

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS Session CIV

General Body Meeting

7:00 pm, Tuesday, September 22, 2020

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Roll Call 7:01pm

Mission Statement

Moment of Silence

Approval of Minutes

Representative Marvin seconded by Representative Nath

Chair's Report - Hey everyone!

Welcome to the hectic weeks of the semester. I hope the feelings of being overwhelmed subside soon. I know things are getting really tough for a lot of you. If anyone needs someone to talk to, my door is always open, or in this case my zoom room. I'll also send my phone number in the groupme here in a second because texting is the fastest way to reach me, if you need to rant, need advice, or just feelin lonely sometimes, please do not hesitate to text me.

I have a couple updates for you all. In regards to the football games, the student section will not only be monitored but will also have sections of rows tapped off so students can only be in rows with 10 people at a time. If there are more than 10 people congregated in a spot, they will be asked to leave. According to the student conduct office, masks will be more heavily enforced. Before these changes there were no tapped off sections in the student areas, and there were not enough monitors to make sure students were abiding by the rules.

Moving on the the Conoco Office Space, the exec committee saw a bill reallocating the office space, however it failed in committee. Because of this, the bill has been moved to a joint committee where the chair of GSS, Melissa maxy will chair it.

Exec committee also saw a bill expelling a member of congress which we will see in items to be considered.

Lastly, a couple things on the agenda are misprinted. The two aux bills should not be in committee of the whole, they were passed through Ways and Means on Sunday so we will actually be seeing them in items to be considered.

Vice Chair's Report - Went to trash walk Sunday as well as National Voter Registration Day today. EA and Susty should team up with the City of Norman for a city-wide trash walk. Committees looking to do PR campaigns, this will be a joint effort between PR and your committee.

Secretary's Report – Hi everyone! Hope you all are doing alright. If you attended the Trash Walk, National Voter Registration Day, or any other constituent service hour event, please fill out the Google Form that was dropped in the GroupMe earlier this week so I can mark you down for September! I'll be dropping it again before the month is out, so don't worry if you can't find it right now. Tonight, we're seeing expulsion reform again, and I made some changes that I think made it a lot better, so thank you to everyone who spoke with me on that and thank you especially to those who came to ConAd to speak further on their concerns. I

unfortunately also had to write bill expelling one of our members tonight due to excessive absences, which I'll elaborate more on during author's explanation.

Committee Reports-

- **Campus Outreach, Safety, and Concerns** - Not at our meeting Sunday, but Mark chaired it. The new members introduced themselves and filled out a Google Form. The old members introduced themselves and talked about past projects like Goddard and the golf cart project. We're hoping to get the ball rolling on those things. We've had Turn Out For Transit last year. We tabled on the South Oval and we gave out pizza, cookies, and maps about Norman's free public transit we get as students. Reading the minutes, someone suggested a raffle to gain interest for an online event. Other than that, it's the end of the month and people need service hours. We have a Light Walk at 8:30. We'll have masks on. We'll work out details when we know how many people are coming. If you're interested, you're more than welcome to join there.
- **Congressional Administration:** First, I want to wish VC Ownby happy birthday. Probably turning 95. This weekend we had Code Club. Learned about the Constitution, meetings every weekend 3:30s on Sundays. We saw bills – Sec. Tucker's expulsion reform, and CB-104-10 and –11 with rec of do pass on all of it. I'm presenting over election reform on special orders so please ask questions then. We'll see True Democracy Now next week. I want you to understand election reform now so next week things will go smoother.
- **External Affairs:** National Voter Registration Day today. We registered over 100 voters on our end, not sure about Campus Corner or the South Oval. Turbo Vote was a success. The national form can be hard to navigate and it helped out of state voters. Fielded questions about where and when to vote, what's on the ballot this year. Still time to table for voter registration. I'll be present at some of those other slots. Due to personal issues in my life, I won't be able to be contacted Thursday. I'll be at court. My best friend was killed in a car accident and the trial starts this week. If you want to get in contact with EA, contact Jayke Flaggert this week. Also, RBG resolution, I know there are amendments and I welcome all debate.
- **Human Diversity:** This week we met at 3:30. Some of our members went to the trash walk. Glad to see everyone safely and in person. Caught up new members on projects. Saw CR-104-11, Hispanic Heritage Month Resolution of 2020, rec of do pass.
- **Sustainability:** The trash walk was awesome. Hope to see you next time. Biggest trash walk I've seen during my time here with different committees showing up. This week we appointed Susie Kerr as VC and Zoe Douglas as Secretary. We're looking into projects with RSOs and Housing and Food as well as DIY and social media campaigns. Another Trash Walk next month, we encourage to go with their households if they're not comfortable.
- **University Policy:** UPol exists. We assigned projects Sunday with 5 at the moment. Course evals, student worker pay, Title IX, improving wait times at Goddard and mental health in general. Following up on administrative actions after the BERT protest last spring and what progress has been made.
- **Ways and Means:** Thanks for addressing the agenda mess up. We saw both aux 1 and 2 as a chunk this week. Looking at what WAM will look like this year. Orgs are adapting to online. We're making sure we're engaging with orgs to support them in using their funding.

Liaison Reports

Special Orders

- True Democracy Now Presentation – Foster Hillis

Hillis: Reforming our election procedure in a three bill process. We're seeing the two smaller bills tonight and next week we're seeing the big one. Why do we need election reform? There were issues behind the scenes. The last reform was Session 83. This will improve safeguards to protect candidates, increase voter accessibility, remove fines, update grievances, and clarify language.

How are we accomplishing this? It's CB-104-19. It amends the Code Annotated. Uniform Campaigning Act of 2020, law used for Information of Candidates Booklets, seeing it tonight. This will be a law, not an amendment in the Code. Ex-Officio Powers of the Elections Commission Act of 2020, seeing it tonight. Mentioned in True Democracy Now, updating language everywhere.

How did I write these bills? After Fall 2019, I had conversations with Chair Patterson, VC Bouch, Pres. Norris, Elections Chair Nees, and George. Pulled all election bills since 2001 and saw what they did and why. Read election rules from other Big 12 schools.

Here are some old bills, like the Polling Fair-ish Act of 2020. Session 101, we had the election rules and procedures reform act in which they removed some fines. Here are the other Big 12 university election rules. Same kind of processes.

True Democracy Now Act of 2020. Changing Elections Chair to Elections Commissioner and Elections Board to Elections Staff. Board has all power in an organization, but the Elections Board here doesn't. A Commission is formed by governing bodies to handle one matter at a time with a fixed term. Other schools have more commissions than boards.

Flow of the bill. Each Chapter starts on a new page. Sections strike all text and other sections add text back in. Moved around sections for a better hierarchy. Provisions, rules, candidates, campaigns, oversight and enforcement. Bill Section 4. Title IV, Ch 6. Changes to Commissioner and Staff. Ex-officio member from ConAd with no voting power. Holding an interest meeting 5 academic weeks before the election so people know how to run. Changes that the Commissioner holds 8 office hours with their pay raise.

Section 6, Title VI, Ch 1. Updating definitions. Petitions for Candidacy can take signatures virtually. Uncontested positions still voted on with a minimum vote count. Section 7, Title VI, Ch 2, election rules. Continues removal of all polling places but allows for application of a physical ballot if they can't access ENGAGE with the online polls. Clarifies run-off procedure.

Section 8, Title VI, Ch 3, candidates. Candidate meeting process. Designated Agents must be un-elected and un-appointed SGA members removing conflict of interest. Section 9, Title VI, Ch 4, campaigns. Changes process of submitting election materials to the Election Commissioner instead of the Office of Student Life. Updates campaign finance rules and infractions. Now, grievances sectioned into Class A, B, and C with Class A most serious. Didn't change how serious any of the grievances are. Changed wording of grievances and removed some.

Section 10, Title VI, Ch 5, oversight and enforcement. Changes process of assigning grievances. Can't assign points until the Campaign has been informed and allowed due process. Updates list of who receives unofficial and official elections report. Updates how appeals are processed.

Section 13, Title X, Ch 2, finances. Updates titles in finances section. Raises pay of Election Staff to \$50/semester and \$20/runoffs or special election. Raises pay of Election Commissioner to \$500 + \$50 for special elections/runoffs.

Calendar of election. Interest meeting 6th academic week. Filing 7th week. Week 8, candidate meetings. Literature due Friday 8th week. 9th week, Friday info on candidates published. 10th week finance report due 5pm. Friday 10th week commission reports finances. Week 11, Election day, Election report due that Friday. 12th week Superior Court meets to validate the election. Runoff if needed the 12th week.

Uniform Campaigning Act of 2020. Increases candidate promotion and unifies starting day of campaigning. Creates info on candidates booklet. Unfair that some candidates can start campaigning earlier than others because of candidate meetings. Not democratic. Candidates submit publication ready literature. Reps 1 page and Pres/VP 2 pages. Literature due Friday of the 3rd academic week before the election, posted the 2nd academic week before the election. Candidates required to have their name and position sought. No university or SGA logos. Standard paper size. Here are some examples from Key Club.

Ex-officio bill. Member of ConAd. Lets legislative branch have better oversight while allowing the elections commission more resources and help during elections. Not allowing ex-officio officer to vote on any Elections Commissions business including grievances. Currently we don't have oversight to make laws where we need to make them. Allows Elections Commission an avenue to consult with ConAd without having to get a General Council opinion.

Broadbent: What's the minimum number of votes for uncontested candidates?

Hillis: Based off the last election in their district. 50 percent of votes. Communications district had 8 votes. If they ran uncontested, they would only need 4 votes. This might encourage uncontested races to still be competitive and reach out to their constituents.

Broadbent: Unelected and unappointed people can't be designated agents. Isn't that it currently?

Hillis: Picked it to be vague. I think that would cover legislative, executive, and judicial positions. Going to play around with that language though.

Broadbent: Who currently gets the official and unofficial election reports?

Hillis: Don't have Code in front of me, but I think it says that the Congress Chair should get it. True Democracy Now adds ConAd chair as well as the official sent to all members of SGA. Election results currently have no follow through.

Buxton: Will it interfere with election day? Would you be open to changing it?

Hillis: Didn't change the current date. This is what the Code reads. I don't see a reason to change it. In this election season it will fall on presidential election day, but we're looking into changing it. We haven't decided if we're going ahead with that.

Buxton: For ex-officio, would you consider the whole body appointing the position?

Hillis: That's a great idea, but I don't see the whole body needing to give consent on this since it's a ConAd deal. They would give reports to just ConAd.

Caitlyn: Will this eliminate profiles on ballot?

Hillis: I don't know how ENGAGE is going to work specifically. It stipulates that the info on candidates booklet needs to be on the election website. That was never codified officially.

Patterson: Election commissioner getting a pay raise. How much of a raise?

Hillis: Current stipend is \$350, but they're doing more work with the booklet. Hoping they pair up with the Webmaster. Pay increase is in line with their office hour increase.

Ahmadi: They're currently paid \$500, but we could still discuss a pay raise.

Hillis: Wouldn't want to up their pay per hour without upping other paid members since it's by office hour time.

Harman: Do other Big 12 schools pay their elections chair?

Hillis: Didn't go into that, would love to do some research.

Buxton: Is the ex-officio sitting in on commission meetings?

Hillis: They sit in on the meetings, full privileges except for voting. Member of elections commission, they just don't have a vote. They're not appointed by the entire body. Also, if they did have a vote, they would risk having ties.

Patterson: Making election commissioner monthly student employee?

Hillis: Interesting idea, would love to have that conversation with you and George. I don't see the need for the election chair to be paid when we don't have an election.

Buxton: Does the elections commission do any other work outside election time?

Hillis: Their only required work is during election time, but we kept in contact all summer.

- Committee of the Whole

Representative Nath seconded by Representative Buxton

CR-104-12 Honoring the Notorious RBG Resolution (Hillis/Cowley/Yanez/Broadbent)

Representative Marvin seconded by Representative Virtue

Broadbent: Resolution honoring life and legacy of RBG who passed away Friday. Goes over her legacy and the things she did in her life. Controversy in section 3, we encourage our Senators to not confirm a new justice until after the Presidential Election.

South: I have several FAs which I emailed to Sec. Tucker?

Broadbent: Yes, all of them.

Harman: FA adding myself and others as co-sponsors?

Broadbent: Yes, any and all.

Debate called by Representative Marvin

Recess for 3 Minutes

Representative Buxton seconded by Representative Merchant

Recommendation of Do Pass

Representative Buxton seconded by Representative South

CB-104-18 An Act Adjusting Committee Membership for Session 104

Representative Broadbent seconded by Representative Nath

Patterson: Straightforward. Chad Cotton wants to be in Sustainability. I put him in Susty and took him out of WAM.

South: FA removing Jorge Carvalho?

Patterson: Scrivener's.

Recommendation of Do Pass

Representative Harman seconded by Representative Marvin

Motion to move out of Committee of the Whole

Representative Broadbent seconded by Representative Harman

Student Concerns

Broadbent: Trash cans in Asp Parking Garage overflowing.
Patterson: COSCO.
Garg: Asking about resuming business hours to 2am in the Biz.
Patterson: UPol.

Old Business

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

Representative Marvin seconded by Representative Nath

Tucker: Hello everyone so this is the bill that we say last week. It went through several changes, has been discussed with George and I agree with the changes that have to do with elections. That is all being fixed because if the people want to appoint someone who has been expelled that is their prerogative. This now only affects the appointment process and does not affect the election process.

Items to Be Considered

AB-104-03 Auxiliary Allocation 1 Act of 2020-2021 (Patton)

AB-104-04 Auxiliary Allocation 2 Act of 2020-2021 (Patton)

See in a block

Representative Harman seconded by Representative Broadbent

Patton: These are our first aux bills. We have in our budget ~\$296k. We started with less last year. If you have specific questions, let me know.

CB-104-18 An Act Adjusting Committee Membership for Session 104

Representative Marvin seconded by Representative Nath

Patterson: This is the same bill. Need FA to strike Shabangu from COSCO because he has been expelled.

CB-104-17 Engineering Expulsion Bill (Tucker) (Exec, No Rec)

Representative Nath seconded by Representative Marvin

Tucker: This unfortunately is a bill expelling engineering rep who has not been present at any of our meetings last year. He hasn't been in contact since quarantine, but I excused all absences from the Spring so I am writing this now. He missed 2 General Body, I emailed him, Marvin contacted him after 4th absence so I wrote this bill. Forwarded the agenda to him so he can speak on his own behalf. Technically posting the agenda is enough notice but I wanted to make sure I was making him aware.

Marvin: Is the expulsion we just passed currently in effect?

Tucker: Yes, all expulsions will be grandfathered in so everyone will have a second chance.

CR-104-11 Hispanic Heritage Month 2020 Resolution (Dobson/Juarez) (HD, Do Pass)

Representative Harman seconded by Representative Nath

Dobson: I wrote this with Enrique, the HASA president. Hispanic Heritage Month started the 16th. It's to recognize Hispanic Heritage Month with important figures in the Hispanic and Latin American community as well as encourage voter registration.

Juarez: I'm Enrique Juarez, and I'm the HASA president. It's really important to recognize that 12 percent of OU's population identifies as Hispanic. It's important for OU and the City of Norman to recognize and promote acceptance for the Hispanic community.

CB-104-10 Uniform Campaigning Act of 2020 (Hillis) (ConAd, Do Pass)

CB-104-11 Ex-Officio Powers of the Elections Commission Act of 2020 (Hillis) (ConAd, Do Pass)

See as a block

Representative Harman seconded by Representative Nath

Hillis: Talked about these a little earlier. Ex officio officer bill and info on candidates bill.

CR-104-12 Honoring the Notorious RBG Resolution (Hillis/Cowley/Yanez/Broadbent)

Representative Broadbent seconded by Representative Harman

Broadbent: This is what we saw in Committee of the Whole. Hostile is to strike Section 3 entirely. I'd like for that to be objected on so we can vote.

Buxton: Why do you think we shouldn't see the amendment and having students speak their mind?

Broadbent: I think the hostile has no place in the discussion we're about to have. It could be partisan and get ugly. Everyone's free to make their own decisions.

Buxton: If you're not open to a partisan discussion why is that in the bill?

Broadbent: I withdraw my statement.

Flaggert: What's the purpose of this bill? To acknowledge RBG's contributions or to call for action?

Broadbent: Both. I don't typically write resolutions that don't call for action.

Flaggert: No secret that the clause is controversial, one showing the legacy of RBG without controversy and another that prevents this bill from being scrapped if we were to hostile this third clause off?

Broadbent: No.

Marvin: Why do you think I just want to be partisan?

Broadbent: I rescind my earlier comment. If we hostile that clause off, we're not doing justice to her legacy but I'll let others decide.

Yanez: Reason that was added was because that was RBG's dying wish. We're honoring her legacy and life and are paying her respect.

Debate called by Representative Marvin

Hostile Amendment

Marvin sec Flaggert

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Session 104	Hostile Amendment
Alpert, Lucy	y
Angstadt, Kennedy	
Broadbent, Taylor	n
Bryant, Maegan	

Buxton, Nate	y
Carmona, Ismael	n
Chenevey, Brandon	n
Cotton, Chad	
Dobson, Jessica	n
Douglas, Zoe	y
Few, Kendall	n
Flaggert, Jayke	y
Garg, Nishit	n
Grebe, Jordan	y
Harman, Caitlyn	n
Hillis, Foster	
Hong, Anna	y
Kerr, Susan	n
Kevric, Hanna	n
Lange, Jake	n
Lewis, Lacey	
Loayza, Robert	n
Long, Matt	
Lynskey, Graeson	
Luthfiyah, Anne	
Marvin, Alexis	y
May, Sidney	n
Mayes, Mark	y
McGee, Tess	
Merchant, Mahak	y
Miller, Summer	n
Mojekwu, Peace	
Murdock, Max	y
Nath, Joy	n
Roberts, Lauren	y
Rojas, Julio	
Rosen, Ashley	

Shabangu, Veli	
Smail, Taylor	y
Stormer, Sam	n
Thomas, Christopher	
Tucker, Emily	a
Virtue, Haley	y
Whitehead, Luke	
Yes	13
No	15
Abstain	1

Marvin: I'd like to point out that I acknowledge what RBG did for women. I think it's important to send condolences to her family and friends. I knew someone who died of pancreatic cancer. In Section 3, I believe that the president has the power to appoint a justice. It's not about dying wishes or hope, we have to honor the living document of the Constitution. It's bringing in partisanship into the body. There's a goal of partisanship of this bill. I think there's an appropriate place and time for this action, but not in our own body. I don't think we'd be seeing this section if the parties were switched. Our goal should be to serve the students at OU and honoring living documents.

Grebe: Opponency. Not here to talk about RBG. Fail this bill because It's not being properly debated. By throwing the amendment away, we're saying we won't even hear another side and that's a coward's move.

Garg: First, I acknowledge that the Senate is not obligated to delay voting. As a body, what's at stake at this rushed appointment. The Affordable Care Act. 1/3 America has a preexisting condition and are more likely to die of COVID-19. I think this appointment is purposed to repeal the ACA. Makes it easier for insurance companies to take advantage. Along with honoring RBG's legacy we should act on this. In 2016, it was done by Republicans, stalling the appointment of a justice with the election 8 months away.

Broadbent: Proponency. This is about honoring RBG's legacy, she was a proponent of action. Advocate for the ACLU and where they are today. Not putting action behind this and represent what is right, it's not a question of partisanship or alignment but what is right and what is wrong. Need precedent of Congress and it's right to honor the legacy of RBG. In *Hamilton*, Lin Manuel Miranda says. if we stand for nothing, what will we fall for.

Kerr: Precedent. In 2016, after Scalia's death 41 senators in office now opposed the new Supreme Court justice because it was too close to the election. They stated that we should wait until after the election because people would have their say in the presidency. It's nonpartisan to say that these senators said themselves that this should be delayed and RBG made it her dying

wish. Not about who the current president is. It's a precedent they themselves set in 2016 and 2018.

Yanez: Starting off by saying that this bill isn't partisan. Interesting that Marvin says the point shouldn't be partisan when the Senators are trying to get a new SCOTUS appointed for partisan reasons. It makes no sense and it's not a partisan issue.

South: There's a false notion that it's not proper for us to make a recommendation like this. I'd point out that this body has done that several times in the past. On the SGA website, I found bill 980303, DACA resolution urging Congress to not discontinue DACA because it was in the best interest of OU students and people in general. We have standing to make this recommendation to our Senators to wait until the election to replace Justice Ginsburg's seat. I believe we should support this bill.

Extend time by 10 minutes

Representative Buxton seconded by Representative Merchant

Buxton: In favor. Important to acknowledge that it doesn't say in the Bylaws, Congress has been partisan. I won't make partisan statements here. It's important to honor the life and legacy and Senate's precedent. Unspoken rules and fairness of the Senate. Except for Section 3, no one else has problems. If we're going to make this bill a referendum on Section 3, you'll lose. People voting on the hostile amendment shows that. You're wasting everyone's time on this debate or send it back to committee and have it voted down there too.

Flaggert: My issue isn't the contents. This is something SGA has done in the past. Not unprecedented. My issue is that it's honoring RBG but we're silencing different opinions. We should hear every hostile amendment whether we're voting it down or not. That's something RBG taught me. I think this bill wasn't gone about the right way. It's proper we make this type of recommendation to a governing body, but it should be split to remove partisanship and make a recommendation in a second bill.

Loayza: It's important to honor RBG's life. A Senator's job is to fight for legislation that helps citizens. It's in the best interests of people at OU and in Oklahoma.

Harman: Proponency. As a woman, RBG enabled women to be in inclusive spaces. This agenda was sent out in time. Any discussions we're having in this debate. Read and recognize all sections. It's in the best interest to be vocal for students in the body and in the university.

Broadbent: You've heard the debate. I apologize and recind my earlier statement. The body agreed that there was no need to see that hostile amendment. This bill honors RBG the best way it can to make sure we have action with our words. As EA chair, we should put action behind our words. Without action, democracy ceases to exist. I appreciate the debates of my peers, but this bill is good and it does honor the legacy of Ruth Bader Ginsburg,

Follow-Up Reports

Merchant: I made a group chat for the menstrual product drive. Message me to be added. Dept of Inclusivity, Interior, GEC, others getting involved.

Items for Future Agenda

Ownby: Aux 3

Announcements and Comments

Marvin: Reminding everyone of the Light Walk Thursday night at 8:30. Sent it in the Congress GC. More people so we can split people up. Constituent service hour, weather looks good.

Nath: Diversity and Inclusion has International event Thursday. Would love to see reps and associates there. Also United World had International Day of Peace yesterday, and movie night Saturday. It'll be fun, I'll message in the GroupMe. Support your international peers.

Lange: BioBlitz! Nature conservancy and research, seems like a fun event. You can register as individuals or groups. Email me for more info. Second, I felt the need to say that more respect and decorum is advisable. We don't do our best work if we don't respect those with disagreements. We might view those who disagree with us as uninformed at best. Inquisitive instead of combative and you might get a better outcome.

Patterson: Social justice reading group with WGS Center. Opportunity to discuss How To Be An Anti-Racist. Registration Sept 21st. Link to register csj.ou.edu

Broadbent: AISA having bimonthly meeting. Also, register to vote and absentee ballot, etc. Tell your friends and family. Any questions about those processes reach out. You can change the democracy you live in. Register and vote! Voter registration drives through October 9th.

Nath: Event coming up, we didn't get to do Big Event last semester. Tell your orgs to sign up. Little Event October 7th. It will be fun. Sending links in GroupMe.

Alpert: Last Friday was the Jewish New Year. Most important holiday in Jewish calendar, Yom Kippur coming up.

Buxton: We're a Congress. I'm never in favor of not seeing amendments. Some other members abstained because they didn't get to see the hostile amendment and had a moral objection to it.

Loayza: UPB hosting CollegeCon in Union at 8pm. Trivia, Bingo, other activities. Seats limited.

Garg: I understand all abstentions today. Also, shoutout to Indian Student Association doing Instagram Live about our daily routines in the ISA. Also upcoming events, join in on IG Live.

Broadbent: I apologize for me comments earlier. I know that caused a lot of you to abstain. I was probably wrong tonight to not hear the hostile amendment. Thanks for voting in favor of this bill, but in the future, if I had been in the minority, I would have taken that very badly. I would not advocate for that and I won't again. I'm sorry to Representative Marvin for any harm I may have caused. Sometimes I'm a little thoughtless in my words.

Yanez: Following up on that, I apologize to Rep. Marvin if the language I used in debate was harsh. That wasn't my intention. I appreciate the discourse tonight. It was a good experience for everyone involved. I won't sit back with an opinion on something but I'll be more mindful next time.

Final Roll Call 9:33pm

Adjourn

Representative Nath seconded by Representative Marvin

Chair: Savanah Patterson

Vice Chair: Malachi Bouch

Secretary: Emily Tucker

Session 104	General
Alpert, Lucy	x
Angstadt, Kennedy	ex
Broadbent, Taylor	x
Bryant, Maegan	ex
Buxton, Nate	x
Carmona, Ismael	x
Chenevey, Brandon	x
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	ex
Marvin, Alexis	x
May, Sidney	x
Mayes, Mark	x

McGee, Tess	ex
Merchant, Mahak	x
Miller, Summer	x
Mojekwu, Peace	abs
Murdock, Max	x
Nath, Joy	x
Roberts, Lauren	x
Rosen, Ashley	x
Shabangu, Veli	abs
Smail, Taylor	x
Stormer, Sam	x
Thomas, Christopher	ex
Tucker, Emily	x
Virtue, Haley	x
Whitehead, Luke	abs
Present	33
Absent	4
Excused	5

Session 104	AB-104-03 and AB-104-04	CR-104- 12	CB-104- 18	CB-104- 07	CB-104- 17	CR-104- 11	CB-104-10 and CB-104-11
Alpert, Lucy	y	y	y	y	y	y	y
Angstadt, Kennedy							
Broadbent, Taylor	y	y	y	y	y	y	y
Bryant, Maegan							
Buxton, Nate	y	y	y	y	y	y	y
Carmona, Ismael	y	y	y	y	y	y	y
Chenevey, Brandon	y	y	y	y	y	y	y
Cotton, Chad							
Dobson, Jessica	y	y	y	y	y	y	y
Douglas, Zoe	y	y	y	y	y	y	y
Few, Kendall	y	y	y	y	y	y	y
Flaggert, Jake	y	a	y	y	y	y	y
Garg, Nishit	y	y	y	y	y	y	y
Grebe, Jordan	y	a	y	y	y	y	y
Harman, Caitlyn	y	y	y	y	y	y	y
Hillis, Foster	y			y			y
Hong, Anna	y	a	y	y	y	y	y
Kerr, Susan	y	y	y	y	y	y	y
Kevric, Hanna	y	y	y	y	y	y	y
Lange, Jake	y	y	y	y	y	y	n
Lewis, Lacey							
Loayza, Robert	y	y	y	y	y	y	y
Long, Matt							
Lynskey, Graeson							
Marvin, Alexis	y	a	y	y	y	y	y
May, Sidney	y		y	y	y	y	y

Mayes, Mark		a	y		y	y	
McGee, Tess							
Merchant, Mahak	y	y	y	y	n	y	y
Miller, Summer	y	y	y	y	y	y	y
Mojekwu, Peace							
Murdock, Max	y	y	y	y	y	y	y
Nath, Joy	y	y	y	y	y	y	y
Roberts, Lauren	y	y	y	y	y	y	y
Rosen, Ashley	y		y	y	y		y
Shabangu, Veli							
Smail, Taylor	y	a	y	y	y	y	y
Stormer, Sam	y	y	y	y	y	y	y
Thomas, Christopher							
Tucker, Emily	y	y	y	y	y	y	y
Virtue, Haley	y	a	y	y	y	y	y
Whitehead, Luke							
Yes	30	21	30	30	29	29	29
No	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Abstain	0	7	0	0	0	0	0

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CIV
September 22nd, 2020

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GF20
September 27th, 2020

CONGRESSIONAL BILL AB-104-03
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 1 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
Friday Accounting Meeting	600			600
Shia Student Association	308			308
The Black Theatre Collective	501			501
TOTAL:				1409

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 Harman seconded by Representative Broadbent

Action taken by Student Congress: 30-0-0

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: _____

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CIV
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GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GF20
September 27th, 2020

CONGRESSIONAL BILL AB-104-04
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 2 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
Asian American Student Association	700			700
Finance Student Association	462.50			462.50
OU Climbing Club	500			500
TOTAL:				1662.50

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 Harman seconded by Representative Broadbent

Action taken by Student Congress: 30-0-0

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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 104
September 22, 2020

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION **GFXX/GSXX**
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CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-104-12
SENATE RESOLUTION NO. **GFXX-XX/GSXX-XX**

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution Honoring the Life of the
Honorable Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg; and
providing for distribution.

- Whereas: Ruth Bader Ginsburg was born Joan Ruth Bader on March 15, 1933 in Brooklyn, New York;
- Whereas: Ruth Bader Ginsburg was the first Jewish woman appointed to the Supreme Court;
- Whereas: Ginsburg excelled in academia throughout her years at Cornell University, where she graduated at the top of her class in 1954. That same year, Ruth Bader became Ruth Bader Ginsburg after marrying her husband Martin, who was a first-year law student at Cornell when they met. After graduation, she put her education on hold to start a family. She had her first child in 1955, shortly after her husband was drafted for two years of military service. Upon her husband's return from his service, Ginsburg enrolled at Harvard Law;
- Whereas: At Harvard, Ginsburg tackled the challenges of motherhood and of a male-dominated school where she was one of nine females in a 500-person class. She faced gender-based discrimination from even the highest authorities there, who chastised her for taking a man's spot at Harvard Law. She served as the first female member of the Harvard Law Review;
- Whereas: Ruth Bader Ginsburg transferred to Columbia Law School and served on their law review as well. She graduated first in her class at Columbia Law in 1959;
- Whereas: Despite her exceptional academic record, she still faced the gender-based discrimination women typically faced in the 1960's. She found a job when a favorite Columbia professor refused to recommend any other graduates to U.S. District Judge Edmund L. Palmieri, who hired her as a clerk;

- Whereas: After Clerking for Judge Palmieri for two years, she was offered jobs at law firms for lower salaries than her male counterparts. Instead of taking the offers, she took time to pursue a passion of hers, Civil Procedure, joining the Columbia Project on International Civil Procedure in Sweden;
- Whereas: Upon her return to the United States, she accepted a job as a professor at Rutgers University Law School in 1963, a position she held until accepting an offer to teach at Columbia in 1972. There, she became the first female professor at Columbia to earn tenure;
- Whereas: Ginsburg also directed the influential Women's Rights Project of the American Civil Liberties Union during the 1970s. In this position, she led the fight against gender discrimination and successfully argued six landmark cases before the U.S. Supreme Court. Ginsburg took a broad look at gender discrimination, fighting not just for the women left behind, but for the men who were discriminated against as well;
- Whereas: Ginsburg accepted Jimmy Carter's appointment to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia in 1980;
- Whereas: She served on the court for thirteen years until 1993, when Bill Clinton appointed her to the Supreme Court of the United States;
- Whereas: Ruth Bader Ginsburg began her career as a Associate Justice where she left off as an advocate, fighting for women's rights. In 1996, Ginsburg wrote the majority opinion in *United States v. Virginia*, holding that qualified women could not be denied admission to Virginia Military Institute.
- Whereas: Her style in advocating from the bench matches her style from her time at the ACLU: slow but steady, and calculated. Instead of creating sweeping limitations on gender discrimination, she attacked specific areas of discrimination and violations of women's rights one at a time, so as to send a message to the legislatures on what they can and cannot do;
- Whereas: She dissented in *Ledbetter v. Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co.* where the plaintiff, a female worker being paid significantly less than males with her same qualifications, sued under Title VII but was denied relief under a statute of limitations issue. The facts of this case mixed her passion of federal procedure and gender discrimination. She broke with tradition and wrote a highly colloquial version of her dissent to read from the bench.
- Whereas: She called for Congress to undo this improper interpretation of the law in her dissent, then worked with President Obama to pass the very first piece of legislation he signed, the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act of 2009, a copy of which hung proudly in her office;
- Whereas: Until the 2018 term, Ginsburg had not missed a day of oral arguments, not even when she was undergoing chemotherapy for pancreatic cancer, after surgery for

colon cancer, or the day after her husband passed away in 2010. Justice Ginsburg proved time and again that she was a force to be reckoned with, and those who doubted her capacity to effectively complete her judicial duties needed only to look at her record in oral arguments, where she was, until her death, among the most avid questioners on the bench;

Whereas: One of Ginsburg's most famous quotes was "When I'm sometimes asked 'When will there be enough (women on the Supreme Court)?' and my answer is: 'When there are nine.' People are shocked. But there'd been nine men, and nobody's ever raised a question about that;"

Whereas: Her last request regarding the Supreme Court, in which she dedicated her entire life to was: "My most fervent wish is that I will not be replaced until a new president is installed."

Whereas: The Honorable Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg died Friday September 18th, 2020 in her home in Washington D.C. on the Jewish Holiday of Rosh Hashanah. She was 87.

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

Section 1: Title: This resolution shall be known and may be cited as the "Honoring the Notorious RBG Resolution."

Section 2: The University of Oklahoma's Student Government Association honors the life and legacy of the Honorable Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg and wishes her family, friends, and colleagues our most sincere condolences.

Section 3: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association urges our Senators, Senator James Lankford and Senator Jim Inhofe to honor the life, legacy, and final wishes of the Honorable Judge Ruth Bader Ginsburg by refusing to confirm a replacement Supreme Court Justice until after the November 3rd, 2020 election.

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

- The Family of Ruth Bader Ginsburg
- Senator James Lankford
- Senator Jim Inhofe
- OU Daily
- OU Nightly
- The Oklahoman
- The Norman Transcript

Author(s): Foster Hillis, Chair of the Congressional Administration Committee & University College Representative;
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Rebecca Yanez, Associate; and
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Submitted on a motion by: Representative Broadbent seconded by Representative Harman

Action taken by Congress: 21-0-7

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 CIV

September 22nd, 2020

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-104-18

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 Adjusting 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
Sara Raffel
Taylor Moore
Abby Halsey-Kraus
Ryan Saldana
Rebecca Yanez
Eileah Hale
Loc Vu
Bailey Ownby
Daken Milligan
Coy Taylor
Corbin Walls
Dylan Murrell
Joy Nath

Human Diversity

Caitlyn Harman - Chair
Santana Spangler-Day
Ismael Carmona Casado
Sam Stormer
Nishit Garg
Jessica Dobson
Mahak Merchant

Kennedy Smith
Kennedy Angstadt
Brandon Chenevey
Jessica Bennet
Yaneth Munoz

Campus Outreach, Safety, and Concerns

Alexis Marvin - Chair
Mark Mayes
Christopher Thomas
Peace Mojekwu
Anne Luthfiyah
Sidney May
China McCauley
Kendall Few
Allegra Shaffer
Taylor Turner
Linh Dao
Britney Powell
Hudson Haskins
Katie Kernal

Sustainability

Jake Lange - Chair
Tess McGee
Lucy Alpert
Susie Kerr
Rylee Houston

Zoe Douglas
Sarah Harder
Samuel Antipov
Lauren McAfee
Peyton Schow
James Swafford
Chad Cotton

University Policy
Crispin South - Chair
Matt Long
Max Murdock
Summer Miller
Hanna Kevric
Anna Hong
Nathaniel Buxton
Dasha Davydova
Maegan Bryant
Graeson Lynskey
Elisabeth Housley
Aidan Sudler
Luke Whitehead
Justin Kahl

Ways and Means
Lauren Patton – Chair
Taylor Smail
Kyle Morse
Luka Jercic
Demetri Papahronis
Cade Russell
Aida Sertovic
~~Chad Cotton~~

Kendrick Chalfant
Luke Hamilton
Barrett Engler
John Henry Donnelly
Haley Virtue

External Affairs
Taylor Broadbent - Chair
Lacey Lewis
Jayke Flaggert
Jordan Grebe
Ashley Rosen
Lauren Roberts
Kale Kitlowski
Emily Murphy
Carson Poupore
Rachel Koch
Gunner Janes
Kiara KinCaid
Weslie Griffin
Alexis Weaver
Rami Hassan
Ryan Barrett
Giovanna Giesteria
Marleigh Merrell
Ahmed Abdelaziz
Emma Wilson
Joseph Ivester
Bailie Burrhus
Pranay Singh

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 Marvin seconded by Representative Nath

Action taken by Congress: 30-0-0

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 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 be appointed to any district until the session in which the member was expelled has passed. All of the following shall apply only to the application process and shall not affect the election process in any way.
 - 1. After the session in which the member was expelled has passed, the expelled member may be allowed to apply for a district’s seat, should the seat be 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 reapply in the next session as associates only.
- b. Upon a third (3rd) expulsion for the member having been reappointed as an associate, that member should be automatically considered expelled for life in the application process, 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 Marvin seconded by Representative Nath

Action taken by Congress: 30-0-0

Verified by Chair of Congress: _____ Date: _____

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CIV

September 17th, 2020

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-104-17

AS INTRODUCED

A Congressional Act of Procedure Expelling a
Representative from the body; 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 “Engineering Expulsion Bill.”

Section 2: Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to expel a member for excessive unexcused absences. Because Veli Shabangu has accrued excessive unexcused absences, the membership of the aforementioned is pending expulsion.

Section 3: In accordance with the Section 3.4, subsection 2, subsection e of the SGA Undergraduate Student Congress Bylaws, “*Upon accruing a fourth absence, the Student Congress Secretary shall prepare an act of procedure to expel any member or committee officer who has accrued excessive unexcused absences.*”

Expulsion: Representative Veli Shabangu

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

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

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

Action taken by Congress: 29-1-0

Verified by Chair: _____ Date: _____

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CIV
September 22nd, 2020

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION **GFXX/GSXX**
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CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-104-11
SENATE RESOLUTION NO. **GFXX-XX/GSXX-XX**

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution celebrating diverse
backgrounds of Hispanic and Latin American culture;
and providing for distribution.

- Whereas: To recognize the Hispanic community within the OU community, Norman, and the State of Oklahoma; and
- Whereas: Within these spaces, to recognize those of Hispanic and Latin American origin whilst celebrating the history of Hispanic Heritage Month, beginning September 15th through October 15th; and
- Whereas: According to Pew Research Center, nearly 32 million Latin Americans are eligible and projected to vote within the 2020 Election Year¹; and
- Whereas: Alongside celebrating and recognizing the backgrounds of Hispanic and Latin American culture, individuals such as Simón Bolívar, José De San Martín, Bernardo O'Higgins, Benito Juárez, Jose Martín, Sonia Sotomayor, Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, Ellen Ochoa, Sylvia Méndez, Jorge Ramos, Pablo Alvarado, Dolores Huerta, Sylvia Rivera, Gloria Anzaldua, Celia Cruz, Arturo Alfonso Schomburg, Alfonso Cuarón, Frida Kahlo, César Chávez, and many other notable figures shall be highlighted and recognized.

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

¹ Krogstad, Jens Manuel, and Luis Noe-Bustamante. "Key Facts about U.S. Latinos for National Hispanic Heritage Month." Pew Research Center. Pew Research Center, September 10, 2020. <https://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2020/09/10/key-facts-about-u-s-latinos-for-national-hispanic-heritage-month/>.

Section 1: Title: This resolution shall be known and may be cited as the “Hispanic Heritage Month 2020 Resolution.”

Section 2: The Undergraduate Student Congress and the Graduate Student Senate recognize and celebrate the month spanning September 15th through October 15th; in addition to celebrate and help students have an inclusive space of culture and diversity within the Latinx identity at the University of Oklahoma.

Section 3: Actively register voters and provide relative voting information such as absentee voting, early voting, etc. leading up to November 3rd, 2020 through proactive organizations such as Voto Latino.

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

- President Joseph Harroz
- Dr. Belinda Hyppolite, Vice President of Diversity and Inclusion
- The University of Oklahoma Board of Regents
- Dr. David Surratt, Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students
- The OU Daily
- The OU Nightly

Author(s): Jessica Dobson, International Studies Representative
Enrique Juarez, HASA President 2020-2021

Co-Author(s): Caitlyn Harman, Human Diversity Committee Chair
Sam Stormer, Social Sciences Representative
Nishit Garg, Life Sciences Representative
Ismael Carmona Casado, Business Representative
Mahak Merchant, Humanities Representative

Co-Sponsor(s):

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

Action taken by Congress: 29-0-0

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 CIV

September 20, 2020

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION **GS2XX**
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CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-104-10
SENATE BILL NO. **GXXX-XX**

AS INTRODUCED

A Congressional Act of Legislation that enables candidates to have an equal playing field in campaigning; providing short title; and providing an effective date.

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

Section 2: Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to define provisions from the Code Annotated § Title VI to allow for the publishing of candidate resources while increasing the visibility of candidates.

Section 3: Information on Candidates Booklet. In addition to other forms of campaigning, all candidates for all offices may submit to the Elections Chair/Commissioner, by the prescribed date, a photo-ready piece of literature in “.PDF” and “.PNG” version. Said literature shall be compiled into an “Information on Candidates” booklet, reproduced and distributed to all members of SGA. This booklet shall serve to educate the voters on the candidates for each office.

Section 4: Submission. Candidates shall submit their literature after their attendance to the Campaign Meeting hosted by the Elections Chair/Commissioner and shall be due on the Friday of the third (3rd) week before the given election. Candidates that do not submit a piece of literature shall be named in the booklet and not be removed from any ballot.

Section 5: Publishing. The booklet shall be published on the Friday of the second (2nd) week before any given election on OU Mass Mail (OUMM) and be featured on the voting website. Candidates that have officially withdrawn may not be taken out of the Information on Candidates booklet after publishing.

Section 7: Technical Aspects of the Booklet. One “Information on Candidates” booklet shall be made with the races in a given election cycle. The order of the booklet shall be divided into the order of races listed in Chapter 1, Sections 4 or 5 of this title, depending on the election cycle. The candidates shall be shown in order of their last name. The book shall include a statement from the Elections Chair/Commissioner, a list of all candidates, and the pieces of literature from the candidates who submitted them. It shall be the Election Chair/Commissioner’s responsibility to include the “Printing Funded by SGA” disclaimer on each page, not the Candidates’.

- a. **Required Items.** On any literature submitted, the candidates shall include the following graphic design elements, if the following elements are not included, the literature should not be considered as submitted properly:
- i. Their name as it will appear on the ballot,
 - ii. the position that they are seeking;
 - iii. and may not include: any University or SGA logo.

- b. **President and CAC Chair Tickets.** The President and CAC Chair candidates may submit two (2) 8½ by 11-inch photo-ready piece of literature, which shall be reproduced on the same spread of the Information on Candidates booklet.
- c. **All Other Tickets.** All candidates other than the President and CAC Chair candidates may submit one (1) 8½ x 11-inch photo-ready piece of literature.

Section 8: This act shall become effective when passed in accordance with the SGA Constitution.

Author(s): Foster Hillis, Congressional Administration Chair & University College Representative

Co-Author(s): Bailey Ownby, Congressional Administration Vice-Chair

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

Action taken by Congress: 29-1-0

Verified by Chair: _____ Date: _____

Submitted on a Motion by:

Action taken by Senate

Verified by Chair: _____ Date: _____

Approved by SGA President: _____ Date: _____

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS

CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CIV

September 20, 2020

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-104-11

AS INTRODUCED

A Congressional Act of Legislation giving Ex-Officio powers of the Elections Commission to the Congressional Administration Committee; providing short title; and providing an effective date.

Section 1: Title: This act shall be known and may be cited as the “Ex-Officio Powers of the Elections Commission Act of 2020.”

Section 2: Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to make provisions in the Congress Bylaws that allow for a member of the Congressional Administration Committee to be an Ex-Officio officer of the Elections Commission.

Section 3: AMENDATORY: A new subsection under Section §7.1.1.B in the University of Oklahoma’s Student Government Association Undergraduate Student Congress’ Bylaws is added as follows:

The Congressional Administration Committee Chair shall appoint a member of their committee as the Ex-Officio Officer in the Election Commission for one (1) academic semester. If the Chair is not running for election/reelection, they may appoint themselves as the Ex-Officio Officer. This appointment shall be by a supermajority of the members of the Committee and shall be seen in Executive Session.

Section 4: This act shall become effective (1) when passed in accordance with the SGA Constitution, and (2) when the “True Democracy NOW Act of 2020” passes in accordance with the SGA Constitution.

Author(s): Foster Hillis, Congressional Administration Chair & University College Representative

Co-Author(s): Bailey Ownby, Congressional Administration Vice-Chair

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

Action taken by Congress: 29-1-0

Verified by Chair: _____ Date: _____