

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS

Session CVII

General Body Meeting

7:00 pm, Tuesday, March 1st, 2022

Dale Hall 218

Call to Order at 7:06

Opening Roll Call 21-7-5

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 Dodd

Officer Reports -

- **Chair's Report:** I hope everyone is doing well and recovering from last week's snowstorm! I'll start off tonight by saying happy birthday to Associate Kathuria, I hope that it was fantastic! Next, I'd like to update y'all on a few things. First, I would just like to say that the current war in Ukraine is absolutely terrible and devastating to see. I know a lot of y'all have been following this situation, and I also know we have international students from those countries and the larger region affected. I've talked with some folks from Student Affairs and OU Admin is aware that students may be affected by this or need assistance in processing everything. OU Counseling will be holding some free group sessions for anyone that does want to talk about it or need some assistance. Please call University Counseling if you would like to utilize this yourself, and please refer anyone you know to University Counseling so they can utilize those resources. There is more information on the OUSGA Exec Instagram, they've been working with Student Affairs to make sure students are aware of the resources available, so please check that out.
On a more positive note, I'm in the process of meeting with the Faculty and Staff Senate Chairs to get some details in line for shared governance promotion, I will update y'all once that meeting has taken place and what our next steps are.
Also, just to let all of y'all know, I submitted the Congress Primary Budget request so we will have money for next year.
Additionally, I plan to continue advocating for a student to serve on the board of regents, hopefully I will have more concrete updates on that for all of you soon.
Also, please donate to the food pantry! We have boxes set up in the Conoco for donations, they will be there for the rest of this week, and I have been informed that donations do count for your involvement points, so please donate!

Next, those of you who are not yet on committees, please keep an eye on your email, I will be contacting you very, very soon about that so we can get you on committees. We have almost everyone, but a couple stragglers remain.

Finally, newer members, I am not good with names, so I am still learning and putting faces to names since we are no longer on Zoom. If I screw your name up, please know that I am sorry, I just have ADHD and these things are difficult sometimes.

- **Vice Chair's Report:** Hello everybody! I don't have anything new to report this week; I apologize that I don't have the name tags, I came straight from work and I was not able to pick them up. If you have emailed me recently, I apologize for the delayed response, I have four inboxes to manage and things get lost sometimes. If I have not responded yet, you will hear back from me tomorrow. Lastly, my office hours will start at 11 instead of 10 tomorrow due to a Gender and Equality presentation. As always, feel free to reach out if you need anything!
- **Secretary's Report:** Nothing to report.

Committee Reports-

- **Campus Outreach, Safety, and Concerns:** We only have this week and one more week until spring break. Cosco is working on the covid campaign informational, all of the information about it has been updated. The wonderful Audrey Dao is working on that, that will be completed within the next week, give it some support and some love. Coffee with Congress has a sign up that has been sent out early, please fill it out now but you also have time until I will need you guys to start signing up. Cosco has a few other projects that will be coming soon, and we are super excited.
- **Congressional Administration:** Hi, Everyone! This weekend we saw CB-107-10 and gave it a recommendation of Due Pass. That is the SGA General Application Codification Bill. We are super excited to have GenApp put into legislation. Speaking of GenApp, for our SGA Members who completed the SGA General Application this past semester, there is an SGA General Application Spring 2022 application survey. The survey will close March 11th at 11:59 PM so please fill it out as soon as you can! As well as there is now a ConAd certified Parliamentarian's guide to Congress for non-Congressional Members.
- **External Affairs:** We were supposed to see CB-107-05 but we tabled it due to some road bumps. We should be having two pieces of legislation coming through next week, one to establish the lobbying day and the other to establish the lobbying agenda. Positions for the committee close on Friday, hopefully we will start seeing some liaison reports in the body about bills going to the house and federal government once we have our positions filled.
- **Human Diversity:** There's a service opportunity for you, it's a menstrual products drive. We met officially on Thursday, it was great, this week we are meeting on the second floor of the Conoco at 5:30 for a work night. We are going to have some legislation that we are going to write out. I submitted a proposal to the D, E, & I office and it got accepted. This means we are going to have a mini market day next Thursday starting at 1:30 in the Union Courtyard, right now I'm working on the graphic, which means you are all going to share it on Instagram once it's posted.
- **Sustainability:** We had a fantastic trash walk this Sunday that went great, we didn't count how many trash bags but there were so many. We met unofficially and quickly ran through some action items I will say that within the next few days we will be sending out a survey about a program called swipe out hunger to gauge interest, it's a program where you can donate unused meal swipes and points. We still have another survey going out regarding specialized recycling.
- **University Policy:** We met on Sunday at 4:30 we have assigned our projects.
- **Ways and Means:** WAM met this past Sunday and saw Aux 14, we extended primary by two days because of the snow days. We are going to look at all of primary this weekend and try to get it done in one weekend.

Liaison Reports-

- **Representative Broadbent:** Oklahoma votes will meet on March 25th for their March Madness tournament. If you would like to come, there will be free food
- **Representative Broadbent:** OU Write club will be returning at second wind on Thursday March 3rd, they are having an open mic night.

- **Representative Broadbent:** UPB and CAC are presenting the 'House of Gucci' this Friday at 6, 9 and midnight in the union.
- **Representative Griffin:** OU College Democrats is having their meeting in dale 128 about legislation that you feel strongly about.
- **Chair Harman:** ALD will be meeting next week also if you are a first-year student and you haven't accepted your invitation, accept it by March 23rd, there are info sessions coming up this week
- **Associate Kathuria:** On Thursday March 3rd In Dunham room 108 I will be giving a presentation at the American Mock WHO about the dangers of vaping and nicotine, please bring your friends to this meeting and I think it's time we educate the public on the dangers of nicotine and vaping
- **Chair Lange:** In March and April, we will have a lot of environmental orgs doing their biggest events of the schoolyear, this is the time of the year where you can expect primary events to happen SEC Speaker Series starts March 23rd, you don't have to RSVP, its free to attend, there will be more and continued promotion about it and hopefully some physical flyers on campus soon.
- **Representative Dodd:** CAC Film Series will be having our annual student film series very soon we are about to open submission, so if you have a film, you would like people to see please submit it as soon as possible.
- **Representative E. Perez:** Latino Flavor in the Molly Shi Ballroom from 11-1pm. 20 Different cuisines, great food, and entertainment. The entrance is only \$5 cash.

Special Orders

- Code Club

Student Concerns

- **Representative Dodd:** Today, only 2 out of 5 elevators in walker were working. It seems like when they get fixed, it isn't a long-term solution, and they break again.
- **Associate Kathuria:** Intramural sports at OU are severely understaffed which is causing games to be postponed or cancelled.

Items to Be Considered

AB-107-06 Auxiliary Allocation 14 Act of 2021-2022 (Patton/Papahronis) (Ways & Means, Do Pass).

Motion to see AB-107-06

Representative Broadbent seconded by Representative E. Perez

Author's Explanation (**Vice-Chair Papahronis**): This is Aux 14, there are 14 different organizations, if you have any questions, please let me know.

2: 48 Yielded to Questions

- **Representative Broadbent:** What is the super league?
 - Answered by **Representative Williams:** It's a new soccer league for students, similar to intramurals but taken a little more seriously.
- **Representative Broadbent:** What is the Artificial Intelligence Organization requesting \$100 for?
 - **Vice-Chair Papahronis:** The money they are using is for parts, we funded everything that we could.
 - **Representative Broadbent (Follow-Up):** Do you know what they are trying to build?
 - **Vice-Chair Papahronis:** I have no idea, although I assume it's some sort of robot.
- **Associate Hicks:** Why did the Friday Accounting Meeting request \$600?
 - **Vice-Chair Papahronis:** They meet every Friday, and they provide pizza for their members, so that's what it's for.
 - **Associate Hicks (Follow-Up):** So do they need \$600 for a pizza party?
 - **Vice-Chair Papahronis:** This is to fund each of their weekly meetings.

- **Representative Broadbent:** What is the Native American Law Student Association requesting exactly \$725.72 for?
 - **Vice-Chair Papahronis:** They are using it for monthly meetings for food, the cents are specific to what they requested.

Final Vote 24-0-0 Unanimous

CB-107-10 The SGA General Application Codification Act of 2022 (Halsey-Kraus) (ConAd, Do Pass).

Motion to see CB-107-10

Representative Griffin seconded by Chair Trautman

Author's Explanation (**Chair Halsey-Kraus**): This bill is putting into legislation the SGA General Application. This bill does not mandate that the application be used by future bodies. It simply creates GenApp. There are more Sponsors than what the agenda says. If you want to be added as a sponsor, please let me or Secretary Fawad know!

2:29 Yielded to Questions

- **Associate Kathuria:** In section 11 of this bill, why isn't it mandated that all SGA officers are mandated to do a selection bias training?
 - **Chair Halsey-Kraus:** The implicit bias coincides with selection bias, what I do as chair is send out recommended trainings for everybody, they're not mandated to do that it's just highly encouraged to avoid complications.
- Representative Nealy: How do we know that the training you are recommending are accurate and helpful with the process?
 - **Chair Halsey-Kraus:** These training are created by a third party linked in they have online training for everyone, these are certified and made by people who are trained in implicit and selection bias.
- **Representative Barnett:** Would you please explain the ranking process and how we rank members?
 - **Chair Halsey-Kraus:** The ranking officers are those with higher level positions in SGA that have the authority to impose the applications of this bill. For example, as a representative you can't impose the application, but ranking officers such as myself can oversee our application process.
- **Associate Hicks:** What changes have you made to this application in comparison to last year?
 - **Chair Halsey-Kraus:** These applications are subject to change by the application cycle, the application cycle for that has not changed, their questions change, with the supplemental questions are subjected to change each semester. I'm only allowing two essay questions per application as well as 5 other types of questions which are short answer.
- **Representative Broadbent:** We've had problems in the past with officers putting people in positions without making proper decisions, how are you going to oversee and enforce the rules proposed in this bill?
 - **Chair Halsey-Kraus:** As the emeritus Congress Chair, I will make sure to reach out to people who have been appointed higher positions. One example is last year's interior director who initially applied to be the communications direct got a different role. I'll make sure that ranking officers are letting their appointees know about a changed position and ask for their decision.
- **Associate Kathuria:** How do you believe the SGA officers have performed when it comes to the selecting members of this body?
 - **Chair Halsey-Kraus:** I'm not qualified to answer that, personally since I was on the selection committee, I don't think it's my place to if everyone has been good or "bad".
- **Representative Cappleman:** Do you believe that other branches to facilitate their own applications, and the passing of this bill limits the capabilities of each branch?

- **Chair Halsey-Kraus:** At the end of each application cycle, we put out what we call a feedback form, something that has been repetitively said is that there were too many essay questions, this is not to say that if you apply for multiple roles you will only have to fill out the maximum two essay questions, this just restricts it from being more than that per application.

Motion to extend questions by 5 minutes

Representative Broadbent seconded by Representative Dodd

- **Representative Yanez:** If someone were to apply for Director of Communication in exec and offered Director of Interior would they be required to resubmit their application?
 - **Chair Halsey-Kraus:** No, they would just need to facilitate the communication to let the candidate know that they will be offered a different position
- **Representative Williams:** Applications will be open between 12 and 15 days, is there any way to extend the dates if an unexpected University wide event?
 - **Chair Halsey-Kraus:** That's why we left it open 12 to 15 so we do have a little flexibility. One thing that most definitely doesn't work is having a deadline since it creates too many limitations for us which we saw in last semesters application cycle. If it's open too long, people do forget that the application is open. The number of applications on gen app has increased every semester that it has been open for more than 12 days.
- **Representative Broadbent:** How has the reaction been from the executive and judicial branch to the gen app?
 - **Chair Halsey-Kraus:** They've all been super helpful with the creation of this bill. I want to clarify if gen app were to open that first week of the first semester, we wouldn't have a Department of the Interior, so this is to relieve some tension from an already huge learning curve. I facilitate applications in congress, so it would make sense that I would have overarched authority with some of the items. With that being said everyone from all around have been in favor of this legislation.
 - **Representative Broadbent (Follow-up):** Would you agree that it makes sense that it makes sense to give it to the ConAd chair?
 - **Chair Halsey-Kraus:** Yes

Final Vote 24-1-0

Follow-Up Reports

- **Chair South:** President Lissau has signed the Vaping and Nicotine Education Act.

Items for Future Agenda

Announcements and Comments

- **Associate Kathuria:** OU health promotions gave us a neat message which I sent in the group me, keep up the great work guys!
- **Chair Harman:** We are having two bills coming around, also be sharing the Instagram graphics that Vice-Chair May and I post on the congress page to increase our involvement.
- **Representative Griffin:** It's women history month.
- **Representative Landry:** Donate to the food drive we are having, there are boxes for donation in the Conoco!
- **Representative Broadbent:** Immediately following this meeting I will be watching the state of the union in the Conoco if you'd like to join me.
- **Chair Halsey-Kraus:** Please fill out the gen app survey if you recently filled out the general application.

- **Kaly Phan:** My story is the front story on the OUDaily this week! Also, I'm technically the SGA reporter not just the congress reporter.

Final Roll Call 26-6-2

Motion to Adjourn

Representative Dodd seconded by Representative Hale

Adjourned at 8:10

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

Session 107		
Date of Session:	1-Mar-22	
Name:	Initial	Final
AHEDOR, Monica	x	x
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	ex	ex
CHENEVEY, Brandon	ex	a
CHIARIELLO, Clayton	a	x
DAO, Audrey	x	x
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	a	a
MYERS, Beckett	a	a
NEALY, Tamera	x	x
NEAVES, Megan	x	x
PAPAHRONIS, Demitri	a	x
PAYSON, Olivia	x	x
PEREZ, Emiliano	x	x
PEREZ, Alondra	ex	x
REESE, Nathanael	x	x
SEARLES, Dana	ex	ex
STOYAK, Michael	x	x
TESFASELASSIE, Robel	x	x
TRAUTMAN, Bailey	x	x
WILLIAMS, Michael	x	x
YANEZ, Becca	ex	x
ZAQOUT, Mahmoud	a	a
PRESENT	21	25
ABSENT	7	6
EXCUSED	5	2

Date of Session:	15-Feb-22			
Name:	AB-107-06	CB-107-10		
AHEDOR, Monica	y	y		
BARNETT, Ryan	y	n		
BINGER, Christian	y	y		
BROADBENT, Taylor	y	y		
BROWN, Jordan	y	y		
CANTU, Cole	y	y		
CAPPLEMAN, Austin	y	y		
CHAMAN, Arin				
CHENEVEY, Brandon				
CHIARIELLO, Clayton	y	y		
DAO, Audrey	y	y		
DODD, Aiden	y	y		
GRIFFIN, Weslie	y	y		
HALE, Eileah	y	y		
KIRK, Luke				
LANDRY, Amelia	y	y		
MCGOWAN, Parker				
MCPHERSON, David				
MYERS, Beckett				
NEALY, Tamera	y	y		
NEAVES, Megan	y	y		
PAPAHRONIS, Demitri	y	y		
PAYSON, Olivia	y	y		
PEREZ, Emiliano	y	y		
PEREZ, Alondra		y		
REESE, Nathaniel	y	y		
SEARLES, Dana				
STOYAK, Michael	y	y		
TESFASELASSIE, Robel	y	y		
TRAUTMAN, Bailey	y	y		
WILLIAMS, Michael	y	y		
YANEZ, Becca	y	y		
ZAQOUT, Mahmoud				
Yes	24	24	0	0
No	0	1	0	0
Abstain	0	0	0	0

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CVII

March 1st, 2022

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GF20

March 6th, 2022

CONGRESSIONAL BILL AB-107-06
SENATE BILL NO. GF20-XX

AS INTRODUCED

An act relating to appropriations; providing for short title; stating purpose; appropriating Auxiliary Funding for the 2021-2022 process; stating appropriation guidelines; establishing expiration deadline; directing transfer of unused funds by deadline; and providing an effective date.

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

- Section 1:** This act shall be known and may be cited as the “Auxiliary Allocation 14 Act of 2021-2022”
- Section 2:** PURPOSE. The purpose of this act is to appropriate the funds of the University of Oklahoma Student Government Association to the organizations mentioned within.
- Section 3:** APPROPRIATION. The following amounts are hereby allocated to

Organization	Programs, Events & Activities	Capital Investments	Office and General Expenses	Total
World Literature Today Student Advisory Board	300			300
Native American Law Student Association	725.72			725.72
OU Women's Ultimate Frisbee Club	300			300
Pre-Medical Professions Club	325			325
Colombian Student Association	320			320
Super League	300			300
Artificial Intelligence Organization at the University of Oklahoma	100			100
Club Golf Team	736			736
Computer Science Graduate Student Association	400			400
Student Association of Bangladesh	700			700
Friday Accounting Meeting	600			600
Second Wind Ministries	450			450
Muslim Student Association	500			500
Sports Business Association	500			500

TOTAL: 6,256.72

Section 4: All guidelines and provisions in Title 10 of the Code Annotated shall apply to all funds appropriated in this act.

Section 5: This fiscal year for the account listed in these sections shall end May 6, 2022

Section 6: All unspent money remaining in the accounts listed in Section 3 shall revert to the SGA General Account after May 6, 2022, and the remaining appropriations shall be canceled.

Section 7: This act shall become effective when passed in accordance with the SGA Constitution.

Author(s): Lauren Patton, Chair, SGA Budget Committee

Co-Author(s): SGA Budgetary Committee

Submitted on a motion by:

Action taken by Student Congress:

Verified by Chair of Student Congress: _____ Date: _____

Submitted on a motion by:

Action taken by Senate:

Verified by Chair of Senate: _____ Date: _____

Approved by SGA President: _____ Date: _____

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CVII

March 1, 2022

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GS22

DATE

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-107-10
SENATE BILL NO. GFXX-XX

AS INTRODUCED

A Congressional Act of Legislation codifying the use of
the SGA General Application; providing short title; and
providing 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 “The SGA General Application Codification Act of 2022.”
- Section 2: Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to codify the SGA General Application as the primary application for leadership opportunities within the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial Branches of the Student Government Association.
- Section 3:** The SGA General Application shall offer opportunities for all regularly enrolled students, including undergraduate students, graduate students, and law students, on the OU Norman campus to apply for.
- Section 4: The SGA General Application shall provide an application for the governing branches of the University of Oklahoma Student Government Association. One (1) individual supplemental page for each application shall be offered.
- Section 5:** Ranking officers of each application opportunity shall be responsible for creating no more than two (2) essay questions and five (5) other form type questions for SGA Members to answer in their application.
- Section 6:** The SGA General Application shall accept applications through an Engage profile shared by the three (3) governing branches of SGA.
- Section 7:** Applications for appointed positions using the SGA General Application shall open before the beginning of the academic term and close after the start of classes. The SGA General Application can also be opened on an as-need-basis. The application shall be open for no less than 12 days and no longer than 15 days.
- Section 8:** All SGA Members applying for leadership opportunities shall provide the following information on the application:

- a. Personal information: Biographical information deemed necessary by the SGA office responsible for overseeing the SGA General Application (ex. Name, preferred name, personal pronouns, email, etc.)
- b. Academic information: Major(s) and class standing
- c. Consent for an academic standing check.

The previous information shall not be used in the application review process unless a position requires a specific class standing and/or major.

Section 9: All SGA Members applying for leadership opportunities shall answer the following question on the application:

- a. “What does it mean to you to be a part of the Student Government Association?”

Section 10: Following the closing of the SGA General Application, ranking officers of each application opportunity are responsible for hosting their own interviews for applicants. During interviews, SGA Officers are not obligated to repeat questions from the SGA General Application.

Section 11: All SGA Officers involved in the appointment process are highly encouraged to complete selection bias training prior to the application and interview process. Selection bias training promotes the education of a person’s unconscious beliefs or stereotypes in their everyday decisions and thoughts. By completing a selection bias training SGA Officers ensure a fair and equitable application process for all SGA Members applying.

Section 12: SGA Members may only be considered for the position(s) they apply for. If a SGA Officer feels an applicant would be better suited or qualified for another position within the same branch, the SGA Officer can contact the applicant for consent to change the application.

Section 13: The SGA General Application shall be managed and organized by the Chair of the Congressional Administration Committee. The Chair of the Congressional Administration Committee shall be responsible for working and guiding SGA Officers through the application cycle. They shall use their discretion to determine the methods that they accept and organize application information from SGA Officers. After the closing of SGA General Application, the Chair of the Congressional Administration Committee shall be responsible for distributing applicant information to the corresponding opportunities. Throughout the application cycle, they shall be the primary contact for the SGA General Application.

Section 14: This act shall become effective when passed in accordance with the SGA Constitution.

Author: Chairwoman Abby Halsey-Kraus, Congressional Administration Committee

Co-Sponsor(s): Representative Eileah Hale, Social Sciences District
Secretary Hadi Fawad, Undergraduate Student Congress

Submitted on a Motion by:

Action taken by Congress

Verified by Chair: _____ Date: _____

Submitted on a motion by:

Action taken by Senate

Verified by Chair of Senate: _____ Date: _____

Approved by SGA President: _____ Date: _____