

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS

Session CVII

General Body Meeting

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Call to Order 7:04

Opening Roll Call 24-8-1

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

A. Perez Seconded by Representative Broadbent

Officer Reports -

- o **Chair's Report:** 1. If you were just appointed to your Representative seat, you must run for election in order to keep your seat.
 - 2. We have 26 Seats up for election, they are in the following districts:
 - a. Architecture: 1 Seat
 - b. Atmospheric & Geographic Science: 1 Seat
 - c. Business: 3 Seats
 - d. Communication: 2 Seats
 - e. Engineering: 2 Seats
 - f. Finance and Accounting: 3 Seats
 - g. Humanities: 3 Seats
 - h. Life Science: 2 Seats
 - i. Physical Science: 2 Seats
 - j. Social Science: 2 Seats
 - k. University College: 5 Seats
 - 3. The Following Representatives must run for reelection in order to retain their seats. If your name is not on this list, you do not need to run until the fall election.

Ahedor, Barnett, Hale, Kirk, Myers, Neaves, Perez, Reese, Searles, Trautman, Yanez

- 4. Current Associates are welcome and encouraged to run for representative seats! You do not need to resign your associateship to run for a Representative Position.
- 5. Filing closes soon, so do that ASAP.

Also, went to VPAC, talked to President Harroz & Provost, talked about class management systems like tophat and how they cost students lots of money unfairly, since we have perfectly good systems

like Canvas available. Provost Wright said he would bring this up with Faculty members, and I thank him for that! Also, in contact with Staff and Faculty senate on collaboration for promotion of shared governance, all are in favor of a project like this, just need to get together.

- O Vice Chair's Report:
- Secretary's Report: Please be professional in both online and in-person capacities, we are elected and appointed to be representative of our constituents.

Committee Reports-

- Campus Outreach, Safety, and Concerns: First, COSCO met officially at orientation, and we saw the food pantry awareness resolution, and we gave it a rec of due pass! COSCO also got a new secretary, Christian Binger, super excited about that! Next, Coffee with congress is officially scheduled for March 26th that's a Saturday at noon! I will be sending out a form for people to be able to sign up and let me know if they can make it, it will be in the beaird lounge which is where orientation was held. This is a wonderful opportunity for everyone to get there service point, as well as really connect with your constituents, so please sign up! Also the covid campaign informational is almost completed if not completed so let's spread the word about that and be on the look out for that OU MM! COSCO has lots of great stuff coming up, so be checking the GroupMe! Thank you everyone.
- O Congressional Administration: Hi, All! I hope you are doing well! ConAd met this weekend and saw four appointment bills. We gave CB-107-06, CB-107-07, and CB-107-09 all Recommendations of Do Pass. We gave CB-107-08 a Recommendation of No Recommendation. If you have not read the minutes of our meeting and/or the personal statement attached to the agenda pertaining to the nomination for the Director of the Interior, please find time to do that before we see the bills, preferably not during Code Club. As a reminder, abstention votes are to be used when you have a moral, financial, or another conflict of interest that would be impacted by your vote. If you have any questions, please call an on parliamentary inquiry!
- External Affairs: Hi Everybody, not much from EA this week. We are currently working on a lobby day bill, look forward to seeing it next week! We are just working on project assignments and finishing up thank you notes. Let's also thank vice-chair May for a wonderful orientation.
- O Human Diversity: Hey everyone! It was great to see those of you at orientation and congrats to your new committees! New members to HD received a document of info from me and I will send the agenda out shortly as well for this upcoming Thursday. As for HD, we met unofficially on Thursday and went over project updates. Most of those updates were presented at orientation so if you need a refresher let me know. Few things to keep an eye out on from HD:
 - we will be working on and sending out a Qualtrics survey soon for some legislation that we are writing regarding potential women-only // female presenting only hours at Sarkey's.
 - we have two upcoming service opportunities for you all.
 - 1. Brave Ball on March 19th from 6-8 pm at the Omni Hotel in OKC. Food will be provided for all volunteers. You will be volunteering in a variety of positions for The Care Center which is a non-profit organization and Oklahoma county's Child Advocacy Center. Please fill out this form by March 1st if interested:
 - 2. Starting on March 1st we will be hosting a Menstrual Product Drive in partnership with the GEC. Boxes and drop-off locations are being planned for the Conoco, the GEC, Student Life and the Library. I will have more details and a flyer for you all soon.
 - One last thing, please be respectful of all who are speaking and presenting tonight. Be active listeners by having your camera on if possible, asking questions respectfully, and staying engaged. Presenters and authors work really hard to do the work they do so please be mindful of that. You all did great when listening to Dr. Bates a few weeks ago so let's keep that up!
- O **Sustainability:** Hey everyone, not much to report today- we discussed our objectives for the week back at orientation and are looking forward to getting those accomplished. We've got a trash walk slated for this coming Sunday, but we'll see about the weather. Stay tuned for the surveys I've mentioned, we're hoping to complete those as soon as possible. Otherwise, glad to see everybody!

- O University Policy: Hello! UPOL met this weekend at orientation, shout out VC may for all her hard work on such a successful orientation. In addition to gaining some brand new upol members we heard from Assoc. Kathuria on his plans for future legislation having to do with nicotine use in athletics events and facilities. We're also looking into tuition solutions, the potential for a new student regent position, and several other policy recs and ideas. Looking forward to a productive semester.
- O Ways and Means: We saw aux 13 this past Sunday, there is a weird number on them, but they were fully funded.

Liaison Reports-

- **Chair Lange:** The SEC Speakers series is coming this March 23rd, you can find out more specifics on engage.
- **Representative Broadbent:** OIL is meeting this Thursday at 7:30pm in Gaylord 220 to have a bill writing session.
- Chair Harman: Psychology Club is meeting tomorrow, at 7:30pm, if you'd like to know more then please let me know
- Chair Lynskey: Midsummer Night's Dream opens this Friday at 8:00pm, go and watch!
- Representative Landry: French Club has been newly created, if you're interested in French culture and the language, come this Friday to Kaufman 221B.

Special Orders

- o Code Club
- O Implicit Bias Presentation

Student Concerns

- **Associate Kathuria:** Some people feel that there was not enough communication regarding Higher Education Day
- Representative Williams: Some Russian students have felt prejudiced against due to the tensions between Ukraine and Russia.
- Representative Griffin: A lot of people are wishing that we could have a traditional snow day every once in a while, rather than having zoom days.
- Representative Nealy: OU Disability Department, there's a big problem with their application process which is preventing students from getting their disability resources.

Items to Be Considered

AB-107-05 Auxiliary Allocation 13 Act of 2021-2022 (Patton/Papahronis) (Ways & Means, Do Pass). *Motion to see AB-107-05*

Representative Griffin seconded by Chair Trautman

Authors Explanation (**Representative Papahronis**): This Aux 13 we have 9 different organizations that requested funded. We were able to fund all of them.

2:38 Yielded to Questions

- Associate Kathuria: Do you know what the Miracle Mindset goals are as an organization?
 - Representative Papahronis: They're trying to provide equity and accessibility to resources regarding education.

Final Vote 27-0-0 Unanimous

CR-107-04 OU Food Pantry Awareness Resolution of 2022 (Landry, South) (Cosco, Do Pass).

Motion to see CR-107-04

Representative E. Perez seconded by Representative Williams

Authors Explanation (**Representative Landry**): This resolution is outlining a food drive we will be having next week, if someone would like to add a friendly amendment to adjust the date, that would be accepted, and

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I would appreciate that. We will have bins in the Conoco, and you can donate whatever items you'd like. We are one of the most food insecure states so this is something we can address as a growing issue for us.

1:35 Yielded to Questions

- **Representative Broadbent:** Would you accept a friendly amendment striking 23rd and inserting 25th?
 - o Representative Landry: Yes, I will.
 - o **Representative Landry:** I would also appreciate a friendly amendment changing March 2nd to March 4th.
 - Representative Broadbent: Would you accept a friendly amendment striking 2nd and inserting 4th

Final Vote 28-0-0 Unanimous

<u>CB-107-06 SGA Executive Cabinet Department of Communications Director Appointment Act of 2022(Lissau, Akuffo, Roberts, Poupore) (Congressional Administration, Do Pass).</u>

Motion to see CB-107-06

Representative Williams seconded by Representative Griffin

Authors Explanation (**President Lissau**): Thank you all for having us, I present to you the nominee, Easton Holloway, he is an architectural engineering student. He has had two years of cabinet experience, former experience within the OU SGA Instagram. Public relations experience and branding are things that he is well attributed to, he not only wants to utilize the social media presence that has been so strong. In Easton's interview, he was an exceptional applicant, he was the only applicant to bring up a press release, he believes that the role of being the Communications Director is more than a social media presence.

1:00 Yielded to Questions

- Associate Kathuria: Do you plan on posting on the OU SGA Executive Instagram page with things regarding important legislation being signed.
 - O Appointee Holloway: I think there is a discrepancy with the students really knowing what is going on in SGA so I think that would be a great way to incorporate our legislations into the Instagram. We can make some story graphics; we can have a signing. There is a lot of room to create a process to do this.
- Representative A. Perez: What is your vision of the brand that you have for SGA
 - **Appointee Holloway:** Serving on the communications department last year let me know that there is a lot of room to improve this year. Handing out gear Having more tabling days and raising more awareness about what SGA is.
- Representative E. Perez: What are your first three goals if you receive this position?
 - O Appointee Holloway: One thing President Lissau having a press release template, the tabling initiative, and increasing our social media presence since in the past months it's been stagnant or even declined.
- Representative A. Perez: Would you be open to have a suggestion box at these tabling events?
 - Appointee Holloway: Yes, of course the whole basis of these tabling events is to interact and have these concerns bought up to us, so that is the whole point of trying to have those tabling events.
- **Representative Griffin:** How do you seek to better work with student congress in the future and create a line of communication?
 - O Appointee Holloway: Last year we were trying to differentiate the work, one think I'd really like to work on is to create a balance where we each have our own lane but move forward together. I really want to get in touch with the congress PR Department and specifically vice-chair May.

Motion to extend time by 5 minutes

Representative Broadbent seconded by Representative Williams

- Chair Harman: Will you include Chair Trautman, the Chair of the Cosco committee in conversations regarding tabling, and would you like to take a look at the current congress suggestion box we have?
 - Appointee Holloway: No conversations have been made although when I'm confirmed I would love to co program with the PR Committee.
- **Representative Williams:** How do you plan to extend your position to reaching out to students beyond tabling and social media?
 - O **Appointee Holloway**: I think tabling is the best way to do student outreach although I would greatly appreciate being invited to any RSO's and having an opportunity to speak and create a dialogue.
- Representative Nealy: How do you plan on cultivating an environment where your team wants to thrive in?
 - Appointee Holloway: I felt like I had to go find some of the work to do being a member of the Communications Department, I think we can start with properly delegating tasks and working side and side with my committee members. Also, remaining active during the summer since I know SGA Involvement tends to die down.
- Chair Lynskey: What do you think the OU Daily's role is and an effective communication strategy between OU Daily and the Student body?
 - Appointee Holloway: I just wanted to stress that OU Daily and SGA are their own entities, I have no forward thinking that I will influence what the OUDaily does. I would like to build a better working relationship within our boundaries.
- **Representative Broadbent:** What are you going to do in tricky PR situations, addressing things that are controversial or sensitive online?
 - o **Appointee Holloway:** Reaching out to the people in those marginalized group and the RSO's that represent them, that would be the first step, if said group wants more...

Motion to extend time to answer the previous question Representative Broadbent seconded by Representative Neaves

• ...Obviously a press release is not a solution but furthering those talks into discussing how we can implement change is an important discussion.

Final Vote 28-0-0 Unanimous

<u>CB-107-07"SGA Executive Cabinet Department of the Exterior Director Appointment Act of 2022(Lissau, Akuffo, Roberts, Poupore) (Congressional Administration, Do Pass).</u>

Motion to see CB-107-07

Representative Chiariello seconded by Representative Broadbent

Authors explanation (**President Lissau**): I present to you the nominee Jayke Flaggert, he is studying economics, he was excited and passionate about the department, Jayke has experience within SGA and outside of SGA with experiences that pertain to the duties of the exterior direct. He also understands that importance of collaboration with the External Affairs Committee in Congress. We have structured the department of the Exterior to focus on the 'Who is OU' Initiative but we also really want to focus this on the relationship of the exterior department's relationship with the state and local governments, so that we can ensure that our administration is in constant contact with those who affect Oklahoma students at the external barriers of this university.

1:10 Yielded to Questions

- Associate Kathuria: What did you learn from your time serving as the EA Chair in Congress?
 - O Appointee Flaggert: One of the biggest things I've learned from this position is the benefit of clear and open communication. There are not many problems on campus that we can't solve if we can get people to sit down and openly discuss.
- Representative Griffin: What do you think the biggest issue from an external point of view is?

- O Appointee Holloway: We met as a potential cabinet a bit ago and what we decided was that transparency is our biggest concern. Last year when we were seeing bills on the floor, we were realizing the impact that it made on students a little too late. It was no fault of our own, when the department is watch, federal, state, and local legislation, things tend to fall through the cracks. Being more aware and transparent will help all of our constituents.
- **Representative Broadbent:** I believe that the executive's job is to enforce the law, will you commit to upholding the will of the SGA by advocating for bills and resolutions pertaining to the exterior that have passed in the legislative process?
 - O **Appointee Flaggert:** Absolutely, my job is to advocate what is passed by the legislature on behalf of students at the University. When I go up there and put my SGA cap on, there are no other motives or beliefs. What Jayke Flaggert believes isn't what I will discuss when going up to the capital, what will be discussed are items which are in the best interest of the student body.
- Chair Harman: Are there any bills currently that you feel would impact students at the university currently?
 - O Appointee Flaggert: This comes at great timing coming off the tail end of Higher Education Day, the biggest thing that I see is that we are still in committee mode, it would be a little too preemptive to voice any concerns when bills are still being actively changed. Funding and finances are the root of some of the biggest issues we saw when we met as a potential cabinet.

Motion to extend time for question until the end of the list and to then close the list Representative Broadbent seconded by Representative Nealy

- **Associate Kathuria:** Do you have any relationships that you've built with local and state leaders that could help us lobby for what the SGA Body cares about.
 - Appointee Flaggert: I'm Oklahoma born and bred, over time I have developed relationships
 with people involved in state and local levels, I hope that overtime with my position as the
 Director of the Exterior, I will be able to build and grow my connections for the benefit of the
 University.
- Associate Perry: Last year, SGA was very prominent with their involvement with BSA, especially with how they handled the Julius Jones case and how they presented it to the government, I'm asking if you'd advocate for brown and black voices, because it is so hard to be heard and seen within SGA.
 - Appointee Flaggert: I fully agree, this role is defined to uphold the interests of the University, but more importantly, my email is always open, reach out to me in any capacity to get you and your communities concerns to me and I will take it right up there and advocate it to the best of my ability.

Final Vote 28-0-0 Unanimous.

<u>CB-107-08 SGA Executive Cabinet Department of the Interior Director Appointment Act of 2022(Lissau, Akuffo, Roberts, Poupore) (Congressional Administration, No Rec).</u>

Motion to see CB-107-08

Representative Broadbent seconded by Representative Williams

Authors Explanation (**President Lissau**): Paige Chandler is a letters major with a minor in constitutional studies with extensive leadership experience on OU's campus. Paige is ready for the interiors tasks as a director, these tasks include reaching out to various groups across campus, to execute this role effectively, the director of interior has to focus on the internal proceedings of the University, and this role suits our appointee Paige Chandler the best since this department is more project based. Her leadership style is empathetic and encouraging which has allowed her to be an effective leader. Through this department, we find that Paige and other members of her department will be focused on the cultivating community series. In her application, she believes in the power of the undergrad, and also the graduate student. She has had many unique positions on campus which would allow her to ensure that every voice is heard. Paige is very eager to get started on her platform points and has many ideas that the executive cabinet is excited for.

0:50 Yielded to Questions

- Chair Harman: Can you briefly summarize the statement that you presented to ConAd since some of our members haven't had the chance to read it?
 - O **Appointee Chandler:** During my statement I explained why I'm passionate about this role, and about being the in the executive cabinet, along with the platform pieces of the CARE initiative that I'm very passionate about, and how I'm excited to get started.
 - O Chair Harman (Follow-Up): Can you detail any of your SGA experience and how it would help within this role?
 - o **Appointee Chandler:** This is my first experience with SGA as a whole although I'm very excited and I believe that I can offer a unique perspective with new insight and information that.
- Chair Halsey Kraus: In your statement you said that you would like to offer students opinions differently as you would not have the predetermined mindset that many students in SGA have, what predetermined mindset do you believe students within SGA have when taking on a leadership role?
 - o **Appointee Chandler:** I'm very excited to offer my unique perspective as a student who attended the university for two whole years without this wonderful experience in SGA.
- Associate Kathuria: How has your experience with the CAC prepared you for the role as the Interior Director?
 - Appointee Chandler: My CAC involvement has been involved with OUDM, I loved serving on exec for that. I think that CAC has a wonderful passion throughout OU's campus that allows many to be heard and involved, so that was really wonderful. I've also served as Director for both CAC University Sing and Scandals.
- Chair Lange: The Princeton review indicated that in 2021, 75% of their entire student's population would consider the university's environmental commitments a deciding factor for whether or not they attended, so my question is whether you have any environmental efforts that will be implemented upon your appointment?
 - O **Appointee Chandler:** Furthering initiatives at athletic events and with first-year student living would be a great way to further build habits and a culture where of course we would take input from people who have more experience in that field, all of which I would gladly accept.

Motion to extend time for question by 10 minutes Representative Williams seconded by Representative Broadbent 11:00 Left for Questions

- **Chair Lewis:** What project ideas or events are you bringing forth that are different from the CARE Platform that you plan on implementing as the Interior Director?
 - O Appointee Chandler: What initially bought me into applying to this position was the CARE Platform, after learning more about the safety initiatives too, I've decided that advocating for more education regarding safety is what I would like to focus on. Advocating for more safety training and things like that are incredibly important, I know congress has their light walks which has phenomenal results.
 - Chair Lewis (Follow up): What other projects, different from the CARE Platform and aside from safety to you plan to implement?
 - Appointee Chandler: Wellness Week is coming up, as someone who has worked with multiple mental health awareness organizations during my time at OU, I find mental health awareness to be incredibly important, and a necessary faction of student life, and making sure that, that is handled with respect and care is incredibly important.
- Chair Halsey-Kraus: In your personal statement you talked about your future with the role and how it
 would help you grow and learn, you mentioned how SGA would help you make more bureaucratic
 decisions, might you elaborate?
 - O **Appointee Chandler:** Using the community around you to make educated and thoughtful decisions, in a way that you think about the world around you to make more well-informed choices.

- **Vice Chair May:** What else do you think makes you stand out as a student and candidate for this position?
 - O **Appointee Chandler:** My first leadership position within SGA was in the Freshman Leadership Council, in which we identified issues and making creative solutions. I also served as the philanthropy chair for my social organization and did the exact same thing.
- Chair Harman: How do you plan to build on knowledge of SGA internal workings?
 - O Appointee Chandler: My job is to address on campus issues, while it says, parking, student health & wellness and sustainability. I believe that the role can be much more than that. I think that when an issue arises, it's about handling it in a way that I would want as a student and someone who wants change. Looking at things from a learning perspective.
 - Chair Harman (Follow-Up): In doing so, how do you plan on advocating for marginalized groups within those on campus issues?
 - Appointee Chandler: It's listening and understanding that your position of leadership has a say and a meaning and a voice for marginalized groups and the betterment of the OU community.
- Representative Broadbent: Will you commit to enforcing interior policy that is passed through the SGA
 Legislative process, and secondly, have you had a chance to look over a recent resolution that I passed
 through regarding indigenous languages and promoting the addition of advanced classes?
 - O Appointee Chandler: I was unaware of this bill but from the brief description, it sounds incredibly important, and I think that advocating for indigenous voices is especially important on OU's campus and making sure that all of the university is aware of these changes. I hope that answers part of the question.
- Representative Nealy: Would you be open to implementing some self-defense classes on campus?
 - O **Appointee Chandler:** I think it's incredibly important to be equipped with that knowledge and I think that is something our university would benefit from.
- **Representative Griffin**: You have highlighted that you are bringing an outside view, you've also said that you've had a lot of experience with CAC which is the 4th branch of SGA?
 - O **Appointee Chandler:** I apologize, that was a misuse of verbiage, I meant in roles regarding, legislative, judicial, and executive roles.
- **Representative Hale:** Can you give us any concrete examples of goals you have that make you a candidate that can provide?
 - Appointee Chandler: Potentially adding an education course through camp crimson for first year students to learn more about how to keep themselves safe on-campus is incredibly important.

Motion to extend time for question until the end of the list and to then close the list Representative Broadbent seconded by Representative Griffin

- **Representative Nealy**: How do you plan to protect free speech for all students, and how do you plan to keep all of the students' voices heard and protected?
 - Appointee Chandler: Free speech is something that is extremely important to us, we fully believe that every opinion has the right to be heard.
- Chair Halsey-Kraus: What are your specific plans for the blue light system?
 - Appointee Chandler: I know that there is currently a light walk happening to ensure that these systems are operational, and I believe that based on last week's minutes and agenda that only two were down, this is an amazing step in the right direction.
 - Chair Halsey-Kraus (Follow-Up): Are you saying that your plans for the blue lights is to continue the work of congress or to collaborate with congress? How would you further the work?
 - **Appointee Chandler:** I believe that it is collaborating with Cosco and reaching out to OUPD and making sure that these are all operational and fully functioning.
- **Chair Harman:** Can you specifically identify the qualifications that set the nominee apart from other who might've had experience with the SGA branches?

- O President Lissau: As a former intern for the US Senate, a philanthropy director, and involvement with the CAC and as the head director for University Sing. In this role we were looking for somebody who has tangible results in her involvement through innovative ideas. A lot of these challenges that the director of the interior will face are going to be unexpected, we are going to rely on her quickness to address any situation.
- Chair Harman: Tonight, we've heard a lot about communication and uplifting other students, how do plan to listen and communicate with students differently than the communications and exterior director?
 - Appointee Chandler: I believe that this is going to be a collaborative effort, the branches of SGA will have to join together to make sure that the inner working of our university are working properly, as I said before, I'm always open to suggestions so please contact me.
- Representative Broadbent: I've heard a lot about reactive measures regarding violence on campus and preventative measures for victims, but can you talk about measures to stop people from actually committing acts of violence on campus?
 - Appointee Chandler: I think this has to do with reaching out to organizations on campus to inform students with consent conversations and making sure that organizations on campus that really promote safety and prevention of those attacks.
- Chair Halsey-Kraus: You've told us this evening that you'd like to continue the work of congress to make sure that the blue lights are working, as well as a potential safety clinic for self-defense, can you give me tangible examples of things you want to do during your tenure?
 - O **Appointee Chandler:** I believe that my tangible things are fulfilling the CARE Platform and listening to complaints and concerns of people that I listen to, I'm under the executive branch and I believe that the initiatives made all are tangible and things that I care about.
- Representative Hale: You mentioned self-defense classes which are reactive measures, but preventative measures bear better results, I was wondering if you believe that SGA should promote reactive measures over preventative or if you had any plans in place to work towards preventing violence rather than reacting to it?
 - O Appointee Chandler: Until you fix a problem at its source, it's not really going to get solved, I have actually had GEC come and do an additional training with an organization before. Working with those groups and making sure that they have their voices heard and allowing them to use their platform to help prevention is incredibly important.
- Vice-Chair May: I'm slightly concerned with a few of the safety ideas that you've bought up since they are already project ideas that we have going on within congress, specifically Chair Trautman's committee. Were you aware that we already have a suggestion box?
 - Appointee Chandler: Yes, I was, by suggestions I mean personally emailing or reaching out to me
- Vice-Chair May: Are you aware the blue lights are not within the OU SGA discretions, so on our light walks we don't look at those since other entities maintain them?
 - O **Appointee Chandler:** I understand that there is a working relationship between OUPD and OU so I would be willing to reach out to them about this.

Motion to enter Debate Chair Trautman seconded by Representative Neaves

Objection made by Representative Chaman

<u>Vote to Object Debate 10-17-0</u> Debate Proceeds.

Motion to Recess for 5 Minutes Representative Broadbent seconded by Representative Nealy

DEBATE

Proponency (Associate Kathuria): I believe that it's very important to Paige Chandler to be confirmed today because I believe she will do a great job fighting for the people and for OU. She plans on doing a lot of work with

me to battle this vaping and nicotine epidemic which includes talking to the OU Athletics department to increase promotion and awareness and to focus on more public health issues. If you care about public health and the health and safety of our campus, please vote yes on this confirmation.

Opponency (Chair Trautman): I would just like to state that she doesn't have very much SGA experience which isn't the issue at hand, the issue is that as the COSCO Chair, her points regarding campus safety weren't correct. This isn't okay with me, and it also isn't fair that I wasn't reached out to about the information regarding blue lights which was incorrect, if you're going to speak about things such as blue lights then you need to know what you're talking about in order to stop misinformation. It is a scary and stressful situation to be saying incorrect things, there were also no tangible ideas provided to the body when asked and I don't think that the director of the interior should say that she knows what the suggestion box is only when it's bought to her attention in terms of not knowing what it was.

Proponency (Representative Nealy): The appointee has gained over 6,000 community service hours which I think is very notable. She seems like an overall great fit for this position because she does have leadership experience. It's good to know that not everyone is the best with words, she may have misunderstood what some of the questions meant and therefore she was unable to answer them properly.

Opponency (Representative Griffin): I think the Lissau Administration put forth many great candidates which we saw today, although a lot of my problems today come from a general lack of knowledge overall. The department of interior is one of the most impactful roles to students and the fact that there wasn't much knowledge on safety concerns and very little knowledge on how we handle sexual assault in terms of asking for reactive and preventative measures, I think that is extremely dangerous. The lack of knowledge regarding the governing body, not regarding the CAC as the 4th branch of the SGA, I don't feel like this candidate would be able to fulfill the vast responsibilities necessary.

Proponency (Representative Cantu): I think it ultimately come down to being misunderstood, people are uncertain about the certain qualifications that she has bought forth. I want to highlight the fact that she is extremely involved with philanthropy and that the misunderstanding of the situation regarding the blue light system has created some concerns for the opponency.

Opponency (Chair Harman): The candidate really didn't give tangible answers to questions a lot of this was circled back to wanting to listen and advocate, that's really great. Although I want to hear your own ideas. Being misunderstood about qualifications, I'm thankful for your philanthropy although I don't see how the funding measures qualify you for a position as the interior director. The safety issue measures all mostly regarding reactive measures conflict with what the GEC focuses on. No clarity was given regarding predetermined roles and how that makes the appointee a better candidate.

Proponency (Representative Cappleman): I would like to point out that the Philanthropic experience and her volunteer involvement doesn't necessarily coincide with her situation, but I would just like to preface that she emphasizes that from the 6,000 hours she was able to optimize the roles within whatever organization she volunteered for.

Opponency (Chair Lange): I have some very serious concerns that I would like to bring up which I feel has been addressed a lot-with the fresh perspective-as someone who has had positions all across campus mostly in environmentally focused organizations, I have gotten many fresh perspectives from students and members. Although most of the time every time someone comes in with a fresh perspective, it's really just the same things that have been explore before just coming from someone different. The lack of knowledge preceding the current executive cabinet for the appointee ultimately will lead to wasted time for things that won't or can't happen. Proponency (Associate Kathuria): Representative Griffin and Chair Harman, I absolutely agree with you that we should take preventative action to reduce acts of sexual assault and violence on campus. However, I'm very confident that this nominee will work to accommodate that. I'm an associate in congress, and she is the kind of person to say that she would help me with all of my legislative goals within this body. Just hearing her say that means a lot to me personally, I'm somebody who needs help to get things done. She is one of the more caring

Opponency (Chair Trautman): I would like to reiterate that our issue is not that she has no SGA experience or very little previous experience. I would like to state that if you're worried about the fresh perspective, we have plenty of events coming up where you can reach out to our constituents for that. We don't need to compromise our values for a new perspective.

nominees that I have met.

Proponency (Representative Nealy): The candidate went through a grading process in her interviews, and she was graded the highest out of any other candidate that applied for the position. I think that is something that should be mentioned since that shows that she is truly about putting students first. She is truly about the values that SGA holds. Also, when It comes to her involvement, it somewhat is, she has been involved in leadership skills like her sorority and other leadership organizations. It's not something to take lightly when someone has put over 6,000 into community services, and when it comes down to what SGA is about, it is about servicing the students. That is very notable and good that she has put it over 6,000 community service hours. Although she may not have gotten all of the language is correct, she is coming in this with a good heart.

Opponency (Representative Griffin): I don't think anyone in the opponency is questioning the character of this candidate, I think that in terms of philanthropy and service she excels, no one doubts that she comes into this with a good heart and intentions. However, this is not an entry level position, this is one of the most important positions and impactful positions in terms of student life and outreach. Every time we bought up any legislation or acts carried out by the legislative branch, she had absolutely no knowledge of it until it was bought up. I think that's extremely concerning.

Proponency (Associate Felkner): I think that most of the discussion regarding Paige's involvement has been about community service, which is great, I think that Scandals and Using has been overlooked in terms of her involvement as directors for both of the programs. They are both very difficult jobs which require you to bring diverse students together to work efficiently, while listening and synthesizing their ideas to create something tangible. Those are all skills which will translate very well into her appointment as the Director of the Interior. Opponency (Secretary Fawad): There is one large issue I feel hasn't been addressed by the Proponency, I feel like there is no tangible plan that has been made by the appointee. We have heard of the blue light system and some safety precautions regarding acts of violence. Although one thing that does concern me is that it mostly focuses on defensive measures. I want the culture on campus to be changed, and I don't feel like this is the correct way to approach the issue. I don't feel confident in giving this nominee a vote-albeit I can't vote-I don't feel like there is an actual plan we have at hand other than what the CARE Platform dictates. I do think that we should appoint someone with ideas already in mind.

Proponency (Associate Kathuria): One thing that really impressed me was her stance on free speech. She wants to allow people of all political stances to be able to voice their own thoughts.

Motion to move to previous question Representative Williams seconded by Representative Landry

Vote 19-7-0

Motion has been moved to previous questions

Authors summation (**President Lissau**): I'd like to speak to this role about what it does and who it works with, it works directly with my office, and with Denzel and myself. We work together on projects, there have been a few ideas thrown around about the legitimacy of her qualifications. There's been this really confusing message, but I would like to send a resound, she is qualified. Paige Chandler is our nominee for this position, as it is our cabinet. It is our role to appoint individuals which we feel like they have the ability to successfully carry out their respective duties and the plans that the electorate has elected us to do, and that is exactly what we are trying to achieve. Paige has spoken very eloquently about the CARE Platform and its ideas. I would like to clarify some things, one about the blue light system, I think that there was some misunderstanding as to whether it was normal lighting or blue lights specifically. I think we can all speak to Paige's sincere understanding and admonishment that these are both very important tools on campus. Paige has spoken about how she only believes on proactive measures, but also reactive measures as well. Bottom line, Paige is a very esteemed member of our community, and she doesn't have SGA experience, as somebody who hasn't been in this realm, it is important to speak to her experience in the CAC, but really, this role is here to solely serve the internal body with the means and methods as our office directs her to do so. We are going to work together to solve a variety of issues that the university and students face on the internal level and I'm very confident in her ability since she outscored all the other applicants.

Vote 12-16-0 Fail

<u>CB-107-09 SGA Executive Cabinet Department of Inclusivity Director Appointment Act of 2022(Lissau, Akuffo, Roberts, Poupore) (Congressional Administration, Do Pass).</u>

Motion to see CB-107-09 Representative E .Perez seconded by Representative Griffin

Authors Explanation (**President Lissau**): I'd like to present to you Emilie Schultz, Emilie is an international student from Sweden, studying psychology and international development. We also have her serving in a capacity as our international student liaison, we are very excited to present her nomination before the body. She is a first-year international student, but she is also a member of CLA she is going to work on enhancing equity as part of the care platform, collaborating on D, E, I project and to better collaborate with Congress and GSS on sustainable and equitable projects in the OU community. She has experience how to build a community with 200 students form 95 nations in an isolated place in Norway; Safety Nets, Encouragement for student initiatives, Sustainability goals, & creation of a diverse representation of the student body are projects she had worked on in her previous two years. She's excited for the opportunity to spearhead some inclusivity related projects and we are excited to get to work with her in the year ahead.

- **Associate Kathuria:** How do you feel that the University of Oklahoma has handled the issues of race and racism?
 - O Appointee Schultz: I see a lot of passion from the international community and the non-international community that want to bridge differences and involve themselves in order minority cultures. However, I do see a lack of resources to bridge said gap, again, I'm very happy for everything that has been done. Although I applied for this position to be able to tackle these problems more closely. I
- **Representative Broadbent:** Oklahoma is home to 39 tribes, what are your plans to advocate for the Native American community, both at the University and at large?
 - Appointee Schultz: I've always been so interested in indigenous cultures and being here in Oklahoma has given me the opportunity to not only learn more about these communities but also hear their concerns. I'm more than excited to reach out to those Student organizations and also the departments to find what they need and connecting them with other organizations and resources.
- **Representative Griffin:** The GEC is one of the main organizations on campus that focus on inclusivity, do you have any experience working with the GEC or plans to work with them?
 - Appointee Schultz: I emailed the GEC three weeks ago and signed up as a volunteer, I was unable to progress forward, but with my appointment I would be so glad to work with them on a higher level.
- Representative Nealy: It was mentioned that you have a passion for equity, I'm wondering what your exact stance on that exact passion is and how you plan to implement your beliefs in that position? Also how do you plan on addressing racial incidents on campus?
 - O Appointee Schultz: My understanding of equity is to be able to meet people where they are, and to make it equal for everyone regardless of where they are. As I spoke with ConAd this past Sunday. I met this wonderful student just two days ago, he is in Sooner works, I've been at OU for 6 months although I had never heard of it. Knowing that there are so many impactful organizations on campus which aren't widely known is concerning, because I want these resources to be available for everyone.

Motion to extend time by 10 minutes Representative Griffin seconded by Representative Broadbent

Associate Huston: Can you elaborate on your goals regarding sustainability and environmentalism?

- Appointee Schultz: Sustainability is one of the things I'm very passionate about, I did
 musical collaborations with my school in which we created music addressing topics about
 environmental issues in our home countries. If that would be of interest here I would love to
 implement that here.
- Associate Kathuria: The university of Oklahoma has had many issues regarding racist incidents dating back to 2015 with the usage of Blackface, how do you plan on ensuring that the university infrastructure is good standing where we aren't having viral racist incidents?
 - o **Appointee Schultz:** There are 30,000 people attending this University, I sincerely hope that as a cabinet we try to reach out to as many groups as possible and educate them about the effects of actions like these regarding what is racism and how to address it. We have to start somewhere.

Final Vote 26-1-0

Follow-Up Reports

• **Associate Kathuria:** There is a good possibility that this bill will be signed by the end of this week. It will be enacted since both houses had over 2/3 of the vote supporting the act. (The bill can still be vetoed)

Items for Future Agenda

• **Election Commissioner Kabrick:** I'm preparing a bill appointing an election commission staff for the 2022 election season.

Announcements and Comments

• **Chair Harman:** Please stay with us for the entirety of this meeting even if it is as long as the meeting tonight

Final Roll Call 28-5-0

Motion to Adjourn

Representative Griffin seconded by Representative Dodd

Adjourned at 10:57pm

Chair: Crispin South Vice Chair: Sidney May Secretary: Hadi Fawad

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CVII February 22nd, 2022

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE SENATE SESSION GF20 February 27th, 2022

CONGRESSIONAL BILL AB-107-05 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 13 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,	Capital	Office and	Total
	Events &	Investments	General	
	Activities		Expenses	

		TOTAL:	5,515.57
Music Composition Club	210		210
American Indian Student Association	1,400		1,400
Latin Dance Club	560		560
Biology Graduate Student Association	650		650
The East African Alliance	274		274
Arab Student Association	300		300
Afrobeatz Dance	271.57		271.57
Miracle Mindset College Access Program	1,500		1,500
Chemical Engineering Graduate Student Society	350		350

Section 4:	All guidelines and provisions in Title 10 of the Code Annotated shall apply to all fund appropriated in this act.		
Section 5:	This fiscal year for the account listed in these sections shall end Ma	ny 6, 2022	
Section 6:	All unspent money remaining in the accounts listed in Section 3 shall revert to the SG. 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.		
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Co-Author(s):	SGA Budgetary Committee		
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Approved by So	GA President:	_ Date:	

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CVII February 22, 2022

CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-107-04

AS INTRODUCED

A Congressional Resolution commending the OU Food Pantry; encouraging participation in a food drive; and providing for distribution.

Whereas: Food insecurity is the state of being without reliable access to a sufficient quantity of

affordable and nutritious food; and

Whereas: Oklahoma has one of the highest hunger rates in the U.S., with 15 percent of Oklahomans

being food insecure; and

Whereas: 1 in 3 college students face food insecurity; and

Whereas: Hunger uniquely compounds and expands every other issue faced by members of our

community; and

Whereas: The University of Oklahoma Food Pantry contributes to the wellness of the OU community

by providing free assistance to students, faculty, and staff; 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 "OU Food Pantry Awareness Resolution of 2022."

Section 2: The Undergraduate Student Congress recognizes and commends the work of the OU

Food Pantry and the people who assist in its operation, particularly Matt Marks.

- **Section 3:** The Undergraduate Student Congress will hold a food drive, with all contributions being donated to the OU Food Pantry, with the following specifications:
 - 1. Donations may be dropped off in containers to be placed in the Conoco Student Leadership Center, located in the Oklahoma Memorial Union.
 - 2. Donations for this food drive may be made from February 23rd to March 2nd, 2022.
 - 3. The food pantry will accept all non-perishable food items and unopened toiletry items; however, the following items are recommended as donations:
 - a. Dry pastas
 - b. Pasta sauce
 - c. Cooking oil
 - 4. All members of the OU Community are encouraged to donate in support of the OU Food Pantry.
 - If individuals are unable to physically drop off donations, they are encouraged to donate
 online in accordance with the online donation tools available on the OU Food Pantry
 website.
- **Section 4:** Copies of this resolution will be sent to:
 - OU Daily
 - OU Nightly
 - Matt Marks, Campus Care Coordinator
 - The OU Community at large, through prominent publication on the SGA Website

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GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE SENATE SESSION GS22 February 13, 2022

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-107-06 SENATE BILL GS22-07

AS INTRODUCED

An Act of Procedure appointing the SGA Executive Cabinet Department of Communications Director; providing for short title, providing for codification, and providing for an effective date.

- **Section 1**: Title: This act shall be known and may be cited as the "SGA Executive Cabinet Department of Communications Director Appointment Act of 2022."
- **Section 2**: Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to appoint the SGA Executive Cabinet Department of Communications Director.
- Section 3: In accordance with Title III, Chapter 1, Section 5, Subsection C(ii) of the SGA Code Annotated, "The President shall appoint Directors with the advice and consent of the Legislative Branch," the following student shall be appointed as Director to their respective department:
 - Easton Holloway Director of the Department of Communications
- **Section 4:** This act shall become effective when passed in accordance with the SGA Constitution.

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GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE SENATE SESSION GS22 February 13, 2022

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-107-07 SENATE BILL GS22-08

AS INTRODUCED

An Act of Procedure appointing the SGA Executive Cabinet Department of the Exterior Director; providing for short title, providing for codification, and providing for an effective date.

- **Section 1**: Title: This act shall be known and may be cited as the "SGA Executive Cabinet Department of the Exterior Director Appointment Act of 2022."
- **Section 2**: Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to appoint the SGA Executive Cabinet Department of the Exterior Director.
- Section 3: In accordance with Title III, Chapter 1, Section 5, Subsection C(ii) of the SGA Code Annotated, "The President shall appoint Directors with the advice and consent of the Legislative Branch," the following student shall be appointed as Director to their respective department:
 - Jayke Flaggert Director of the Department of the Exterior
- **Section 4:** This act shall become effective when passed in accordance with the SGA Constitution.

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GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE SENATE SESSION GS22 February 13, 2022

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-107-08 SENATE BILL GS22-09

AS INTRODUCED

An Act of Procedure appointing the SGA Executive Cabinet Department of the Interior Director; providing for short title, providing for codification, and providing for an effective date.

- **Section 1**: Title: This act shall be known and may be cited as the "SGA Executive Cabinet Department of the Interior Director Appointment Act of 2022."
- **Section 2**: Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to appoint the SGA Executive Cabinet Department of the Interior Director.
- Section 3: In accordance with Title III, Chapter 1, Section 5, Subsection C(ii) of the SGA Code Annotated, "The President shall appoint Directors with the advice and consent of the Legislative Branch," the following student shall be appointed as Director to their respective department:
 - Paige Chandler Director of the Department of the Interior
- **Section 4:** This act shall become effective when passed in accordance with the SGA Constitution.

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GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE SENATE SESSION GS22 February 13, 2022

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-107-09 SENATE BILL GS22-10

AS INTRODUCED

An Act of Procedure appointing the SGA Executive Cabinet Department of Inclusivity Director; providing for short title, providing for codification, and providing for an effective date.

- **Section 1**: Title: This act shall be known and may be cited as the "SGA Executive Cabinet Department of Inclusivity Director Appointment Act of 2022."
- **Section 2**: Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to appoint the SGA Executive Cabinet Department of Inclusivity Director.
- Section 3: In accordance with Title III, Chapter 1, Section 5, Subsection C(ii) of the SGA Code Annotated, "The President shall appoint Directors with the advice and consent of the Legislative Branch," the following student shall be appointed as Director to their respective department:
 - Emelie Schultz Director of the Department of Inclusivity

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