

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS

Session CVII

General Body Meeting

7:00 pm, Tuesday, January 25, 2022

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**Call to Order at 7:04PM**

**Opening Roll Call:** 21-8-2

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

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

**Approval of Minutes**

*Motion to approve the minutes*

*Representative Nealy seconded by Representative Griffin*

**Officer Reports -**

- **Chair's Report** - Good Evening y'all! First a couple of administrative items. Please keep your camera turned on if at all possible. Also, if you want to make a motion, please use the raise hand function in zoom, it's much easier to recognize that than trying to look for raised hands in the video. Also, we will be virtual until further notice. Student Affairs has asked us to hold all meetings online if that is feasible, so while meeting online is not ideal, we will continue meeting online to try and keep everyone healthy. Besides admin things, this is my last semester as Chair, and I'd like to thank all of you for all of your work during my time here. You've made a difference in Congress, SGA, and across the Student Body. Until I'm done, I have a few priorities I'd like to make sure Congress takes the lead on and gets done for the student body. First, I'm proposing a Shared Governance Council to bring together SGA, Faculty Senate, and Staff Senate with Administration to facilitate communication, promote shared governance, and ensure buy-in from the whole OU community on issues of importance. Next, I'd like to revamp the Campus Climate Board of Advisors to make sure multicultural organizations and students have plenty of opportunities to access SGA Leaders and to facilitate communication with these groups. Also, I'm working with several other indigenous members of Congress to introduce legislation benefitting native students. Finally, I'll work to connect Representatives with department and college level leadership within their districts and build those relationships. I'm looking forward to working with all y'all to get to helping the student body this semester! This is also just the beginning for what I want congress to do. It takes all of us working together to make things better for students, so if you have ideas for legislation, please come talk to me and I'd love to help you! Finally, I've recently heard of some prejudice and bigotry that international students have faced. In light of this, I'd like to offer the support of my office to international students and remind everyone that International Students are our valued constituents,

and like everyone else at OU, deserve respect and acceptance within our community. If anyone has ideas for how Congress can best support OU's international community, please come see me so we can discuss productive methods of helping out. With that, on to VC May.

- **Vice Chair's Report** - All I ask is that you keep looking out for more stuff on social media regarding Gen App and engage with all the posts.
- **Secretary's Report** - I hope you guys have had a comfortable transition back into campus this semester.

#### **Committee Reports-**

- **Campus Outreach, Safety, and Concerns:** Cosco works on projects that directly impact students at OU, last semester one of our larger events last semester was the sexual health campaign. Currently we are implementing a new program called 'Coffee with Congress', where members of students at OU can come and ask us any questions. As advocates for the OU community, I believe that it's a good idea to engage with the students this way.
- **Congressional Administration:** Our committee works with the governing documents. We deal with the internal affairs, such as our governing documents, appointment bills, and making sure that everything regarding our legislations is cleaned up. This weekend we looked at the appointment bill CB-107-02 which was the appointment act for the executive cabinet's Chief of Staff, we gave it a recommendation of do pass, as the new ConAd chair, I'm trying to change the precedent and give out fair recommendations on appointment bills. We also work with the internal appointments inside of congress like the Gen App, so make sure to tell those around you to apply. There are 5 opportunities available within the application: Congress, Executive Cabinet, Election Commission, Superior Court, and the Talent Bank. ConAd now has an email and it's available for anyone to contact me at.
- **External Affairs:** We primarily involve ourselves with things that externally affect our constituents, with things such as civic engagement, voter registration, and local policy. We have 3 positions within the committee that handle that, being Local Liaison, State Liaison, and Federal Liaison. An important project coming soon is Higher Education Day, where we go to lobby at the capitol for increased funding for education. Reach out to the committee if you're interested in coming to lobby at the capital. We also do voter registration drives and BIG12 on the Hill which I will get more into next week.
- **Human Diversity:** We focus on Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion efforts across campus, whether that's events like Friendsgiving or our planned guest speaker series, we have a variety of events and issues that we tackle each year. We didn't meet this past weekend, we will this Sunday at 1:30pm on zoom.
- **Sustainability:** Sustainability focuses on improving all the environmental impacts on campus as well as supporting RSO's on campus by helping provide the proper resources to faculty and administration. The committee is very project based and we currently have 9 Projects being worked on this semester, like the Trash Walk.
- **University Policy:** For any areas of policy that you believe are unfair, we look at those. We have done a lot of work on covid policies last year, there is still covid so there is a good chance we will have to look at it again this semester. We didn't meet last weekend although we will this coming weekend on Sunday. A current large goal of mine is trying to get an In-N-Out in Norman.
- **Ways and Means:** WAM is the budget committee, we deal with funding all the student organizations on campus, through Auxiliary bills and a Primary which opens Monday and closes February 25<sup>th</sup> at 5pm. Primary has a hard deadline, if you have any questions, comments, or concerns please come to my office hours. As the WAM Chair, I will be unavailable to come to General Body Meetings on Mondays, since I have a master's class each Tuesday, although I will try to be as present as possible. My vice-chair will be presenting any information on General body meetings

## Special Orders

- Code Club
- President Lissau Introduction
  - Hello everybody, thank you Chair South for the kind introduction. I just wanted to hop on here and say how excited I am to get the chance to work with each and every one of you. Denzel and I have settled into our offices quite comfortably within the past week or two you've probably seen us if you've been on the first floor of the Conoco. I just wanted to briefly talk about what our expectations this year are, and that's really about communication, and so, our office wants to communicate regularly with this body, because Denzel and I were elected to represent students, as were each of you. We want to make sure that we have a collective and collaborative effort on a lot of these issues that are important to students and if I can ever be of help to you in terms of a project or an issue that you want to learn more about, please don't hesitate to reach out to us or potentially Lauren Roberts, our interim Chief of Staff. Know that this is a new year, a new leaf, and a new opportunity for all of us to be able to work together, Cohesively, Collaboratively and Collectively. We want to be able to work with you guys, we have a shared interest and I have an open-door policy. If my door is ever open, please feel free to come in and discuss anything. I'm a resource to you all and if there is anything that you are ever hesitant or worrisome about, please come talk to me. We are very approachable, and we look forward to getting to work with you all. I look forward to seeing and signing legislation as soon as it comes across my desk.

## Student Concerns

- **Associate Kathuria:** There are certain individuals who don't wash their hands after using the restroom, because of all the potential bacteria and germs that may be spread this is a concern.
- **Representative Griffin:** I have received a student concern of OU's lack of concern regarding the mandatory masking policy, these are in relation to the aviation department specifically although this is also occurring throughout all of campus.
- **Chair Lynskey:** Quiznos is closed, along with many other food options throughout campus.
- **Representative Dodd:** I've had a lot of students come to me regarding concerns about how much they are paying for their meal plan in contrast to the lack of food available at the University.

## Items to Be Considered

CB-107-02 An Act Appointing the Chief of Staff of the Executive Branch of 2022 (Lissau/Akuffo)  
(Congressional Administration, Do Pass)

*Motion to see CB-107-02*

*Representative Landry seconded by Representative Griffin*

President Lissau: Lauren would be present if she didn't have a class conflict today. I want to present to you Lauren Roberts, who we have nominated to fulfill the role of Chief of Staff for the Lissau-Akuffo administration inside of the SGA. Lauren is a junior studying entrepreneurship with a finance major as well, on a pre-law track. She not only has extensive experience in OU leadership but also off campus leadership. As a former member of the OU Dance Marathon Business Development Committee, where Lauren and I first became acquainted with each other, to being a member of the OU VP's Advisory Council, where she communicated with the administration in the Office of Student Affairs on a variety of University Issues that were pressing to students. She not only served in that capacity, but she is also a member of the JCPenney Leadership Program, which is an esteemed group of business students in the Price College of Business. Also, the Chair of the Henderson Scholars Program in which she leads operations where she coordinates with the program director and facilitates program objectives and recruit prospective students to campus. Lauren currently is an intern at a venture capital, where she collaborates with other fellows to build a university investment pipeline. Lauren is qualified to say the least, and she wanted me to read the following.

*Written by Lauren Roberts, Presented by President Lissau.*

I am incredibly honored and grateful to be nominated for the role of Chief of Staff within the Executive Branch of the Student Government Association. As Chief of Staff, I hope to contribute my passion for leadership and service, my drive for higher education, and my eagerness to learn from and build meaningful relationships with members of the OU community.

Throughout my years at our university, I have had the unique opportunity to experience the diverse and dynamic communities that encompass OU. Serving in various leadership positions through the Henderson Scholars Program, the Price College of Business, and Greek Life among others, allows me to connect with students of all backgrounds, experiences, and perspectives.

While I am eternally grateful for the opportunities these experiences provided and continue to provide, I am forced to recognize the institutional and systemic issues and disparities that continue to exist on our campus – disparities that affect those we interact with every single day, despite the conscious efforts of students and administration. As Chief of Staff, I am dedicated to advancing the interests and needs of our student body and campus-at-large. In addition to ensuring the Executive Cabinet remains in compliance with the SGA Code Annotated, I look forward to leading the implementation of the CARE Platform set forth by President Lissau and Vice President Akuffo. With a strong emphasis on addressing the interests and needs of marginalized communities on campus, I am focused on using my unique position to connect and collaborate with members of these communities, in addition to many other registered student organizations. Above all else, I am here to listen. My role as Chief of Staff is one that is important, but I cannot effectively lead without purpose – and that purpose will come from listening to students, communities, organizations, and administrators to better execute the Lissau-Akuffo Administration's initiatives and platform.

I want to express my sincere thanks to the Undergraduate Student Congress for your consideration and leadership throughout this process and beyond.

With gratitude,

Lauren Roberts

#### 0 Seconds Yielded to Questions

- **Representative Broadbent:** Are you aware that Lauren started her Congress career on the External Affairs Committee and did an excellent job?
  - **President Lissau:** Lauren has been involved with the SGA since her time as a freshman and has had extensive experience with the body. She will continue to serve students on not only the external but internal level too.
- **Associate Kathuria:** What does Lauren Roberts bring to the table that excites you?
  - **President Lissau:** Denzel and I, being leaders who know the pulse of campus, wanted someone similar to that to be the head of our cabinet. Lauren is a hungry, bold, and intentional leader. She is very kind and hardworking, always willing to get the job done.
- **Representative Yanez:** Would you agree that Lauren Roberts is not only diligent but kind?
  - **President Lissau:** Not only is she extremely kind, but she is also very intentional.
- **Associate Kathuria:** How involved do you expect Lauren Roberts to be when it comes to making the final decisions in the executive branch?
  - **President Lissau:** Lauren is a key player, in the cabinet, we all have equal weight. She is always going to be part of the conversation and hold so much importance.

- **Chair Halsey-Kraus:** At ConAd on Sunday, Lauren received our first do pass on an appointment, possibly in two years, do you believe that us using Lauren as our first do pass was a good choice?
  - **President Lissau:** Yes, of course. Lauren is the perfect candidate to pass in terms of her nomination, she is someone who is determined, intentional and kind. Thank you for the question.

**Final Vote: 23-0-0 Unanimous.**

## Follow-Up Reports

### Items for Future Agenda

**Associate Kathuria:** This Sunday there will be a ‘vote’ on the vaping and nicotine education enhancement act. The vote will take place in the Upol Committee.

**Lacey Lewis:** The EA Committee will need a bill number for the Higher Education Day 2022 Resolution which will be seen in the body this Sunday.

### Announcements and Comments

**Chair South:** For those of you who are newer to congress, you will be getting an email with a committee preference form.

**Chair Lange:** The National Climate Assessment Workshop will be happening February 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>. This coming march and April, the Student Environmental Coalition will be hosting the environmental speaker’s series.

**George Ahmadi:** SGA has spots available for the leadership summit taking place on the 29<sup>th</sup>. If you want to attend, please email me as soon as possible.

**Chair Halsey-Kraus:** Please make sure to let your friends and everyone who is currently enrolled as a student at OU to apply for the Gen App.

**Representative Broadbent:** Go vote for Mayor on February 8<sup>th</sup>, Ward elections will also be happening, it’s very important that students go and vote.

**Chair Harman:** Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society will be having an opportunity to volunteer for the OU Food Pantry next Monday from 12-2pm. Go donate some blood if you have time!

### Final Roll Call 21-8-2

#### Adjourn

*Motion to Adjourn*

*Representative Griffin seconded by Representative Nealy*

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

Session 107

Session 107		
Date of Session:	16-Nov-21	
Name:	CB-107-02	
BARNETT, Ryan		
BINGER, Christian	y	
BROADBENT, Taylor	y	
BROWN, Jordan	y	
CANTU, Cole	y	
CAPPLEMAN, Austin	y	
CHAMAN, Arin	y	
CHENEVEY, Brandon	y	
CHIARIELLO, Clayton	y	
DAO, Audrey		
DODD, Aiden	y	
GRIFFIN, Weslie	y	
HALE, Eileah		
KIRK, Luke		
LANDRY, Amelia	y	
MANDRELL, Brady		
MCGOWAN, Parker		
MCPHERSON, David	y	
MYERS, Beckett		
NEALY, Tamera	y	
PAPAHRONIS, Demitri	y	
PAYSON, Olivia		
PEREZ, Emiliano	y	
PEREZ, Alondra	y	
SEARLES, Dana	y	
STOYAK, Michael	y	
TESFAELASSIE, Robel	y	
TRAUTMAN, Bailey	y	
WILLIAMS, Michael	y	
YANEZ, Becca	y	
ZAQOUT, Mahmoud	y	
Yes	23	0
No	0	0
Abstain	0	0

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Date of Session:	25-Jan-22	
Name:	Initial	Final
BARNETT, Ryan	a	a
BINGER, Christian	a	a
BROADBENT, Taylor	x	x
BROWN, Jordan	x	x
CANTU, Cole	x	x
CAPPLEMAN, Austin	x	x
CHAMAN, Arin	x	x
CHENEVEY, Brandon	a	x
CHIARIELLO, Clayton	a	x
DAO, Audrey	a	a
DODD, Aiden	x	x
GRIFFIN, Weslie	x	x
HALE, Eileah	ex	ex
KIRK, Luke	a	a
LANDRY, Amelia	x	x
MANDRELL, Brady	a	a
MCGOWAN, Parker	a	a
MCPHERSON, David	x	x
MYERS, Beckett	x	a
NEALY, Tamera	x	x
PAPAHRONIS, Demitri	x	x
PAYSON, Olivia	ex	ex
PEREZ, Emiliano	x	x
PEREZ, Alondra	x	x
SEARLES, Dana	x	x
STOYAK, Michael	x	x
TESFAELASSIE, Robel	x	x
TRAUTMAN, Bailey	x	x
WILLIAMS, Michael	x	x
YANEZ, Becca	x	a
ZAQOUT, Mahmoud	x	x
PRESENT	21	21
ABSENT	8	8
EXCUSED	2	2

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SENATE SESSION GSXX/GFXX  
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CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-107-02  
SENATE BILL GSXX-XX/GFXX-XX

AS INTRODUCED

An Act of Procedure appointing the Chief of Staff of the Executive Branch; 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 “An Act Appointing the Chief of Staff of the Executive Branch of 2022.”

**Section 2:** Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to appoint the Chief of Staff of the Lissau-Akuffo Administration within the Executive Branch.

**Section 3:** In accordance with the SGA Code Annotated §Title I, Chapter 2, Section 7b, which delineates the appointment process for the Chief of Staff position, the following student shall thus be appointed:

- Lauren Roberts

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

Author(s): Zack Lissau, SGA President  
Denzel Akuffo, SGA Vice President

Submitted on a Motion by: ***Representative Landry, Seconded by Representative Griffin***

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:\_\_\_\_\_

Final Vote: 23-0-0.