

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS

Session CVII

General Body Meeting

7:00 pm, Tuesday, April 5, 2022

Dale Hall 218

Call to Order at 7:12

Opening Roll Call 26-6-0

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 Griffin seconded by Representative Nealy

Officer Reports -

- **Chair's Report:** Good Evening, folks,
- I hope everyone is doing well and surviving classes. As I'm sure you all have seen, we have a fairly stacked agenda for tonight. I know many of us have homework and other things we'd like to tend to, but Congress is our responsibility as student leaders, and the items we are seeing tonight are truly important. I expect everyone to be responsible and mature during this meeting, and to treat each item with the care it deserves.
- To update y'all on my activities this past week, I was in Washington, DC with EA Chair Lewis, President Lissau, VP Akuffo, and Chief of Staff Roberts meeting with legislators and advocating for ideas that will help students across the state of Oklahoma. We discussed ideas to fight food and housing insecurity, make education more affordable, and assist students who have mental health struggles. Our meetings were extremely productive, and I am confident that we were able to make a difference on behalf of OU Students.
- Just to cover some admin items, we will talk a little bit more about procedures during code club, but just to make everyone aware, we will be seeing primary, and appointments to the election commission tonight. One of these appointees will be attending in person, another via zoom, and one of the appointees had an emergency and will not be able to make it tonight. They have provided a statement which the Election Commissioner will be able to relay to the rest of y'all before voting. Also, we will need to recess for 20 minutes at 7:50 pm for Ramadan so that folks observing can get food. Please be cognizant of the time, and at 7:50, someone please make that motion to recess
- To address the elephant in the room of the vote of no confidence tonight, I do not want to abuse the position of the Chair to unduly influence anything. However, I would be remiss if I did not let the body know that in my time here, I have never seen a special vote of no confidence called, and it frankly surprised me that this procedure would be used in such a manner, especially when other processes laid out in the bylaws like impeachment are much more thorough and appropriate.

- Additionally, I feel it is my duty as chair to apologize to the body for the role I have played in the recent chaos surrounding the vote of no confidence we are seeing tonight. As chair, the buck stops with me when it comes to congress. I, regardless of my intentions find it possible that I may have erred in judgement in some aspects of my handling of this situation, the circumstances surrounding it, and some of the concerns brought regarding this issue. For this, I apologize, and hope that you all, my esteemed colleagues, will view my errors with indulgence rather than malice.
- Besides this, I have one big administrative item to talk about, that being elections! If y'all have been reading my emails, you'll know that next week's meeting is the final one of Session 107. Immediately following that meeting, on the same night, we will have the first meeting of Session 108 where we will swear in new members and hold nominations for exec positions, namely Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary. If you are thinking of running for one of these positions, please get in touch with the current officeholder so you can get a good sense of what the job entails. For nominations, candidates must be nominated and seconded by a Session 108 Representative. The Representative who nominates, meaning not the representative who seconds, will be allowed to make a speech in support of their nominee during the elections meeting the following week. I will send an email to everyone detailing more specific procedures at a later date, but that's the gist of it. Again, if you are considering running for any of these positions, please contact the current officeholder ASAP. If you are considering running for Chair, please
- let me know so I can schedule a meeting with you. This is a big job that needs a lot of prep work, so please keep in contact with me if you would like to run.
- Finally, tonight we have several pieces of legislation before us that deserve our attention and notice, and I'd like to reiterate that for you all. We are seeing primary, which will allocate hundreds of thousands of dollars to campus organizations. We will see a resolution condemning antisemitism and providing policy steps forward for our campus. We will see a bill appointing folks to the election commission, ensuring we continue to have free and fair elections. We will see a bill establishing a shared governance council to lift the voices of students, faculty, and staff to improve our collective advocacy and communication. We will see a bill establishing a program financially benefitting the OU Food Pantry, fighting against food insecurity among our peers. Finally, we will see a bill tonight recommending a change to the very governance structure of our university, recommending a student be added to the board of regents to better represent OU Students in the biggest decisions our University has to make. These are significant pieces of legislation that deserve our full and undivided attention. I as chair refuse to let anything overshadow the work we will do on behalf of the student body through our consideration of these pieces of legislation, and I hope you all feel the same. Thank you, and on to Vice Chair May.
- **Vice Chair's Report:** I would like to thank each and every one of you who has reached out to me over the past two weeks, just to check on me and express concern or support, it genuinely means the world to me, and I can't thank you enough. To start, since I was not present, I fully understand why the individuals chose to vote in support of hearing the special vote of no confidence, chose to do so. I understand that there were concerns that I was not there to address, that I was not there to clear up with members and I fully understand why there would be some sort of reluctance. Unfortunately, I was at home sick, as the minutes reflected, but I hope that this report can alleviate any worries, I would first like to note that I did find it unfair that this motion was intentionally planned and carried out after I said that I was going to be at home due to illness. It was not only unfair to me, but it was unfair to each and every one of you who didn't get to see the full scope of this situation. I would also like to note that a special vote of no-confidence in the history of SGA. There are specifically three concerns that I was made aware of by proxy, number one being the cost of spring orientation, number two being a vote by proxy during a meeting, and number three being my office hours. Before I address those individual concerns, it's important to note that none of these issues were addressed to me prior to that special vote of no confidence or else this would've been duly handled, I have not had a concern brought to me, since that meeting in those two weeks. To begin with the cost of spring orientation, it was more expensive than most orientations in the past, however we had to pay for the hourly rent cost for the almost 7-hour event, the technology free, the

projection materials, food for the entire body and food for those with dietary restrictions, however these requests were approved by George, and the SGA accountant. There were multiple layers of accountability within that, and no concern was brought to me by anybody that is superior to me. Moving on to the vote by proxy it was determined that no rule was broken in the code annotated, the bylaws, or the SGA Constitution, also this was not subject to the open meetings act since it was a zoom meeting and SGA General Counsel has confirmed that fact. Lastly my office hours, I would've liked to be the first to admit that I haven't fulfilled my duty in my realm to do this job I would've readily admitted this had I known that this was addressed to me prior but I didn't have that chance, I would've liked to have done so before it ran to a level of discussion regarding a procedure that Chair South mentioned is not appropriate for this level of concern, because it's not. I take full responsibility for not fulfilling this part of my job, I owe you better, I owe the body better, & I owe the students better. However that's why I made this decision to not run for chair and I made this decisions weeks ago, prior to this special vote of no confidence, because I'm fully aware that I don't have the time that this position needs, to commit to not only the body but the students, at this point in my career, I don't have that free time and that's why I made that decision to not run again. That being said we are doing exec nominations next week, so because of that I will have no leadership obligation after that because I'm not seeking office again, in my opinion this should've been addressed with my routine vote of no-confidence in the fall, as every officer has. To my knowledge I have fulfilled all other statutory obligations listed in the governing documents including PR, morale of the body, assisting the chair, coordinating OU's attendance to the big 12 conference, service opportunities and orientation, if any of you disagree, please feel free to stop by in my office hours tomorrow or Friday starting at 10 am. The very first thing I said when being elected as vice-chair, and that was that we need to treat each other with respect, and to focus on serving the student body.

- **Secretary's Report:** I was in the Proponency for the motion, and I was actually in discussions to start the special vote of no-confidence. After the fact, me, Crispin, and Sidney, all discussed it and agreed that wasn't the way to go about addressing any concerns. So, I do apologize about that, just to see that there was already an impeachment process in place was kind of surprising to see that other people that were around me never mentioned it seeing as they were much more experienced and informed members of the body. There's nothing I can say to tell you to not go through with a special vote of no confidence, although with 7 pieces of legislation to see today, I would rather be done with it as soon as possible and with Sidney addressing all the concerns that you all or I had before hand, I don't see the point of going into super in-depth discussions regarding her ability to perform.

Committee Reports-

- **Campus Outreach, Safety, and Concerns:** Coffee with congress was fabulous, we didn't have a ton of constituents show up and I think that we have really good plans to improve it in the future, we had really good congress bonding time. Cosco right now is trying to pause and tie our projects up with a nice bow to get back into it next schoolyear. If you have any specific questions about that let me know.
- **Congressional Administration:** Over the past two weeks, ConAd saw 4 bills. We gave CB-107-11 a Recommendation of No-Recommendation. We gave CB-107-12, CB-107-13, and CB-107-14 all Recommendations of Due Pass. We will be hopefully seeing no less than 3 bills coming out of ConAd in the next two weeks. Finally, I would like to apologize to the body. First, I would like to apologize to Chair South for my lack of judgement. By not notifying anyone of my knowledge before the meeting, I enabled a painful motion against a member of the executive committee. Chair South deserves more respect than I gave him through my actions. Next, I apologize to the body for the pain I have caused along with others throughout the past two weeks. I hold myself to a high standard and my actions did not represent the standard I hold. Notifying you all of rules and procedures is a job I take seriously. By cherry-picking who I notify of these rules and procedure I wrongly abuse the office I hold so near and dear to my heart. I did what I would have done with member of the body. I advised to the best of my ability. Where my moral lacked was not notifying the presiding officer of my knowledge. Lastly, I would like to apologize to Vice Chair May. By not notifying anyone of knowledge before the meeting, I caused unneeded disruption to the better

environment we have created in the body throughout the past year. You didn't deserve be punished with less than a month in your tenure. I agree any concerns that I or anyone else have should have been brought up sooner. I regret the harmful actions I conducted prior and during to our general body meeting.

- **External Affairs:** I hope everyone had a fantastic week! First off, I want to thank everyone for coming to Lobby Day it was awesome! I also want to give a special thanks to George, he is amazing, and we are so appreciative of his work. I also want to thank my Vice-Chair Rep Brown, Secretary of EA Michael Stoyak, as well as a special, thank you to Vice Chair May for all their hard work on this event. Each of these individuals was instrumental in the planning of the day and the event running smoothly. Additionally, we could not have done this event without them. Next, we have a Civic Engagement Forum coming up in late April! We are hosting a panel that will include Representative Pae, Senator Boren, local leaders, and tribal leaders. I will be sending a sign-up form for those who want to attend the event soon! Thank you and have a great week!
- **Human Diversity:** We met officially on March 28th, where we saw CR-107-07: OU Adoption of Antisemitism Definition and gave it a Recommendation of Do Pass. All projects are making great progress as we get closer to the end of semester. This past week, Vice Chair Berggren and I met with OU Fit + Rec where we discussed feasibility of Women's Only Hours at Sarkeys. With that discussion, we were able to present concerns that we have been hearing as well as our original idea; the hours will likely not happen as it is a large feasibility and funding concern. However, we were able to hear more about their programs being implemented for these types of concerns as well as beginning to bridge the gap between SGA and Fit + Rec. We are hoping that they will be able to come to the April 12th meeting to talk more about upcoming events and promotions. They were given my contact information as well as Chair South's; we are also looking at a volunteer opportunity involving chalking on campus to help promote these programs. This past week we held a work night once again. Details are continued to be worked out for a few fine arts projects such as open mic and body painting, as well as the cultural awareness project. Lastly, we are going to be extending the Menstrual Product Drive until April 8th and I will be bringing a box to the next General Meeting.
- **Sustainability:** Hi everyone. Many of you do not know me but my name is Rylee Houston, and I am the current Vice Chair of Sustainability. We met unofficially this week because we had a few members at O.I.L., but everything seems to be on track for us to wrap up the semester on a good note. One of our members, Representative Williams, got a right of due pass on his bill this week, and I believe we will be seeing it tonight. We will have our last Trash Walk of the year on Sunday the 24th. We have sent out two surveys via OUMM about food hunger and specialized recycling. If you have not yet had the opportunity to fill those out, we would greatly appreciate your feedback. Thank you.
- **University Policy:** We saw CR-107-01 and gave it a recommendation of do pass, it's a very important resolution and I'm excited to see it in the body. As many of you know normally during my chairs report I like to play a very fun game where I do my very best to make Chair Halsey-Kraus laugh, I'll be retiring from that game this evening with a perfect lifetime record, so just letting you know I've won every time, but I will not be playing tonight. It's my last report in congress and my last meeting, when I got to congress in the fall of 2020 I was looking for a way to help students through the pandemic and all of the problems that were created by that. I met some really fantastic people, one of the most important people that I met was chair south back while he was UPol chair, he's the reason I was in Upol, I had a lot of things that I wanted to do in HD although Chair South showed me everything that Upol could be and, it was him and former Vice-Chair Marvin, who took a chance on a second semester Representative to become the Upol Chair. I was really grateful for all of his support through all of that. In addition, the two most previous SGA presidents Farzana and Norris are very important people who did fantastic people while in SGA and I'm certain that Lissau and his administration will do fantastic work in the coming semesters. Now I would like to leave the body with a little bit of advice, im sure nobody wants to hear that but just because you don't want to hear it doesn't mean you don't need it. The number one goal when coming into this room on Tuesday night should be serving the student body, the number one goal when going into committee

meetings should be serving the student body and if you are not willing to do that every Tuesday, you need to not be in congress, I don't think that there is anyone in this room right now who has lost sight of that. Although this is meant as a precaution because moving forward you might find yourself caught up in other things that has nothing to do with our goals as prescribed by our governing documents. It has been my pleasure to come in here every Tuesday night and to go into my committee and exec meetings and do everything I could to serve the body, I'm hopeful that going forward that congress will be an organization that fights for students on campus and that tries to make real tangible change and that continues to have accomplishments that we can celebrate and defeats that we can learn from.

- **Ways and Means:** WAM had our last meeting two weekends ago, we are going to see primary tonight and Lauren will be coming in. Based on what Laurens done, she's the most tenured member of congress, and what she's achieved is really impressive and getting a funding increase this year for money to student organizations, because we all know how the University needs a little encouragement to help students. I just want to speak on how great of a chair she's been. That's about it for WAM.

Liaison Reports-

- **Chair Harman:** next Monday night ALD will be having its last meeting of the semester, from 5-9 we are having a benefit night and all proceeds are going to the regional food bank of Oklahoma, reach out to me if you'd like to learn more. The menstrual product drive box will be in the Conoco till Friday
- **Associate Kathuria:** Go to the coed open league and sign up for the Dutchbackers soccer team for intramurals.
- **Representative Landry:** OIL had our session this past week, we did really well and the OU delegation got third place overall, in general we did really well and I'm proud of us.
- **Chair Lange:** I would like to shoutout my entire committee, for passing legislation and giving the chairs report. In addition to that, we have green week next week and the big event just happened. SEC environmentalism in action with Dr. Robert Nairn and Patrick Riley. Nielson Hall 170 from 3:30 to 5:00pm.
- **Representative Nealy:** I just wanted to say shoutout to my committee, they had lobby day and it was successful. Latin dance club is a thing you guys are all invited if you want more information reach out to me.
- **Associate Hicks:** LGTBQ Programming advisory board Pride director and Awareness Director and plenty of other positions are open, apply and join us, if you're interested reach out to me.
- **Representative Broadbent:** Oklahoma votes is now accepting applications for the exec team, there is money tied to all of those positions, including \$5,000 for the fellowship. Please come see me after the meeting
- **Representative Broadbent:** OU has won the governorship of OIL for the first time in four years.
- **Chair Lynskey:** University Theatre continues with pippin this weekend, y'all go see it and support the arts.

Motion to recess for 20 minutes

Representative Williams seconded Chair Trautman.

Special Orders

- Code Club
- Executive Session: Special Vote of No Confidence
 - Congress Vice Chair

*On a motion to table the no confidence of vice chair may indefinitely
Chair Trautman seconded by Representative Stoyak*

Student Concerns

- **Associate Kathuria:** We have seen some problems in regard to all of the mold and things like that in walker and couch. Can we please have more accountability for OU Maintenance.
- **Chair Lynskey:** The fine arts center needs to be renovated so badly, there are no elevators. I know it's going to my committee, but I really just wanted you to know. Also, Norman doesn't have an IN-n-Out burger
- **Representative Hale:** I'm very concerned regarding the bodily autonomy for Women around the state regarding the abortion ban.
- **Associate Kathuria:** This had to do with a bill regarding banning transgender women from competing in women's sports. This is going to impact my constituents in the OU Athletics field and more importantly the people who are using the incorrect pronouns of our transgender friends, that is not ok with me because I believe that you should be able to respect other people's pronouns. Yes, I understand that there might be some debate regarding the biological things but use the correct pronouns and be honest with yourself and kind to others.
- **Associate perry:** I noticed on the North oval the handicap parking and access to buildings are on the back side, I think that showing more signs about accessible walking spaces or something to help with handicap people.
- **Representative Griffin:** Recently, the school of aviation was absorbed by the school of atmospheric and geographic sciences, I have a concern with how those representatives will deal with the redistricting and when that might occur.

Items to Be Considered

CR-107-01 Student Regent Resolution of 2022 (South) (University Policy, Do Pass)

Motion to see CR-107-01

Representative Nealy seconded by Representative Dodd

Authors Explanation (**Chair South**): This is the student regent resolution of 2022, just to let you guys know what this bill does, it first recommends to the governor to appoint a student to fill the vacancy on the board of regents left by the resignation of regent Albert. I believe that there is an unexpired term of 8 months left on that. Furthermore, the resolution recommends that the state government work with OU SGA and general stakeholders at the university to create a permanent legal structure to ensure that there is representation on the OU board of regents. Since I have been a part of SGA and congress there has always been interest in this topic, I'm very happy to see it now getting some traction at the state government level. I thought it would be best to put this into writing and that this is something that SGA supports. The benefits of having a student on the board of regents is that it is a direct student voice on the highest governing body of the University of Oklahoma. I know last summer we saw a tuition increase and there was one regent who vote against it, it would've been really nice to have a specific student voice in the board.

0:50 Yielded to Question

- **Representative Nealy:** How would the school go about selecting a student to be the representative for OU on the board of regents?
 - **Chair South:** This is not specified since there is a lot of systems to choose from, what we suggest within this resolution is for stakeholders at OU to meet with state legislators and people in charge of setting up that system, so that we can figure out a good way to pick a student. I will say the best systems that I have seen have been ones where there's an internal board that takes in applications and from there, they have a slate of members, and they forward that on to the governor's office, that's the best system that I've seen in my judgement.
- **Associate Kathuria:** There are some other academic institutions which have a student on the board of regent, in your research how have those schools been affected to ensure the constituents are met and served?
 - **Chair South:** This is a point of pride; I haven't come across anything negative in my research regarding a student regent. If this is something we can bring to the OU community, it can be a very important step forward for principles of shared governance and ensuring that students have a say in the largest decisions that occur at OU.
- **Associate Hicks:** How likely do you think it is that there will be support from the state legislators including the governor?
 - **Chair South:** From all the communications that I have been a part of, I have received pretty decent feedback, I know that at higher ed day we received some really good feedback. I have not received an official response back although from what I can gather, the vibes are good.
- **Representative Griffin:** Would you be willing to accept a list of co-sponsors?
 - **Chair South:** Yes.
- **Representative Nealy:** If this does go through does that mean this student will be able to vote within the board?
 - **Chair South:** It doesn't actually appoint a student; it encourages the governor to appoint a student to a vacant seat. If the governor does do that, then the student will be able to vote.

Final Vote: 24-0-0 Unanimous

CR-107-07 OU Adoption of Antisemitism Definition (Reese, Harman) (Human Diversity, Do Pass)

Motion to see CR-107-07

Chair Trautman seconded by Representative Payson

Authors Explanation (**Representative Reese**): A people that has been attacked and attacked over and over again. I'm not talking about the holocaust, or the Spanish Inquisition, I'm talking about in the summer of 2019, the summer before my freshman year at the University of Oklahoma. The art museum on elm street was attacked and graffitied with antisemitic imagery such as swastikas and big nose caricatures of Jews. I'm talking about November of last year when an elder Jewish couple were attacked by four assailants and were stabbed, luckily, they recovered. I present this bill to you as a way to show the Jewish community our support and to guide future university policy regarding Semitic attacks and education over the topic.

2:02 Yielded to Questions

- **Associate Kathuria:** Do you believe the University of Oklahoma administration has held those who committed acts of antisemitism accountable?
 - **Representative Reese:** Not at all, in fall when I started my term there were two individuals who had antisemitic imagery on their dorm door and there still has been nothing done regarding that.
 - **Follow-Up:** The lack of holocaust education, do you believe that there should be a mandated course for OU students to take regarding the issues of antisemitism?
 - **Representative Reese:** I'm working with the University to provide a course for holocaust remembrance and antisemitism.
 - **Chair Harman:** There have been more courses implemented into curriculums like Gateway to belonging to really understand different identities and understanding more about history in relation. I would like to see it more adapted and presented to the university, I will point out that there are courses available to all students taught under religious studies, please consider taking some of these courses and just any courses that aren't required in your major. Although specifically in relation to identities that might not be your own.
- **Representative Griffin:** Do you see this bill creating a precedent for other religious minorities to write legislation striking down similar types of discrimination?
 - **Chair Harman:** Absolutely, that's part of the reason why Representative Reese brought this to me, in order to set that precedent about student policy.
 - **Representative Reese:** I'm already working on some more legislation for the muslim community, I'm working with both the board of the Muslim student association and the Shia student association to help them get a better idea and specifics to write that bill.
- **Chair Lewis:** Would you like to Co-Author a bill supporting a resolution which Is currently going through the state house regarding antisemitism?
 - **Representative Reese:** Yes.
- **Representative Nealy:** What do you think is the suitable consequences for students who violate the list of examples in this bill?
 - **Representative Reese:** The bill wasn't necessarily written to show any decisions to reprimand any violations, I don't see myself in a position of authority to make those decisions. It was to define Antisemitism itself.
 - **Chair Harman:** This piece of legislation is looking at the policy side of this specific definition and why we need to be adding it in specific relation to the definition because of the many cases that continue on campus.
- **Representative Barnett:** Is the bill author aware of any legislation on the state house floor concerning holocaust awareness or any classes that you can take on this issue?

- **Chair Harman:** I would refer this to chair Lewis since she touched on that and asked about Co-Authoring a resolution in support of the resolution that currently is going through the state house.
- **Associate Mkhitarian:** How can other members of the Jewish community can contribute to the reinforcement of this legislation?
 - **Representative Reese:** Speaking out about anti-Semitism, both Jewish and non-Jewish people, because it is very scary for Jewish people to speak out since we are just a small population on campus.
 - **Chair Harman:** Provide support for the events surroundings these identities, it's very important that students who are also in these identities are present because that's the first step to building community.

Motion to extend time for question by five minutes

Representative Nealy seconded by Representative Tesfasselassie

- **Associate Kathuria:** How do you believe OU president Joe Harroz can better address the Anti-Semitism that is taking place on campus.
 - **Representative Reese:** First, is awareness because not many people. Know about Anti-Semitism and what it is, this bill wants to push the information of this issue on campus some statistics: 46% of Americans have never met a Jewish person in their life. Anti-Semitism will be present as long as people don't know about it.
- **Kaly Phan:** As a member of student media, if I bring this up with my editor would either or both of you be willing to talk about it with me further?
 - **Both:** Yes.

Final Vote: 24-0-0 Unanimous.

CB-107-11 2022 SGA Election Commission Staff Vacancies Appointment Act (Kabrick) (Congressional Administration, No Rec)

Motion to see CB-107-11

Representative Williams seconded by Representative Griffin

Authors Explanation (**Commissioner Kabrick**): Two of the nominees are unable to be here this evening, although they both have provided written statements. This bill will fill three open spots on the election commission board to give us a slate of 5, first I've got two statements from the nominees.

Statement from Kyle Mershon:

Good evening esteemed Representatives, I sincerely apologize for not being able to deliver these words personally to you, but after exhausting all options, I still had an unresolvable schedule issue at my work. My name is Kyle Mershon, and I am a freshman Political Science student here at OU. In my first semester, I became an executive member of the OU Model United Nations and ran for a representative seat in Congress. After the experience I gained in those months, when reviewing the SGA application, it was an easy decision for me to apply to be a member of the Elections Commission Staff. In any functional democracy, it is imperative that there is a system of elections that is free and fair, otherwise, there is no point in having them anyways. I fully believe this, and it's why I am happy to receive the opportunity to do so here on my own campus. These past few weeks, myself and my fellow nominees have worked on this semester's elections in an advisory capacity with the Commission. We have been over the rules of campaigning and gone over the individual infractions a campaign can receive. We have seen complaints against campaigns, discussed them with the Commission, and voted on their outcomes. We even verified this semester's election results. Because of this, I feel that we are fully prepared and qualified to be appointed to the Elections Commission Staff and hope you do as well.

Thank you for your time.

Statement from Nathan Nguyen:

Good evening, everyone, my name is Nathan Nguyen. I am a freshman majoring in finance and economics. Unfortunately, I am not able to be present tonight due to an unmovable family conflict, and I sincerely apologize for that. Now, I would like to state my reasons for wanting to be a part of GA's Election Commission Staff and why I believe I am fit to do the job. Ever since I came to OU, I've always wanted to be more involved on campus, and I felt the best way to do so was to join an organization that was relevant to the campus experience. I found that SGA was the best fit and the best option for me, and the election commission staff position in particular stood out. The job details of the commission staff suited my skills and my reasons for wanting to join. I am a detailed person by nature, so I can tell the discrepancies between a person's actions and their words, which is why I applied for this role. I wanted to uphold student elections by making sure candidates did not violate any election policies. I know I am capable of being an effective member of the commission staff because I used to be a lieutenant governor of Key Club International. When I was a Lieutenant Governor, I served as a liaison between 3 clubs and the Key Club government, which has given me skills which translate well to the duties of the commission staff. I had to make sure my clubs were completing their tasks, training themselves correctly, and paying their dues. I know I am well suited for this position because I can debate, which is a vital skill in this role. I took a business communications class, which has taught me how to debate respectfully with groupmates on what the best course of action was. My experience so far serving on the Election Commission has been enjoyable. I know that I am qualified to serve in this role, and I hope you all agree.

Thank you for your time.

0:00 Yielded to Questions

- **Chair South:** Nominee, please introduce yourself.
 - **Appointee Cameron Decker:** I'm a political science major with a minor in history. This is my first semester at OU, I started at Oklahoma City Community College and got my associates degree there and then transferred over. This is my first semester on campus and the reason I wanted to get into Student Government is because I did debate in high school and so I had a natural inclination towards politics and so whenever I came to OU I knew I wanted to join student government and so when I went to look at the general application and I looked at the job description for the election commission staff and it sounded perfect, and I'm a very detail oriented person and the description of the job requires you to look at the code annotated and compare it to any potential violations. Just working this position over the past few weeks has been a pleasure.
- **Associate Kathuria:** What makes these candidates exceptionally qualified?
 - **Commissioner Kabrick:** What I'm looking for when looking for candidates are people who are willing to disagree and debate in a respectful manner. The nominees you see before you today have a record of being in deliberative spaces and have the ability to look at fairly complex policy issues. These candidates have shown that their able to fulfill all of these roles and even more with their experience in various organizations.
 - **Follow-Up:** How do you believe that these three nominees will ensure that the rules are enforced?
 - **Commissioner Kabrick:** They assisted in debate of any infractions that came in, and we got some pretty complex questions regarding what a logo is and displaying a logo. That they all had contributed their opinions effectively to.
- **Representative Williams:** How much would you say during the election cycle would they work in terms of hours?
 - **Commissioner Kabrick:** They worked as much as the two appointed members of the commission. We heard a total of 14 grievances and each one of those takes me about 30 minutes. For debate I don't have a clean number, but they have put in the work and done so very well.
- **Chair Halsey-Kraus:** In the interest of fairness, I would like to hear one of the answers I had to a question which I asked to the other nominees on Sunday's meeting. Can you tell us how many levels of infractions there are, and what is the most severe?
 - **Appointee Cameron Decker:** There are three levels Class A, Class B, Class C, and Class A is going to be what is the most sever.
- **Chair Halsey-Kraus:** What do you consider to be an OU maintained platform?

Appointee Cameron Decker: I'm not exactly sure what the definition of an OU maintained platform would be, but I know that I would need to look towards the code annotated and Chapter 6 to be sure about that.

Final Vote: 23-0-0 Unanimous

CB-107-13 Donations for Citations Act of 2022 (Williams, South) (Congressional Administration, Do Pass)
Representative Broadbent seconded by Representative Payson

Authors Explanation (**Chair South**): I got a DM from representative Williams telling me he had an idea and so he came into my office for office hours one day and told me about this program he had run into at Wichita State. Where people are allowed to pay for parking tickets by donating to their campus food pantry, we took a pretty hard look at it and how this could best be implemented here at SGA

Representative Williams: We messaged with the OU food pantry and the OU Parking services and they all gave us support, the food pantry specified they would prefer that they receive a monetary donation, because they make large orders which allows them to get much more food on the dollar. The way to implement that is that if you get a parking citation under \$50 your ticket would be voided if you provide proof of your donation, as an RA I constantly deal with students who have food insecurities on campus.

Chair South The process using this program, it would have to be the first or second time they've used this specific avenue, if it's your third ticket and you've already donated twice then you are prohibited from doing it again that's one guardrail, we have to ensure that the Parking Services still bring in enough revenue, that's one of the guidelines we have in there.

0:00 Yielded to Questions

- **Associate Kathuria:** Do you believe that if this were to be enacted, that it would help with some of the financial struggles?
 - **Chair South:** Not only do you get a 20% discount on your parking citation, but you also are making donations to the food pantry.
- **Chair Lewis:** How would you submit proof of donation for the ticket
 - **Chair South:** We've been in conversation with the OU food pantry, they do provide receipts so once you get a receipt after a donation you can show it to the Parking Services. We're working with parking appeals to get a more permanent structure before this officially goes into effect next schoolyear.
- **Representative Broadbent:** How did you settle on two citations per academic year?
 - **Chair South:** I'm a little hesitant to change that number since it's something we've already talked about and made decisions with both entities, at Wichita state you're only able to make donations during specific times of the year. This was our way to way out specific weeks, if you legislate a specific date thing can go wrong.
- **Associate Mkhitarian:** What usually happens to that money taken by the parking services?
 - **Chair South:** When you pay that money to parking appeals that goes right back into their budget, part of their revenue generation is taking in tickets and parking passes.

Final Vote: 24-0-0 Unanimous.

CB-107-14 A Council Establishment Act (South) (Congressional Administration, Do Pass)
Representative Broadbent seconded by Representative Landry

Authors Explanation (**Chair South**): This is the shared governance bill; this is a project that I've been spearheading with the faculty and staff senate. To have a more permanent structure in order coordinate our advocacy efforts which will give us much more bargaining power. If there are early big issues that affect the entire campus community such as increased tuition, it would be great to be able to have the leadership together all in the same place, and then besides that to generally coordinate. and just ensure that the communication that we have enjoyed keeps going past just us.

1:42 Yielded to Questions

- **Chair Harman:** Can you explain the difference between shared governance council and big exec?
 - **Chair South:** Big Exec is just SGA Internal, and the Shared Governance Council will be open to both the faculty and staff senate.
 - **Chair Harman:** Author will these meetings be open to students attending?
 - **Chair South:** They're not legally required to be under open meetings, although we have no plans in place to make it very exclusive, I believe these meetings will be open to students although I prefer for the meetings to be smaller for the sake of efficiency.
- **Associate Kathuria:** Why didn't you include vice-chair in the Shared Governance Council?
 - **Chair South:** They're implicitly included, if the Chair is unable to make it then the current Vice-Chair will take up the responsibilities of the Chair. This applies to the President and Vice-President. I would like to keep these meetings smaller so that we can make more progress since in my experience larger groups tend to complicate things.
 - **Follow-Up:** What kind of issues do you think you'll be able to work on with the shared governance council?
 - **Chair South:** Tuition and Fees is what comes into my mind immediately. Faculty and staff want raises although some students can't afford to pay extra money every few years, the reason for the creation of this council was to gather bargaining power of the three entities combined.
- **Representative Broadbent:** The role of SGA will be to always further the will of the students, will this do this?
 - **Chair South:** One of the prime selling points of this is that it elevates the voices of students, faculty, and staff in a combined manner that our organizations alone can't do. All three of the governance structures on campus working together, that's a really powerful thing to elevate student voices.

Final Vote: 24-0-0 Unanimous.

AB-107-08 Primary Funding Act of 2022 for Registered Student Organizations (Patton, SGA Budgetary Committee) (Ways and Means, Do Pass)

AB-107-09 Primary Funding Act of 2022 for Governmental Organizations (Patton, SGA Budgetary Committee) (Ways and Means, Do Pass)

***Motion to see AB-107-08 & AB-107-09 as a block
Representative Broadbent seconded by Representative Dodd***

Authors Explanation (**Chair Patton**): This is primary funding, as we discussed this is different because its once a year and the numbers that we are allocating tonight will be deposited into organizations accounts in August. To be used for the 2022-2023 schoolyear, we receive applications and saw them over the first weekend of march over three days and for about 23 hours. We have roughly 180 application which is an increase since last year, since last year we did receive an increase in our budget for the first time in a couple of years which helped with the additional demands. Primary is a closed budget which means we only have a certain amount of money to allocate. In Aux we have money to give until we run out although in Primary, we have a set number, and we can't go above that number. That number this year \$806,000, the amount we give to each organization is based largely on how much they receive in the past, both last year's primary and entire fiscal record and how well that money was spent, beyond that we look at the scope of the organizations and the quality of work they're doing. New organizations received between 500-700 which is a range that we review and approve each year this will be able to fund general meetings or one or two larger events this money shows us their fiscal behavior so we can increase them as per their performance. Looking over the applications we were about 50,000 over budget. We went through and bought them down to a more realistic number and tried to honor increased. At one point we went into a stalemate we were still several thousand over budget we pulled money from governmental organizations first.

0:00 Yielded to Question

- **Chair South:** How did you notify these organizations?
 - **Chair Patton:** I responded to all the emails I got quickly to make up for the error in my communication.
- **Representative Broadbent:** Why SGA SEC is not in house but is in fact an RSO?
 - **Chair Lange:** It is classified as an SGA board but still exists in a liminal space although it is part of SGA, to justify why we are on that list, we autonomously handle any funds that we use.
- **Representative Landry:** Were there are RSO's that you didn't give funding to that applied
 - **Chair Patton:** 6, they hadn't been registered or registered for a full year. One organization applied for primary intending to apply for aux, so we removed their application.
- **Associate Vu:** Why did the AASA not receive a large increase in primary allocation seeing as they had a good fiscal record
 - **Chair Patton:** For the last completed fiscal year 2020-2021 they received \$9,800 that was about \$6,000 and change in primary and the rest in aux. We gave them an increase to \$9,000 in primary and they haven't applied to aux since. We gave them an increase to \$10,500 they deserved a good increase.
 - **Follow-Up:** You did mention how AASA didn't apply for aux funding, although they had.
 - **Chair Patton:** Their application wasn't submitted until the end of March for Aux, this will be considered for the next fiscal year.

***Motion to extend time for five minutes
Representative Broadbent Seconded by Representative Nealy***

- **Associate Kathuria:** Why didn't you include the IFC or Panhellenic for primary funding
 - **Chair Patton:** Neither of those organizations applied.
- **Associate Vu:** Was it considered that the AASA hosts events for many members around campus including other students who are not directly involved in the organization?
 - **Chair Patton:** Scope is one of the things we consider. The range they are in exemplifies that they hold events for a lot of students. Breaking that 10,000 is something most organizations will never do, so that is a large accomplishment.
- **Representative Broadbent:** When you get less than the number you applied for, do you let them know what the reason was?
 - **Chair Patton:** I look at which items they want funded first and then I reduce the amount for the other ones they didn't prioritize. As long as it's an allowable expense as long as it still falls under the allowable list, we will for the most part fund it. If the priority changes, they can go back into the submission and change it.
 - **Chair South:** If you go to the budgets tab you should see be able to see a full breakdown of what got funded and what didn't or why.
- **Representative Landry:** What was the deadline for Primary?
 - **Chair Patton:** The deadline for primary was initially the 25th although we pushed it to Sunday night because of the storm that had cancelled in person classes for three days.
 - **Follow-up:** When was the deadline for Aux?
 - **Chair Patton:** March 11th
- **Chair Harman:** How many individuals do you have that look into Aux and Primary?
 - **Chair Patton:** We have six members on our committee, all of them are present today.
- **Associate Kathuria:** Why is the Disability Inclusion and Awareness organization only getting \$250?
 - **Chair Patton:** Something we do for organization that have very poor spending. It's our obligation to decrease it so that we aren't wasting the student activity fee money until we see activity on the account and then it's we'll increase.
 - **Follow Up:** Do you know how much your committee decided to fund the Disability Inclusion and Awareness organization?
 - **Chair Patton:** Last year they got 450 and 350 In aux this year.

Extend time by 10 minutes

Representative Griffin seconded by Representative Hale

- **Associate Vu:** For the Asian American Student Association, the categories of funding for primary only added up to \$9,000, what was the reasoning for this?
 - **Chair Patton:** I haven't changed numbers on any primary application yet because we haven't actually funded these organizations yet.
- **Representative Tesfaselassie:** Can you define a capital investment? And why an organization would choose to get it
 - **Chair Patton:** My committee decides on an amount and then we look at the priorities for what that organization wants, some organizations find more value in capital investment, and some find more value in office expenditures or event funds.
- **Associate Kathuria:** Does an organization mission statement or core values play a role in the decision to decide how we are going to fund them?
 - **Chair Patton:** the moral and ethics of an organization does not come into consideration. We do look at the uniqueness and scope of the situation in order to look at the people that they serve. We do not make any judgements or give merit to whether an organization is valid based.
- **Representative Nealy:** Are you aware of turning point USA applying for funding

- **Chair Patton:** If they applied, they were funded, turning point received aux this year but didn't apply for primary.
- **Associate Vu:** What was the reason behind the National Society of Black Engineers & Society of Hispanic Engineers & Society of Asian Engineers only receiving what they did for Primary?
 - **Chair Patton:** For the past 4 years NSBE have always used their money except for the covid year, we regarded them as a new organization. For the Society of Asian Engineers, they had a poor fiscal, we need to see money moving in order to increase funding, specifically last year they got \$1600 and spent none of it. SHPE had good fiscal although for the past 2 years they've had a lapse.
- **Associate Vu:** For the Vietnamese student association can you explain why there hasn't been a noticeable increase?
 - **Chair Patton:** The Vietnamese student association has had mediocre fiscal for the past couple of years, I just don't remember why there wasn't a significant increase in the past. Last year they spent 2,000 of their 3,000 but we need to see that they are spending more of their money, we aren't decreasing them, but we need to see more money being spent if they want their fiscal increase.
- **Representative Nealy:** Why did Latin dance club receive \$2,000?
 - **Chair Patton:** Latin dance club has perfect fiscal, they were inactive last year although they were active again this year, they received about 1200 and then 2300 this year they receive 1260 and then 2000 before the lapse.
 - **Representative Nealy:** What exactly are they using the funding for?
 - **Chair Patton:** priority funding was for the instructor.

Follow-Up Reports

Items for Future Agenda

Announcements and Comments

- **Representative Brown:** The new mayor elect is mayor Heikilla.
- **Representative Broadbent:** Is it of the chair's opinion that we should regard elected officials by their previous titles.
- **Associate Kathuria:** I want to thank commissioner Kabrick for making sure our election was free and fair, he made sure that you had a fair chance at winning your seat
- **Representative Payson:** Chair Lynskey already talked about this, please go see pippin OFB will be the 1st, 22nd, 23rd of April every week until dead week.
- **Commissioner Kabrick:** The election commissioner position will open next year. I encourage anyone to apply for that when it becomes available

Final Roll Call 24-8-0

Adjourned at 9:49

Motion to Adjourn

Representative Griffin seconded by Representative Reese

Chair: Crispin South

Vice Chair: Sidney May

Secretary: Hadi Fawad

Name:	Initial	Final
AHEDOR, Monica	a	a
BARNETT, Ryan	x	x
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	a
DAO, Audrey	a	a
DODD, Aiden	x	x
GRIFFIN, Weslie	x	x
HALE, Eileah	x	x
KIRK, Luke	a	a
LANDRY, Amelia	x	x
MCGOWAN, Parker	a	a
MCPHERSON, David	x	a
MYERS, Beckett	x	a
NEALY, Tamera	x	x
NEAVES, Megan	x	x
PAPAHRONIS, Demitri	x	x
PAYSON, Olivia	x	x
PEREZ, Emiliano	x	x
PEREZ, Alondra	x	x
REESE, Nathanael	x	x
SEARLES, Dana	x	x
STOYAK, Michael	a	x
TESFASELASSIE, Robel	x	x
TRAUTMAN, Bailey	x	x
WILLIAMS, Michael	x	x
ZAQOUT, Mahmoud	x	a
PRESENT	26	24
ABSENT	6	8
EXCUSED	0	0

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CVII

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GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
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CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-107-01
SENATE RESOLUTION NO. GSXX-XX

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution encouraging the appointment of
a Student 2 and the permanent establishment of such a
position; and providing for distribution.

- Whereas: All students at the University of Oklahoma deserve representation at all levels of University Governance; and
- Whereas: State Universities and University Systems across the United States have established voting and non-voting student members of governing bodies; and
- Whereas: Former Regent Albert's recent resignation has left an unexpired term of nearly a year; and
- Whereas: According to the Oklahoma Constitution, Section XIII-8, the Governor may, with the advice and consent of the Senate, appoint an individual to fill the remainder of an unexpired term; and
- Whereas: The Oklahoma State Constitution does not directly provide for student representation on the OU Board of Regents; and
- Whereas: The Oklahoma State Constitution does not forbid a student from serving on the Board of Regents; and
- Whereas: The current situation provides the State of Oklahoma and the University of Oklahoma with an opportunity to appoint a student to the Board of Regents without amending the Constitution; and
- Whereas: A student appointed to fill the vacancy left by former Regent Albert would serve for nearly a year, allowing time for the State, University, and larger OU Community to evaluate the best path forward for permanently establishing student representation on the Board of Regents; and
- Whereas: Establishing a permanent student seat on the Board of Regents requires an amendment of the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma; 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 “Student Regent Resolution of 2022.”
- Section 2:** The OU Student Government Association encourages Oklahoma Governor J. Kevin Stitt to appoint a student to the unexpired term left by former Regent Albert’s Resignation.
- Section 3:** The OU Student Government Association supports and encourages efforts to amend the Oklahoma State Constitution for the purpose of establishing permanent student representation on the OU Board of Regents.
- Section 4:** The OU Student Government Association encourages all state legislators to introduce or support measures aiding in the establishment of permanent student representation on the OU Board of Regents. OU SGA additionally welcomes collaboration between OU SGA leaders and State Legislators in the formulation of agreeable structures to establish permanent student representation on the OU Board of Regents.
- Section 5:** Copies of this resolution will be sent to:
- Governor J. Kevin Stitt
 - Lt. Governor Matt Pinnell
 - All members of the Oklahoma State Legislature
 - Regent Keating
 - Regent Shirley
 - Regent Stevenson
 - Regent Holloway
 - Regent Nagel
 - President Joseph Harroz, Jr.

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

Co-Author(s):

Co-Sponsor(s):

Submitted on a motion by: Representative Nealy seconded by Representative Dodd

Action taken by Congress: 24-0-0 Unanimous

Verified by Chair of Congress: _____ Date: _____

Submitted on a motion by:

Action taken by Senate:

Verified by Chair of Senate: _____ Date: _____

Approved by SGA President: _____ Date: _____

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CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-107-07
SENATE RESOLUTION NO. GSXX-XX

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution in support of the Norman Jewish community, through properly defining Antisemitism; and providing for distribution.

- Whereas: Approximately one in every four American Jews (24%) has been a victim of antisemitism in 2021¹;
- Whereas: 90% of American Jews believe antisemitism is a very serious problem (40%) or somewhat of a problem (50%)².
- Whereas: Only 60% of the American public believes antisemitism is a very serious problem or somewhat of a problem while 21% of Americans believe that antisemitism is not much of a problem; 4% of American believe it is not a problem at all³.
- Whereas: The student population at the University of Oklahoma currently estimates 500 Jewish students in attendance.
- Whereas: Multiple Jewish students at the University of Oklahoma have experienced antisemitism in some shape or form while attending campus or in the Norman Community. Additional students may have witnessed or experienced antisemitism but failed to raise concern due to fear, retaliation, etc.

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 “OU Adoption of International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance Definition for Antisemitism Bill.”
- Section 2:** The University of Oklahoma students, faculty, and staff should recognize any acts of antisemitism that Jewish students at the University of Oklahoma have experienced and/or witnessed.

¹ Avi Mayer, “The State of Antisemitism in America 2021: Insights and Analysis,” AJC (American Jewish Committee, February 8, 2022), <https://www.ajc.org/news/the-state-of-antisemitism-in-america-2021-insights-and-analysis>.

² Ibid.

³ Ibid.

Section 3: The University of Oklahoma should adopt the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) non-legally binding working definition for antisemitism, which reads as follows⁴:

- “Antisemitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred towards Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community Institutions and religious facilities”.

Section 4: The University of Oklahoma should utilize the following examples of antisemitism identified by the IHRA to further educate the student body on forms of antisemitism, including but not limited to⁵:

- Calling for, aiding, or justifying the killing or harming of Jews in the name of radical ideology or an extremist view of religion.
- Making mendacious, dehumanizing, demonizing, or stereotypical allegations about Jews as such or the power of Jews as collective – such as especially but not exclusively, the myth about a world Jewish conspiracy or of Jews controlling the media, economy, government or other societal institutions.
- Accusing Jews as a people of being responsible for real or imagined wrongdoing committed by a single Jewish person or group, or even for acts committed by non-Jews.
- Denying the fact, scope, mechanisms (e.g. gas chambers) or intentionality of the genocide of the Jewish people at the hands of National Socialist Germany and its supporters and accomplices during World War II (the Holocaust).
- Accusing the Jews as a people of inventing or exaggerating the Holocaust.
- Accusing Jewish citizens of being more loyal to the alleged priorities of Jews worldwide, than to the interests of their own nations.
- Denying the Jewish people their right to self-determination.
- Applying double standards by requiring of it a behavior not expected or demanded of any other democratic nation.
- Holding Jews collectively responsible for actions of the state of Israel.

Section 5: Upon adopting the following IHRA definition and utilizing the examples given, the University of Oklahoma should use this adoption to lead policies surrounding instances of antisemitism on campus that Jewish students may experience or witness.

Section 6: Copies of this resolution will be sent to:

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

⁴ “What Is Antisemitism?,” IHRA (International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance, 2018), <https://www.holocaustremembrance.com/resources/working-definitions-charters/working-definition-antisemitism>.

⁵ Ibid.

- The OU Nightly
- All OU Norman Campus Students

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Robel Tesfaselassie, Engineering Representative
Taylor Broadbent, Humanities Representative
Bailey Trautman, Campus Outreach, Safety, and Concerns Chair
Eileah Hale, Social Sciences Representative

Submitted on a motion by: Chair Trautman seconded by Representative Payson

Action taken by Congress: 24-0-0

Verified by Chair of Congress: _____ Date: _____

Submitted on a motion by:

Action taken by Senate:

Verified by Chair of Senate: _____ Date: _____

Approved by SGA President: _____ Date: _____

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CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-107-11
SENATE BILL GS22-XX

AS INTRODUCED

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

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

Section 1: Title: This act shall be known and may be cited as the “2022 SGA Election Commission Staff Vacancies Appointment Act.”

Section 2: Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to appoint the members of Spring 2022 Election Commission Staff.

Section 3: In accordance with Title IV, Chapter 6, Section 2(a)(iv), the following SGA Members shall be appointed as Election Commission Staff for the term ending at the end of the Spring 2022 Semester:

- Nathan Nguyen
- Kyle Mershon
- Cameron Decker

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

Author(s): Isaac Kabrick, SGA Election Commissioner

Submitted on a Motion by:

Action taken by Congress:

Verified by Chair of Congress: _____ Date: _____

Submitted on a Motion by:
Action taken by Senate:
Verified by Chair of Senate: _____ Date: _____

Approved by SGA President: _____ Date: _____

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-107-13
SENATE BILL GSXX-XX

AS INTRODUCED

An Act of Legislation amending the Code Annotated with regard to the Parking Appeals Board; providing for short title, providing for codification, and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1: Title: This act shall be known and may be cited as the “Donations for Citations Act of 2022.”

Section 2: Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to direct the Parking Appeals Board to waive certain parking citations upon presentation of timely and proper donations to the OU Food Pantry.

Section 3: AMENDATORY: A new section shall be added to Title IV, Chapter 4 of the SGACA as follows. For the purposes of this legislation, all additions are denoted by an underline, and any deletions are denoted by a ~~strike through~~.

20. Donations For Citations Program

- a. The Student Parking Appeals Board is directed to waive appealed citations if the appellant presents proof of donation to the OU Food Pantry meeting the following requirements:
 - i. The donation was made in the time frame between issuance of the citation and the submission of the appeal.
 - ii. The donation is of a monetary value equal to or greater than eighty percent (80%) of the value of the citation.
 - iii. The donation must be made in a manner accepted by the OU Food Pantry.
- b. Other Program Requirements:

- i. Individuals may utilize this program to waive a maximum of two (2) citations per academic year.
- ii. Individuals may utilize this program to waive citations with fines equal to or less than \$50.
- iii. Individuals may not utilize this program to waive citations with fines greater than \$50.
- c. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent the Parking Appeals Board from acting in the following manners:
 - i. Waiving a first offense
 - ii. Waiving citations based on facts and merit

Section 4: The SGA General Counsel is authorized to renumber any necessary divisions when engrossing this legislation into the SGA Code Annotated.

Section 5: This act shall become effective on the first day of classes for the Fall 2022 Semester.

Author(s): Michael Williams, Engineering Representative
Crispin T. South, Chair of Congress

Co-Author(s):

Co-Sponsor(s):

Submitted on a Motion by: Representative Broadbent seconded by Representative Payson

Action taken by Congress: 24-0-0

Verified by Chair of Congress: _____ Date: _____

Submitted on a Motion by:

Action taken by Senate:

Verified by Chair of Senate: _____ Date: _____

Approved by SGA President: _____ Date: _____

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-107-14
SENATE BILL GSXX-XX

AS INTRODUCED

An Act of Legislation creating a shared governance council; providing for short title, providing for codification, and providing for an effective date.

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

- Section 1:** Title: This act shall be known and may be cited as the “Shared Governance Council Establishment Act.”
- Section 2:** Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to establish a council composed of Students, Faculty, and Staff to meet regularly, discuss campus issues, and make recommendations on University Governance and Policies.
- Section 3:** NEW LAW: A new chapter is to be added to Title IX of the SGA Code Annotated as follows:
- Chapter 10 – Shared Governance Council
1. Name
A Shared Governance Council shall be established.
 2. Membership
The Shared Governance Council shall be composed of the following members, or their designee, in the case that the enumerated member is unavailable:
 - a. President of the SGA
 - b. Chair of the Undergraduate Student Congress
 - c. Chair of the Graduate Student Senate
 - d. Chair of the Faculty Senate
 - e. Chair-Elect of the Faculty Senate
 - f. Chair of the Staff Senate

g. Chair-Elect of the Staff Senate

3. Purpose

The purpose of the Shared Governance Council shall be to bring together the existing governance structures for students, faculty, and staff to discuss campus issues, review existing university policies, and make recommendations for policy changes.

4. Internal Rules

The Shared Governance Council shall establish its own internal rules of procedure and administration.

- a. The SGA President shall serve as the Presiding Officer of the Shared Governance Council.
- b. Further officer positions may be established internally.

5. Quorum

A majority of all members shall constitute a quorum.

6. Meeting

The Shared Governance Council shall, at minimum, meet once per month during the fall and spring semesters, excluding the first and final calendar month of each semester. The Presiding Officer shall be responsible for organizing and planning meetings.

7. Responsibilities

The Shared Governance Council shall be responsible for the following:

- a. The Shared Governance Council shall promote concepts and practices of shared University Governance.
- b. The Shared Governance Council shall study and produce recommendations on how to further promote shared governance within the structure of the University and Board of Regents.
- c. The Shared Governance Council shall discuss campus-wide issues pertaining to faculty, staff, and students, and coordinate collaborative efforts between the governance structures of faculty, staff, and students to address those issues.

Section 4: The SGA General Counsel is authorized to re-number any necessary divisions within this Act or the SGA Code Annotated when engrossing and codifying this legislation into the SGA Code Annotated.

Section 5: This act shall become effective on the first day on which classes are held in the Fall 2022 semester.

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

Co-Author(s):

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Submitted on a Motion by: Representative Broadbent seconded by Representative Landry

Action taken by Congress: 24-0-0 Unanimous

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Action taken by Senate

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Approved by SGA President: _____ Date: _____

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
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CONGRESSIONAL BILL AB-107-08
SENATE BILL NO. GS22-XX

AS INTRODUCED

An act relating to appropriations; providing for short title; stating purpose; appropriating Primary Funding for the 2022-2023 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 “Primary Funding Act of 2022 for Registered Student Organizations”

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
Academic Team	600			600
Acts of Kindness Association	700			700
African Womens League	1200			1200
Agricultural Law Association	600			600
Alpha Epsilon Delta	250			250
Alpha Eta Rho - Beta Chi Chapter	600			600
alpha Kappa Delta Phi	800			800

AME Graduate Student Community	2100			2100
American Constitution Society	500			500
American Indian Law Review	1000			1000
American Indian Science and Engineering Society	250			250
American Indian Student Association	14300			14300
American Institute of Chemical Engineers	500			500
American Marketing Association			410	410
American Mock World Health Organization	1700			1700
APICS	600			600
Arab Student Association	1000			1000
Artificial Intelligence Organization at the University of Oklahoma	700			700
ASCE Concrete Canoe Team		1000		1000
ASHRAE Student Chapter	350			350
Asian American Student Association	10500			10500
Asian Pacific American Law Student Association	800			800
Association Friends of Venezuela	1000			1000
Association of Geography Graduate Students	780			780
Association of Southeast Asian Nations	2400			2400
Association of Transfer Students	600			600
Biomedical Engineering Society Student Chapter	900			900
Biomedical Engineering Student Affairs	250			250
Black Girl White Coat	240			240
Black Law Students Association	900			900
Black Student Association	30000			30000
Board and Card Game Club	240		150	390
Business Healthcare Club	600			600
Christian Legal Society	1240			1240
Circle K International	1440		1104	2544
College Democrats	250			250
College of Law Outlaw	250			250
Colombian Student Association	11000			11000
Computer Science Graduate Student Association	500			500
Computer Science Student Board	700			700

Constitutional studies student Association	500			500
Criminal Law Association	1500			1500
Crimson Robotics	1100			1100
Crimson Sweethearts	600			600
Delta Sigma Pi- Beta Epsilon Chapter	1500			1500
Disability Inclusion and Awareness	250			250
Elite Dance Team	600			600
Engineers Serving Others	1000			1000
Engineers' Club	4500			4500
Environmental Law Student Association	500			500
Environmental Science Student Association	560			560
Federal Bar Association	1400			1400
Finance Student Association	100			100
Freshman Action Team	650			650
Friday Accounting Meeting	600			600
Game Developers Association	500			500
Geography and Environmental Sustainability Club	80			80
Graduate Business Association	500			500
Graduate Student Music Association	900			900
Graduate Physics Student Interdependence	429.98			429.98
Graduate Women in Business	900			900
Hacklahoma	750			750
HESSA	700			700
Hispanic American Student Association	13000			13000
Honors Student Association	2035			2035
Housing Center Student Association	14500			14500
Human Factors and Ergonomics Society	120			120
Immigration Law Society	500			500
Independent Greek Council	5000			5000
Informed Citizens Discussion Group	800			800
INFORMS	800			800
Intellectual Property Society	600			600
Interior Design Student Association	700			700
International Advisory Committee	30,000			30,000

Jurassic Journeymen	180			180
Kappa Delta Pi	500			500
Korean Conversation Club	400		25	425
Lambda Delta Psi	700			700
LatinArte	460			460
Latin Dance Club	2000			2000
Latinos Unidos	600			600
Latinx Law Student Association	250			250
Lawyers Against Human Trafficking	650			650
LGBTQ+ Program Advisory Board	700			700
LGBTQ Student Alliance	700			700
Limitless!			700	700
Linguistics Club	440			440
Medical Ethics and Issues Discussion Panel	650			650
Medlife	600			600
Military Law Society	250			250
Miracle Mindset College Access Program	1500			1500
Model United Nations	1500			1500
Multicultural Greek Council	8000			8000
Music Composition Club	700			700
Muslim Student Association	500			500
National Association of Hispanic Journalists	500			500
National Pan-Hellenic Council	18000			18000
National Society of Black Engineers	700			700
Native American Law Student Association	300			300
Oil and Gas, Natural Resources and Energy Journal	600			600
Oil and Gas, Natural Resources, and Energy Law Society	700			700
Oklahoma Aspiring Educators Association	1200			1200
Oklahoma College of Law- Board of Advocates	800			800
Oklahoma Intercollegiate Legislature	9400		1019.88	10419.88
Oklahoma International Law Society	1800			1800
Oklahoma Law Review	1400			1400
Oklahoma Library and Information Studies	500			500

Students Association				
Oklahoma Weather Lab	1000			1000
ONE Emergency Medical Services			844.67	844.67
Organization for the Advancement of Women in Law	2600			2600
OU Badminton Club		1500		1500
Clay Target Team	2400			2400
OU Design/Build/Fly Club		400		400
OU Equestrian Club	700			700
OU Fencing Club			1175	1175
OU History Club	500			500
OU Men's Rugby Club			3000	3000
OU Men's Ultimate Frisbee Club	1900			1900
OU Rowing Club		500		500
OU Women's Ultimate Frisbee Club	2100			2100
OUr Mental Health	120			120
Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity, International	900			900
Phi Beta Delta	550			550
Phi Delta Alpha	1300			1300
Pick and Hammer Club	700			700
Pre-Law Society	675			675
Pre-Medical Women's Society	800			800
Professional Writing Student Association	550			550
Psychology Graduate Student Association	1200			1200
Real Estate Club	500			500
Russian Speaking Student Association	600			600
School of Meteorology Student Affairs Committee	400			400
Scientific Undergraduate Research Association	300			300
SGA Student Environmental Coalition	200			200
Shia Student Association	400			400
Sigma Lambda Beta	2800			2800
Society of Asian Scientists & Engineers	250			250
Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers	700			700
Sooner Air Traffic Control Association	2000			2000

Sooner Chapter of the American Association of Airport Executives	1000			1000
Sooner Competitive Robotics		2500		2500
Sooner Off-Road		3600		3600
Sports and Entertainment Law Society	500			500
Steel Bridge Competition Team	250			250
Student Association of Bangladesh	1800			1800
Student Heroes	500			500
Student Planning Association	400			400
Tau Beta Pi Association	500			500
The Big Event	8000			8000
The Crimson Chords	650			650
The Federalist Society	500			500
The Oklahoma Group	1600			1600
The Political Science Club	700			700
The Red Clay Faction	5000			5000
The United World	2000			2000
Undergraduate Communication Association	250			250
Undergraduate Mathematics Club	500			500
Undergraduate Mock Trial Team	3700			3700
Union Programming Board	28000			28000
University Buddhist Association	250			250
Vietnamese Student Association	3000			3000
Wall Street Sooners	500			500
Wealth Management Club	325			325
Women Impacting Supply Chain Excellence	600			600
Women in Aviation	1000			1000
Women in Electrical and Computer Engineering	500			500
Women in Physics	600			600
Women of Power	600			600
Women's Health Advocacy	800			800
World Literature Today Student Advisory Board			400	400
Young Americans for Freedom at the University at Oklahoma	450			450

			TOTAL	346,643.53
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Section 5: This fiscal year for the account listed in these sections shall end May 12, 2023

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Submitted on a motion by: Representative Broadbent seconded by Representative Dodd

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Action taken by Student Congress: 24-0-0

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Student Bar Association	15,000			15,000
Campus Activities Council	126,491.36			126,491.36
SGA Undergraduate Student Congress	3,000			3,000
SGA Graduate Student Senate	700			700
SGA Executive Branch	1,500			1,500
SGA Operations	10,560	5,000	27,620	44,180

Salaries and Stipends			193,553.55	193,553.55
SGA Graduate Student Senate Grants	75,000			75,000
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