

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS

Session CVII

General Body Meeting

7:00 pm, Tuesday, February 1, 2022

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Call to Order 7:05 PM

Opening Roll Call 20-11-0

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 Williams seconded by Representative Tesfaselassie

Officer Reports -

- **Chair's Report** - Committee assignments, for those new folks I reached out to in order to finalize committee, thank you for that. For those who haven't, the next time I email you I urge you to reply simply with which committee you'd like to be assigned to, after that we'll have to take different measures. Everyone is required to be on a committee, for all of you new folks, we got those finalized on Sunday in our Executive meeting, everyone got their first choice of committee assignments. Your committee chairs should be reaching out to you fairly soon, on a related note, please go to your committee meetings. Missing a committee meeting also counts as an absence towards expulsion. A lot of work happens in committee meetings, that's where bill writing, and projects get done. Secondly, I would like to briefly discuss the student activity fee committee, your student activity fee is a per credit hour fee that every student at OU pays, it is a fee that is directly under the control of SGA Leadership, in conjunction with the department of student affairs, everything is subject to the final say of the OU board of regents, so everything I'm about to tell you guys is tentative, pending the board of regents approval. On Monday the student activity fee committee met, it recommended an allocation of \$4.6 million for the fiscal year of 2023. We were able to grant increases to each department which requested. Finally, please turn on your cameras if you're able.
- **Vice Chair's Report** - Orientation and photo head shots are going to be February 20th. Make sure to be there for photos and if you're a new member then you must be there for orientation.
- **Secretary's Report** - I will be sending out the form to fill out the congressional administration point. Please fill it out for the month of January, if you don't then it counts as an absence.

Committee Reports-

- **Campus Outreach, Safety, and Concerns:** My first and biggest point to make is I know all of you haven't filled out the When2Meet, especially if you're a representative, you have a duty to your constituents and coffee with congress is the perfect way to participate in constituent outreach. If you sign up for a date, there is still a 50/50 chance that I won't be having the event at the time you selected so please make sure to sign up for any times you can. We are going to have a light walk on Sunday, February 13th.
- **Congressional Administration:** Code Club will be hosting Congress basics during special orders. Congress got over 30 applications from the Gen App which closed this past Friday. This weekend we will be hosting interviews for new members, and we also saw the bill CB-107-03 and gave it a recommendation of 'Do Pass' however the Sustainability Committee is going to see it before we present it to congress.
- **External Affairs:** This past weekend EA, saw CR-107-03 and gave it a recommendation of 'Do Pass' Higher education day is exactly two weeks away from today, for those who are going, we are going to have a meeting beforehand. Local elections start next week so keep that on your radar. If you have any questions, feel free to text, or email me.
- **Human Diversity:** We met unofficially this weekend however we were able to appoint HD exec, we went over some legislation that we would like to see this semester. Also, we are looking to have a guest speaker come next week, so be here!
- **Sustainability:** We didn't meet this past weekend, we will be meeting next weekend and getting started on all of our various project. An immense thanks to ConAd, for giving the PAE Bill a rec of do pass, our committee will be seeing this bill this upcoming weekend. We are also planning on having an upcoming trash walk this month, if the weather is allowing it might be on February 27th.
- **University Policy:** Upol saw the vaping and nicotine education act and give it a recommendation of 'Do Pass', moving forward we will be working on a lot of different things, including increased transparency for fees and their purpose, as well as some other recommendations regarding student workers. If anyone has anyone questions for me let me know.
- **Ways and Means:** We saw AUX 10, 12 different organizations, all of which got passes. We are very excited with the increased funding that Chair South mentioned. On February 25th, that is the deadline for primary so that we can get started on it.

Special Orders

- Big Event Presentation
- Code Club

Student Concerns

Associate Kathuria: A concern I have is the about power outages during this winter storm in which students might not be getting excused.

Items to Be Considered

AB-107-02 "Auxiliary Allocation 10 Act of 2021-2022. (Patton, SGA Budgetary Committee) (Ways & Means, Do Pass)

Motion to see AB 107-02

Representative Dodd seconded by Representative Williams

Vice-Chair Papahronis-This is Auxiliary Allocation 10, we saw 12 organizations and we allocated money to all of them.

2:57 Yielded to Questions

Final Vote: 20-2-0.

CR-107-02 Vaping and Nicotine Education Act. (Kathuria) (University Policy, Do Pass)

Motion to see CR 107-02

Representative Williams seconded by Representative Dodd

Associate Kathuria: The vaping epidemic has been very relevant on our campus, too many students addicted to these devices, which are known for being very harmful to our lungs, not only for themselves but for others. As somebody who has asthma, I want to feel safe on campus and other to feel safe too. It's important for SGA to do everything in its power to protect their constituents. With the bill we want to increase the content of Vaping related educational materials presented at camp crimson. It's a recommendation that we'll create a health promotion-based peer educator group, which will inform many organizations like Greek life and the student body in general about how to stop vaping and how to avoid using such substances. Lastly, we want to use the OU department of mental health and substance abuse grant funds for a campaign regarding the dangers of vaping and nicotine.

1:00 Yielded to questions

Representative Landry: Do you know if the university has a university has a 0-tolerance policy and what the current consequences are if you're caught vaping on campus?

Associate Kathuria: There is currently only a fine of \$25-50.

Representative Dodd: Have you gotten a verbal or written agreement that the OU health promotions would follow through with the resolution?

Associate Kathuria: Yes, Chair Lynskey and I met with the head of the Alcohol and Drugs training for camp crimson and went over future plans.

Representative Dodd (Follow-up): Will there need to be additional funding given to OU Health promotions in order to create the Peer educator group?

Associate Kathuria: At least for the peer educator group, I doubt there will need to be any funding. We can also fall back to the ODMSHS Grant Funds for the group.

Chair Harman: You stated that there is a significant number of students that vape on campus, have you conducted a study or any research?

Associate Kathuria: There have been no surveys or studies regarding that, however I will say that this is mainly from personal experience, and I've seen it on many common spaces on campus.

Representative Chiariello: Are you aware of any actual alcohol and drug trainings provide on campus?

Associate Kathuria: I believe that educating and spreading awareness are the important issues that I'm trying to address.

Representative Landry: Is it in your opinion that many of these students would need a lot more than education to defeat their yearlong addictions?

Associate Kathuria: Finding comfort in the peer educator groups by addressing issues through treatment strategies are a good way to combat this.

Motion to extend time by 5 minutes

Representative Broadbent seconded by Representative E. Perez

Representative Williams: Are there any other mental health services or counseling to help with addictions? Or help students get off of their nicotine addictions?

Associate Kathuria: Goddard health services does provide treatment and counseling opportunities from those who are suffering addictions.

Representative E. Perez: Upon the passing of this bill would you agree to follow the legislation, and for this to be a reoccurring issue that you address?

Associate Kathuria: The vaping and nicotine issue is something that is very personal to me, I will absolutely follow through and make sure that this issue is being continuously addressed.

Chair Harman: Would you agree that it would be best to send a copy of this resolution to Goddard so that they can be in the loop of what you're trying to pass?

Associate Kathuria: Absolutely, I will definitely be working with Chair South upon passage of this bill to get this resolution send to Goddard.

Chair Harman (Follow-up): Would you accept a friendly amendment adding to section three a third bullet point saying Goddard health services?

Associate Kathuria: Yes.

Final Vote 15-7-0.

CR-107-03 The Higher Education Day 2022 Resolution. (Lewis/Brown/Yanez) (External Affairs, Do Pass)

Motion to see CR-107-03

Representative Dodd seconded by Chair Trautman

Chair Lewis: This resolution is straightforward, it's saying why it's important for OU students to go advocate for higher educational funding on Higher Education Day, Oklahoma is ranked 47th in the nation for Higher Education.

2:34 Yielded to Questions

Associate Kathuria: What inspired you to write this bill?

Chair Lewis: This is something that EA writes every year, it's really influence and important for the University's sake, and I'm really excited about how students get involvement experience this way or just get lobbying experience in general.

Representative Williams: Have we decided on who we are sending the bill to?

Chair Lewis: Copies of this resolution will be sent to President Lissau, the OU daily and nightly.

Representative Broadbent: Is it clerical that this is a congressional resolution?

Chair South: It was submitted to me as a Congressional Resolution, and I don't believe that GSS would have time to see this piece of legislation.

Final Vote 22-0-0 Unanimous.

Follow-Up Reports

Items for Future Agenda

Announcements and Comments

Representative Broadbent: OU's OIL is defending their state championship this semester, we have candidates running for all of the highest offices this semester including governor, please reach out to me if you're interested in joining.

Associate Kathuria: Today marks the start of Black History Month, and the Chinese New Year.

Chair Harman: This Saturday is the start of Alpha Lambda Delta's trash pick-up, we will meet outside of Wagner Hall at 1 pm on Saturday February 5th.

Chair Lewis: Oklahoma Votes is passing out lollipops and will be tabling in the Couch Storm Shelter on Friday and Monday, if you have not been registered to vote please come by.

George Ahmadi: The SGA offices will physically be closed, although you can always email me. If you need to get a hold of me or Mary don't hesitate to contact us.

Chair Lange: There is a tentative plan for a trash walk on February 27th.

Representative Griffin: OU College Democrats is having its first meeting of the semester February 2nd at 5:30pm virtually. Reach out to me if you'd love to attend.

Chair Halsey Kraus: We will be doing interviews this weekend, please keep your energy high and mighty for next meeting for our newly appointed associates and representatives.

Chair Trautman: Please fill out the when2meet for Coffee with Congress.

Chair South: Coffee with Congress is extremely important, every single one of you should be interested in constituent outreach since that is what we are elected to do.

Vice Chair May: RSVP to orientation so I can get food for you!

Final Roll Call 22-9-0

Motion to adjourn

Chair Trautman seconded by Representative Williams

Adjourned at 8:29PM

Chair: Crispin South

Vice Chair: Sidney May

Secretary: Hadi Fawad

| Session 107 | | |
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| Date of Session: | 1-Feb-22 | |
| Name: | Initial | Final |
| BARNETT, Ryan | a | a |
| BINGER, Christian | x | x |
| BROADBENT, Taylor | x | x |
| BROWN, Jordan | x | x |
| CANTU, Cole | x | x |
| CAPPLEMAN, Austin | x | x |
| CHAMAN, Arin | x | x |
| CHENEVEY, Brandon | x | x |
| CHIARIELLO, Clayton | a | x |
| DAO, Audrey | x | x |
| DODD, Aiden | x | x |
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| KIRK, Luke | a | a |
| LANDRY, Amelia | x | x |
| MANDRELL, Brady | a | a |
| MCGOWAN, Parker | a | a |
| MCPHERSON, David | x | x |
| MYERS, Beckett | x | x |
| NEALY, Tamera | a | a |
| PAPAHRONIS, Demitri | x | x |
| PAYSON, Olivia | x | x |
| PEREZ, Emiliano | x | x |
| PEREZ, Alondra | a | x |
| SEARLES, Dana | a | a |
| STOYAK, Michael | x | x |
| TESFASELASSIE, Robel | x | x |
| TRAUTMAN, Bailey | x | x |
| WILLIAMS, Michael | x | x |
| YANEZ, Becca | a | a |
| ZAQOUT, Mahmoud | a | a |
| PRESENT | 20 | 22 |
| ABSENT | 11 | 9 |
| EXCUSED | 0 | 0 |

| Session 107 | | | | |
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| Date of Session: | 1-Feb-22 | | | |
| Name: | AB-107-02 | CR-107-02 | CR-107-03 | |
| BARNETT, Ryan | | | | |
| BINGER, Christian | n | y | n | |
| BROADBENT, Taylor | y | y | y | |
| BROWN, Jordan | y | y | n | |
| CANTU, Cole | y | y | n | |
| CAPPLEMAN, Austin | y | y | n | |
| CHAMAN, Arin | n | y | n | |
| CHENEVEY, Brandon | y | y | y | |
| CHIARIELLO, Clayton | y | y | y | |
| DAO, Audrey | y | y | y | |
| DODD, Aiden | y | y | y | |
| GRIFFIN, Weslie | y | y | y | |
| HALE, Eileah | | | | |
| KIRK, Luke | | | | |
| LANDRY, Amelia | y | y | y | |
| MANDRELL, Brady | | | | |
| MCGOWAN, Parker | | | | |
| MCPHERSON, David | y | y | n | |
| MYERS, Beckett | y | y | n | |
| NEALY, Tamera | | | | |
| PAPAHRONIS, Demitri | y | y | y | |
| PAYSON, Olivia | y | y | y | |
| PEREZ, Emiliano | y | y | y | |
| PEREZ, Alondra | y | y | y | |
| SEARLES, Dana | | | | |
| STOYAK, Michael | y | y | y | |
| TESFASELASSIE, Robel | y | y | y | |
| TRAUTMAN, Bailey | y | y | y | |
| WILLIAMS, Michael | y | y | y | |
| YANEZ, Becca | | | | |
| ZAQOUT, Mahmoud | | | | |
| Yes | 20 | 22 | 15 | 0 |
| No | 2 | 0 | 7 | 0 |
| Abstain | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

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UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CVII

February 1st, 2022

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GF21

February 13th, 2022

CONGRESSIONAL BILL AB-107-02
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 10 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 |
|--|-------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|-------|
| Chi Alpha Campus Ministries | 1200 | | | 1200 |
| Minority Health Sciences Conference | 700 | | | 700 |
| OU Gaming Club | 200 | | | 200 |
| Tau Beta Pi Association | 500 | | | 500 |
| Interior Design Student Association | 500 | | | 500 |
| Rug Making Club | | | 702.5 | 702.5 |
| Biomedical Engineering Society Student Chapter | 350 | | | 350 |
| Afrobeat Dance | 238.4 | | | 238.4 |
| American Indian Student Association | 4150 | | | 4150 |
| Alpha Lambda Delta | 600 | | | 600 |

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| Psychology Graduate Student Association | 180 | | | 180 |
| | | | TOTAL: | 9,320.9 |

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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February 1, 2022

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GFXX/GSXX
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CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-107-02
SENATE RESOLUTION NO. GFXX-XX/GSXX-XX

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution which recommends increased education and awareness for the dangers of vaping and nicotine for all students at the University of Oklahoma; and providing for distribution.

- Whereas: A significant number of students have vaped on campus; and
- Whereas: There are serious dangers with nicotine and the chemicals inside each E-Cigarette¹; and
- Whereas: Vaping has been linked to lung health issues including lung cancer²; and
- Whereas: Non-vaping students are still at risk of exposure to secondhand smoke; and
- Whereas: It is the duty of SGA to keep our constituents, the student body safe; and
- Whereas: Students should receive education on the effects and consequences from vaping; therefore

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

Section 1: Title: This resolution shall be known and may be cited as the “Vaping and Nicotine Education Act.”

Section 2: The OU Student Government Association recommends that OU Health Promotions educate the Student Body on the dangers of vaping and nicotine in the following ways:

1. Increase content on the dangers of vaping and nicotine in the Alcohol and Other Drugs Training done by OU Health Promotions.
 - a. Consequences for the use of vaping and nicotine products on campus should be addressed.
 - b. The presentation should inform students the dangers vaping poses on their body and bystanders around.
 - c. Information should also consist about the potential spread of diseases like mononucleosis.

¹ <https://www.nm.org/healthbeat/healthy-tips/emotional-health/vaping-4-risks-for-kids>

² <https://www.heart.org/en/healthy-living/healthy-lifestyle/quit-smoking-tobacco/the-101-on-e-cigarettes-infographic>

- d. An emphasis on the addictive properties of nicotine and its ability to be a gateway to other drugs.
 - e. Address the dangerous substances used in the liquids for vaping devices.
 - f. A use of scientific data including usage of vaping devices and nicotine amongst students should be used in the presentation.
2. Create a Health Promotion-based Peer-Educator facilitated education/cessation group.
 - a. Peer-Educators would devote time to studying the effects of vaping and nicotine.
 - b. This group would facilitate sessions to all student groups on campus including Greek Life.
 3. Explore the use of ODMSHS grant funds to use for campus-based vaping and nicotine education/cessation.

Section 3: Copies of this resolution will be sent to:

- OU Health Promotions
- OU Daily
- Goddard Health Services

Author(s): Shrey Kathuria, Associate

Co-Author(s): Graeson Lynskey, University Policy Committee Chair

Co-Sponsor(s): Beth Felkner, Associate

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: _____

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CVII

February 1, 2022

CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-107-03

AS INTRODUCED

A Congressional Resolution to allow students the ability to advocate on behalf of the University of Oklahoma and request support for increasing funds for higher education resources allocated by the State Government of Oklahoma.; and providing for distribution.

Whereas: Oklahoma is ranked 47th in the nation for higher education quality; An increase in funds allocated to improving Higher Education could improve Oklahoma’s national ranking; and

Whereas: Higher education is imperative for teacher and nurse retention; Approximately 30,000 educators have left the state of Oklahoma to pursue jobs in neighboring states; and

Whereas: Research indicates that for every dollar invested by state appropriations, The higher education system creates \$9.40 in terms of economic output; and

Whereas: Approximately 87% of Oklahoma residents who attend University, and graduate with a bachelor’s degree stay in Oklahoma and retain employment in the state at least a year after graduation; and

Whereas: Higher education allows residents of Oklahoma the ability to contribute to the Oklahoma economy and encourage financial growth which benefits the state of Oklahoma; therefore

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

Section 1: Title: This resolution shall be known and may be cited as the “The Higher Education Day 2022 Resolution.”

Section 2: Students from the University of Oklahoma will advocate for higher education funding by meeting with State Senators and Representatives at the capitol in Oklahoma City, on February 15th, 2022.

Section 3: Copies of this resolution will be sent to:

- The OU Daily
- The OU Nightly
- President Lissau

Author(s): Chair Lacey Lewis
Representative Jordan Brown
Representative Becca Yanez

Submitted on a motion by:

Action taken by Congress:

Verified by Chair of Congress: _____ Date: _____