

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS

Session CVII

General Body Meeting

7:00 pm, Tuesday, February 15, 2022

Dale Hall 218

Call to Order at 7:04PM

Opening Roll Call 20-12-2

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 Broadbent seconded by Representative Hale

Officer Reports -

- **Chair's Report:** This is our first meeting back in person, thank you all for showing up and being in attendance, especially to those at higher ed day since it's been a busy day for all of you and myself included. We will have placards next week but for this meeting please introduce yourself and state whether you hold a representative or associate seat. We have the GSS Chair, Claire Burch here to present a piece of legislation later on tonight.
- **Vice Chair's Report:** Orientation is this Sunday, there will be free food, Crispin will be sending out an email, it will need a rsvp and additional instructions. Fill out the RSVP as soon as possible since it will ask about any dietary restrictions and I place order for food in accordance with the RSVP's I get, if you can't come, please let me know by this Thursday if you'd like to get an excused absence.
- **Secretary's Report:** Look out for the minutes tomorrow, Ill be sending out a list of people with 2 or 3 absences.

Committee Reports-

- **Campus Outreach, Safety, and Concerns:** We just had a light walk, only two lights were out on campus, so we consider it a big win. You should tag along for the one next month. The covid informational project will probably be sent out as an OUMM. Coffee with Congress is coming up, if you have any questions about either of those projects just let me know.
- **Congressional Administration:** This past weekend ConAd saw CB-107-05 and gave it a recommendation of Do Pass, which we will be seeing today. For all of you who recently filled out the General Application, you will be receiving an email from me in a week, it will be asking about the GenApp and the interview portion, if you felt like there is something we could improve on or have any sort of feedback, please fill it out as it will help us improve the next gen app cycle.

- **External Affairs:** EA did not meet this weekend, although we did have a meeting for Higher Education Day. It was an amazing turnout, we advocated for higher education it was exhaustive, but it went great!
- **Human Diversity:** We met on Thursday, allocating all of our projects to committee members and started working on legislation; some of the projects we have for this semester are: graduation gown rentals, service opportunities, mental health resources along with sexual health education.
- **Sustainability:** We met unofficially this weekend; we went over everyone's projects this weekend. If you're specifically interested in any of the projects let me know. We will be having a trash walk at the Duck Pond on February 27th at 1pm. Our committee is in the early stages of creating two surveys, one from food waste issues and the other relating to specialized recycling. If you see those in your inbox, please fill them out and we always appreciate your response.
- **University Policy:** We did not meet officially last weekend, although we are going to be meeting this weekend, I look forward to working with our committee this semester. Sometimes I get up here and say silly things, for the following reasons, so that Secretary Fawad has to write them in minutes and to make Parliamentarian Halsey-Kraus laugh.
- **Ways and Means:** WAM met this past weekend, we saw AUX 12, we were able to fund all 12 organizations we looked at.

Liaison Reports-

- **Chair Lynskey** - OU School of Drama has a new theater production "What happened While Hero Was Dead" which opens tomorrow, tickets are \$6 dollars, Sunday is the matinee.
- **Representative Landry:** Alpha Gam is having a benefit night at baked bear tonight till 9 pm, if you decide to go, please let them know you're with us. There are still valengrams available for sale.
- **Chair Lange:** We will have four sessions of the Environmentalism in action speaker series, the information for those is on the SEC's engage page, there are posts about it on the Sustainability Committee's Instagram page.
The PAE is having the first meeting of their semester this Tuesday. There are a ton of environmentally focused organizations that have their most important events around this time of the year, so please keep your eyes open for any of those dates and make sure to participate.
- **Chair Harman:** ALD is having a used clothing drive for the entirety of February, we are also taking pet food and used toys. If you're a first-year student, we are not a scam, please join.
- **Associate Vu:** The lunar new year celebration is tomorrow at the Jim Thorpe Multicultural Center at 6pm, there is free food, and many other organizations are there.
- **Representative Broadbent:** Tomorrow night at 6pm the constitutional studies program will be doing supreme court trivia at Carnegie Hall first floor student lounge, there will also be free pizza.
- **Representative A. Perez:** OIL will be meeting this Thursday; we will be learning how to write a bill which is a skill that is extremely useful in congress so please make sure to attend and ask me for any details.
- **Chair Lynskey:** OU college democrats are meeting at 5:30 tomorrow in Dale Hall, we are having a game night.

Special Orders

- Code Club

Student Concerns

- **Associate Kathuria:** I am concerned about our students who are immunocompromised showing up to large lectures, if they contract the virus that could pose an extreme threat.
- **Representative Landry:** I've had many of my constituents reach out to me saying we are not being patriotic enough with our state.
- **Representative Reese:** There were multiple antisemitic incidents in Walker with residents writing antisemitic phrases on Jewish students' door along with other incidents.

Items to Be Considered

AB-107-04 - Auxiliary Allocation 12 Act. (Patton, Papahronis, SGA Budgetary Committee) (Ways & Means, Do Pass)

Motion to see AB-107-04

Representative Williams, seconded by Representative Trautman

Authors Explanation Vice-Chair Papahronis: This is Aux 12, we saw 11 different organizations all of which received funding, if you have any questions let me know.

2:50 Yielded to Questions

Associate Kathuria: Are you aware about the amount that the ESO and Real Estate Club requested?

Vice-Chair Papahronis: We looked at their preferences and priorities and their budget, they'll be able to apply all of the money that we allocated.

Chair Lange: Can you go into detail about what the Sustainable Energy Society needed the funding for?

Vice-Chair Papahronis: They're a new organization, we read through what they're trying to do, and it all sounds like really great things, they're trying to educate students on campus about sustainability and recycling.

Chair Harman: Can you explain why the Sooner Chapter of the American Association of Airport Executives Received \$294.14 as opposed to a rounded number?

Vice-Chair Papahronis: They asked to be given exactly 294.14, the amount an organization requests is the maximum amount we can give, so rather than rounding it down to 294.00 we gave them the exact amount.

Representative Broadbent: Is the Sooner Chapter of the American Association of Airport Executives an undergraduate or graduate organization?

Vice-Chair Papahronis: I believe that they have a combination of Undergraduate and Graduate students in the organization, also the money is for a trip to the DFW Airport.

Associate Kathuria: How has the sooner chapter Sooner Chapter of the American Association of Airport Executives done regarding their previous history of using SGA funds

We looked specifically at fiscal history, they are decreased if their fiscal history is bad, the amount we gave them is what we believe is fair.

Chair Harman: Can you explain what the ASCE Concrete Canoe Team is?

Vice-Chair Papahronis: We are funding the cement, for which they create a cement canoe

Final Vote: 21-0-0

CB-107-05 SGA GSS WAM Chair Salary Addition Act of 2022 (Burch) (Congressional Administration, Do Pass)

Motion to see CB 107-05

Representative Broadbent, seconded by Representative E. Perez

Authors Explanation GSS Chair Burch: Hello everyone, I'm here today to present a piece of legislation offering a stipend to the GSS Ways and Means Chair for those who weren't aware, one of the biggest things that the GSS does is provide a travel and research grant for student who apply. This process is overseen by the WAM Chair, which is currently a volunteer position. GSS struggles to fill this position each year due to the many responsibilities it holds in line with your WAM Chair being paid for funding RSO's, we would like to offer our WAM Chair a \$350 stipend each cycle. Which adds up to \$700 a year.

2:10 Yielded

Associate Kathuria: Why hasn't there been a salary in the past for this position?

Chair Burch: I have taken the initiative, it is not the request of the current chair, to recognize the hard work they do and reward it with a stipend which can also act as an incentive.

Chair Harman: On average do you know how many grants that come in each year that the GSS WAM Chair must see?

Chair Burch: It about 20-40 currently although in a regular year its 100-200 grants applications.

Chair Lange: How many work hours does this translate to?

Chair Burch: It's at least 20 hours.

Associate Kathuria: Will the GSS WAM Chair need to have any office hours?

Chair Burch: They will not be hosting office hours and those grant processes do not offer office hours, she's always available to answer questions.

Final Vote 21-0-0

Follow-Up Reports

- **Associate Kathuria:** The Vaping and Nicotine Education Act passed the graduate student senate yesterday with unanimous student support, it is now going to President Lissau
- **Chair Lange:** The PAE Establishment Act has passed GSS, it will be going to President Lissau's desk next.

Items for Future Agenda

Announcements and Comments

Vice Chair May: Crispin is going to send out that email so don't forget to RSVP.

Chair Burch: It was great to meet you all, please don't hesitate to reach out if you need anything.

Final Roll Call 21-11-2

Adjourned at 8:01 PM

Motion to Adjourn

Representative Williams Seconded by Chair Trautman

Chair: Crispin South

Vice Chair: Sidney May

Secretary: Hadi Fawad

Session 107

| Session 107 | | |
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| Date of Session: | 15-Feb-22 | |
| Name: | Initial | Final |
| AHEDOR, Monica | x | x |
| BARNETT, Ryan | a | a |
| BINGER, Christian | x | x |
| BROADBENT, Taylor | x | x |
| BROWN, Jordan | x | x |
| CANTU, Cole | a | a |
| CAPPLEMAN, Austin | x | x |
| CHAMAN, Arin | ex | ex |
| CHENEVEY, Brandon | x | x |
| CHIARIELLO, Clayton | x | x |
| DAO, Audrey | x | a |
| DODD, Aiden | a | a |
| GRIFFIN, Weslie | a | a |
| HALE, Eileah | x | x |
| 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 | x |
| NEAVES, Megan | x | x |
| PAPAHRONIS, Demetri | x | x |
| PAYSON, Olivia | x | x |
| PEREZ, Emiliano | x | x |
| PEREZ, Alondra | x | x |
| REESE, Nathaniel | x | x |
| SEARLES, Dana | ex | ex |
| STOYAK, Michael | a | a |
| TESFAELASSIE, Robel | a | a |
| TRAUTMAN, Bailey | x | x |
| WILLIAMS, Michael | x | x |
| YANEZ, Becca | x | a |
| ZAQOUT, Mahmoud | x | x |
| PRESENT | 22 | 21 |
| ABSENT | 10 | 11 |
| EXCUSED | 2 | 2 |

| Session 107 | | | | |
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| Date of Session: | 15-Feb-22 | | | |
| Name: | AB-107-04 | CB-107-05 | | |
| AHEDOR, Monica | y | y | | |
| BARNETT, Ryan | | | | |
| BINGER, Christian | y | y | | |
| BROADBENT, Taylor | y | y | | |
| BROWN, Jordan | y | y | | |
| CANTU, Cole | | | | |
| CAPPLEMAN, Austin | y | y | | |
| CHAMAN, Arin | | | | |
| CHENEVEY, Brandon | y | y | | |
| CHIARIELLO, Clayton | y | y | | |
| DAO, Audrey | | | | |
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| LANDRY, Amelia | y | y | | |
| MANDRELL, Brady | | | | |
| MCGOWAN, Parker | | | | |
| MCPHERSON, David | y | y | | |
| MYERS, Beckett | y | y | | |
| NEALY, Tamera | y | y | | |
| NEAVES, Megan | y | y | | |
| PAPAHRONIS, Demetri | y | y | | |
| PAYSON, Olivia | y | y | | |
| PEREZ, Emiliano | y | y | | |
| PEREZ, Alondra | y | y | | |
| REESE, Nathaniel | y | y | | |
| SEARLES, Dana | | | | |
| STOYAK, Michael | | | | |
| TESFAELASSIE, Robel | | | | |
| TRAUTMAN, Bailey | y | y | | |
| WILLIAMS, Michael | y | y | | |
| YANEZ, Becca | | | | |
| ZAQOUT, Mahmoud | y | y | | |
| Yes | 21 | 21 | 0 | 0 |
| No | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Absent | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CVII

February 15th, 2022

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GF20

February 27th, 2022

CONGRESSIONAL BILL AB-107-04
SENATE BILL NO. GF20-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 12 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 |
|--|-------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|
| The United World | 400 | | | 400 |
| Engineers Serving Others | 200 | | | 200 |
| Real Estate Club | 119 | | | 119 |
| Crimson Robotics | 400 | | | 400 |
| Omani Students Association | 495 | | | 495 |
| Society of Physics Students | 280 | | | 280 |
| Arab Student Association | 700 | | | 700 |
| ASCE Concrete Canoe Team | 250 | | | 250 |
| Sustainable Energy Society | 600 | | | 600 |
| Model United Nations | 300 | | | 300 |
| Sooner Chapter of the American Association of Airport Executives | 294.14 | | | 294.14 |
| TOTAL: | | | | 4038.14 |

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
Demetri Papahronis, Vice Chair, SGA Budget Committee

Co-Author(s): SGA Budgetary Committee

Submitted on a motion by: ***Representative Williams, seconded by Representative Trautman***

Action taken by Student Congress: 21-0-0

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 CVII

February 15, 2022

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GS22

January 30, 2022

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-107-05
SENATE BILL NO. GS22-02

AS INTRODUCED

An Act adding a salary for the Graduate Student Senate Ways and Means Committee Chair, providing for increased retention and recruitment, 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 “SGA GSS WAM Chair Salary Addition Act of 2022”

Section 2: Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to establish a salary for the Graduate Student Senate Ways and Means Chair for October and February during the fall and spring GSS Grant cycles.

Section 3: AMENDING: Title X, Chapter 5 Section 1 of the Code Annotated in order to add the following position as a salaried position:

Graduate Student Senate Ways and Means Chair: \$350/Fall Grant Cycle, \$350/Spring Grant Cycle

- This stipend to be paid out at the end of October and February, corresponding with the deadlines for the Fall and Spring grant deadlines.

Section 4: This bill shall pass in accordance with the SGA Constitution.

Author(s): Claire Burch, Chair of the Graduate Student Senate

Sponsor(s): Crispin T. South, Chair of the Undergraduate Student Congress

Submitted on a Motion by: **Representative Broadbent, seconded by Representative E. Perez**

Action taken by Congress 21-0-0

Verified by Chair: _____ Date: _____

Submitted on a motion by:

Action taken by Senate:

Verified by Chair of Senate: _____ Date: _____

Approved by SGA President: _____ Date: _____