

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS

Session CVIII

General Body Meeting

7:00 pm, Tuesday, October 18th, 2022

Gaylord 2020

Call to Order – 7:06 pm

Opening Roll Call

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 Barnett seconded by Representative Chiariello

Officer Reports -

- **Chair's Report:** Lead Team came to exec it was great. We are seeing 5 pieces of legislation and there was minor mistake on the agenda so my bad. I put the wrong name of the bill but I fixed it up here. At our October 25th meeting both presidential tickets will be present. The official SGA Presidential Debate will be October 26th from 6:00-8:30 in the Meachum auditorium. There will be the pumpkin carving event (byop) Saturday, October 22nd from 11:30-1:30 at my place. Come anytime - fall goodies will be provided. I will send an rsvp form into the GroupMe. There will be a PowerPoint for wellness week October 24th-28th and events consist of fit and rec hosting Zumba, health hut on the Soval, and a night of healing with the GEC. More info later to come. Also, there is a podcast with Chris Glenn coming out next week called "The Pulse with SGA". Scholars Day went great we tabled for around an hour. A Career Services resource and service Presentation will be at our November 1st meeting. The exec branch and I met with the Provost about voting exemptions. Our Faculty/Staff senate meeting also went great. We talked about voting exemptions, a polling site, and adding food pantry resources to the syllabi. We are setting up a meeting between the food pantry to deliver a presentation to the members of the faculty senate. If you need me to put something on the agenda ever, please let me know by Sunday or Monday morning at the latest! If you need anything at all, stop by our office hours. You can also text or email me! We are here for you, and I hope you have a great rest of your week!
- **Vice Chair's Report:** Hey everyone! I sent out emails this morning about CSP's missing for September If you didn't get one you are fine! Keep working on getting October's completed.

We have the TikTok account up and a post, so go follow and like the post! Also, I have created the mercy designs and want to wait to complete the order until we have all the new people! Thank you!

- **Secretary's Report:** Hello. I don't have anything new this week besides my two bills which I will explain more in depth during my author's explanation. Thanks.

Committee Reports-

- **Campus Outreach, Safety, and Concerns:** COSCO met unofficially because we were locked out of our room again. It was a good meeting we got an idea of the state of food on campus which is not great. We are moving to see what we can do to expand that. We also have a light walk this weekend on October 23rd, this Sunday at 7:30pm. Be looking for the graphic.
- **Congressional Administration:** Hi, all! ConAd met this weekend and saw CB-108-15, which was given a rec of no rec. We will be meeting this weekend to work on projects. We have one project regarding the SGA General Application, one project regarding elections, and one regarding Code Club. Code Club will not be legislated, this semester. If anyone has any questions comments or concern, please let me know.
- **External Affairs:** Hey guys, EA met officially this weekend and saw CR-108-17, which discourages the use of straight-ticket voting in Oklahoma. We gave it a rec of do pass. In terms of stuff EA is up to, we're planning on spreading some flyers/posters around campus to help students create voting plans sometime next week. We're still waiting on approval from the dorms at the moment, but we're hoping to do that next week. We're leaning toward Tuesday before the meeting, but nothing is set yet. I will let everyone know the specifics as we get closer, but if you want to help us out, it will be a constituent service point. We will be this week at our usual time and will be seeing some legislation in relation to voting exemptions and a possible voting holiday.
- **Human Diversity:** HD met unofficially on Thursday and we decided we are going to start a donation drive for a homeless shelter nearby. We will be accepting blankets, jackets, socks, general hygiene products, and if you donate 2 items you get a constituent service point.
- **Sustainability:** Susty met unofficially because I was in Kansas. We are still working on our Teracycle signage, and we are waiting to hear back about the Ozzie to-go containers. We will have a trash walk on Sunday the 30th at 1:30.
- **University Policy:** Hey guys! UPOL met officially on Sunday, and we saw CR-108-16 "Save Bedlam Act" and we gave it a rec of Do Pass; we will be seeing this tonight. Representative Dodd and I started writing our legislation for student wages. We have it all drafted up and we just now have to add the research/support and do some revisions so hopefully we will be able to see this legislation soon. It is also Transfer Student Week if y'all didn't know and UPOL is working on trying to talk to the provost and the dean of Arts and Sciences to see if the transition from another school to OU can be easier in basis of credits. That is, it from me!
- **Ways and Means:** WAM met on Thursday and saw aux 4 which was 20 requests and we will see it tonight.

Liaison Reports

- **Kathuria:** OU College Dems will be meeting tomorrow in Dale 128 and you will get the opportunity to learn how to do volunteering and political action stuff.
- **Houston:** SEC met yesterday and I have a few updates from them. The sustainable energy society is still looking for members for their collegiate wind competition and they are also working with the Big Event and other engineering RSO's. Green week is having a group

bike ride through Veo this week and on the 30th they are doing a Lake Thunderbird cleanup sponsored by the City of Norman.

Special Orders

Student Concern Link

Items to Be Considered

- AB-108-04 “Auxiliary Allocation 4 Act of 2022-2023” (Papahronis) (WAM, Rec of Do Pass)

Motion to see AB-108-04

Representative Kathuria seconded by Representative Reynolds

Author’s Explanation (Papahronis): This is AUX 4 and we have 20 organizations we’re funding.

2:48 yielded to questions

- **Chiariello:** What is Hacklahoma?
 - Their mission is to develop a robust tech industry in Oklahoma and make Oklahoma one of the largest centers for technology and innovation in the United States. Their events are computer and coding based. They have a large event called the Hacklahoma Event and it’s a big deal.

22-0-0 unanimous pass

- CB-108-14 “Expulsion Bill No.2” (Landry) (Exec, Rec of no Rec)

Motion to see CB-108-14

Representative Reynolds seconded by Representative Glasscock

Author’s Explanation (Landry): As some of you may know, Associate Hadi Fawad was my predecessor as secretary of Congress. It is unfortunate that I am having to present this expulsion bill today considering he knows full well how the process of attendance and resignation works. Associate Fawad has accrued 6 unexcused absences, having failed to attend a single committee meeting or monthly general body meeting since being relieved of his position as secretary. He hit the 4 absence mark on October 2nd and was contacted about his attendance on September 20th, October 10th, and October 16th officially. He was also informed by Chair Halsey-Kraus over text and in person.

2:15 yielded to questions

- **Trautman:** Author, are you aware the associate also did not complete their CSP which would be a 7th unexcused absence?
 - I am now aware.
- **Kathuria:** Do you think this bill will help establish a precedent that representatives and associates fulfill the duties required of them?
 - It is not precedent because it has been done plenty of times in the past, but I do think it is important to follow through with it. While I would have preferred for him to have resigned in private and work with me personally, this is what it has come to.

23-0-0 unanimous pass

- CB-108-15 “Confetti Makes Me Upsetti Bill” (Landry) (ConAd, Rec of Do Pass)

Motion to see CB-108-15

Representative Reynolds seconded by Representative Griffin

Author’s Explanation (Landry): Confetti, like glitter and balloons, may seem harmless. Unfortunately, however, it is not great for the environment. In its most basic sense, using confetti is littering. Traditional confetti is made out of polyvinyl chloride (PVC) and other plastics. It can take just over a thousand years before PVC breaks down. Animals can be

attracted to the shine that comes off of this plastic and wind up eating it. It introduces micro-plastics into our food and water systems. Even paper confetti contributes to degradation. When it rains, it can be washed with runoff into our directly into water sources, unlike the paper in our waste water systems which gets filtered and cleaned in plants. Yes, there are environmentally friendly versions of confetti, such as those made from leaves and flower petals. But for the sake of our SGA accountant and budgetary chair, it doesn't make sense to leave up to them to determine whether a confetti is "sustainable". Finally, I want to note that this isn't going to affect people who bring confetti on their own accord. This is, of course, not impacting whether people can bring confetti on campus for say, their senior photos. It simply means they can't use SGA money to do it.

1:40 yielded to questions

- **Kathuria:** Chair, why didn't this bill get seen by the WAM committee?
 - **Lewis:** This impacts the Code Annotated which is entirely ConAd
- **Houston:** Would you add me as a co-author to this bill?
 - Yes!
- **Kathuria:** Would confetti cannons be listed under the same thing?
 - I would say yes because it releases confetti.
- **Kathuria:** Would you consider color powered, such as that used for the festival Holi, as confetti?
 - No
- **Kathuria:** Is it in your opinion that RSOs that have purchased confetti have not been hurting the SGA financially?
 - I don't think this is related to hurting SGA financially, it's more related to the environmental impact of the confetti not how much it costs seeing as confetti is relatively cheap.
- **Trautman:** What steps did you take to come up with a name for your bill?
 - I was sitting in my office pondering, and I was thinking about spaghetti, and it came to me.
- **Trautman:** Were other people in the office with you?
 - They were.
- **Kathuria:** Many cultural RSOs have used confetti in the past for cultural events in the past. Will there be exceptions for them?
 - I am unsure how the system for making an exception would work. I don't think within the governing docs this bill would allow for exceptions. However if an organization wanted to purchase that confetti out of pocket or have one of their members bring it from home that would not be violating anything.
- **Kathuria:** In Latinx cultural, confetti is used for making Cascarones which tradition for Easter, Cinco de Mayo, and other celebrations. They are eggs are made and filled with confetti. Wouldn't this bill prevent cultural practices from carrying out?
 - I think that confetti within cultural celebrations is important, however I don't think it makes sense to allow exceptions because of the way it would be applied. It would be left up to one or two people and I don't know that those are the most expert or most official people to be making that decision.
- **Kathuria:** I know you have a very serious concern about how confetti impacts climate change but is it in your opinion that systemic root problems are much more detrimental than an individual buying confetti?

- Confetti does not impact climate change. Environmental pollution and climate change are two very separate issues and I agree with you that systemic change is needed to combat the climate crisis that we are facing.
- **Griffin:** Is it of your opinion that confetti is cheap and that organizations can still get it without using SGA funds?
 - It is of my belief that if someone really wanted confetti they could get it.
- **Reynolds:** Are you also banning environmentally safe confetti?
 - To my knowledge there isn't a lot of environmentally safe confetti on the market. You can make your own confetti, and if you wanted to buy, say, flower petals and make that yourself, this isn't stopping you. It's just stopping the plastic and paper confetti you'd buy at the dollar store.
- **Reynolds:** Can you annotate that in your bill?
 - The reason why I did the blanket confetti rather than specifying was because this is relating to the title regarding finances and the person who reviews that would be Demetri and his team and I didn't want to have to make them decide whether a confetti is sustainable or not?
- **Lewis:** Would you agree that if someone makes their own confetti, what they would be buying would not be confetti so this bill does not prohibit you from buying supplies with the purpose of making confetti?
 - That's correct.
- **Houston:** Author, is it in your opinion that despite the systemic issues relating to environmental harm, we do have a responsibility to mitigate issues through acts such as these?
 - I do believe that. It's a mindset. It's so important that as individuals we are conscious about our own responsibilities and hold ourselves accountable that way we can better hold accountable larger corporations and organizations

Motion to extend time for questions by 5 minutes

Kathuria seconded by Reynolds

- **Kathuria:** In your opinion, how would WAM enforce this?
 - I will redirect this question to the WAM Chair.
 - **Papahronis:** We would update the list of non-allowable items. Second, when an organization applies for funding they need a line by line item so the committee would look for those non-allowable items.
- **Reynolds:** There is a way to buy biodegradable confetti.
 - If you would like to submit a friendly amendment then I would be open to accepting it.
- **Dodd:** Are you aware we do not have time to look up each individual item during our WAM meetings?
 - Yes I am aware and that is again the reasoning behind the blanket ban.
- **Divirglio:** Does it really make an difference to the environment to not use confetti?
 - I do think it does make a difference. It may be very miniscule but as I alluded to when answering Representative Houston's question it's about a mindset. It's about committing ourselves to a goal and to a belief and that belief is sustainability. That is why we have a sustainability committee and why these other items exist in the code already.
- **Griffin:** Is it your belief that as the SGA we have set a precedent to ban these type of items such as balloons, loose glitter, and even during covid the sharing of food?

- It is.
- **Griffin:** With these non-allowable items, is it a common occurrence for you to have to decipher them line by line.
 - **Papahronis:** We see non-allowable items pretty often, mostly t-shirts. In this scenario, I would say those organizations would not have the expertise to differentiate between organic confetti and regular confetti, therefore I would have to deny that request because they label it as confetti.
- **Griffin:** If an RSO got this item denied, would they be able to come back and show they want biodegradable confetti and get that approved?
 - **Papahronis:** Yes so that would extend the process by probably 2-5 weeks if they do not write it as biodegradable the first time.

Motion to enter debate

Representative Kathuria seconded by Representative Reynolds

- **Kathuria (opp):** I am somebody that believes in environmentalism however I worry about the consequences of passing this bill. We would be continuing a bad precedent of telling RSOs what to buy. I think it's not right for us to tell RSOs what to buy when they may really need it for a cultural event. This will impact many of the Asian student associations and maybe even the LGBT student organizations. The Latinx organizations need that confetti for their traditions. Please consider the impacts you might be making within these cultural organizations.
- **Griffin (pro):** We have a precedent of banning items already. I understand the concerns for possible cultural celebrations. I am personally Latino and when you buy those eggs for Easter they are usually pre-stored with confetti so you wouldn't be buying confetti specifically. The eggs themselves would not be denied. Confetti is extremely cheap. This just means they can't use SGA funding to get it.
- **Tesfaselassie (pro):** If you really want confetti, you can always buy paper and cut it up.
- **Kathuria (opp):** I understand the concerns that it may have on the environment, but one person buying confetti is not going to hurt the environment on their own. There are more systemic issues going on. I am genuinely concerned about the consequences of this bill.
- **Houston (pro):** The first sustainable funding bill for balloons and glitter went through my committee before I was here. As far as I know we've never had any problems with it. It is also my belief and understanding as someone who is very involved in environmentally focused organizations on campus that we do have an obligation to the environment and to our university to set this precedent. It is also my understanding that confetti is a big environmental polluter since it is too small to be picked up. We have an obligation to mitigate any impacts that we can even though the problem is bigger than ourselves. This bill has my full support.
- **Kathuria (opp):** I agree that we have an obligation to treat the environment right, but my concern is how SGA is creating policy for environmentalism. Instead of going after confetti why not go after something more large scope such as more solar panels. I don't think this is the right way to send the message and there are better ways to frame an environmental message other than this bill.
- **Mullins (pro):** This isn't banning confetti from OU, just from SGA buying it. It may not seem like it impacts on a grand scale but like Chair Houston it is taking small steps. No one is going to see you on campus and say you can't be using this. Demetri, have a lot of people requested confetti in the past?

- **Papahronis:** I've seen hundreds of funding requests and I've never seen a line by line item request for confetti.
- **Kathuria (opp):** Yes confetti is cheap but the price may be going up a little bit because of the current economic circumstances and not everyone can go out and buy it. Money doesn't grow on trees. We have to consider how SGA helps people with their financial obligations. We might be hitting a recession soon and we need to be compassionate to our RSOs and help them expand their roots.
- **Trautman:** This bill is not aimed at tearing down any cultural events or organizations, it is a positive towards being environmentally friendly. A free option for confetti is flowers and trees that could be attacked with scissors. They could also request funding for flower or tree products. We are not leaving our organization high and dry.

Motion to previous question and close debate

Representative Griffin seconded by Representative Dodd

21-2-0

Author's Summation (Landry): I very much appreciate all of the concerns that were brought up. It makes me thrilled to see healthy debate. I think it is a false choice and a false dichotomy to say that our cultural organizations cannot celebrate without confetti. It is entirely possible to pass this bill and still allow them all of the resources they need to continue their celebrations. It's also a false choice in terms of the financial responsibility we would be placing on students. I also wanted to touch on the idea of confetti not making that big of an impact on the environment. In its most basic sense using confetti is littering and while it may feel like one person doing that action won't contribute a lot, that's exactly why environmental issues are so difficult to address. It's a collective action problem. There's a reason why we have struggled thus far in policy to reach a solution and it's because it's multifaceted. We must attack it from multiple angles – top down and bottom up. If everybody is using confetti with the idea that their one action isn't making a difference, as an aggregate it becomes an issue. This is not saying that if people really want to bring confetti on their own accord they can't. Absolutely, please feel free to use it. It is just setting precedent within congress and showing that congress has a stance of sustainability. Thank you.

21-2-0 pass

- CR-108-16 “Save Bedlam Act” (Kathuria) (UPol, Rec of Do Pass)

Motion to see CR-108-16

Representative Dodd seconded by Representative Glasscock

Author's Explanation (Kathuria): I am here to present the Save Bedlam Act. The Bedlam rivalry is very personal to me and I am sure it is to several people in this room. Oklahoma and Oklahoma State have had a historic rivalry for so many years and when we move to the SEC that will end. Associate Hopkins informed me that OSU was the one responsible for ending the Bedlam rivalry however the OU SGA Congress has an obligation to be an important stakeholder in our university. We need to encourage athletics outside of football to schedule a match against OSU in their non-conference. With sports like basketball and baseball, there are so many non-conference games they could easily schedule games against each other. I believe it is fundamentally important to both our university and OSU continue a collaboration with each other. We need to send a message to both our university and OSU that our relationship with OSU matters.

1:05 yielded to questions

- **Brown:** It says in the bill it would be sent to the OSU president and coaching staff. How would you go about making sure this is sent to them?
 - There is a process where Mary, who works in the SGA office, sends out legislation. That's what she did with the softball and gymnastics resolutions. She has an excellent track record.
- **Dodd:** On the fifth whereas close it ends with and. Was there supposed to be another clause there?
 - No.
- **Reynolds:** Are you aware that our director of athletics has already spoken to OSU's athletic director and she pretty much washed our hands of us in saying they do not want to play us in football but they want to play us in everything else?
 - I was aware. What I wanted to add with this legislation was the recommendation that both athletic departments have a bedlam series for the 2038 and 2039 football seasons. SGA needs to do everything we can to get that home-and-home series.
- **Baca:** Do you think this is a good idea considering our record this season?
 - Regardless of our record or OSU's record the bedlam series has created some incredible traditions and memories for the student body. These things is what makes the state of Oklahoma great.
- **Robinson:** Are you advocating for a protected rivalry annually after the 2039 season or more of a home-and-home series every once in a while?
 - More of a home-and-home series as I am not sure that OSU wants to do a protected rivalry based on previous precedent. Does it frustrate me? Yes. Several other schools have a protected rivalry between conferences. Hopefully we can get to a place where we can play each other every year down the line.
- **Lewis:** Have you reached out to the leadership in OSU SGA about writing a similar resolution?
 - I have not had the opportunity to contact them. It can be challenging to find those contacts. I will do my best to reach out to them.

23-0-0 unanimous pass

- CR-108-17 "Informed Voter Act of 2022" (Robinson) (EA, Rec of Do Pass)

Motion to see CR-108-17

Representative Reynolds seconded by Representative Chiariello

Author's Explanation (Robinson): Hi everybody. I would like to recommend to the Oklahoma State Legislature that they completely abolish the practice of straight party voting to discourage our students from using the practice in this upcoming and future elections, as well as telling SGA that we will be making a commitment to our students because as I first time voter I understand that it's kind of scary. I would like to provide information to them so that they aren't as enticed by the straight party voting option and would do more research before voting. Oklahoma is one of six states that still allows straight party voting. 45.5 percent of all voters use the straight party option. This is not balanced along party lines. 71 percent of republicans used it and 28 percent of democrats used this option.

1:45 yielded to questions

- **Kathuria:** Why would you encourage people not to participate in straight ticket voting?

- Straight party voting discourages informed voting so instead of people looking up everybody on their ballot, they just think, “Oh I’m a democrat so I’m going to mark all democrats.” If you decided you wanted to vote republican for county commissioner, but you marked democrat for straight party voting option, that will not be counted.
- **Haskins:** Just to clarify, if you check democrat for straight party voting but vote for a republican county commissioner, would that vote for republican county commissioner be overruled?
 - Correct.

23-0-0 unanimous pass

Follow-Up Reports

- **Kathuria:** The Save Bedlam Act is going to be seen before GSS before you know it.

Items for Future Agenda

- **Griffin:** I have a voting holiday act in your inbox right now.
- **Dodd:** Chair Mullins and I are working on the student wage bill currently. Please let us know if you would like to be involved.

Announcements and Comments

- **Kathuria:** I am again meeting with the Course Marking committee this Friday to continue fighting for you in regard to transparency and textbook affordability.
- **Mullins:** October 28th is Vote Early Day and OK Votes be tabling. We will have stickers and buttons, and maybe donuts. It can be a constituent service point if you help us!
- **Griffin:** You should make a plan to vote! Also, it’s becoming the time of year where mental health might be declining, and the committee chairs are always here to talk to and support you.
- **Dodd:** There is a notary in Monett hall Monday through Friday 9-4 and the 24th is the last day to request your absentee ballot in Oklahoma
- **Lewis:** Bring your absentee ballot to Vote Early Day and get it notarized.
- **Dodd:** The 28th is the last day to request your absentee ballot in Texas
- **Houston:** The SEC is hosting both presidential candidates at our meeting on Monday morning at 11 so if you can’t make it to the congress meeting you could come see them there.
- **Robinson:** Governor Stitt announced that the election for state question 820, legalizing marijuana will be on March 7th. Special elections don’t get the attention they deserve.
- **Lewis:** We are also holding in person voting for the SGA presidential election on election day. If you want to help table for that you can get a CSP.

Final Roll Call

Motion to adjourn

Representative Griffin seconded by Representative Reese

Adjourn – 8:21 pm

Chair: Lacey Lewis

Vice-Chair: Bailey Trautman

Secretary: Amelia Landry

18-Oct-22			Date of Session:	18-Oct-22						
			Last Name:	First Name:	AB-108-04	CB-108-14	CB-108-15	CR-108-16	CR-108-17	Close Debate
	Initial	Final								
Baca	X	X	Baca	Danielle	y	Y	y	y	y	y
Barnett	X	X	Barnett	Ryan	y	y	y	y	y	y
Binger	X	X	Binger	Christian	y	y	y	y	y	y
Brown	X	X	Brown	Jordan	y	y	y	y	y	y
Cantu	ex	ex	Cantu	Cole						
Cappleman	X	X	Cappleman	Austin	y	y	y	y	y	y
Chaman	X	X	Chaman	Arin	y	y	n	y	y	y
Chiariello	X	X	Chiariello	Clayton	y	y	y	y	y	y
Dao	X	X	Dao	Audrey	y	y	y	y	y	y
Dodd	X	X	Dodd	Aiden	y	y	y	y	y	y
Ghazal	X	X	Ghazal	Razann	y	y	y	y	y	y
Glasscock	X	X	Glasscock	Caden	y	y	y	y	y	y
Griffin	X	X	Griffin	Weslie	y	y	y	y	y	y
Haskins	X	X	Haskins	Hudson	y	y	y	y	y	y
Hedrick	X	X	Hedrick	Ethan	y	y	y	y	y	y
Houston	X	X	Houston	Rylee	y	y	y	y	y	y
Kathuria	X	X	Kathuria	Shrey	y	y	n	y	y	n
Ketaneh	X	X	Ketaneh	Yara	y	y	y	y	y	y
McCall	X	X	McCall	Will	y	y	y	y	y	y
Nguyen	ex	ex	Nguyen	Nhi						
Papahronis	X	X	Papahronis	Demitri	y	y	y	y	y	y
Payson	X	X	Payson	Olivia		y	y	y	y	y
Reese	X	X	Reese	Nathaniel	y	y	y	y	y	y
Reynolds	X	X	Reynolds	Michael	y	y	y	y	y	n
Stoyak	ex	ex	Stoyak	Michael						
Tesfaselass	X	X	Tesfaselassie	Robel	y	y	y	y	y	y
White	ex	ex	White	Ben						
Zaqout	ex	ex	Zaqout	Mahmoud						
PRESENT	23	23		Yes	22	23	21	23	23	21
ABSENT	0	0		No	0	0	2	0	0	2
EXCUSED	5	5		Abstain	0	0	0	0	0	0

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CONGRESSIONAL BILL AB-108-04
SENATE BILL NO. GF22-XX

AS INTRODUCED

An act relating to appropriations; providing for short title; stating purpose; appropriating Auxiliary 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 “Auxiliary Allocation 4 Act of 2022-2023”

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
Afrobeatz Dance Club at the University of Oklahoma	193.47			193.47
Association of Southeast Asian Nations	1000			1000
A Good Morning Message Club	650			650
Business Law Society	1000			1000
Model United Nations	908			908
Oklahoma Weather Lab	500			500
Gamma Delta Pi	750			750
Student Society of Human Relations	375			375
Mathematics Graduate Students Association	650			650
National Gay Pilots Association	642			642
Ex-Yugoslav Student Association	197.84			197.84
University of Oklahoma Percussion Society	500			500
OU Badminton Club	500			500

InterVarsity Christian Fellowship: Black Campus Ministries	2100			2100
Psychology Graduate Student Association	167.18			167.18
Russian Club	885			885
Sociology/Criminology Club	104			104
Investment Club at The University of Oklahoma	300			300
Hacklahoma	122.50			122.50
International Advisory Committee	1982.65			1982.65
TOTAL:				13527.64

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, 2023

Section 6: All unspent money remaining in the accounts listed in Section 3 shall revert to the SGA General Account after May 6, 2023, and the remaining appropriations shall be canceled.

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

Author(s): Demetri Papahronis, Chair, SGA Budget Committee

Co-Author(s): SGA Budgetary Committee

Submitted on a motion by: Representative Kathuria seconded by Representative Reynolds

Action taken by Student Congress: 22-0-0 unanimous pass

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 CVIII

October 18th, 2022

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-108-14

AS INTRODUCED

A Congressional Act of Procedure Expelling
Representatives from the body; providing short title;
and providing an effective date.

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

Section 1: Title: This act shall be known and may be cited as the “Expulsion Bill No.2.”

Section 2: Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to expel members for excessive unexcused absences. Because Hadi Fawad has accrued excessive unexcused absences, the membership of the aforementioned is pending expulsion.

Section 3: In accordance with the Section 3.4, subsection 2, subsection e of the SGA Undergraduate Student Congress Bylaws, “*Upon accruing a fourth absence, the Student Congress Secretary shall prepare an act of procedure to expel any member or committee officer who has accrued excessive unexcused absences.*”

Expulsion: Associate Hadi Fawad

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

Author(s): Amelia Landry, Secretary of the Undergraduate Student Congress

Submitted on a Motion by: Representative Reynolds seconded by Representative Glasscock

Action taken by Congress: 23-0-0 unanimous pass

Verified by Chair: _____ Date: _____

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CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-108-15
SENATE BILL GSXX-XX/GFXX-XX

AS INTRODUCED

An Act of Legislation amending the Code Annotated to reflect the necessary and essential changes to non-allowable items; 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 “Confetti Makes Me Upsetti Bill.”

Section 2: Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to amend the Student Government Association’s Code Annotated to add confetti to the list of non-allowable items.

Section 3: AMENDATORY: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association’s Code Annotated Title X Chapter 2 is amended as follows. For the purposes of this bill, all items added shall be denoted with an underline.

Chapter 2-Finacial Responsibilities

2. Definitions

d. Non-Allowable Items.

xv. The following decorations:

Balloons

Loose Glitter

Confetti

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

Author(s): Secretary Amelia Landry, Undergraduate Student Congress

Co-Author(s): Chairperson Lacey Lewis, Undergraduate Student Congress
Sustainability Chair Rylee Houston, Undergraduate Student Congress

Submitted on a Motion by: Representative Reynolds seconded by Representative Griffin

Action taken by Congress: 21-2-0 pass

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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GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GFXF/GSXX
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CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-108-16
SENATE RESOLUTION NO. GFXF-XX/GSXX-XX

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution recommending that the
Bedlam rivalry between the University of Oklahoma
and Oklahoma State University continue; and
providing for distribution.

- Whereas: Bedlam has been an important statewide tradition; and
- Whereas: Fans, athletes, and coaches have enjoyed the experiences and memories of this rivalry; and
- Whereas: Bedlam is one of the longest continuously played rivalry among Football Bowl Subdivision teams; and
- Whereas: The Bedlam rivalry will end after the University of Oklahoma enters the Southeastern Conference; and
- Whereas: There are notable rivalry games played annually between teams of different conferences such as Battle of the Iron Skillet between TCU and SMU, Sunshine Showdown between Florida and Florida State, and Governor's Cup between Kentucky and Louisville.

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 "Save Bedlam Act."

Section 2: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association recommends that athletic departments and university officials the University of Oklahoma and Oklahoma State University work to maintain the Bedlam rivalry in the following ways:

1. Schedule an annual nonconference match between the University of Oklahoma and Oklahoma State University for sports outside of football.
 - a. An annual nonconference match can be scheduled for men's basketball, women's basketball, baseball, softball, men's golf, women's golf, men's tennis, women's tennis, men's cross country, women's cross country, men's track and field, and women's track and field.
2. Coordinate a home-and-home series for football no later than the 2038-39 football season.
3. Encourage RSOs from both schools to collaborate and host events together to maintain the Bedlam spirit.

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

- Joe Castiglione, Director of Athletics
- President Joesph Harroz, Jr
- President Kayse Shrum, Oklahoma State University President
- Mike Holder, Director of Athletics at Oklahoma State University
- Riley Pritzlaff, Oklahoma State University SGA President
- All Head Coaches within the OU Athletics department
- All Head Coaches within the OSU Athletics department

Author(s): Shrey Kathuria, University College Representative

Co-Author(s):

Co-Sponsor(s): Jake Jackson, Member of SGA

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

Action taken by Congress: 23-0-0 unanimous pass

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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UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
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GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GF22
October XX, 2022

CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-108-17
SENATE RESOLUTION NO. GFXX-XX

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution to discourage the use of straight ticket voting in the State of Oklahoma and encouraging abolition of the practice; and providing for distribution.

Whereas: Straight ticket voting was used in more than 710,200 instances in the 2020 election in Oklahoma; and

Whereas: Straight ticket voting discourages voters from researching candidate stances prior to voting; and

Whereas: Straight ticket voting promotes partisanship, rather than informed voting; and

Whereas: Voters have access to sites such as okvoterportal.okelections.us to retrieve sample ballots to prepare research before the election; 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 “Informed Voter Act of 2022.”

Section 2: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association discourages the use of straight ticket voting in the November 2022 General Election and promotes the use of well-informed voting practices in all future elections such as:

1. Reviewing sample ballots as shown on okvoterportal.okelections.us.
2. Attending “town hall” discussions with candidates when plausible.
3. Researching candidate websites, social media pages, and interview transcripts.
4. Voting not based on party, but on beliefs shared between voters and candidates.

Section 3: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association urges the Oklahoma State Legislature to end the practice of straight ticket voting in the State of Oklahoma.

Section 4: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association commits to providing students with the proper resources to aid them in making well-informed voting decisions. The Student Government Association may do this in many ways, including publishing candidate infographics, providing links to sample ballots, holding candidate forums, and spreading election day information.

Section 5: Copies of this resolution will be sent to:

- The OU Daily
- The OU Nightly
- Speaker Charles McCall, Oklahoma House of Representatives
- Minority Leader Emily Virgin, Oklahoma House of Representatives
- President Pro Tempore Greg Treat, Oklahoma Senate
- Minority Leader Kay Floyd, Oklahoma Senate

Author(s): Caleb Robinson, Associate
Weslie Griffin, Chair of the External Affairs Committee

Co-Author(s):

Co-Sponsor(s):

Submitted on a motion by: Representative Reynolds seconded by Representative Chiariello
Action taken by Congress: 23-0-0 unanimous pass
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: _____