

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS

Session CVI

General Body Meeting

7:00 pm, Tuesday, October 26, 2021

Dale Hall 211

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**Called to Order at 7:07 p.m. and Opening Roll Call**

**Mission Statement:** The mission of the University of Oklahoma Student Government Association Undergraduate Student Congress is to represent the interests of undergraduate students in their pursuit of academic and individual achievement. The Undergraduate Student Congress is committed to building a strong campus community, promoting civic engagement, and enhancing the quality of the undergraduate experience at the University of Oklahoma.

**Moment of Silence:** 20 Second Moment of Silence to allow an opportunity for reflection.

**Approval of Minutes**

*Motion to approve the minutes*

*Representative Poupore seconded by Representative Hale*

**Officer Reports:**

- **Chair's Report:** Hi Everyone! We have numerous guests with us tonight. With us tonight are candidates running for SGA President and Vice President, Parking Appeals Board nominees, and SGA Election Commission Staff members. We will be stopping the meeting at 10 p.m. due to possibility of severe weather.
- **Vice Chair's Report:** Hi Everybody! Our "get to know you event" will have to be pushed back. I want to give a reminder about our code of conduct and rules of order. I know we have newer members, so I wanted to give a refresher. We ask that you make sure your questions are respectful and meaningful. Please do not question the character of any candidates or nominees.
- **Secretary's Report:** Hi all! I will keep my report short tonight because of the packed agenda. I have unfortunate news to report. I am announcing my plans to resign as Congress Secretary effective at the end of Session 106. Chair South will be providing more direction over the next few weeks about electing a new Secretary.

**Committee Reports:**

- **Campus Outreach, Safety, and Concerns:** We met officially this past weekend. The biggest event we have coming up is a sexual health campaign. The group leading the campaign decided it wants to hold a tabling campaign. If you would like to help table, please reach out to me.
- **Congressional Administration:** Hi Friends! My name is Foster Hillis, and I am the Congressional Administration Chair. I also have unfortunate news to report. I submitted my letter of resignation which will take effect at the end of Session 106. We saw CB-106-13 and gave the bill a recommendation of no recommendation. We also saw CB-106-14 and gave it a recommendation of no recommendation. I do recommend heavily questioning those candidates because they will oversee

the current election and they get paid. We will see something new tonight. Members of my committee will be giving a minority report immediately following this chair's report.

- **Minority Report:** We are coming to you, the body, in breaking with precedent and utilizing minority rights that have not been used in my tenure in the congress to draw your focus to two bills we need your attention on: CB-106-13 and CB-106-14. The Congressional Administration received two appointment bills this weekend. The first piece of legislation the committee had to see for the second time. CB-106-13 Parking Appeals Appointment was seen last Sunday and given a recommendation of no recommendation based upon Congressional Administration precedent. However, even last Sunday the Congressional Administration Committee had concerns with answers by the appointees as many of the candidates said they would favor ruling towards the Parking Services, over the student body. The bill was sent back to the committee because process was not followed. According to the Code Annotated, Chapter Four, Section Two the President must appoint justices to the parking appeals court; however, the President was not involved in any interview or selection process until it was deemed necessary for her name to appear as an author on the bill for it to be seen. Additionally, three representatives are also being nominated for parking appeals which violates the constitution. The second bill was about the Election Commission Staff. Let us be clear we do not blame Commissioner Kabrick and have every confidence in him. But based upon tradition, the Congressional Administration Committee Chair felt it was of the best choice to vote for a recommendation of no recommendation for the (Act of) 2021-2022 SGA Election Commission Staff Appointment Act, CB-106-14. However, we felt the process was not followed and some answers were concerning for us. We had a second-year law student, Nominee Murray, answered our questions about his reported bias, which we will bring back up in questioning tonight. Also, the candidate did not apply using the general application and instead used a Google Form the commissioner created, which we understand why the commissioner made this discretionary decision, but we do not think that was the commissioner's call to make. The two other candidates are freshmen with no prior election experience in high school nor in SGA and struggled to respond to questions, which as the only concerns would not have been as big a deal but coupled with the other issues this may not be the best decision. In no way is this any personal reflection of the candidates themselves, but rather as a major of procedure myself and Rep. Broadbent felt as though it was not in the body's best interest to be oblivious to what happened on Sunday
- **External Affairs:** I am also resigning, not because I don't love this body. I am resigning because I believe we are in a different generation of Congress. We will be hosting a mayor forum with Norman Mayor Breea Clark tomorrow at 7 p.m. in Gaylord.
- **Human Diversity:** The committee met officially this past weekend. We discussed upcoming projects for next semester. We will be exclusively on Zoom for the rest of the fall semester. The committee will be hosting Friendsgiving from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on November 18 at Second Wind. We will meet unofficially on Sunday because of Halloween.
- **Sustainability:** The committee talked about our projects. A few members attended an SEC meeting. We will have a trash walk on November 14 at Sutton Wilderness.
- **University Policy:** Life comes at you fast, right? I will be back in person next week to play my favorite game, which is make Representative Halsey-Kraus laugh during my committee report. Normally, I win. I don't have many updates. I am happy I can be here at this meeting.
- **Ways and Means:** The committee met this past weekend. We saw Auxiliary 6 and fingers crossed we will be seeing it tonight.

### Special Orders

- Code Club Presentation
- Associate Check-In
- SGA Presidential Candidates

***Motion to recess for five minutes***

***Representative Broadbent seconded by Representative Griffin***

**Student Concerns**

**Kathuria:** I am concerned that people might dress up for Halloween as other cultures. I don't think cultural appropriation has no place in a Halloween celebration.

**Lynskey:** I am concerned about a student being discriminated against for a heart condition that they were born with.

**Yanez:** I am concerned about unauthorized chalking on campus.

**Items to Be Considered**

AB-106-06 Auxiliary Allocation Act of 2021 (Patton) (WAM, Do Pass)

CB-106-13 Parking Board Judges Appointment Act of 2021 (Farzaneh, Long) (ConAd, Rec of No Rec)

***Motion to CB-106-13***

***Representative Hale seconded by Representative Landry***

**Farzaneh:** We are presenting this bill which appoints justices to the Parking Appeals Board. All the nominees are with on the stage tonight. My coauthors on the bill are Chief Justice Matt Long and Co-Chief Justice Andrew Wertheimer.

**Long:** I am Matt Long, and I am the Chief Justice of the Parking Appeals Board. We are presenting the appointees to you. I am going to have Justice Wertheimer talk about the selection process. Wertheimer; We had over 50 applicants for the position via the SGA General Application. We host a meet and greet to get to know the applicants. We offered most of the candidates an interview. I can go into detail about the questions we asked them. We asked them an icebreaker question and why they wanted to be on the Parking Appeals Board. We asked them what they brought to the table and why we should choose them. Also, asked them a specific scenario questions, which was the same for every candidate. Finally, we asked about involvement to make sure the candidates could attend the hearings.

**Broadbent:** When you came to the Congressional Administration Meeting last week, you answered a question about your allegiance. Some of you answered parking and others answered the students. Will you reiterate those or tell us if you've had a change in heart?

**Peterson:** I would side with the students mostly because we are here for the students.

**Bennett:** I would take it on case-by-case basis. I feel parking is important for safety.

**Maisuria:** I would say case-by-case basis but would lean more towards the students.

**Alcala:** I would lean towards parking services because I think refining the process will create more transparency for the students.

**Delodge:** I would say case-by-case basis but lean more towards the students.

**Doudican:** I would side more with students.

**Wambsganss:** I would say case-by-case basis.

**Lau:** I think side on case-by-case basis leaning toward parking services.

**Donnelly:** I would side mostly with the students.

**Teague:** I would side with the students.

**Plumb:** I would side with the students.

**Hampton:** I would say case-by-case basis.

**Anderson:** I would take it as case-by-case basis.

**Garcia:** I would stick with my originally answer of case-by-case basis.

**Crawford:** I would have to say case-by-case basis.

***Motion to extend time for questions by ten minutes***

***Representative Poupore seconded by Representative Griffin***

**Poupore:** President Farzaneh, what was your role in selecting these candidates?

**President Farzaneh:** I let the Chief Justices oversee the selection process. I trust them fully. I also met with the candidates they selected. We had a Zoom call last week and I had an opportunity to ask them questions.

**Patton:** Was it a concern of your when choosing the candidates, they would not side with students?

**President Farzaneh:** The Parking Appeals Board are paid university employees. They are responsible for making these tough decisions. Yes, the board is there to advocate for students, but their jobs is to review parking citations. I see no concern in their responses if they are not automatically side with students in every case.

**Long:** We do not set the parking policies. It important to sustain frequent violators to defend the value of an OU parking permit.

**Fawad:** Why do believe having a diverse set of opinions on the board is important?

**Long:** We seek out conflict. We seek diversity in the members of our board.

**Harman:** President Farzaneh, as this is an appointment, why did you not feel it was your duty to be in every single interview?

**President Farzaneh:** This was a miscommunication between the Chief Justices and me. It wasn't a me thing. It was a we thing. I wanted to be part of the process but for the sack of time I was not in every interview. However, I feel confident in all of the nominees.

**Harman:** When you interviewed these candidates, did you notify them that they could not hold two high ranking offices?

**Long:** We are talking about that right now with SGA Advisor Ahmadi. We are working under the interpretation that Associate do not have to resign because it is not a high office.

**Broadbent:** President Farzaneh, do you see conflict in appointing justices who will not side with students.

**President Farzaneh:** I understand where you are coming from. We don't want them to appeal every parking ticket because that would take away the value of a parking pass. I think it is appropriate they would determine a decision on a case-by-case basis.

#### ***Motion to extend time for questions by ten minutes***

#### ***Representative Broadbent seconded by Representative Poupore***

**Broadbent:** Would you agree that sustaining an appeal against someone who illegally parks in a disability parking space or someone who is a frequent violator is protecting students?

**Garcia:** I have friends with disabilities who have been granted special parking. This allows them more accessibility to classes and university services. If I side with parking for appeals concerning illegally parked cars in disability space, I feel as if I am siding with students by protecting their interest.

**Wambsganss:** We want to protect students. We are a joint project by parking services and SGA. We are protecting the university students from other university students.

**Flaggert:** What happens if the bill fails? Will the appointment process be the responsibility of the next administration? How feasible is that?

**Hillis:** The SGA President holds the power to appoint the Parking Appeals Board Justices. If President Farzaneh thinks this issue is better if left for the next administration, she can wait it out and do nothing. She also still has the authority to appoint anyone she sees fit as long as it falls into our high offices guidelines.

**Long:** Three people on the board have been doing the work of 15 people for month. I don't think it is feasible for this bill to fail.

**Hale:** How was there a miscommunication when the SGA President has the fully authority to appoint the Parking Appeals Board?

**Long:** She is too nice to throw us under the bus. We were not aware she needed to sit in on the interview process.

**President Farzaneh:** I attended a meet and greet with the candidates. I also promoted the application. I fully believe in my peers to make decisions.

**Hale:** When was the meet and greet?

**President Farzaneh:** It was about a month ago.

**Lange:** What is the appeals process? Can one alone determine whether an appeal should be sustained or overturned?

Long: A single person cannot influence decision about an appeal. We received a docket of appeals from parking services. We review each appeal on a case-by-case basis. We look at information such as history and lot number.

Harman: Will these candidates be taking any implicit bias training if confirmed?

Long: I am open to that. We do not have anything of that nature planned at the moment.

South: Can you commit to making the candidates take implicit bias training.

Long: Yes, I can commit to that.

Harman: Has implicit bias training been something the board has done in the past?

Long: No, I am not aware of any bias training being completed.

Debate called by Representative Flaggert

[CB-106-14 2021-2022 SGA Election Commission Staff Appointment Act \(Kabrick\) \(ConAd, Rec of No Rec\)](#)

***Motion to see CB-106-14***

***Representative Hale seconded by Representative Landry***

**Kabrick:** CB-106-14 will appoint the Election Commission Staff. As Code Club discussed earlier, the Commission Staff are the arbiters of elections, hearing cases of alleged infractions and reviewing expense reports to ensure that candidates are campaigning by the rules. The commission is made up of three or five members, reducing the chance of a tie, ensuring sufficient coverage in case recusal is needed, and allowing oversight independent from the Commissioner. Along with the bill, I gave your leadership a memo explaining the appointment process, and I am happy to elaborate on this during Q&A. The Code lists only one qualification for someone to be appointed as election commission staff: they must be an SGA Member. In addition to this, I established three informal qualifications for appointees: First: applicants should be able to communicate their ideas effectively. Second: applicants should have experience managing time and competing interests. Third: applicants should want to serve SGA and the campus community. SGA is, at its core, a student union, working together to ensure that this university is meeting our needs. I chose to serve in this office because I believe in the mission of SGA, and the appointees have demonstrated their belief in that mission too. They are well-equipped to navigate the complex rules of the elections as they come up and issue appropriate rulings. They are three wonderful members of this union seeking to serve the campus community. Joy is a first-year student studying political science. When she was in high school in Oklahoma City, she held leadership roles working on her school's philanthropy efforts. She is excited to join SGA as a way of further exploring her interests and giving back to the campus community. She sends her regards, because she, like many students, has to work this evening to continue to afford her education. Alexia is a first-year student studying finance. She attended high school in her hometown of Lee's Summit, Missouri, where she served on the Kindness Council, working to improve the larger Kansas City Community by advocating for homeless residents, raising awareness for wrongfully convicted people, and so much more. She is hoping to join SGA to protect the integrity of our elections. Jordan is originally from Oklahoma City, but has lived in Norman for the past 5 years as he's pursued his education. He is now a second-year law student and serves as a Housing Resident Director. He is looking forward to using his talents as a budding legal professional to contribute positively to the campus community. Just over a month ago, I promised this body that I would do my best to ensure fair and equitable elections. The appointees under consideration today

were chosen with that promise in mind. I know that they are qualified, and I know that they will adjudicate this election in a fair and just manner. I ask that this body vote to pass the legislation before you tonight, that you approve these appointees on their merits, and that you let us get to work serving this campus community.

**Broadbent:** Can you explain why you made the decision to open google forum?

**Kabrick:** Twelve people applied to be an Election Commission Staff member. A month after the application closed, I was appointed as Commissioner. After interviews, I found out there were only two eligible people. I sent him the same questions on a Google Form. I asked him the same interview questions.

**Halsey-Kraus:** Did you make the alternative application available to other students? Do you advertise it?

**Kabrick:** I made it available to anyone who asked me. Only one person asked me.

**Kathuria:** How will you enforce the rules to have free and fair elections?

**Charlton:** I plan to work with the commission to review the Code Annotated and make a decision base on it.

**Murray:** I will stick to the text of the Code Annotated

**Poupore:** Have you taken implicit bias training?

**Charlton:** I have not taken implicit bias training.

**Murray:** I have not taken implicit bias training.

***Motion to extend time for questions by ten minutes***

***Representative Landry seconded by Representative Griffin***

**Trautman:** Is Mr. Murray up to the standard to be a commissioner?

**Kabrick:** I believe he is up to the standard. If I found them unqualified, I would not have put his name on the appointment bill.

**Broadbent:** Will you recuse yourself from any decisions relating to the Castellano + Hepburn campaign?

**Murray:** I will make the commitment to I will rescue myself.

CR-106-02 Preserving Indigenous Languages Resolution of 2021 (Broadbent, Flaggert) (EA, Do Pass)

***Motion to table CR-106-02 and AB-106-06***

***Representative Tesfaselassie seconded by Representative***

**Follow-Up Reports**

**Items for Future Agenda**

**Announcements and Comments**

**Final Roll Call**

**Adjourn**

Chair: Crispin South

Vice Chair: Sidney May

Secretary: Coy Taylor

<b>Session 106</b>	<b>Opening</b>	<b>Final</b>
Angstadt, Kennedy	ex	ex
Barnett, Ryan	abs	abs
Beltz, Katie	x	x
Broadbent, Taylor	x	x
Bryant, Maegan	x	x
Carmona Casado, Ismael	abs	abs
Chenevey, Brandon	abs	abs
Dao, Audrey	x	x
Dexter, Jack	x	x
Fawad, Hadi	x	abs
Flaggert, Jayke	x	x
Grebe, Jordan	x	x
Griffin, Weslie	x	x
Hale, Eileah	x	x
Halsey-Kraus, Abby	x	x
Kirk, Luke	abs	abs
Landry, Amelia	x	x
Lange, Jake	x	x
Lary, Emma Grace	ex	ex
Lynskey, Graeson	x	x
Mandrell, Brady	abs	abs
McPherson, David	x	x
Myers, Beckett	abs	abs
Papahronis, Demetri	abs	abs
Perez, Emiliano	x	x
Pipic, Edita	abs	abs
Poupore, Carson	x	x
Searles, Dana	x	x
Smith, Kennedy	x	x
Stoyak, Michael	x	x
Tesfaslassie, Robel	x	x
Trautmen, Bailey	x	x
Yanez, Becca	x	abs
<b>Present</b>	23	21
<b>Absent</b>	9	10
<b>Excused</b>	2	2

<b>Session 106</b>	<b>CB-106-13</b>	<b>CB-106-14</b>
Angstadt, Kennedy		
Barnett, Ryan		
Beltz, Katie	n	y
Broadbent, Taylor	y	y
Bryant, Maegan	y	y
Carmona Casado, Ismael		
Chenevey, Brandon		
Dao, Audrey	y	y
Dexter, Jack	n	y
Fawad, Hadi	y	
Flaggert, Jayke	n	y
Grebe, Jordan	y	y
Griffin, Weslie	y	y
Hale, Eileah	n	y
Halsey-Kraus, Abby	y	y
Kirk, Luke		
Landry, Amelia	y	y
Lange, Jake	y	y
Lary, Emma Grace		
Lynskey, Graeson	y	y
Mandrell, Brady		
McPherson, David	n	y
Myers, Beckett		
Papahronis, Demetri	n	
Perez, Emiliano	y	y
Pipic, Edita		
Poupore, Carson	n	y
Searles, Dana	y	y
Smith, Kennedy	y	y
Stoyak, Michael	y	y
Tesfaselassie, Robel	y	y
Trautmen, Bailey	y	y
Yanez, Becca	n	
<b>Yes</b>	16	21
<b>No</b>	8	0
<b>Abstain</b>	0	0



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GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE  
SENATE SESSION GF21  
October 24th, 2021

CONGRESSIONAL BILL AB-106-06  
SENATE BILL NO. GF21-XX

AS INTRODUCED

An act relating to appropriations; providing for short title; stating purpose; appropriating Auxiliary Funding for the 2021-2022 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 6 Act of 2021-2022”

**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
Rug Making Club			200	200
OU Fencing Club		125	575	700
Sooner Competitive Robotics		500		500
Crimson Spirit	500			500
German Club	99.98			99.98
			<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>1,999.98</b>

**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 6, 2022

**Section 6:** All unspent money remaining in the accounts listed in Section 3 shall revert to the SGA General Account after May 6, 2022, 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:

Action taken by Student Congress:

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE

SENATE SESSION GF-21

October 10, 2021

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-106-13

SENATE BILL NO. GF21-11

AS INTRODUCED

An Act of Procedure appointing Parking Board Judges,  
providing for a short title, providing for codification, and  
providing an effective date.

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

**Section 1:** Title: This act shall be known and may be cited as the “Parking Board Judges Appointment Act of 2021.”

**Section 2:** Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to appoint student members to the Student Parking Appeals Board.

**Section 3:** In accordance with Title IV, Chapter 4, section 15, which delineates the appointment process for students on the board, the following students shall thus be appointed:

- Drashti Maisuria
- Malina Anderson
- Genesis Delodge
- Blaine Teague
- John Henry Donnelly
- Walker Wambsganss
- Jack Crawford
- Hanna Doudican
- Talon Alcalá
- Hannah Garcia
- Sara Lau
- Rylea Bennett
- Olivia Hampton
- Brett Petersen
- Helene Plumb

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

Author(s): Tavana Farzaneh, SGA President  
Matt Long, Parking Appeals Board Chief Justice

Co-Author(s): Andrew Wertheimer, Parking Appeals Board Co-Chief Justice

Co-Sponsor(s):

Submitted on a Motion by:

Action taken by Congress:

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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CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-106-14  
SENATE BILL GF21-12

AS INTRODUCED

An Act appointing the Fall 2021-Spring 2022 Election  
Commission Staff; providing for short title; and providing  
for an effective date.

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

- Section 1:** Title: This act shall be known and may be cited as the “2021-2022 SGA Election Commission Staff Appointment Act.”
- Section 2:** Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to appoint the members of the 2021-2022 Election Commission Staff.
- Section 3:** In accordance with Title IV, Chapter 6, Section 2(a)(iv), the following SGA Members shall be appointed as Election Commission Staff for the term ending at the end of the Spring 2022 Semester:
- Joy Akande
  - Alexia Charlton
  - Jordan Murray
- Section 4:** This act shall become effective when passed in accordance with the SGA Constitution.

Author(s): Isaac Kabrick, SGA Election Commissioner

Submitted on a Motion by:

Action taken by Congress:

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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GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE  
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CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-106-02  
SENATE BILL NO GF 21-XX

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurring Resolution celebrating the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Cherokee Syllabary, relating to the preservation of languages, relating to the expansion of scholarships, relating to tribal compacting; and providing for distribution.

- Whereas: The Cherokee Syllabary was completed in 1821 by George “Sequoyah” Guess; and
- Whereas: The Development of a formal written language allowed for the advancement of the Cherokee People into written modes of communication, like the Cherokee Phoenix and the Cherokee Constitution, both of which are still in place today; and
- Whereas: There are less than 2000 First Language Cherokee speakers; and
- Whereas: The University of Oklahoma only provides up to three semesters of Cherokee and all indigenous languages, incompatible with the efforts to create new fluent speakers for the perpetuation of indigenous languages; and
- Whereas: Tribes of Oklahoma, including The Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma, are actively seeking opportunities to promote the learning and use of their native languages; and
- Whereas: Student interest is the driving factor behind developing new classes; and
- Whereas: The University of Oklahoma has the largest indigenous language class selection in the world; providing courses in 4 languages indigenous to tribes of Oklahoma; and therefore

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

**Section 1:** Title: This resolution shall be known and may be cited as the “Preserving Indigenous Languages Resolution of 2021”

**Section 2:** The Student Government Association celebrates the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Cherokee Syllabary.

**Section 3:** The Student Government Association President, Vice-President, Graduate Student Senate Chair, and Undergraduate Student Congress Chair should promote to the Board of Regents and the University President an expansion of the current course selection in indigenous languages to promote advanced knowledge and fluency of indigenous languages.

**Section 4:** The Student Government Association President, Vice-President, Graduate Student Senate Chair, and Undergraduate Student Congress Chair should promote to the Board of Regents and the University President a compact between the University and Tribal Nations to provide for scholarships to cover the cost of tuition for students pursuing advanced knowledge and fluency of indigenous languages.

**Section 5:** The Student Government Association should explore options to increase student interest in the learning and preserving of indigenous languages.

**Section 6:** The Student Government Association President, Vice-President, Graduate Student Senate Chair, and Undergraduate Student Congress Chair should promote to the Board of Regents and the University and Tribal Nations to provide funds for the cost of instruction, administration, curriculum, and all other costs associated with the expansion of indigenous languages education.

**Section 7:** Copies of this resolution will be sent to:

- The University of Oklahoma Board of Regents
- President of the University of Oklahoma Joseph Harroz
- Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation Chuck Hoskin Jr.,
- Deputy Chief of the Cherokee Nation Bryan Warner

Author(s): Representative Taylor Broadbent, Humanities District, Citizen of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma  
Representative Jayke Flaggert, Business District

Co-Author(s):

Co-Sponsor(s):

Submitted on a motion by:

Action taken by Congress:

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