

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS

Session CVII

General Body Meeting

7:00 pm, Tuesday, March 8th, 2022

Dale Hall 218

Call to Order at 7:07 PM

Opening Roll Call 21-9-3

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 Trautman

Officer Reports -

- **Chair's Report:** I hope everyone is doing well and surviving midterms! I have a couple of things to go over tonight. First, the usual things, please turn on your cameras if you are on zoom, and please speak up so the mic picks you up and folks on zoom can hear. Also, we will have Kaly, the SGA Beat reporter for the Daily here, she may be taking some pictures, and we have Mr. Garrett Fisher recording some B-roll footage, so y'all stay as photogenic as possible. Other than those admin items, I have a couple of updates for y'all. First, we updated committee membership this weekend, we added 1 more person to their committee. If you have not yet been contacted by your committee chair, please let me know so we can make sure everything is flowing smoothly. Also, I had a very productive meeting with the Faculty Senate and Staff Senate Chairs where we made great progress in lining up a structure for a shared governance council to discuss campus wide issues and ensure collaboration between Students, Faculty, and Staff. Finally, the OU Regents will be meeting tomorrow in OKC. Among the items they are considering are fee restructuring and a \$40 per credit hour fee on specific (mainly stem focused) colleges and departments to pay for increased faculty hiring, supporting undergraduate research, and support staff. Only the \$40 per credit hour fee will have significant impact on students, the restructuring has a neutral impact on cost of attendance. All of this was included in the fees restructuring webinar from earlier this semester. This is by no means an endorsement of this new fee, in fact I would like to point out that this will affect roughly 5000 students at OU, and on average will result in an increase of \$673 per year for those students affected. While I will not be able to attend the regents meeting because of a midterm, the SGA President will be there, along with some others. This does serve to underline the necessity for the State of Oklahoma to adequately fund higher education, and not continue to pass the burden of funding on to students. Also, we have Mr. Torrea Peterson with us today for a presentation in special orders. Y'all be on your best behavior!

- **Vice Chair's Report:** I have passed out Congressional Members nametags if you haven't gotten one. You will be receiving it next week.
- **Secretary's Report:** Nothing to Report.

Committee Reports-

- **Campus Outreach, Safety, and Concerns:** This is your final few days before spring break, y'all got this! We have the covid campaign informational, Audrey has gone back to Vietnam, but she is working so hard on it. Coffee with Congress is happening soon, please fill out the sign-up form. We have a bill writing presentation from Alondra Perez. If you'd like to know more about Cosco please reach out.
- **Congressional Administration:** ConAd didn't meet officially this weekend, our goal is to see those projects by the beginning of April, we will not be having code club today. If you are new to the body this semester, you also receive a Qualtrics form from me, please fill it out for me, we need your feedback to optimize the Application process.
- **External Affairs:** Firstly, I want to congratulate Representative Broadbent on her superior court nomination. I know that she is leaving the body, but I am so proud of her! Next year we met officially this past meeting! A special thank you to Chair Halsey-Kraus for coming to the meeting and giving a presentation on Parli pro she is a queen also a thank you to Vice-Chair brown who chaired his first meeting while I presented the resolutions, he did great! Next, we saw two resolutions CR 107-05 which will establish the day itself, and CR 107-06 which is the lobby day agenda. I will preface with the fact that representative Broadbent will be making a few friendly amendments, one adding a clause saying "the topics enumerated are the views of members of the undergraduate student congress and shall not be construed to be reflective of the views of the University of Oklahoma. Another friend will switch the date to the fifth of April rather than the fourth. And the last friendly from Representative Broadbent will change one of the clauses to say temporary residents instead of individuals. If these resolutions are to pass and I hope they do, we will be applying to attend lobby day and there are two meetings that will take place. You will have to attend one to be able to go. The next event EA is working on is a civic engagement forum that will hopefully occur in late April. It will maybe occur on the 28th but Representative PAE has already agreed so look forward to seeing a resolution on that very soon!
- **Human Diversity:** We didn't meet officially last Thursday; we had a work night. We talked about a larger future project, and we wrote a bill so that's super exciting. Made progress on women's only hours with the directors of Sarkeys. Mini-Market Day is not going to happen due to the time constraints which won't make it possible. The menstrual product drive will be happening all month. Consent never goes on break.
- **Sustainability:** Sitting in George's inbox are two surveys which will be OUMM's which should be sent out soon. March 27th we are tentatively trying to do a trash walk, no location has been secured. We might reschedule it because there is a Softball Game in which the PAE is in collaboration with.
- **University Policy:** Upol didn't meet on Sunday, we are in the middle of some exciting projects. We are going to be seeing a friendly amendment from Chair Trautman on the lobby day agenda. Have a good spring break!
- **Ways and Means (Representative Dodd):** Ways and means met this past weekend to see Primary funding. Aux closes this Friday at 5pm.

Liaison Reports

- **Chair Harman:** OU Psychology club is meeting tomorrow at 4:30 on zoom, reach out to me if you'd like to come.
- **Chair Harman:** ALD is having their first benefit night on March 23rd at the tower.
- **Chair Lewis:** Oklahoma Votes is having a meeting on March 25th from 6:00 to 8:30pm at the Couch Storm Shelter. We will be having a march madness theme, come out and discuss about civic engagement.

- **Representative Broadbent:** OIL is meeting this Thursday at 7:30pm in Gaylord 2020, Representative Forrest Bennet you should come see him and ask him lots of hard questions.
- **Representative Broadbent:** The American Indian Student Association powwow will be on April 23rd.
- **Representative Dodd:** CAC Film Series is having their annual film series; submissions are open until March 15th and the festival itself will be on March 29th at 7pm in Meacham.
- **Chair Lange:** This is the time of year where green RSO's have their primary events, Green Week is coming up too.
- **Chair Harman:** You can still go support your local artists at second wind.
- **Representative Landry:** Big event registration closes this Friday.

Special Orders

- Potential Guest Speaker
 - Speaker **Torrea Peterson**

Student Concerns

- **Representative Nealy:** Some students in OU Psychology felt that the pre-screening questions being asked were disgusting and went into detail about issues that shouldn't have been elaborated on. Professors have been involving their political opinions and discussions when not needed. Students are still being required and pressured into wearing masks.
- **Associate Kathuria:** Sometimes there are students in the residential housing areas who don't have access to thermometers, and I feel like that would be useful for students.

Items to Be Considered

CR-107-05 Lobby Day Resolution of 2022 (Lewis, Brown) (EA, Do Pass)

Motion to see CR-107-05

Representative Griffin Seconded by Representative Nealy

Authors Explanation (Representative Brown): Resolution establishing the day for the lobbying day. We are facilitating a space where people can advocate for topics that are important to them, where students can also connect themselves with senators and representatives.

2:41 Yielded to Questions

- **Representative Landry:** Would people who attend lobby day be excused from their absence?
 - **Chair Lewis:** It depends on your professor, usually they will excuse you.
- **Associate Kathuria:** Have you considered allowing all students at OU to attend this event?
 - **Chair Lewis:** This is going to be available to all students on campus however we can't excuse everyone from their classes.
- **Representative Tesfasselasie:** What are the logistics behind the event?
 - Representative Brown: We take a bus to and from the capital, I believe it will be the same means of transportation for this event.
 - Chair Lewis: We are working on transportation right now, we want it to be formatted the same as higher ed day.

Final Vote 23-0-0 Unanimous.

CR-107-06 Lobby Day Agenda Resolution of 2022 (Lewis) (EA, Do Pass)

Motion to see CR-107-06

Representative Dodd Seconded by Representative Griffin

Authors Explanation (Chair Lewis): This resolution highlights what the topics of discussion are going to be, essentially the agenda of the day. I want to preface that these aren't my own personal views but the views of my committee members who represent their constituents as well as if you would like to add make a friendly

amendment now and we can get that approved if it fits the criteria, we are adding a whereas clause explaining how these are the views of the university's students and not of the university as an administration.

1:56 Yielded to Questions

- **Representative Nealy:** Is it clear that the students who are selected to attend this event need to speak on all of these topics
 - **Chair Lewis:** Yes, if you attend the lobby day you only need to speak on the pre-approved topics and if you don't want to speak on behalf of all of them then you don't have to.
- **Representative Griffin:** Is it your opinion that this day is more for building connections with people in the State Government rather than to lobby in of itself?
 - **Chair Lewis:** One of the things I want to create as the EA Chair is to facilitate a more inclusive environment for all views as well as highlighting the importance of creating connections with your state representatives.
- **Representative Nealy:** Do you know what source you used when you mentioned a 2014 study conducted about special interests?
 - **Chair Lewis:** If you would like to get back to me tonight, I would love to send that source over to you.
- **Director Flaggert:** Any item not on this list needs to approved by the two of you (Congress & Committee Chair) are there any circumstances where students will be denied from attending to the trip if they don't follow the guidelines set by the resolution?
 - **Chair Lewis:** There are some that won't be allowed if there is no legislation that is going through the body or house, just to avoid talking to legislators about issues that can't be acted on at the time.
 - **Follow-up:** Is it confirmed that there are current bills relating to all of these topics underlined in section 2 of legislation?
 - **Chair Lewis:** Point K is a bill going through right now, I believe there is legislation pertaining to Point J although it might not be explicitly.

Final Vote 24-0-0 Unanimous.

Follow-Up Reports

- President Lissau has signed the PAE Bill.

Items for Future Agenda

- **Chair Lewis:** My committee is making a civic engagement forum resolution.
- **Chair Harman:** After spring break there will be a resolution from me about women's history month.

Announcements and Comments

- **Vice Chair May:** Today is international women's day, I'm the only chair that did not get applause after her report, and I will accept that now.
- **Chair Halsey-Kraus:** If you filled out the sga general application please fill out the Qualtrics feedback form.
- **Associate Kathuria:** I want to thank everyone who came out to my presentation last Thursday.
- **Representative Griffin:** With spring break coming up, if you are staying on campus, please be mindful that a lot of international students are unable to go back home so do spend time with some friends and keep them in mind,
- **Representative Broadbent:** I would like to thank Jake Lange and Caitlyn Harman for helping me with a constituent concern
- **Representative Landry:** Donate to the food drive, The box is in this room.
- **Secretary Fawad:** Seeing as it is international women's day, I would just like to say that I love Women.
- **Chair Harman:** If you raised a student concern please reach out to the corresponding chair.

- **Vice Chair May:** Give your nametags back to me at the end of the meeting

Final Roll Call 24-6-3

Motion to adjourn

Representative Dodd seconded by representative Hale

Adjourn at 8:12

Chair: Crispin South

Vice Chair: Sidney May

Secretary: Hadi Fawad

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Date of Session:			Date of Session:				
8-Mar-22			15-Feb-22				
Name:	Initial	Final	Name:	CR-107-05	CR-107-06		
AHEDOR, Monica	x	x	AHEDOR, Monica	y	y		
BARNETT, Ryan	x	x	BARNETT, Ryan	y	y		
BINGER, Christian	ex	ex	BINGER, Christian				
BROADBENT, Taylor	x	x	BROADBENT, Taylor	y	y		
BROWN, Jordan	x	x	BROWN, Jordan	y	y		
CANTU, Cole	ex	ex	CANTU, Cole				
CAPPLEMAN, Austin	x	x	CAPPLEMAN, Austin		y		
CHAMAN, Arin	ex	ex	CHAMAN, Arin				
CHENEVEY, Brandon	a	a	CHENEVEY, Brandon				
CHIARIELLO, Clayton	a	x	CHIARIELLO, Clayton	y	y		
DAO, Audrey	x	x	DAO, Audrey	y	y		
DODD, Aiden	x	x	DODD, Aiden	y	y		
GRIFFIN, Westie	x	x	GRIFFIN, Westie	y	y		
HALE, Eileah	x	x	HALE, Eileah	y	y		
KIRK, Luke	a	a	KIRK, Luke				
LANDRY, Amelia	x	x	LANDRY, Amelia	y	y		
MCGOWAN, Parker	a	a	MCGOWAN, Parker				
MCPHERSON, David	x	x	MCPHERSON, David	y	y		
MYERS, Beckett	a	a	MYERS, Beckett				
NEALY, Tamara	x	x	NEALY, Tamara	y	y		
NEAVES, Megan	x	x	NEAVES, Megan	y	y		
PAPAHRONIS, Demetri	a	a	PAPAHRONIS, Demetri				
PAYSON, Olivia	x	x	PAYSON, Olivia	y	y		
PEREZ, Emiliano	x	x	PEREZ, Emiliano	y	y		
PEREZ, Alondra	x	x	PEREZ, Alondra	y	y		
REESE, Nathanael	x	x	REESE, Nathanael	y	y		
SEARLES, Dana	x	x	SEARLES, Dana	y	y		
STOYAK, Michael	a	x	STOYAK, Michael	y	y		
TESFASELASSIE, Robel	x	x	TESFASELASSIE, Robel	y	y		
TRAUTMAN, Bailey	x	x	TRAUTMAN, Bailey	y	y		
WILLIAMS, Michael	x	x	WILLIAMS, Michael	y	y		
YANEZ, Becca	x	x	YANEZ, Becca				
ZAQOUT, Mahmoud	a	x	ZAQOUT, Mahmoud	y	y		
PRESENT	22	25	Yes	23	24	0	0
ABSENT	8	5	No	0	0	0	0
EXCUSED	3	3	Abstain	0	0	0	0

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CVII

March 8th, 2022

CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-107-05

AS INTRODUCED

A Congressional Resolution to allow students the ability to advocate on behalf of the University of Oklahoma and visit with legislators about bills and resolutions important to students and residents of Oklahoma alike.

- Whereas: Students are rarely given the chance to meet with legislators by the university; and
- Whereas: Research shows that approximately 20% of individuals know who their state legislators are; and
- Whereas: It is imperative we give students the opportunity to utilize their legislators as a vehicle to create change and advocate for legislation that benefits the University of Oklahoma the city of Norman, and the State of Oklahoma; and
- Whereas: Research shows that legislators find it hard to communicate and engage with younger constituencies. This resolution seeks to bridge this divide; and
- Whereas: Studies indicate a decline in individuals between the ages of 18-29 years old, participating in state politics. Lobby Day seeks to give university students the ability to get more involved in state politics; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS:

- Section 1:** Title: This resolution shall be known and may be cited as the “The Lobby Day Resolution of 2022.”
- Section 2:** Students from the University of Oklahoma shall be provided the opportunity to advocate for or against legislation that is important to them; providing that they are approved by the chair of the External Affairs Committee and the Chair of Congress in advance unless otherwise outlined in section 2 of the Lobby Day Agenda of 2022 Resolution.
- Section 3:** Students will be meeting with State Senators and Representatives, during deadline week, at the capitol in Oklahoma City, on April 5th, 2022.
- Section 4:** Copies of this resolution will be sent to:
- The OU Daily
 - The OU Nightly
 - President Lissau
 - Oklahoma Legislators
 - Hollye Hunt

Author(s): Lacey Lewis, External Affairs Committee Chair
Representative Jordan Brown

Co-Author(s): External Affairs Committee

Co-Sponsor(s): Associate Kathuria

Submitted on a motion by: ***Representative Griffin Seconded by Representative Nealy***

Action taken by Congress: **23-0-0 Unanimous**

Verified by Chair of Congress: _____ Date: _____

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS

CONGRESSIONAL SESSION 106

March 03, 2022

CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-107-06

AS INTRODUCED

A Congressional Resolution establishing a lobbying agenda
for Lobby Day 2022; and providing for distribution.

- Whereas: It is necessary to establish an agenda for what topics are important in order to organize thoughts and send a clear message to legislators; and
- Whereas: A 2014 study concluded that special interest lobbying has an important influence on the political system; and
- Whereas: Students reserve the right to advocate for ideas and legislation that are important to them.
- Whereas: The recommendations of advocacy as stated below were the result of a majority decision vote and reflect the majority decision of the Undergraduate Student Congress. This resolution does not reflect the opinion of all members of the body, and it is not a requirement that students advocate for the issues stated in this resolution.
- Whereas: The topics enumerated are the views of members of the undergraduate student congress and shall not be construed to be reflective of the views of the University of Oklahoma

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS:

Section 1: Title: This resolution shall be known and may be cited as the “Lobby Day Agenda of 2022.”

Section 2: The Student Government Association will include the following in the Lobbying Agenda

- a. Opposition to Book Bans,
- b. Opposition to vouchers to private schools
- c. Opposition to conversion therapy,
- d. Opposition to banning Social and emotional learning and
- e. Opposition to eliminating the grocery tax.
- f. Supporting Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion training,
- g. Supporting Oklahoma’s promise; including new legislation to include the dependents of licensed teachers and other educational professional in public K-12 schools.
- h. Supporting legislation preventing human trafficking,
- i. Supporting language preservation programs for tribal languages,
- j. Supporting tribal sovereignty measures outlined by *McGirt v. Oklahoma* and subsequent lower court decisions,
- k. Supporting drivers’ licenses for international students and temporary residents
- l. Supporting changing residency requirements for out of state students attending public universities in the state of Oklahoma,
- m. Supporting mandatory recess for elementary students,
- n. Supporting increased higher education funding, and
- o. Supporting measures related to data privacy.
- p. Supporting the creation of a student regent position at the University of Oklahoma.

Section 3: Copies of this resolution will be sent to:

- SGA President Zach Lissau
- OU Daily
- OU Nightly
- Exterior Director Jayke Flaggert

Author(s): Chair Lewis

Co-Author(s):

Submitted on a motion by: ***Representative Dodd Seconded by Representative Griffin***

Action taken by Congress: **24-0-0 Unanimous**

Verified by Chair of Congress: _____ Date: _____