler: Not the right person to answer that. University can enforce student code, but I don't know the legal authority. We need to do something to make people understand that we're serious about the mask mandates. We're having those conversations about better enforcement. Visited stadium, there's a camera everywhere.

Lange: Thank you for coming. Sustainability chair. Since surface transmission is low, but should we dispose of things in contact with virus or not?

Bratzler: Studies early on that virus might last on hard surfaces from 2-3 days. Droplets dry out and lose viability. Not everything should be thrown out. You can wash things. Be careful when you remove things. Hotels dealing with COVID patients just disinfect and wash.

Buxton: We're seeing uptick on campus. Is there any facet for the university to track hospitalizations?

Bratzler: I'm not aware of any hospitalizations. If you don't fill out the screening form, we wouldn't know if you're tested off campus. Students live off campus. I don't know of any. We don't know a lot about students who never sent a screening form or test results. Nationally, hospitalization rate in your age group is low. 20% of people in hospital went to ICU, 10% ventilator, 2.7% died. Denominator is very small. Big difference between older person and younger person.

South: What's the risk level for students with jobs on campus like dining halls?

Bratzler: Risk in campus dining is small if you're wearing a mask. Some jobs like handling food, I'm assuming they have you wearing gloves. Gloves create a false sense of security. If you don't do hygiene before the gloves, it's still contaminated. If you're indoors it's a greater risk. In cafeterias people take off their masks to eat. If you work there, you should keep your mask on.

Walls: I have friends exposed in classes who quarantined. Their professors have not been accommodating with distanced learning. Posting notes, but they can't get all the information. University policy that they provide distanced learning? If not, what can students do to remedy that?

Bratzler: We don't quarantine people exposed in class because you're six feet apart and wearing a mask. It's mostly roommates. More contacts from off campus housing than on campus housing. About instructors, if you've been quarantined for two weeks, we haven't had a good way to notify professors. There's no rule about distanced learning, but accommodations are required. That's been what Jill Irvine and Mark Morvant have been working on to tidy up that process. We don't know about the spring semester, if there should be both an online and in person option. If you have concerns about accommodations, I've intervened for a few students. Bouch: Army ROTC, we've had several positive cases in our workouts. Students sometimes get tested other places. What level of cases will OU go online?

Bratzler: We're making data driven decisions. We don't want to shut the whole campus down like spring. We're looking at isolation capacity, where people are infected, individual classes where there's absentee rate because of COVID. No complete shutdown of the university but a phased approach. If we see a residence hall that's a problem should we close the hall. More cases off campus than on campus housing. Some classes difficult online like labs. We're trying to be aware of those so students can meet graduation requirements. We review the dashboard and other metrics every day. CDC recommendations. If you test positive, you can come back 10 days after first positive or 10 days after first onset of your symptoms.

Harder: I have all in person classes. Coming into the classroom, when it's time for dismissal, everyone leaves at the same time due to close contact. Wondering if there's anything OU can do to slow contact during dismissal?

Bratzler: I'll raise that with the leadership tomorrow. Close contact is explicitly defined as more than 15 minutes within 6 feet of a person. We're not isolating anyone from class because classes don't meet that definition. You don't get the virus from casual interaction with another person. Your point is a good one.

Hillis: Towers have used in room air purifiers. It wasn't the same for residential colleges or Traditions. Why did the towers get air purifiers but not other housing locations?

Bratzler: I can't answer that completely. In the newer buildings, they were able to upgrade HVAC systems better than the towers. Some couldn't tolerate higher efficiency filters. Unable to make as many changes to HVAC in the towers. They weren't just putting those in because of COVID. I haven't seen anything saying that those purifiers reduce infections. There might be less bacteria in a room, but not infections. In res colleges, it's impossible to be around people without masks. I'm not convinced that HVAC system changes will make a difference. Wearing a mask is the most important. I asked early in the semester that high risk people be accommodated with single rooms.

Weslie: About students told to self-isolate, I was wondering what the university can do about enforcing self-isolation since we could have left, and no one would have known.

Bratzler: Anyone doing contact tracing knows that getting people to stay home for quarantine is difficult. Breakdowns in communication early on, Health Department said you could go shopping. They meant you could do pick up but not public. As best you can, stay away from others and wear a mask. I don't think the university is unique here. We're not like China or North Korea that we put ankle bracelets on and track your every move. In China, they've eliminated the virus but were very totalitarian.

Harman: Many universities have policies that after Thanksgiving it will be online. Is that happening at OU?

Bratzler: It's a discussion ongoing. The Board of Regents were reluctant to decide too early. If I were betting, I would bet we wouldn't come back after break, but I can't read President Harroz's mind.

Garg: Follow up on previous question, how strongly would you encourage a positive case to wear a mask?

Bratzler: If you're on campus, you have to wear a mask. We don't know how long infections last. Only two people in the world who have a second infection. We'll enforce the policy until a vaccine is available.

Garg: What are guidelines for international students to follow for air travel?

Bratzler: Official policy about international travel has changed. No isolation anymore. USA has highest cases in the world aside from India and Brazil. If you've traveled anywhere else you don't have a bigger chance of getting it. In air travel, there's higher transmission. If people breathe around you, people are breathing in droplets. Don't take your mask off.

Buxton: Talked to students who are RAs or student workers. They have PPE concerns and hazard pay concerns. Any thoughts about that?

Bratzler: Discussion on HSC campus. We didn't do hazard pay. We were challenged with PPE early on. We haven't seen any health care workers infected by patients. There's not much PPE required, mask is the biggest thing and hand hygiene. I don't know what other PPE others think they need. Wearing gloves is good, but hand hygiene before and after wearing gloves.

South: Insight into coordination between OU and City of Norman?

Bratzler: Emergency operations council in Norman I'm a member of. We talk to them routinely. Talked to the mayor. I get a report from Norman every day. Putting the mask mandate in place. We're trying to coordinate with them. The university is a huge economic driver for Norman. They want the business of the university. The university wants to keep campus open. We're a community within a community. We're working with them closely. I didn't think 75% was a big enough capacity in the bars and we should have conversations about how we enforce. I don't know the mask mandate is being enforced enough.

- Committee of the Whole - Buxton sec Harman
  - o CB-104-15 An Act Establishing Committee Membership for Session 104

**Representative Buxton seconded by Representative Carmona**

Patterson: This is the bill establishing committee membership. Old members moved around, but most everyone underlined is new. FA. Joy Nath to ConAd. Barrett Engler to EA. Take off Jorge Carvalho from UPol.

Broadbent: FA striking Engler from WAM and adding him to EA.

Patterson: Yes.

Harman: FA removing Santana Spangler-Day from HD.

Patterson: After he formally resigns, then yes.

South: Removing Jorge Carvalho from UPol?

Patterson: Yes.

Patton: FA moving Joy Nath from WAM to ConAd?

Patterson: Yes.

Hong: FA removing duplicate of Kiara Kincaid from EA?

Patterson: Yes.

## **Rec of Do Pass**

**Representative Buxton seconded by Secretary Tucker**

**Move out of COTW**

**Associate Sudler seconded by Associate South**

**Student Concerns**

Virtue: I've noticed it's taking 3 weeks to get into Goddard for counselling. Anything we can do to get people help?

Patterson: UPol.

South: COSCO is also looking into this. It's a big thing we've looked into since last semester. We'll address it somehow this semester.

Broadbent: UPol and EA, but there are indigenous remains at the Sam Noble as well as all Big Twelve universities.

Hong: Goddard goes by emergencies so sometimes you can get it that day or week. They're working on getting another counselor in the future.

Bryant: I'm a PTA for Gateway. Any way we can get disposable masks in classrooms on campus? I have to run to Wagner to get some if they forget.

Patterson: COSCO.

Griffin: Initiative for voter registration. Wondering if we're going to help out of state voters with mail in ballots. Also, today we have Dr. Bratzler. Big OU Daily article about the conditions in the quarantine areas. We could ask him about that.

Patterson: EA voter registration.

Broadbent: We have national voter registration forms. Anyone can register on campus, and Carl Albert's Center can send it in. EA will see absentee ballot resolution next week.

South: Conditions in trads might be a good question for Housing and Food.

## **Old Business**

### **Items to Be Considered**

CB-104-15 An Act Establishing Committee Membership for Session 104

#### **Representative Buxton seconded by Representative Angstadt**

Patterson: This is the same bill we saw in COTW.

Chenevey: Are new members going to be added to the GroupMes?

Patterson: All links will be sent after this. Only join your chat.

CB-104-07 Expulsion Reform Act of 2020 (ConAd, Tucker) (Do Pass)

#### **Representative Nath seconded by Representative Murdock**

Tucker: the main idea of this is to update how we expel people. In the past, we have had the process of expelling people de facto, however expelling people for life is not inclusive especially if they have a bad semester or anything. This will have a three step process, first time is wait a semester (but treated like a new member to congress), second time is wait a semester but only as an associate, the third is for life (because it would be their 12<sup>th</sup> absence) but there is a check if the exec committee allows it.

Lange: for the ease of procedure, why didn't we just make it with your 10<sup>th</sup> absence in the one semester would be an expulsion.

Tucker: it's the 4<sup>th</sup> absence, not the 10<sup>th</sup>, I think it is a good amount because it has worked in the past. From personal experience seeing the 4<sup>th</sup> absence would show us that you are not invested.

Buxton: reps have voting privileges, would you accept a FA to changing if they can come back as an assoc.

Tucker: many districts have low turnout, so if we restrict reps coming back, the pool just isn't big enough to have enough people run

Alpert: does this do anything about past reps or associates, would this allow those members?

Tucker: we will use this as precedent. Anyone who has applied would be grandfathered in

Buxton: Taking your concerns into consideration, would you accept reps to not be elected?

Tucker: if they are appointed, it's not democratic, so the voters wouldn't know. Also, people that have been appointed have to run again automatically.

Griffin: are there any other grounds for expulsion other than attendance?

Bouch: yes, you can check out the bylaws

Merchant: how do you keep records of expulsion

Tucker: Savannah wrote a bill last session that has all of that info, it will be a new tab of the spreadsheet

Hong: in section I, says "if a committee officer" are you going to change that to congress officer to stay in line with the bill?

Tucker: yes, I need a FA for that

Almahdi: did GC look at this bill?

Tucker: no they didn't

Ahmadi: are you concerned that this might conflict with the constitution

Hillis: no

Buxton: if we have a FA that would say the body needs to vote on them coming back, is it against the constitution?

Hillis: friendly's need to be written before presented, I do think it would be unconstitutional if we do have that additional requirement.

Buxton: well if it's a 2/3 vote to expel, why don't we have a 2/3 to bring them back?

Hillis: that's more unconstitutional if we reject the will of the voters and if we reject the superior court's decision

Taylor: would you be open to sending this back to Conad, for GC opinion?

Tucker: if more members are open to that, we can move it to committee

### **Representative Taylor seconded by Representative Broadbent Motion to move back to committee**

### **Suspend the rules, go back in time, special orders Representative Chenevey seconded by Representative Buxton**

#### CR-104-10 National Voter Registration Day Resolution of 2020 (EA, Lewis/Rosen) (Do Pass)

#### **Representative Nath seconded by Representative Harman**

Lewis: Resolution for Voter Registration Day. Encourages voter participation for the university. First whereas clauses examine the data collected and how we'll use it. We want to see students voting. Duty of voting in society. Collaborating with the Carl Albert's Center for National Voter Registration Day. Encouraging students to vote November 3 2020.

Hillis: FA fixing reference in the fifth whereas clause?

Lewis: Yes.

Buxton: FA about where in the bylaws it gives EA the power?

Broadbent: Foster's FA citing the Bylaws.

#### **Follow-Up Reports**

South: Mask Up OU passed GSS. Not heard if the president has signed yet. We'll keep waiting on it. Good news.

Nath: Involving international students for voter registration?

Broadbent: We could make voter guides about how voting affects international students.

Lange: Reusable container program. Reached out to Housing and Food. They're interested in it broadly. Earliest time next fall, and no time or resources currently for it. All groundwork, no funding allocated. If the circumstances are good it could be next fall.

Hillis: Updating body on CAC election bill. Not signed by president but passed by GSS.

Broadbent: CR-104-09 passed GSS Sunday.

Tucker: If you want to talk about my bill and give comments, come to ConAd Sunday.

Hillis: Sec Tucker reminded me about ConAd. Seeing two of three election reform. Huge bills, very important. True Democracy Now presentation next Tuesday. Come to ConAd. CB-104-11. CB-104-10. Two supplemental bills for main election reform. Come to ConAd to make amendments. Code Club 3:30 at Price.

#### **Items for Future Agenda**

Harman: HD.

#### **Announcements and Comments**

Broadbent: EA Price 3030. Zoom option.



Buxton: Two. First, about hazard pay bill. Talked to student workers and RAs. If you have experiences or suggestions for the bill talk to me. This week or next week in UPol. Going off of what Nath said, if we're asking for volunteers for anything, in the Constitution, it says everyone is a member of SGA. Everyone can help with these things. We've always looked for more involvement.

Harman: Two things. Chair, thank you for having Dr. Bratzler speak. Also, thank you to Secretary Tucker. Shout out to Malachi for orientation.

**Final Roll Call**

**Adjourn 9:22pm**

**Representative Harman seconded by Representative Merchant**

Chair: Savannah Patterson

Vice Chair: Malachi Bouch

Secretary: Emily Tucker

<b>Session 104</b>	<b>General</b>
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	ex
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	ex
Marvin, Alexis	ex
May, Sidney	x
Mayes, Mark	x
McGee, Tess	x
Merchant, Mahak	x
Miller, Summer	x
Mojekwu, Peace	x
Murdock, Max	x
Nath, Joy	x
Roberts, Lauren	x
Rojas, Julio	abs
Rosen, Ashley	x
Shabangu, Veli	abs
Smail, Taylor	x
Stormer, Sam	ex
Thomas, Christopher	x
Tucker, Emily	x
Virtue, Haley	x
Whitehead, Luke	abs
Present	36
Absent	3
Excused	4

<b>Session 104</b>	<b>CB-104-15</b>	<b>CB-104-07 (Sent back to committee)</b>	<b>CR-104-15</b>
Alpert, Lucy	y		y
Angstadt, Kennedy	y		
Broadbent, Taylor	y		y
Bryant, Maegan	y		y

Buxton, Nate	y		y
Carmona, Ismael	y		y
<b>Chenevey, Brandon</b>	y		y
Cotton, Chad	y		y
Dobson, Jessica	y		y
Douglas, Zoe	y		y
Few, Kendall			
Flaggert, Jake	y		y
Garg, Nishit	y		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		y
Loayza, Robert	y		y
Long, Matt	y		y
<b>Lynskey, Graeson</b>			
Marvin, Alexis			
May, Sidney	y		y
Mayes, Mark	y		y
McGee, Tess	y		y
Merchant, Mahak	y		y
Miller, Summer	y		y
Mojekwu, Peace	y		
Murdock, Max	y		y
<b>Nath, Joy</b>	y		y
Roberts, Lauren	y		
Rojas, Julio			
Rosen, Ashley			y
Shabangu, Veli			

Smail, Taylor	y		y
Stormer, Sam			
Thomas, Christopher	y		y
Tucker, Emily	y		y
Virtue, Haley	y		y
Whitehead, Luke			
<b>Yes</b>	35	0	33
<b>No</b>	0	0	0
<b>Abstain</b>	0	0	0

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS  
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CIV  
September 15th, 2020

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-104-15

AS INTRODUCED

An Act of Procedure establishing committee membership;  
providing short title; and providing an effective date.

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

**Section 1:** This Act shall be known and may be cited as “An Act Establishing Committee Membership for Session 104.”

**Section 2:** APPOINTMENT. The Following Persons shall be appointed to committees:

**Congressional Administration**

Foster Hillis - Chair  
Emily Tucker – *ex officio*  
Robert Loayza  
Julio Rojas  
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Taylor Moore  
Abby Halsey-Kraus  
Ryan Saldana  
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Eileah Hale  
Loc Vu  
Bailey Ownby  
Daken Milligan  
Coy Taylor  
Corbin Walls  
Dylan Murrell  
Joy Nath

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Jessica Dobson  
Mahak Merchant  
Kennedy Smith  
Kennedy Angstadt  
Brandon Chenevey  
Jessica Bennet  
Yaneth Munoz

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**Section 3:** This Act shall become effective when passed in accordance with the SGA Constitution.

**Author(s):** Savanah Patterson, Undergraduate Student Congress Chair

Submitted on a Motion by: Representative Buxton seconded by Representative Angstadt  
Action taken by Congress: 35-0-0  
Verified by Chair: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS  
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CIV

15 September, 2020

CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. CB-104-07

AS INTRODUCED

A congressional act establishing a procedure for formerly expelled members of the body to reenter the body, providing for a short title, providing for codification, and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT ASSOCIATION:

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

**Section 2:** Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to establish a way in which formerly expelled members may reenter the body and to prevent a de facto expulsion for life upon a single expulsion.

**Section 3:** AMENDATORY: Section 4.5 of the Undergraduate Student Congress Bylaws is amended as follows. For the purposes of this bill, all items removed shall be denoted with a ~~strike through~~. All items added shall be denoted with an underline.

**Section 4.5: REMOVAL FROM MEMBERSHIP**

1. ATTENDANCE RECORDS

- a. Attendance is ultimately the responsibility of each individual member
- b. In order to assist members with keeping track of their attendance and to inform constituents, the Student Congress Secretary shall weekly publish a list with the number of excused and unexcused absences each member has accrued.

2. EXPULSION FROM STUDENT CONGRESS

- a. A member of ~~of Congress or committee officer~~ may accrue three (3) unexcused absences, aggregated from general body meetings, committee meetings, and monthly constituent service requirements, without being eligible for expulsion for excessive unexcused absences.
- b. Absences may be excused at the discretion of the Secretary. All absences not excused shall be recorded as unexcused.



- c. In the case of foreseeable, repetitive absences a member may petition the executive committee of Undergraduate Student Congress for an attendance waiver.
- d. In the event that a member of Congress has accrued multiple absences, the Student Congress Secretary shall make a concerted effort to contact the member so that the member is aware of their accrued absences.
- e. In the event that a member of Congress or committee officer accrues at least four (4) unexcused absences in the current legislative session, said member may be expelled from Student Congress. Absences for every member of Congress shall be reset to zero (0) at the start of each new session.
- f. Upon accruing a fourth (4th) absence, the Student Congress Secretary shall prepare an act of procedure to expel any member of Congress or committee officer who has accrued excessive unexcused absences.
- g. This act of expulsion shall be brought before the Executive Committee at its most immediate meeting. If the act receives a “Do Pass” or “No Recommendation” recommendation, it shall appear before Student Congress on the agenda at the next regular general meeting.
- h. While inclusion of the act of expulsion on the agenda shall be considered notice of pending expulsion, the Student Congress Secretary shall notify the member or committee officer in question about the pending legislation by an electronic mail to said member’s or committee officer’s university sponsored electronic mail account.
- i. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of representatives present and voting is required to expel a member.
  - i. If an act of expulsion of a member of Congress or committee officer fails, that member of Congress or committee officer must accrue two (2) additional unexcused absences before they are again eligible for expulsion by the above procedure.
  - ii. If a committee officer is successfully expelled, that committee officer is removed from their position and loses their seat if they possess one. If a member is successfully expelled, that member loses their seat.
  - iii. If a member is successfully expelled, they are not eligible to run for or be appointed to any district until the session in which the member was expelled has passed.
    - 1. After the session in which the member was expelled has passed, the expelled member may be allowed to run for or apply for a district’s seat, should the seat be up for reelection or vacant. The expelled member should receive the same application process as does a new applicant.

- a. If a formerly expelled member returns to their seat in the next session and subsequently is expelled a second (2nd) time, then they may be allowed to return in the next session as associates only.
- b. Upon a third (3rd) expulsion for the member returning as an associate, that member should be automatically considered expelled for life, waivable by the Executive Committee upon review.

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

Author(s): Emily Tucker, Undergraduate Student Congress Secretary

Co-Author(s): Robert Loayza, Communications Representative

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

Action taken by Congress: Sent back to committee

Verified by Chair of Congress: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS

CONGRESSIONAL SESSION 104

September 15, 2020

CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-104-10

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. GFXX-XX/GSXX-XX

AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution encouraging voter participation among the student body at the University of Oklahoma.

- Whereas: The Student Government Association serves as the official voice of students at the University of Oklahoma; and
- Whereas: The 2016 voting rate for students at The University of Oklahoma was 48.6%; and,
- Whereas: 33.3% of the undergraduate student body at The University of Oklahoma voted in the 2018 election, a 17.5% improvement from the 2014 election; 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: The External Affairs Committee shall address issues concerning the local, state, and federal levels of government. The Committee shall strive to improve the relationship of SGA and of the University with the city and state governments. The Committee shall aim to improve civic engagement among the undergraduate student body." Undergraduate Student Congress Bylaws § 7.1.2.a
- Whereas: The Student Government association will use all of there capabilities to assist in the voting process
- Whereas: Through the action of voting , students will directly impact the direction of local, state and federal levels of government, which, in turn, affects the University of Oklahoma as a whole.
- Whereas: The National Voter Registration Day is September 22, 2020; and

Whereas: The External Affairs Committee with the assistance and collaboration of the Carl Alberts Center will hold our annual Voter Registration Drive on National Voter Registration Day.

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

**Section 1:** Title: This resolution shall be known and may be cited as the “National Voter Registration Day Resolution of 2020”

**Section 2:** The Undergraduate Student Congress recognizes that we have a unique role in encouraging students to complete their civic duty alongside the Carl Albert’s Centers efforts.

**Section 3:** The Student Government Association encourages all eligible students to register and vote in the upcoming presidential and congressional elections on November 3, 2020

**Section 4:** The Student Government association will use all of their capabilities to assist in the voting process.

**Section 5:** The External Affairs Committee will co-host all voter registration drives for the 2020-2021 school year with the Carl Albert’s Center.

**Section 6:** Copies of this resolution will be sent to:

- Lauren Schueler, Director of N.E.W. Leadership and Civic Engagement- Carl Albert Congressional Research and Studies Center
- Joseph Harroz, President
- Jill Irvine, Interim Provost
- David Surratt, Vice President of Student Affairs
- Quy Nguyen, Director of Student Life

Author(s): Representative Lacey Lewis, Secretary of the External Affairs Committee  
Representative Ashley Rosen, University College Representative

Co-Author(s): Representative Jayke Flaggert, Vice-Chair of the External Affairs Committee  
Representative Jordan Grebe, University College Representative  
Associate Joseph Ivester  
Representative Nathaniel Buxton, Humanities

Co-Sponsor(s): Taylor Broadbent, Chair of the External Affairs Committee

Submitted on a motion by: Representative Nath seconded by Representative Harman

Action taken by Congress: 33-0-0

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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