

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS

Session CVIII

General Body Meeting

7:00 pm, Tuesday, April 26th, 2022

Dale Hall 218

Call to Order 7:13 pm

Opening Roll Call 20-10-5

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 Nealy seconded by Representative Dodd

Officer Reports -

- **Chair's Report:** Hi everybody this is our last meeting of Congress! We ave a lot to get through tonight and I'm very excited about chairing my first meeting. Thank you all for being here.
- **Vice Chair's Report:** Hello everybody I am so excited to be here today like Lacey said. In terms of Vice Chair role and transparency moving forward I know there were some concerns with that last session but things will be different so if you have any questions on how that's going to work feel free to contact me and I'll sit down with you and pass those ideas along. Thank you.
- **Secretary's Report:** Hi everyone I'm very excited to work for and with you as secretary. I now have access to the secretary email so if you have any question/concerns please let me know at congresssec@ou.edu. Along the same vien if you know you will be absent or have to arrive late/leave early please tell me before 5pm on the day of. Also, I am in the process of updating the engage page so if you are a current representative and not on there please check your email for an invite. After tonight I will send invites to our newly appointed associates and committee chairs. Thanks!

Liaison Reports

Special Orders

• Senior Speeches

- **Buxton:** This is a good group. I am Nathaniel Buxton. I am the former Vice Chair of EA 2019-2020. I was also a rep during that time and I am here today because this is the last meeting during my time in undergrad at the University of Oklahoma. I wanted to share my thoughts with you and thank you even though many of the members that I loved and laughed with, and sometimes cried with, are not here tonight. You are the embodiment of everything that is right about this university. You are literally here at 7pm on Tuesday night when Logies has very cheap drinks and you are here talking about why the AC in Carnegie is never working because it never does. I really do appreciate the work that this body and the time I got to spend here. I will give you some advice. When I joined congress things were a lot more chill. Things were more project based and

done in committee meetings. Meetings back then were 40 minutes long, and now they're around 2 hours long. That's not necessarily a bad thing however with more people in a room that does leave more space for misunderstandings and less communication. One of my biggest regrets during my time at OU is that I did not communicate with the people I cared about as much as I should have. The pandemic happened and we kind of went into our holes because we were depressed and it was hard to reach out to each other. I encourage you to not make enemies in this room, because in this world of ambitious wannabe overachievers, the circle is very small, and also very loud. You will run into each other again down the line and the more enemies you make here, the more enemies you make here, the more you're going to run into tomorrow. Stop working to defeat each other and start working to make the university more accessible by serving your constituents. I promise you, if you get somebody into congress and they love it, they will remember that forever. Also, there are a lot of you guys just starting into chair positions, and I encourage you to know when it's time for you to step down, because part of this experience here is allowing everybody to have the opportunity to lead, and to feel like they have a voice here at OU. As much as you might be the person for the job, it's just as important to train your successor. Allow them to grow and don't step into their light.

- **Cowley:** I became a representative in the fall of 2019, my sophomore year. I was only in congress for a semester and then after that I decided not to stay on because I didn't enjoy my time in congress. I found myself having to drag myself out of my apartment to make it to the meetings, and it wasn't a fun place for me. As a native woman, I didn't feel heard a lot of the time. There were also several instances where someone not within my native community spoke on behalf of native people and that was hurtful. Later in the spring semester of 2020 I had the honor of joining the superior court and that's where I really found my spot in SGA. I loved my time on the court and I feel like we've done some great things. In the Conoco, a lot of new faces didn't know me and I was able to overhear some things that were not very pleasant. You only get one life, and only 4-5 years at this university. When this body is filled with toxicity and negativity and relationships being ruined, it's simply not productive for the student body or your mental health. If you have been elected into an executive position in this body, go to your office hours. Do your duties – it's in the code. I've been paying for OU all on my own so knowing that my student fees are being given to someone for not showing up to their office hours is really unfortunate and something that this campus does not have room for. Student money deserves to be used correctly. If someone is not doing their job, don't get bullied out of taking action. Just because it's unprecedented doesn't mean it doesn't need to happen. Everyone in this room right now is sitting on stolen land, and we don't realize all the settler-colonial practices that were put together to make this university. President Boyd didn't even let native people attend this university. Never forget that everyday you walk here you're walking on the bones, heritage, cultures, and erasure of indigenous populations. Land acknowledgements simply aren't enough. It's a step in the right direction but it shouldn't stop there. Often when reading a land acknowledgement people don't pay attention to the tribes being talked about so I encourage you all next time you hear it to not just listen but to think about what actions you can take to make this university more welcoming for native students because this is our state. It's also not a very happy time for native people in the state of Oklahoma. I'm rounding it out there. I have met amazing friends in congress. Me and Taylor became reps at the same time and Taylor I am so proud of you and you know that and you're going to do great things. Don't even say that we're not going to see each other after graduation because we are moving to California together to get free tuition because we're native. The last thing I want to do is hold up the Cherokee Nation flag and ask any other native people in the room to come down if you like and we are going to have a moment of reflection and think about what actionable items we can do to make this state a better place for native people.

Student Concerns

- **Kathuria:** Einstein Bagels is closed on Thursdays and is closed an extra hour early Monday - Wednesday. That's one less food option on campus, and it also goes to show that student workers aren't able to make enough money.

- **Dodd:** The air conditioning is not working in the Carnegie building.
- **Nealy:** In Kauffman Hall there is no AC in the hallways, only in the classrooms. It's burning hot.
- **Broadbent:** Justice Cowley was electrocuted in one of the buildings this week and it turned off all the power in that room too.
- **Reynolds:** In our bylaws it states that we should post our minutes. Last week I voted no on the transgender/LGBT rights bill, and I did so because I thought it was broad. I support them, but the bill was too broad and we needed to take into consideration all students so we don't end up like Penn State where we have transgender person sweeping all the women's competitions. That's the reason why I voted that way. But my concern is congress integrity. This is not my first rodeo, and we didn't let out until 20 minutes til midnight. I went to a fraternity organization for Make-A-Wish, and I was approached by a constituent on the way I voted. The ink hadn't even dried on the bill, so why am I being approached about the way I voted? That's not right. What's within these walls needs to stay within these walls until the minutes are released. That was my first official vote in congress. We have to be stricter. If I'm wrong you can correct me, but I did not appreciate being approached at 9:30am. And I didn't get to explain the reason I voted that way.
- **South:** These meetings are open meetings and that the press is here every week, as well as live tweeting all of our events. Since we aren't in executive session throughout our entire congress meeting technically a member of the public who is witness to the votes that happen within here can talk about the votes that happen here until really any time.
- **Reynolds:** That needs to be changed in the writing.
- **Halsey-Kraus:** This is an open meeting as per the Open Meetings Act.
- **Lewis:** If anyone has issues with the bylaws they can talk to myself and the Congressional Administration Chair when they are appointed.
- **Reynolds:** I feel bad because I feel like we were singled out. We were making a vote on the transgender equality vote, however me and Tamera were singled out. I understand that it's a live meeting, but that needs to be changed in the bylaws because it's not. Things are not released until the minutes are
- **Lewis:** The agenda is not released until the secretary finishes the minutes, but the Open Meetings Act allows anything that's said to be relased. We have a member of the OU Daily here as well.
- **Reynolds:** Our votes are released also?
- **Lewis:** Yes sir.
- **Reynolds:** Okay, I'm just saying that I feel discriminated against.
- **Lewis:** Yes sir, if you want to address this with me and the Congressional Administration committee, we can come to a reolution if the body wants to see that, and we are more than willing to work with you.
- **Nealy:** No matter what your beliefs are you're here to represent the students of the university and it's okay to have a different opinion. Everyone knows what I believe, and I want everyone in this body to feel comfortable to express their opinions because we are here because we are opinionated. That needs to be respected. If someone did cross that boundary, make it right. We need to make sure we aren't making enemies in this body.

Items to Be Considered

- CB-108-02 "Crimson Leadership Association Co-Chair Appointment Act of 2022." (Halsey-Kraus)
(Exec, Do Pass)
Motion to see CB-108-02
Representative Dodd seconded by Representative Nealy

Motion to recess

Representative Broadbent seconded by Representative Dodd

Gavelled in at 7:48

- **Author's Explanation (Halsey-Kraus):** Throughout this past year I have had the honor of being co-chair for the Crimson Leadership Association. This act is appointing our successors. I would love for them to introduce themselves to y'all.
 - **Lee:** Hi my name is Susannah Lee and I am freshman double major in non-profit in community helath.
 - **Sibichan:** Hi my name is Manuvel Sibichan and I am majoring in finance and accounting with a minor in Spanish.
 - **Halsey-Kraus:** CLA is a program intended for first year students to introduce them to other first year students, the purpose of SGA, and other RSOs on campus.
- 1:44 Yielded to Questions
 - **Kathuria:** What makes these individuals qualified for this postion?
 - **Halsey-Kraus:** Something that stood out was their passion for CLA and their mission of why they wanted to be co-chairs. Something that Chris and I really emphasized this year was every CLAer having their why and being intentional in their time.
 - **Dodd:** Are you aware that Munvel and Susannah are going to do a great job in thier role?
 - Yes
 - **Kathuria:** How will you ensure that future CLAers are following their duties in the code annotated, for example, visitng office hours?
 - **Sibichan:** Abby and Chris encourage us to attend office hours and visit other RSOs made up of leaders across campus. One way to continue this is by continuing the point system, and they are limited to what points they can repeatedly get.
 - **Broadbent:** Are you aware of who named CLA?
 - Yes I am aware.
 - **Griffin:** Who named CLA?
 - The lovely SGA during Congress 103.
 - **Kathuria:** Nominees, what was your favorite part about CLA?
 - **Lee:** Hanging out with my fellow CLAers and getting to know the best mentors on campus.
 - **Sibichan:** The speakers they brought in, like Dr. George Henderson. It opened our eyes.
 - **Kathuria:** Everyone on campus is a member of SGA. Will you encourage your freshmen to write legislation they are passionate about?
 - **Lee:** Absoultely. We want to inform incoming freshman on SGA and how to get involved with it.
 - **Sibichan:** Three of your members were actually in CLA, and that will continue hopefully.
 - **Buxton:** Are you aware that I named the Crimson Leadership Association?
 - **Halsey-Kraus:** Congratulations on that.
 - **Trautman:** Since you don't have a role in SGA do you still feel confident you can speak on it?
 - **Sibichan:** We learned that CAC is part of SGA and I am really involved in CAC, so I can speak on that.
 - **Lee:** For sure, I was in U-Sing and Scandals, and I got to learn about the programming branch. I feel comfortable.

Final Vote: 21-0-0 Unanimous

- CB-108-05 “2022-2023 Conoco Student Leadership Center Space Allocations Act” (Lissau/South) (Exec, Do Pass)

Motion to see CB-108-05

Representative Dodd seconded by Representative Broadbent

- **Author’s Explanation (South):** This is giving out office space on the 3rd and 2nd floor of the Conoco building. SGA is in charge of doing this every year, decided by a committee including congress chair, CAC chair, GSS chair, and VP. Our allocations are staying almost entirely the same as last year. We only had one organization who did not reapply for office space and that was Students in Recovery. We moved the Big Event to that open office and gave the Grant Writers Association their old office.
- 0:50 Yielded to Questions
 - **Griffin:** What are the requirements for an RSO to use an office space?
 - They must desire to use the office space in a way that is consistent with the code annotated. Mainly this means using it as a conference space and not as storage.
 - **Reynolds:** Is this a yearly thing? Do they have to do it every year?
 - Yep. The code annotated lays it out and if an RSO wants a space they must apply in the spring and then they are allocated it for the next academic year.

Final Vote: 20-0-0 Unanimous

- CR-108-01 “Supporting Indigenous Communities Resolution of 2022” (South) (Exec, Do Pass)

Motion to see CR-108-01

Representative Dodd seconded by Representative Payson

- **Author’s Explanation (South):** This congratulates the new Associate VP of Tribal Relations and welcomes any kind of collaboration she wants to do with SGA. I was on the search committee that was searching for that position. We are calling on the university to take action on expanding the current selection of indigenous language classes and the levels of classes you can take. Hiring more professors would be helpful to indigenous language preservation efforts. We are also calling for tuition assistance to indigenous students and students studying indigenous languages. The University of California last week announced that they were getting rid of tuition in its entirety for tribal/native students. The next thing is increasing education and thus breaking stereotypes, including that of the Pan-American Indian. The last two is building on existing relations with tribal nations and making sure administrators have a line of communication with indigenous students on campus.
- 0:00 Yielded to Questions
 - **Kathuria:** What have been some issues with cultural appropriation on OU?
 - Inevitably on Halloween there are people who dress up in sacred tribal regalia without knowing what any of it means. It’s harmful because it perpetuates many negative stereotypes.
 - **Reynolds:** Have you considered adding a scholarship for indigenous people?
 - The second bullet point is providing tuition assistance. There is a current program called AT&T scholars and this is calling for expanding upon that.
 - **Broadbent:** Is the author aware that the state currently prohibits race-based scholarships which included native students incorrectly and that’s why we have to use private companies in order to fund an assistance program
 - I am aware and I did some research on this earlier this semester and it’s wild. It’s not a fun time, and disheartening. State leaders, educate yourselves that native people are a political group and members of our own sovereign nations that have pre-dated the United States.

- **Nealy:** How can we protect not just Native Americans but Americans in general in making sure their rights aren't being trampled with the 5th point?
 - OU is prohibited from taking away anyone's rights because we are a public institution. All this means is making sure students feel like they have a place to voice their concerns.
- **Kathuria:** Do you plan on getting in touch with gateway to belonging professors and history professors to talk about how different tribes have different cultures?
 - Yes, this will be sent to the Provost, who is in charge of all academics.

Final Vote: 19-0-1

On a motion to recess for 20 minutes for the purpose of Ramadan

Representative Griffin seconded by Representative Dodd

Gavel in 8:41pm

- CR-108-02 "Food Insecurity Awareness Resolution of 2022" (South) (Exec, Do Pass)
Motion to see CR-108-02
Representative Dodd seconded by Representative Kathuria
 - **Author's Explanation (South):** This is declaring April 27th as food insecurity awareness day. This includes sharing resources and breaking the stigma about what food insecurity actually looks like. There was a time in my life where I didn't have very much money, and I had to resort to the McDonald's dollar menu a few times and that actually counts food insecurity.
 - 1:20 Yielded to Questions
 - **Buxton:** Pre-pandemic we talked a lot about a mechanism where you donate swipes that you didn't use. What are your thoughts about that?
 - **South:** There used to be a Swipe Out Hunger program. George do you have any insight as to why that ended?
 - **George:** From my understanding it used to be a club that ran it and the club desolved.
 - **South:** We are interested if that's something that is feasible?
 - **Griffin:** Would you like to see legislation in the future that expands upon this?
 - **South:** Yeah that would be helpful and giving people more options by working with housing and food services.
 - **Landry:** Are you aware that April is the OU Food Pantry's fundraising month and that this bill aligns very well with that?
 - Yes.
 - **Kathuria:** Why didn't you include OU Housing and Food Services on section 3?
 - I don't know, I would accept a friendly amendment for it though.
 - **Reynolds:** Have you thought about seeing if OU can provide a better grocery store because cross' prices are way too high and if we had a better resources I think that would cut down on the conflict.
 - Yes I would be interested. That's a large enough topic that it deserves it's own resolution. I'd love to help you write that.
 - **Mullins:** The reason that there aren't a lot of available food options is because students aren't working. In the future do you see SGA being a part of a resolution concerning this?
 - Yes just today I met with some folks in the OU budget office about raising wages for student employees in food services. Congress writing a resolution could lend support.

- **Kathuria:** Would you accept a friendly adding Frank Henry, the director of OU Food Services, to this resolution?
 - Yes.
- **Landry:** Would you accept a friendly amendment adding a section 3: “Donations can be made available to the OU Food Pantry through physical donations dropped off at 1113 Elm Street Norman, OK 73069 or through online monetary donations on the OU Food Pantry’s website and amazon wish list both found at <https://www.ou.edu/foodpantry>.”
 - Yes, I’d love to.

Final Vote: 17-0-0 Unanimous

- CB-108-03 “Session 108 Committee Chair Appointment Act.” (Lewis, et al) (Exec, Do Pass); CB-108-04 “Re-Appointment Act of 2022.” (Halsey-Kraus) (Exec, Do Pass)

Motion to see CB-108-03 and CB-108-04 as a block

Representative Broadbent seconded by Representative Brown

- **Author’s Explanation (Trautman):** -03 is the appointment act of associates. Everyone that reapplied was reappointed, and there are 2 representatives being appointed as well in the communications district. 4 people applied for representative seats however 2 did not receive them due to not having their district’s seats open. It’s not anything personal. The next bill is for committee chairs. We held interviews and spent a lot of time debating to reach a unified decision. We are fully confident in them.
- 1:45 Yielded to Questions
 - **Broadbent:** Would you accept a friendly striking Anne Catheryn Mullins from the list of associates as she is automatically receiving an associateship as University Policy Chair?
 - Yes
 - **Broadbent:** Do you think it would be great if the committee chairs could introduce themselves?
 - Yes
 - **Haskins:** Hi y’all my name is Hudson Haskins I’ve been on COSCO for a 2 yearss now. I saw a few different types of leadership and Bailey has left us in a great place. I want to carry on her legacy and our previous project such as coffee with congress. I want to foster a happier and helathier environment in congress so that can. Bleed over to our constituents.
 - **Halsey-Kraus:** Hello I am the emeritus chair. I am looking forward to continuing fixing our elections and working with the elections sub-committee. I also plan on changing a few things in the bylaws and continuing code club.
 - **Griffin:** Hi I am Weslie and I’m a sophomore aviation management student. I’ve been in congress for 2 years. I want to push real hard on voter registration and civic engagement as well as seeing what new ideas my committee has. EA is a great committee because everyone is really passionate about something.
 - **Berggren:** Hello I’m a freshman and I’ve been in HD for a year. I want to increase the outreach with different RSOs on campus and making sure student are educated on their resources. I want to provide constituent service opportunities through chalking on the South Oval.

- **Houston:** Hello I'm Rylee Houston and I've been in susty for 2 years now. I was the Vice Chair this past year. I am looking forward to fostering individuality
- **Mullins:** Hello I'm Annie and I'm a political sciene pre-law sophomore. My vision for UPol is working with other committees such as COSCO and HD. I'd like more on-on-one time and in person meeting with my committee.

Motion to extend time for questions by 5 minutes

Representative Broadbent seconded by Representative Dodd

- **Papahronis:** I'm a junior and in past years I've been the accouting/finance rep. I've been the Vice Chair this past year. I'm looking forward to getting us money.
- **Kathuria:** Trautman, what was your experience in working with Haskins?
 - **Trautman:** He is phenomenal and I don't think there is an ill word I can say about it him.
- **Kathuria:** Haskins, do you plan on continuing what Chair emeritus Trautman has done?
 - **Haskins:** Yes, but I would like to say that these are committee projects and of course Bailey headed them, but all of our committee members worked on these.
- **Kathuria:** Griifin, what has been your experience working on EA?
 - **Griffin:** It's been a blast. We are the best committee. We do so many projects that are student-based.
- **Kathuria:** Griffin, Have you established any relationships with Norman City Councilors, State Reps, etc?
 - **Griffin:** I haven't met with any councilors but I have met with state reps and senators before. I will work this summer on developing relationships and I'm hoping to work locally especially. For example we did a trash walk once that I think if we repeated it'd get the ball rolling.
- **South:** One of the most difficult things being a committee chair is having personal passion projects fall through. How would you handle that?
 - **Haskins:** You have to realize when enough time is spent on a project that simply won't come to fruition, but that realism has to be there.
 - **Halsey-Kraus:** It takes resilience to be a committee chair. There is pushback you receive on many fronts.
 - **Griffin:** Trying to be a facilitator is something I'm passionate so if something does fail, I want to ensure our members don't feel bad about it. It's the whole committee.

Motion to extend time for questions by 5 minutes

Representative Broadbent seconded by Representative Kathuria

- **Berggren:** Recently Caitlyn and I tried to get womens-only gym hours passed and it didn't happen. But we learned a lot and realize that other good can come from that.
- **Houston:** Sustainability is notoriously individual project based and every single year freshman want to do composting and every year OU says no. We are familiar with rejection, myself beingn no exception. Doing the best to uplift them and helping them find alternative projects can help.
- **Mullins:** UPol has people bang heads a lot and it's kind of isolated but I plan on making sure everyone has a project. I want to work with them.

- **Papahronis:** In WAM nothing really fails, there is just delays and setbacks. Having transparency and communication is really how you keep going.
- **Kathuria:** Miss Berggren how will you make sure no more incidents of racism go viral in the national media?
 - **Berggren:** Obviously we can't stop anything from going viral because that's not in HD's hands, but we can do the best we can to make the students feel like their voices are heard and that any issues that come up are dealt with quickly and appropriately.
- **Kathuria:** How can you make sustainability a committee promotes environmentalism?
 - **Houston:** We don't dictate what each person will do each year, we are there to encourage them in their personal projects. Right now something we're working on is specialized recycling in the freshman dorms.

Final Vote: 16-0-1

*Motion to recess for the purpose of swearing in new representatives
Representative Broadbent seconded by Representative Dodd
Gavel in 9:16*

- CR-108-05 "Thank You Senators David and Garvin Resolution of 2022" (Felkner) (Committee of the Whole, Do Pass); CR-108-08 "Thank you Student Congress Advisors and Leaders Resolution of 2022." (Lewis) (Exec, Do Pass); CR-108-09 "Thank You Mayor Clark Resolution" (Broadbent) (Exec, Do Pass); CR-108-11 "2022 City of Norman Election Congratulations Resolution." (Broadbent) (Exec, Do Pass)

*Motion to see CR-108-05, CR-108-08, CR-108-09, and CR-108-11 as a block
Representative Broadbents seconded by Chair Griffin*

- **Author's Explanation (Broadbent):** One of these bills thanks two senators for breaking party lines on a bill that would ban minors from obtaining contraceptives without parental consent. Another is thanking George and Mary, our outgoing exec, as well as our seniors. Then there is a resolution thanking Mayor Clark, who is our number 1 champion and partner in EA. We do this all the time for going out leaders. Lastly, there is a resolution congratulations on the mayoral race, which we always file.
- 1:20 Yielded to Questions

Final Vote: 19-0-0 Unanimous

- CR-108-03 "SGA Civic Engagement Forum Resolution of 2022" (Lewis/Nealy) (Exec, Do Pass)

Motion to see CR-108-03

Representative Griffin seconded by Representative Kathuria

- **Author's Explanation (Brown):** This established the day for civi engagement forum. It's this Thursday night.
- 2:49 Yielded to Questions
 - **May:** Co-Authors who will be in attendance at the Civic Engagement Forum?
 - **Lewis:** Chuck Hoskin Jr., Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, Senator Boren, Daniel Pae, Oklahoma state rep, City Manager Darrel Pyle, Council member Lauren Schueler, the VP Tribal Relations Tana Fitzpatrick, and student panelist Kamryn Yanchick.

Final Vote: 19-0-0 Unanimous

- CR-108-06 “Congratulations Ketanji Brown Jackson Resolution” (Griffin) (Exec, Do Pass)

Motion to see CR-108-06

Representative Broadbent seconded by Representative Kathuria

- **Author’s Explanation (Griffin):** We already saw this in committee of the whole this is just congratulating soon-to-be Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson. We have set a precedent in EA of writing congratulation bills and this is a historic and important moment.
- 2:23 Yielded to Questions

Final Vote: 19-0-0 Unanimous

- CB-108-06 “Hush Act of 2022” (Broadbent) (Exec, Do Pass)

Motion to see CB-108-06

Representative Dodd seconded by Representative Kathuria

- **Author’s Explanation (Broadbent):** This bill is simple that it outlines proper chamber decorum in a way that more properly aligns the student congress with the way normal Representative bodies operate by allowing members to caucus during legislation questions and to move freely in and out of the chamber. This allows more opportunity for discussion outside of the typical debate format where ideas can be explored and agreements can be made.
- 2:35 Yielded to Questions
 - **Kathuria:** What inspired you to write this bill?
 - I worked both at the state and federal capitol and I noticed that representatives have more of a chance to caucus. This allows someone to make more informed questions. This is precedent in every other legislative house. Senates operate differently but we are not a senate.
 - **Griffin:** How would you define a dull roar?
 - That’s actually the language they use. A dull roar is wher the person asking the question can hear the response of the person being asked the question.
 - **Griffin:** Does being able to hear apply to only the person asking the question or to the entire body?
 - No, but you can call a point of personal privilege. The chair also has the authority to define what that is?
 - **Trautman:** Do you suggest we change rooms to help with how much we hear?
 - Yes, I’ve already been talking to Chair Lewis about it.
 - **Reynolds:** Do you have a time limit on when you caucus?
 - It would close with the time for questioning. Does that meet what you want?
 - **Reynolds:**
 - **Lewis:** Will you accept a friendly amendment explicitly stating that time for caucusing is as long as the time for questioning?
 - Yes
 - **Kathuria:** Will the time for caucusing need a motion to end?
 - No.
 - **Griffin:** Is the author aware that the time for questioning is the same as the time for questioning?
 - Yes.
 - **Buxton:** In the future are you open to a change in the bylaws making a point of personal privilege a counter?
 - Yes

Final Vote: 18-0-0 Unanimous

- CR-108-10 “Oklahomans Deserve Respect from Elected Officials Resolution of 2022” (Broadbent) (Exec, Do Pass)

Motion to see CR-108-10

Representative Dodd seconded by Representative Kathuria

- **Author’s Explanation (Broadbent):** This is a resolution reprimanding Congressional Candidate and Oklahoma Republican Party chair John Bennet for his continued reprehensible actions toward Oklahomans. Basically what this does is provides us a pathway to prevent him from being invited to any of our SGA events now or in the future as well as encourage rso’s to take similar action. His list of reprehensible actions is extensive. To begin with Islamaphobia; He gave a survey to Muslim students who entered his office while serving in the OK legislature if they “beat their wives, as the Quran asks them to do”. He led an interim study where he stated that Muslim organizations were “here to destroy us” He passed a bill through the state legislature in an attempt to ban the practicing of “foreign laws” in a thinly veiled attempt to prevent Muslims from practicing their religious tenets in Oklahoma. At a Sallisaw Republican meeting, he called Islam the biggest threat to America. On social media, he wrote “firing quad” above a picture of then-Secretary Hillary Clinton. He called our state agencies, public employees, and teachers terrorists because they demanded adequate funding and pay for our children and citizens. For this he was reprimanded by Governor Fallin He compared so-called “vaccine passports” to stars Jewish people were forced to wear by Nazis. For this, he initially apologized then rescinded said apology. He was called out for this behavior by the President of College Republicans. In his most recent string of bigotry, Mr. Bennet said that his first action as a US Congressman would be to dissolve the reservations of our Oklahoma tribes. For this, a statement condemning his candidacy was made by the intertribal council of the five tribes. For these reasons I believe it to be in our best interest going into an election year where access to student voters is most pressing that we keep Mr. Bennett as far away from our students as possible by preventing him from attending SGA events and recommending that our RSO’s also do not allow this man onto our campus.
- 1:23 Yielded to Questions
 - **Griffin:** Would you add me as a co-author?
 - Yes.
 - **Barnett:** Can you enlighten me as to why we should pass this?
 - EA consistly invites all candidates to events and it would still be up to the chair’s discretion, and this simply a recommendation to not inivite him/. His actions towards many groups of people are extensive and this should only be done in the most severe cases, this being one of them.
 - **Dodd:** Author are you aware that his anti-native is harmful to the native students at OU even if they may not live on the Muscogee reservation that he sought to disestablish.
 - Yes
 - **Buxton:** Is this more of a political statement or is this simply encouraging the administration to protect our students from a man who has spoken bigotry to many students?
 - This is a recommendation us and it’s important to note that his language does not necesassarily represent Oklahoma politics and I do not believe this is the general beliefs of republicans in our state.
 - **Kathuria:** When you were writing this bill did you consider sending this legislation to President Lissau and Exterior Director Jayke Flaggert?

- When I talked to Zach he expressed that the executive branch would also follow that precedent even though he isn't held to that statement. He feels similarly.
- **Karthuria:** Would you accept a friendly amendment in section 5 sending this resolution to President Zach Lissau?
 - Yes
- **Reynolds:** Does this affect funding for groups? Would we deny a group funding if they invited or supported this man?
 - That's not my intention, and that is not in our authority as the SGA constitution allows student groups to bring speakers to campus.
- **Kathuria:** Would you accept a friendly amendment to send this resolution to Jayke Flaggert?
 - Yes
- **Dodd:** Would you accept a friendly amendment to 6th and 7th whereas clauses to change the Creek Nation to the Muscogee Nation?
 - Yes, thank you.
- **Barnett:** Is the body aware that I was wondering about semantics of the bill earlier? He's totally a horrible person.
 - Thanks.

Final Vote: 16-2-1

- CB-108-01 "Reworking, Understanding and Legislating Election Statues Act of 2022." (Halsey-Kraus) (Exec, Do Pass)

Motion to see CB-108-01

Representative Broadbent seconded by Representative Kathuria

 - **Author's Explanation (Halsey-Kraus):** We saw this last week. We are extending the elections timeline to 3 weeks, adding a new quorum to the election commission, making a more flexible timeline for the court to certify elections, providing more definitions, and no longer allowing for 20% of votes in an election to come from signatures, instead needing 500 signatures across the board for CAC candidates as well as SGA President and Vice President.
 - 2:24 Yielded to Questions
 - **Kathuria:** What do you believe was wrong with the 24 hour time period to respond to campaign violation complaints?
 - It just wasn't long enough, and it wasn't fair to students. Yes, SGA is time demanding, but it should not cause stress to the point where you aren't getting your academics finished. We felt it was more comfortable to allow for 48 hours.
 - **Reynolds:** Is there a place to increase funding for campaigns?
 - That is going to be a separate bill. There is so much that it got overwhelming. Over the summer there will be a continuation of that committee sub committee to prepare for the election in the fall. If you want to submit a position statement to me, I'd be happy to accept that as well.
 - **Trautman:** Would you say this is one of the longest bills you have ever written?
 - It's top 3.
 - **Kathuria:** Why aren't unofficial election results sent to the general student body?
 - They are put on the website so if anyone wants to look at the certified results they can. The reason why we don't send them out beforehand the

results are certified is because if there is an irregularity we need to discuss the results could possibly change.

- **Griffin:** Once results are certified, are results sent out in an OUMM?
 - They are not, and I am hesitant sending out OUMMs because I don't want to flood everyone's inbox.
 - **George:** I think the official results make sense, it's up to you guys.
- **Broadbent:** Has this bill already been seen in GSS?
 - Yes, so if Griffin wants to work separately on legislation that'd be great.

Final Vote: 18-0-0

Follow-Up Reports

- **Griffin:** We are having a civic engagement forum!!

Announcements and Comments

- **George:** You will be bombarded with the SERU survey and as leaders it's very important that you guys take this. It's an internal survey, it's strictly for the regents to hear about your experience at the university. I will say it takes 30 minutes but it is crucial. Please go to ou.edu/SERU. We are looking for a 70% response rate.
- **Mullins:** On Thursday Crimson and Queens is performing.
- **Kathuria:** Congrats to Houston and Haskins and the associates. Chair Lewis thanks for including your pronouns in the email signature. That shows you're an ally. I also can't believe this is the last meeting. Thank y'all for doing your part and you each have a special place in my heart. To those who sat through a whole meeting, thank you!
- **Lewis:** I am thankful for all of you for staying it's what we're here for. Next semester is going to be great.
- **Trautman:** Thank you to all the committee chairs and showing up tonight, it shows your dedication.
- **Nealy:** I have a bad migraine, so my apologies for leaving early.
- **Dodd:** The American Indian Student Association's powwow went amazing.
- **Houston:** Friday is national arbor day and it's the 150th anniversary. The USA Tree committee is planting a live oak tree at 10am in the South Oval. Also if you see fun tree facts on the South Oval it's courtesy of me and Jake Lange.
- **Kathuria:** Shout out Bob Stoops for giving a passionate speech at the Captiol today.
- **Landry:** Relay for Life is this Friday at 6pm on the South Oval! Please come fundraise for those impacted by cancer! Also, if I pronounced your name incorrectly tonight, please let me know!
- **Payson:** Oklahoma festival ballet has it's closing weekend this is your last chance!
- **Barnet:** The Great Indian festival is happening next Saturday and you should come!
- **Halsey-Kraus:** As my job as Parliamentarian, it is my job to inform the body of Roberts Rules of Order, Parliamentary Procedure, and standard rules. An abstention vote should only be used in a small criteria of votes, most notably when you have a moral, financial, or another conflict of interest that would be impacted by your vote. Your constituents count on you to represent them within the body therefore it is your responsibility to do so with their best intentions in mind. Using an abstention vote in an unwarranted circumstance exploits their vote to entrust you. Please vote to the best of your ability with your district and community in mind.
- **May:** I have the superlative results!
Class clown: Graeson Lynskey
Biggest flirt: Sidney May
Life of the party: Shrey Kathuria
Best hair: George
Best dressed: Olivia Payson

Cutest congress couple that never was: Sidney May and Jordan Brown
Twitter fingers: Crispin South
Most likely to survive the hunger games: Cole Cantu
Most likely to brighten your day: Bailey Trautman
Most likely to be elected US president: Crispin South
Most likely to become a millionaire: Demetri Papahronis
Most likely to become a motivational speaker: Shrey Kathuria
Most likely to star in their own reality show: Michael Stoyak
Most likely to become internet famous: Tamera Nealy
Most likely to be found in the library: Eileah Hale
Most likely to win the lottery and lose the ticket: Hadi Fawad
Best person to share a deserted island with: Tie between Jake Lange and Amelia Landry
Best candidate for the CIA: Abby Halsey-Kraus
Best to bring to home to mom: Tie between Jordan Brown and Caitlyn Harman

Final Roll Call 20-11-6

Motion to Adjourn

Griffin Seconded by stoyak

Adjourn – 10:14PM

Chair: Lacey Lewis

Vice-Chair: Bailey Trautman

Secretary: Amelia Landry

		26-Apr-22	
		Initial	Final
Baca	Danielle	x	ex
Barnett	Ryan	x	x
Binger	Christian	x	a
Broadbent	Taylor	x	x
Brown	Jordan	x	x
Cable	Colton	x	x
Cantu	Cole	ex	ex
Cappleman	Austin	x	ex
Chaman	Arin	x	x
Chenevy	Brandon	x	a
Chiariello	Clayton	a	a
Dao	Audrey	a	a
Dodd	Aiden	x	x
Ghazal	Razann	x	x
Givens	Tyler	a	a
Griffin	Weslie	x	x
Haskins	Hudson	NEW	x
Hedrick	Ethan	a	a
Houston	Rylee	NEW	x
Kathuria	Shrey	x	x
Ketaneh	Yara	ex	ex
McCall	Will	ex	ex
McGowan	Parker	a	a
McPherson	David	a	a
Nealy	Tamera	x	x
Neaves	Megan	a	a
Papahronis	Demitri	x	x
Payson	Olivia	ex	x
Perez	Alondra	a	a
Reese	Nathaniel	x	x
Reynolds	Michael	x	x
Singh	Pranay	a	a
Stoyak	Michael	a	x
Tesfaselass	Robel	x	x
White	Ben	x	x
Williams	Michael	ex	ex
Zaqout	Mahmoud	x	x
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THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CVIII
April 26th, 2022

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SENATE SESSION GS22
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CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-108-01
SENATE BILL GS22-XX

AS INTRODUCED

An Act of Legislation amending the Code Annotated to reflect the necessary and essential changes to election procedures and responsibilities of the Election Commission; 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 “Reworking, Understanding and Legislating Election Statues Act of 2022.”
- Section 2:** Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to amend the Student Government Association’s Code Annotated to (1) reflect necessary election procedures changes (2) update the Election Commission’s responsibilities.
- Section 3:** AMENDATORY: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association’s Code Annotated Title IV Chapter 6 is amended as follows. For the purposes of this bill, all items removed shall be denoted with a ~~strike through~~. All items added shall be denoted with an underline.

Chapter 6 – The SGA Elections Commission

1. Power.

The Election Commission shall be responsible for overseeing and enforcing all provisions of Title VI of the Code Annotated and ensuring fair elections.

2. Composition.

The Election Commission shall consist of the Election Commissioner, the Election ~~Commission Staff~~, and ~~an ex-officio officer of the Congressional Administration Committee~~ a non-voting ex-officio officer of the Congressional Administration Committee of Congress. No member of the Election Commission shall commit election fraud; evidence of fraud shall be presented to the General Council, as provided for in Title VI. Any member of the Election Staff may be removed by recommendation from the SGA President or Election Commissioner with the advice and consent of the

Legislative Branch. No member of the Election Commission shall be a candidate or a member of a team campaigning in any election for which they are appointed to work. The Election Commissioner and Staff shall be SGA members and serve from the beginning of the fall semester to the end of the spring semester of a given academic year.

a. Election Commissioner.

The Election Commissioner shall serve as the chairperson of the Election Commission. They shall only vote in the event of a tie between voting members of the Election Commission Staff. The Election Commissioner shall be appointed by the SGA President with the advice and consent of the Legislative Branch. The appointee must be submitted to the Legislative Branch for advice and consent after the Spring election.

i. Responsibilities

1. ~~Consistent with Title VI, the Election Commissioner may make such rules and procedures and take such action as they deem necessary to affect the provisions and intent of the Code Annotated and to ensure a fair election. Such rules and procedures shall be considered binding unless overturned on appeal.~~
2. ~~The Election Commissioner shall hold an Interest Meeting for all prospective candidates or members of SGA five (5) academic weeks before any election.~~
3. ~~The Election Commissioner and SGA Staff Assistant shall ensure that the academic districts and eligibility requirements of all candidates are verified at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the publication of the Information on Candidates Booklet.~~
4. ~~The Election Commissioner shall publicly post confirmed disclosed spending information for all SGA Presidential candidates and all CAC Chair candidates four (4) days prior to the election.~~
5. ~~The Election Commissioner shall make all correspondence, applications, records, reports, and forms regarding all elections available for public inspection in the SGA office except when state and/or federal law does not allow.~~
6. ~~The Election Commissioner shall hold office hours to assist candidates prior to and during the election process. From the filing period to the validation of the election of the semester, the Election Commissioner shall hold a minimum of eight (8) office hours a week in the SGA office. The office hours schedule shall be publicly posted by the Election Commissioner.~~
7. ~~The Election Commissioner may have additional responsibilities as provided for in Title VI.~~

ii. Report.

~~At the conclusion of each election, the Election Commissioner shall make a report to the Superior Court for their consideration in~~

~~validating an election. This report must be submitted to the Superior Court within fortyeight (48) hours following the closing of the polls.~~

~~The Election~~

~~Commissioner shall also file a report of the results of the election to be kept in the SGA executive offices. This report shall also be submitted to the SGA President, the Undergraduate Student Congress, the Graduate Student Senate, and General Counsel and shall include:~~

- ~~1. The total number of votes cast for each candidate or ticket at each poll;~~
- ~~2. The total number of consenting and dissenting votes in any referendum;~~
- ~~3. Any written rulings issued by the Election Commissioner~~
- ~~4. The minutes of the Election Commission,~~
- ~~5. Information about any election irregularities or problems, and 6. Other appropriate information.~~

iii. Vacancy.

If the position of Election Commissioner is not filled in accordance with the legislative advising and consenting process, the General Council shall fulfill all duties of the Election Commissioner until one is officially appointed.

iv. Appointing the Election Commission Staff.

The Election Commissioner shall appoint the Election Commission Staff with the advice and consent of the Legislative Branch.

b. Election Commission Staff.

~~The Election Commission Staff shall consist of three (3) or a maximum of five (5) SGA members. The Election Commissioner shall be the chairperson of the Election Commission and vote only in case of a tie. A member of the Congressional Administration shall serve as a non-voting ex-officio officer of the committee. The membership of the Election Commission shall be posted in a public place. The Election Commission shall be responsible for conducting the election and enforcing the election rules as established by this Title.~~

~~i. Campaign Spending. The Election Commission shall assess spending values of donated materials following investigation of the validity of the value assigned by the candidate. The Election Commission may dispute any assigned spending value and assess new values that they find to be more accurate. Determination and confirmation of the accuracy of spending disclosure is the responsibility of the Election Commission, subject to appeal to the Superior Court.~~

~~ii. Quorum. A majority of the Election Commission voting members shall constitute a Quorum to conduct business.~~

c. Non-voting Ex-Officio Officer of the Congressional Administration Committee
A member of the Congressional Administration Committee chosen by the Chair of the committee shall oversee the Election Commission. They shall have no voting power.

3. Quorum

Three (3) members of the Election Commission Staff shall constitute a quorum to do business.

Section 6:

AMENDATORY: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association's Code Annotated Title VI Chapter 1 shall be amended as follows. For the purposes of this bill, all items removed shall be denoted with a ~~strike through~~. All items added shall be denoted with an underline.

Chapter 1 – General Provisions

1. Definitions

- a. Academic Week- Any week (Monday-Friday) during which the university holds classes for at least one day.
- b. Campaign Spending – The value of any products, services, or expenses incurred by the campaign. “Value” should not include any discounts, which are not available to the general public, but should include the value of any services or products donated. This shall not include the value of any non-professional services performed by students.
- c. Campaign Time Frame – The time between the ~~publishing of the Information on Candidates Booklet and the validation of the election.~~ first class day of the eighth (8th) Academic Week and the validation of the election.
- d. Campaigning – Working in an organized and active way to promote a candidate as a representative of or at the directive of that candidate.
- e. Class Day – The period of time from 8 AM to 5 PM on a day in which classes are held.
- f. Designated Agent – A person chosen and registered by a candidate with the ability to represent the candidate in any official capacity.
- g. Election Fraud – Any act or omission completed or attempted with the intent to deprive a candidate or voter of their rights.
- h. Information on Candidates Booklet – A booklet published by the Election Commission on the first day of the Ninth (9th) Academic Week containing a statement from the Election Commissioner, a list of all candidates and the pieces of literature from the candidates who submitted them.
- i. Eighth (8th) Academic Week- The Academic Week in which Candidates may begin campaigning. Campaigning shall only begin at the start of the first Class day of the given Academic Week.
- j. Eleventh (11th) Academic Week – The Academic Week in which Fall and Spring Elections shall occur. Voting days shall be the Tuesday and Wednesday of the given week of the semester.
- k. Member of a Campaign- Any SGA Member who publicly or privately works with a candidate.
- l. Ninth (9th) Academic Week – The Academic Week in which the Information on Candidates Booklet shall be published in the given week of the Fall and Spring semesters.
- m. Publicly Posted – Conspicuously posted in the SGA Office & on the SGA website under the Election's tab.
- n. Seventh (7th) Academic Week – The Academic Week in which Mandatory Candidates Meetings shall be held.

- o. SGA Presidential Race – The SGA Presidential race includes candidates for SGA President and SGA Vice President running together as one (1) ticket.
- p. Signatures – Signatures required for Presidential and CAC Chair petitions may be collected physically or online. Physical signatures must include the following information: OU ID number, name, and signature. Digital signatures must be authenticated through an online platform that can be integrated with OU's single sign-on (SSO). The process for digital signatures must be jointly approved by the Election Commissioner and the Office of Student Affairs.
- q. Sixth (6th) Academic Week – The Academic Week in which filing for Candidates wishing run in the upcoming election closes. Filing shall close at the end of the last Class Day of the give week.
- r. Unsolicited – Any unrequested electronic message sent through an OU-maintained service (eg. OU email, Canvas, etc), for the purpose of explicitly requesting a vote or support.

2. Applicability of Election Rules.

The policies, regulations, and stipulations in this Title shall be applicable only to candidates for positions that are named in sections four (4) and five (5) hereinafter. All other campus organizations and bodies wishing to conduct an election may individually establish procedures for that election.

3. Purpose of Election Rules.

The provisions governing elections are intended to provide for the fairness, equitability, and efficiency of all SGA elections with respect to both candidates and voters. In the absence of established guidelines, rulings concerning elections should be made with this principle in mind.

4. Spring General Election. The following shall be elected in the Spring General Election:

- a. the Campus Activities Council (CAC) Chair,
- b. Undergraduate Student Congress Representative Seats, and
- c. the Student Bar Association (SBA) President.

5. Fall General Election. The following shall be elected in the Fall General Election:

- a. The SGA President and Vice-President
- b. Undergraduate Student Congress Representative Seats

6. Vacancies.

The SGA President shall be notified in writing of any vacancy that occurs in the positions listed in sections 4 and 5, above. If the SGA President resigns, they shall notify the Chairs of both Houses of the Legislative Branch. The number of seats available for election shall not change after the filing period begins.

a. Election to Fill Vacancy.

Should a Congressional Seat become vacant after filing has opened, so long as a vacancy in that district was already made public and was included on the filing form during filing for candidates to apply, that new vacant seat may be filled at the time of election using the point tabulation system. If the district was never included initially on the filing form, then that seat shall not be filled during the active general election.

b. Appointment to Fill Vacancy.

For each position listed in sections 4 and 5 above, other than SGA President, Vice President, and CAC Chair, the organization of which the appointment is needed to be made, that organization shall determine their own appointment qualifications. Those listed in the aforementioned sentence, shall be up for election in the next possible general election.

7. Uncontested Elections.

All positions for which one has filed for election, they must be placed on the ballot in the respective district, even if the position is uncontested. In an uncontested election the candidate must receive at least fifty percent (50%) of the lowest winning vote count of the most recent election in the district in which the candidate is uncontested in.

Section 7: AMENDATORY: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association's Code Annotated Title VI Chapter 2 shall be amended as follows. For the purposes of this bill, all items removed shall be denoted with a ~~strike through~~. All items added shall be denoted with an underline.

Chapter 2 – Election Rules

1. Electorate.

The electorate of the SGA Presidential and the CAC Chair races shall consist of all members of the SGA. Subject to any applicable provisions of the SGA Constitution, the Legislative Branch shall establish the electorate for all other races in General and/or Special Elections. In the absence of any guidance from the Legislative Branch, the Election Commission may adopt any rules established by the affected organization to determine the electorate for a specific race.

2. Election Dates.

The sections below shall be the dates of the general elections, unless the Legislative Branch changes the date by an Act of the Legislative Branch at least three (3) weeks before the week of the date proposed by the legislation. The Election Commissioner shall have the power to waive this three (3) week requirement if they deem that exceptional circumstances warrant a waiver. Any special election, referendum, or initiatives shall be passed by an Act of the Legislative Branch at least three (3) weeks before the week of the date proposed by the legislation. This requirement cannot be waived.

a. Fall General Election.

The Fall General Election shall be held the Tuesday and Wednesday of the eleventh (11th) academic week of the fall semester.

b. Spring General Election.

The Spring General Election shall be held the Tuesday and Wednesday of the ~~second (2nd) academic week following spring break~~ eleventh (11th) Academic Week.

3. Deadline Requirements.

Any deadline within this Title, exception those noted, may be implicitly suspended by the Election Commissioner with the advice and consent of the Election Commission.

4. Election Funding.

The SGA Budgetary Committee shall allocate sufficient funds in each Administrative Appropriations Act to conduct two General Elections, two (2) run-off elections and at least one (1) special election, including the compensation of all eligible Election Commission members for each election and sufficient publicity for filing and voting.

5. Polling.

If an SGA member cannot vote through the online voting software implemented by the Elections Commission, they shall request a ballot from the Election Commission in person in the SGA iOffice or over the OU maintained email service. Doing so, the SGA member shall provide their OU ID as sufficient identification. The ballot may be requested any time after the publishing of the Information on Candidates booklet and shall be sent when the online polls open. The alternative ballot must be accepted during the online polling days and normal business hours of the Student Life office. The Election Commission shall ensure that any person that used an alternative ballot cannot and did not vote more than once (1) in any election.

6. Voter's Rights.

The following rights should not be infringed.

- a. The right of the student vote by secret ballot shall not be infringed. The right of the student to arrive at a voting decision free from undue influence shall not be infringed.
- b. No person(s), group(s), or organization(s), regardless of their affiliation, shall require any student(s) to vote, or shall require any student(s) to vote either for or against any proposal, candidate, or candidates in any SGA sanctioned election.
- c. Any SGA member has the right to request, in writing, a ruling of the Election Commissioner at any time during the campaign period. The Election Commissioner shall make a written ruling on any such petition within twenty-four (24) hours of its submission.

7. Procedure for Run-off.

The Congressional, Presidential, SBA, and CAC race shall be popularly elected by a simple majority vote (fifty percent (50%) plus one (1) votes) of the ballots cast for that purpose. In any of the aforementioned races, should no candidate receive a simple majority vote (fifty percent (50%) plus one (1) votes), the top two candidates shall be placed on the ballot for a runoff election to occur on the Tuesday immediately following the original election date. The top vote-recipient of the runoff election shall be declared the winner.

Section 8: AMENDATORY: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association's Code Annotated Title VI Chapter 3 shall be amended as follows. For the purposes of this bill, all items removed shall be denoted with a ~~strike through~~. All items added shall be denoted with an underline.

Chapter 3 – Candidates

1. Filing.

Filing for general and special elections shall occur ~~online on the Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of fourth (4th) academic week before the week of the election, unless the Legislative Branch changes the dates or times by an Act of Legislation. In any case, the filing period shall run at least four (4) academic days.~~ run at least four (4) Class Days. For General elections, filing shall close at the end of the last Class Day of the sixth (6th) Academic Week. For special election, the end of the filing shall be determined by a majority vote of the Election Commission Staff no later than five (5) week prior to the election. No prospective candidate may file for more than one (1) elected position. Filing forms for SGA elective positions shall include the following acknowledgement statement & each candidate shall sign the statement before submitting their form:

“I do hereby affirm that I am required to abide by the SGA Constitution, SGA Code Annotated, and the SGA Campaign Activity Policy. I understand that I can be disqualified from the election if I disregard the election guidelines and rules. Furthermore, University, Local, State, and Federal rules and laws take precedent; and I may be subject to all of the aforementioned jurisdictions.”

2. Candidate Requirements.

No person may be listed on a ballot as a candidate for office unless they fulfill the requirements for candidacy listed in this section. Candidates for any SGA elected office must be in good academic standing with their respective college or department. Candidates shall complete an academic requirement form. The Election Commissioner and the SGA Staff Assistant shall verify the prospective candidate’s academic eligibility before being placed on the ballot. Each candidate or their designated agent shall attend a mandatory candidates meeting.

a. Candidates in SGA Presidential & CAC Races. Candidates in the SGA Presidential or CAC Chair election shall present to the Election Commission a petition with ~~the signatures of 20% of the total number of votes in the last corresponding election or~~ five hundred (500) signatures, whichever is less, by the time of the filing deadline. If the Election Commission determines that a petition does not have enough signatures as a result of a mistake in counting, candidates shall be allotted ~~twenty-four (24) additional hours~~ at least one full Class Day with signatures due at the end of that Class Day to collect the necessary remaining signatures to remain on the ballot. The Election Commission shall not make any adverse ruling on any petition.

3. Mandatory Candidates Meeting.

Each candidate or their designated agent shall attend a mandatory candidates’ meeting. At least two (2) mandatory candidates’ meetings shall be held ~~within the Monday to Thursday immediately following the end of the filing period.~~ during the seventh (7th) Academic Week.

Section 9: AMENDATORY: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association’s Code Annotated Title VI Chapter 4 shall be amended as follows. For the purposes of this bill, all items removed shall be denoted with a ~~strike through~~. All items added shall be denoted with an underline.

Chapter 4 – Campaigns

1. Campaign Material Registration.

The Office of Student Affairs shall be notified of all SGA campaigning before any campaigning takes place via the Election Commissioner's prescribed method. Failure to complete the campaign material registration form that is provided by the Elections Commissioner will disallow candidates from all but oral campaigning and the Information on Candidates Booklet. On or off campus, candidates may only use types of campaign materials listed on their campaign material registration form. Candidates who wish to have SGA print their campaign materials must submit a request for printing as part of their Campaign Material Registration. The Election Commissioner is responsible for ensuring that campaign material registration is open for candidates within two (2) class days of the end of the filing period. Candidates may register for materials prior to the official campaign period. If candidates have not received notification of denial of their campaign materials registration from by the Election Commissioner within one (1) class day, then candidates may proceed with campaigning described on the submitted form

2. Campaign Time Frame.

Prior to the official campaign period, prospective candidates may begin recruiting campaign staff and/or establishing but not publicizing a campaign internet site. Candidates shall begin campaigning on the first Class Day of the eighth (8th) Academic Week of the given semester. Campaigning shall end after the validation of the election. The Election Commissioner is responsible for ensuring that campaign material registration is open for candidates within two (2) business days of the end of the filing period. Candidates may register for materials prior to the official campaign period. If candidates have not received notification of denial of their campaign materials registration from by the Election Commissioner within one (1) business day, then candidates may proceed with campaigning described on the submitted form. Only after the publishing of the Information on Candidates Booklet, may candidates begin campaigning.

Section 10: AMENDATORY: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association's Code Annotated Title VI Chapter 5 shall be amended as follows. For the purposes of this bill, all items removed shall be denoted with a ~~strike through~~. All items added shall be denoted with an underline.

Chapter 5 – Oversight and Enforcement

1. Election Commissioner Responsibilities

- a. The Election Commissioner may make such rules and procedures as consistent with this Title. They may also take such action as they deem necessary to affect the provisions and intent of the Code Annotated and to ensure a fair election. Such rules and procedures shall be considered binding unless overturned on appeal.
- b. The Election Commissioner shall hold an Interest Meeting for all prospective candidates or members of SGA five (5) academic weeks before any election.
- c. The Election Commissioner and SGA Staff Assistant shall ensure that the academic districts and eligibility requirements of all candidates are verified at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the publication of the Information on Candidates Booklet.

- d. The Election Commissioner shall publicly post confirmed disclosed spending information for all SGA Presidential candidates and all CAC Chair candidates four (4) days prior to the election.
- e. The Election Commissioner shall make all correspondence, applications, records, reports, and forms regarding all elections available for public inspection in the SGA office except when state and/or federal law does not allow.
- f. The Election Commissioner shall hold office hours to assist candidates prior to and during the election process. From the filing period to the validation of the election of the semester, the Election Commissioner shall hold a minimum of eight (8) office hours a week in the SGA office. The office hours schedule shall be publicly posted by the Election Commissioner.
- g. The Election Commissioner may have additional responsibilities as provided for in Title VI.
- h. At the conclusion of each election, the Election Commissioner shall make a report to the Superior Court for their consideration in validating an election. This report must be submitted to the Superior Court within fortyeight (48) hours following the closing of the polls. The Election Commissioner shall also file a report of the results of the election to be kept in the SGA executive offices. This report shall also be submitted to the SGA President, the Undergraduate Student Congress, the Graduate Student Senate, and General Counsel and shall include:
 - i. The total number of votes cast for each candidate or ticket at each poll
 - ii. The total number of consenting and dissenting votes in any referendum.
 - iii. Any written rulings issued by the Election Commissioner,
 - iv. The minutes of the Election Commission,
 - v. Information about any election irregularities or problems, and 6. Other appropriate information.

2. Election Commission Staff Responsibilities

- a. The Election Commission shall assess spending values of donated materials following investigation of the validity of the value assigned by the candidate. The Election Commission may dispute any assigned spending value and assess new values that they find to be more accurate. Determination and confirmation of the accuracy of spending disclosure is the responsibility of the Election Commission, subject to appeal to the Superior Court.

3. Campaign Rules Infractions.

All complaints regarding violations of SGA campaign rules shall be submitted in writing to the Election Commission within five (5) days of the incident which generated the complaint or within ~~twenty-four (24) hours~~ forty-eight (48) hours of the close of the polls – whichever is sooner. The Election Commissioner shall notify all affected parties of any grievance and allow the accused twenty-four (24) hours to submit a written response or request an oral hearing. The Election Commission shall make a ruling within one (1) ~~business day~~ class day after the accused has either made a written statement, after the oral hearing, or if they failed to submit either within the twenty-four (24) hour period. The Election Commissioner may not impose any points without the aforementioned hearing process.

- a. The Election Commission, upon making a decision, shall compose a short-written opinion detailing the facts upon which its decision rests, what

punishments will be imposed, and what reasoning was used to determine said punishment. Dissenting members of the Commission shall issue their own, separate opinion. All opinions must be made publicly available within twenty-four (24) hours of the decision of the Commission.

- b. The Election Commission shall assign each campaign infraction upheld against a candidate a certain number of points. The range of each is specified within this Title. In considering the amount of points to assign for any given campaign infraction, the Election Board shall consider:
 - i. the severity of the rule violation,
 - ii. whether the candidate has prior violations of that particular rule,
 - iii. whether the candidate knowingly or negligently violated the campaign rule, and
 - iv. the effect which the campaign rule violation may have had on the campaign, on other candidates, and to the campus as a whole.
- c. The Election Commission may not assign points at any level other than whole numbers or half-integers.
- d. In addition, assigning a certain number of points to a campaign for rule infractions, the Election Commission shall determine a punishment appropriate to impose on the candidate. The Election Commission may not decide to forgo a sanction upon finding that a campaign had indeed violated a campaign rule. The Election Commission may impose only one (1) punishment per individual campaign infraction. The punishments the Election Commission may impose are as follows:
 - i. Once a campaign has been assigned at least three (3) points, the Election Commission may temporarily or permanently prohibit a candidate from chalking within their designate chalking zone.
 - ii. Once a campaign has been assigned at least five (5) points, the Election Commission may temporarily or permanently prohibit a candidate from posting staked signs on campus, or impose one of the punishments described above.
- e. The Election Commissioner's rulings shall be considering binding on elections until overturned by the Superior Court and these rulings shall not be subject to being overruled by an Opinion of the General Counsel. The Election Commissioner shall not make any unilateral rulings regarding alleged campaign infractions, as this power is reserved for the Election Commission. A request for a ruling from the Election Commissioner does not toll any applicable statute of limitations listed elsewhere in this title, nor does it create a new charge or cause of action for an incident for which the statute of limitations has already run.

4. Disqualification.

The Election Commission shall vote on disqualification and removal of any candidate or ballot initiative when the candidate or proposing entity:

- a. ~~requests removal from the ballot in accordance with the provisions of this title;~~
- b. ~~fails to turn in a properly completed filing application on time;~~
- c. fails to meet the eligibility requirements;
- d. campaign expenditures exceed ten percent (10%) of spending cap for the specified race;

- e. is assigned five (5) or more points by the Election Commission for violation of campaign rules, and every time thereafter a candidate receives a point over seven (7); or
- f. contemptuously fails to adhere to a sanction imposed on them by the Election Commission, pursuant to this chapter.

5. Disqualification Votes.

All disqualifications shall be voted on by the Election Commission and said rulings shall be publicly posted. The Election Commissioner shall notify all affected candidates or proposing entity by OU email. All disqualifications are subject to automatic appeal to the Superior Court. If an appeal is submitted within five (5) days of the Election Commission's ruling and at least twenty-four (24) hours before the election, candidates shall remain on the ballot until the Superior Court hears the appeal.

- a. Under no circumstances may margin of victory or the number of votes received by a particular candidate be used by the Election Commission in their consideration of whether or not to disqualify a candidate.

6. Unofficial Notification Process.

The Election Commissioner shall make an electronic form available for the duration of any election that any member of the SGA may use to submit election irregularities or other matters they would like the Election Commissions to be made aware of. The form shall allow respondents to remain anonymous if they so choose. Candidates shall be encouraged to use this in lieu of a rule violation complaint for complaints that lack sufficient evidence, and all form submissions shall be made public at the conclusion of the Election via the Election Report. Should an unofficial notification be filed that the Election Commissioner believes would more properly be considered an election complaint, it shall be dealt with as such. Following the validation of the election, the Congressional Administration Committee of the Undergraduate Student Congress shall hold a hearing to review all unofficial election notifications submitted during the election to determine if action should be taken to remedy any irregularities or other complaints detailed therein.

7. Unofficial Election Results.

The Election Commission shall meet within twenty-four (24) hours of the close of the polls to certify the election results. The unofficial election results shall be publicly posted, and the Election Commissioner shall distribute said results to all candidates, the Superior Court, the General Council, and the chairs of applicable branches by OU email.

8. Election Report.

The Election Commissioner shall also prepare an Election Report which shall be submitted to the SGA President, the Superior Court, the Undergraduate Student Congress, the Graduate Student Senate, the General Counsel, the OU Daily, and to all candidates in the election.

The Unofficial Election Report shall include:

- a. the total number of votes cast for each candidate, ticket, or ballot item;
- b. rulings of infractions; and
- c. information about any election problems or irregularities.
- d. At their discretion, the Election Commissioner may also include any other appropriate information pertaining to the Election.

e. The Election Commissioner must redact the personal information of the person that submitted any campaign infractions on the online portal. The report may only include their name.

9. Appeals.

All appeals of the rulings of the Election Commission must be submitted in writing to the Chief Justice of the Superior Court within five (5) ~~business days~~ class days of the incident or ruling which generated the appeal or within three (3) ~~business days~~ class days of the close of the polls – whichever is sooner.

The Superior Court shall provide copies of all appeals relating to the election to the General Counsel, the Election Commissioner, and all other affected parties. The General Counsel, the Election Commissioner, and all affected parties shall have at least forty-eight (48) hours to file a written response. The Superior Court may also schedule oral arguments at its discretion – provided that it affords the General Counsel, the Election Commissioner, and all affected parties the opportunity to address it. If any of these parties chooses not to complete the aforementioned process, then Superior Court proceedings shall not be delayed. The Election Commission shall not be able to hear appeals of its own decisions. The deadlines in this section are amendable at the request of any party with approval of the Superior Court.

10. Election Fraud.

All complaints regarding election fraud shall be submitted in writing to the Office of the General Counsel within three (3) ~~business days~~ class days of the close of the polls. The General Counsel shall review all complaints and determine whether there is sufficient cause to warrant formal charges. If the General Counsel decides to press formal charges, they shall notify the affected election official, collect all available evidence and testimony, and prosecute the offender in front of the Superior Court. The General Counsel shall make all decisions regarding whether they wish to press formal charges within five (5) ~~business days~~ class days of the incident which generated the charges or within three (3) ~~business days~~ class day of the close of the polls.

11. Superior Court Rulings.

All rulings shall be publicly posted, and the Superior Court shall distribute the ruling to all candidates by e-mail.

12. Election Validation.

The Superior Court shall meet ~~on the fourth (4th) business day after~~ within one (1) academic week of the submission of the Election Report to consider the validation of the election. If there is any case pending before the Superior Court relating to the election, the timeline shall be suspended until the Court rules on the pending matter. Upon issuance of a ruling the aforementioned timeline shall resume. During validation proceedings there shall be a presumption of administrative regularity unless clear and convincing evidence is presented to the contrary.

- a. The Superior Court shall not be permitted to raise any issues pertaining to the election sua sponte. It shall only invalidate the election in accordance with the standards set forth in this title based upon issues expressly and specifically raised in an official complaint or appeal considered and ruled upon prior to validation proceedings.
- b. If the Superior Court fails to rule whether the election is valid or not valid within seven (7) ~~business days~~ class days of the close of the polls, the election

shall be considered valid – subject only to the basis of claims arising explicitly from provisions of the SGA Constitution. In the event that questions may arise from any election which the Superior Court may need to decide before validating the results of the election, or in the case of a runoff election, the Superior Court may validate the results of all completed races independently of those races which it decides are not ready for validation.

Section 15: The SGA General Counsel is authorized to renumber any necessary divisions when engrossing this legislation into the SGA Code Annotated.

Section 16: This act shall become effective when passed in accordance with the SGA Constitution.

Author: Emerita Chairwoman Abby Halsey-Kraus, Congressional Administration Committee

Co-Author(s): Chairperson Crispin South, Undergraduate Student Congress
President Zack Lissau, Student Government Association

Co-Sponsor(s): Election Commissioner Isaac Kabrick
Chief Justice James Hutchinson, Superior Court
General Counsel Nick Hazelrigg
Chairwoman Claire Burch, Graduate Student Senate
Emerita Representative Eileah Hale, Social Sciences
Loc Vu, Member of the Student Government Association
Secretary Hadi Fawad, Undergraduate Student Congress
Representative Austin Cappleman, University College
Representative Taylor Broadbent, Humanities District
Representative Weslie Griffin, Interpersonal Studies
Representative Aiden Dodd, University College

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THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CVIII

April 26th, 2022

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
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CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-108-02
SENATE BILL GSXX-XX

AS INTRODUCED

An Act of Procedure appointing the CLA Co-Chairs;
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 “Crimson Leadership Association Co-Chair Appointment Act of 2022.”

Section 2: Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to appoint the 2022-2023 academic year Crimson Leadership Association Co-Chairs.

Section 3: In accordance with §Title III, Chapter 6, Section 28, Subsection B of the University Of Oklahoma Student Government Association Code Annotated, "The Co-Chair positions shall be appointed by a board comprised of the SGA President, SGA Vice President, and previous year's Co-Chairs, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Branch," the following students shall be appointed as Co-Chairs:

- Susannah Lee
- Manuvel Sibichan

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

Author(s): Co-Chair & Emerita Congressional Administration Chairwoman Abby Halsey-Kraus
Co-Chair Chris Firch

Co-Author(s): President Zack Lissau, Student Government Association
Vice President Denzel Akuffo, Student Government Association

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THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CVIII

April 26th, 2022

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-108-03

AS INTRODUCED

A Congressional Act of Procedure appointing committee chairs for Session 108; 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 “Session 108 Committee Chair Appointment Act.”

Section 2: Purpose: The purpose of this act is inherent in the Title.

Section 3: Appointment: The following persons shall be appointed to Committee and other positions as follows:

Campus Outreach, Safety, and Concerns

Chair: Hudson Haskins

Congressional Administration

Chair: Abby Halsey-Kraus

External Affairs

Chair: Weslie Griffin

Human Diversity

Chair: Carolyn Berggren

Sustainability

Chair: Rylee Houston

University Policy

Chair: Anne Catheryn Mullins

Ways and Means

Chair: Demetri Papahronis

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

Author(s): Lacey Lewis, Chair of the Undergraduate Student Congress
Bailey Trautman, Vice Chair of the Undergraduate Student Congress
Amelia Landry, Secretary of the Undergraduate Student Congress

Submitted on a Motion by:

Action taken by Congress

Verified by Chair: _____ Date: _____

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CVIII

April 26th, 2022

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-108-04

AS INTRODUCED

A Congressional Act of Procedure Appointing Associates
for the 108th Congressional Session; providing for short
title, providing for codification, and providing for 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 “Re-Appointment Act of 2022.”

Section 2: Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to appoint the following Associates to the One
Hundred and Eighth (108th) Congressional Session.

Section 3: The following SGA Members shall be appointed to Representative Seats in accordance with
the SGA Constitution:

Hudson Haskins
Rylee Houston

Section 4: The following SGA Members shall be appointed to Associateships in accordance with the
SGA Constitution:

Jillian Beck
Carolyn Berggren
Abdul Fawad
Azuncena Guerrero
Rafiya Hamid
Wacey Hopson
Sidney May
Jessica Miller
Zuyyin Izza Mohamed Shiraj
Emiliano Perez
Alexandra Powers
Katherine Shadman
Kennedy Smith
Kaylynn Warren
Jessica Zimmerman

Section 5: This act shall become effective when passed in accordance with the SGA Constitution.

Author: Emerita Chairwoman Abby Halsey-Kraus, Congressional Administration Committee
Chairwoman Lacey Lewis, Undergraduate Student Congress

Vice Chairwoman Bailey Trautman, Undergraduate Student Congress
Secretary Amelia Landry, Undergraduate Student Congress

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THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
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April 24th, 2022

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-108-05
SENATE BILL GS22-XX

AS INTRODUCED

An Act allocating office space in the Conoco Student Leadership Center for 2022-2023; providing short title; 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 “2022-2023 Conoco Student Leadership Center Space Allocations Act.”
- Section 2:** The purpose of this Act is inherent in its title.
- Section 3:** The Registered Student Organizations provided in Section 4 shall receive the designated allocations from May 2022 until May 2023.
- Section 4:** **Conoco Center Offices**
284 Class Council
286 American Indian Student Association
287 LGBTQ+ Programs
288 Green Week
289 Black Student Association
290 SGA General Counsel
291 The Oklahoma Group
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382 Union Programming Board
384 The Big Event
386 International Advisory Committee
387 Asian American Student Association
388 Muslim Student Association
389 Hispanic American Student Association
390 Alpha Phi Omega
391 Fraternity and Sorority Programs and Services
392 Grant Writers Association
393 Fraternity and Sorority Programs and Services

Section 5: This Act shall become effective when passed in accordance with the SGA Constitution.

Author(s): Zack Lissau, SGA President
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THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CVIII

April 26th, 2022

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-108-06

AS INTRODUCED

A Congressional Act of Procedure outlining decorum during questions and debate; 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 “Hush Act of 2022”
- Section 2:** Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to outline the proper decorum during questioning and debate.
- Section 3:** During time for questions members shall be allowed to move freely in, out, and around the chamber. Members may also conduct relevant conversation to congressional business in a respectful manner inside or outside of the chamber.
- Section 4:** Should a member of the body call a point of personal privilege in regards to noise or excessive movement in the chamber the chair shall remind the body to keep conversations to a dull roar.
- i. Should the body abuse the privileges the chair shall be in line to change proper decorum for the remainder of the time for questions to seated and silent.
 - ii. Decorum shall return to the previous state upon the next piece of legislation.
- Section 5:** During debate the proper decorum shall be seated and silent.
- i. Members may have the privilege to exit and return to the chamber between the recognition of members to speak.
- Section 6:** Should a member of the body conduct themselves excessively outside of decorum the body may by a 3/4 vote of all representatives present and voting expel the member from the chamber until time for voting.
- i. The motion to expel a member of the body shall be “On a motion to expel [member name] from the chamber until the time for voting on [legislation].”
- Section 7:** The Chair shall be required to announce inside of the chamber when time for questions and debate begin and end and a roll call vote. The Vice Chair shall be required to announce outside of the chamber when time for questions and debate begin and end and a roll call vote.
- Section 8:** This act shall become effective when passed in accordance with the SGA Constitution.
- Author(s): Representative Taylor Broadbent, Humanities District
- Co-Author(s): Chair Lacey Lewis

Co-Sponsor(s):

Submitted on a Motion by:

Action taken by Congress

Verified by Chair: _____ Date: _____

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CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-108-01
SENATE RESOLUTION NO. GS22-XX

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution celebrating and supporting the
OU Indigenous Community; and providing for
distribution.

- Whereas: As the flagship university of the State of Oklahoma, the University of Oklahoma has a unique duty and opportunity to serve and honor indigenous communities; and
- Whereas: Thousands of Indigenous students attend the University of Oklahoma; and
- Whereas: The University of Oklahoma has made progress in promoting the inclusion of Indigenous communities through actions like the establishment of an Associate Vice President of Tribal Relations, approving an expansion of the Native Nations Center, and the dedication of the Five Moons Student Lounge; and
- Whereas: More action can, and should, still be taken to build relationships with Tribal Nations, celebrate Indigenous OU Community members, and serve Indigenous Communities throughout Oklahoma;

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 “Supporting Indigenous Communities Resolution of 2022.”

Section 2: The Student Government Association celebrates the Indigenous community at the University of Oklahoma, appreciates existing action to support Indigenous people, and encourages the University of Oklahoma to further support Indigenous communities through actions such as:

1. Expanding the current selection of Indigenous language classes
2. Providing tuition assistance to Indigenous students, particularly students studying indigenous languages
3. Increasing education on Indigenous cultures to the student body at large, with the purpose of breaking stereotypes and misunderstandings of Indigenous people
4. Building on existing collaborative partnerships with Tribal Nations to accomplish mutually beneficial goals

5. Actively and continuously communicating and collaborating with Indigenous communities at OU to ensure community concerns and ideas are heard

Section 3: The Student Government Association congratulates Tana Fitzpatrick on her appointment as the Associate Vice President of Tribal Relations and welcomes collaboration between SGA and her office.

Section 4: Copies of this resolution will be sent to:

- President Joseph Harroz, Jr
- Provost Andre Denis-Wright
- Tana Fitzpatrick, Associate Vice President of Tribal Relations
- Belinda Higgs Hyppolite, Vice President of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
- OU Daily
- OU Nightly

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

Co-Author(s):

Co-Sponsor(s): Lacey Lewis, External Affairs Committee Chair Emerita

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THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CVIII

April 26th, 2022

CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-108-02

AS INTRODUCED

A Congressional Resolution raising awareness for food insecurity; and providing for distribution.

- Whereas: Food insecurity is the state of being without reliable access to a sufficient quantity of affordable and nutritious food; and
- Whereas: Food insecurity remains a significant issue within the OU Community; and
- Whereas: Organizations like the OU Food Pantry contribute to the wellbeing of all OU Community members by providing free assistance to students, faculty, and staff in need; and
- Whereas: Food insecurity is often stigmatized, with this stigma preventing people from accessing available assistance; and
- Whereas: Recognizing a specific day as a day to raise awareness about food insecurity can reduce the stigma surrounding it, thereby helping community members access available assistance; therefore

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

- Section 1:** Title: This resolution shall be known and may be cited as the “Food Insecurity Awareness Resolution of 2022.”
- Section 2:** The Undergraduate Student Congress is committed to reducing food insecurity in the OU Community, and encourages the OU Community to recognize Wednesday, April 27th, 2022, as food insecurity awareness day at the University of Oklahoma through donations to the OU Food Pantry and conversations to end the stigma surrounding food insecurity.
- Section 3:** Donations can be made available to the OU Food Pantry through physical donations dropped off at 1113 Elm Street Norman, OK 73069 or through online monetary donations on the OU Food Pantry’s website and amazon wish list both found at <https://www.ou.edu/foodpantry>.
- Section 4:** Copies of this resolution will be sent to:
- Matt Marks, Campus Care Coordinator
 - Frank Henry, Director of OU Food Services
 - The OU Community at large, through publication on the SGA Website
 - OU Daily
 - OU Nightly

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

Co-Author(s):

Co-Sponsor(s): Lacey Lewis, External Affairs Committee Chair Emerita
Amelia Landry, Secretary

Submitted on a motion by:

Action taken by Congress:

Verified by Chair of Congress: _____ Date: _____

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
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April 26th, 2022

CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-108-03

AS INTRODUCED

A Congressional Resolution to establish the SGA Civic Engagement Forum; and providing for distribution.

Whereas: Only half of Americans who are between the ages of 18 and 29 voted in the 2020 presidential election; and¹

Whereas: The voter turnout rate for Oklahomans between the ages of 18 and 29 is approximately 34%; and ²

Whereas: Studies show a strong relationship between civic engagement education and voter participation among young voters;³

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 “SGA Civic Engagement Forum Resolution of 2022.”

Section 2: The External Affairs Committee will organize and host a Civic Engagement Forum for students at the University of Oklahoma on April, 28th, 2022.

Section 3: The Civic Engagement Forum is an event hosted by the External Affairs Committee in the SGA Undergraduate Student Congress. This event creates a space where local, tribal, and state leaders can connect with students at the University of Oklahoma to answer questions regarding the importance of civic engagement.

Section 4: Copies of this resolution will be sent to:

- All members of the Oklahoma House of Representatives and Oklahoma Senate
- SGA President Zack Lissau
- SGA Vice-President Denzel Akuffo
- OU Daily
- OU Nightly

¹ <https://circle.tufts.edu/latest-research/half-youth-voted-2020-11-point-increase-2016>

² Ibid.

³ <https://ftp.iza.org/dp13954.pdf>

- Those who will be in attendance

Author(s): Lacey Lewis, Chairwoman Emeritus of the External Affairs Committee
Representative Tamera Nealy, Social Science District

Co-Author(s): Representative Michael Stoyak, University College District
Representative Jordan Brown, University College District

Submitted on a motion by:

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CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-108-05

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. GS22-XX

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution commending Oklahoma Senators Kim David and Jessica Garvin; and providing for distribution.

Whereas: SB 1225, which seeks to prevent minors from accessing contraceptives without parental approval, was recently seen in the Oklahoma State Senate; and

Whereas: Two female Republican senators, Kim David and Jessica Garvin, spoke in opposition to this bill on the Senate Floor, going against the lines of their party; and

Whereas: SGA recognizes the importance of bipartisanship, the rarity of such cross-party action, and the threat it can pose to a legislator's prospects of reelection; and

Whereas: SGA further recognizes the additional pressure and challenges that women in politics may face;

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 "Thank You Senators David and Garvin Resolution of 2022."

Section 2: SGA commends Senators Kim David and Jessica Garvin for their bravery in standing up for what they believe in and speaking out against party lines. We congratulate them for their commitment to the interests of Oklahoma citizens and service to constituents that we wish to emulate in our body.

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

- Oklahoma Senator Kim David
- Oklahoma Senator Jessica Garvin
- Oklahoma Senator Jo Anna Dossett
- SGA President Zack Lissau

- OU Daily
- OU Nightly
- University of Oklahoma President Joseph Harroz Jr.
- SB 1225, Oklahoma Senator David Bullard
- SB 1225, Oklahoma Senator Shane Jett

Author(s): Beth Felkner, Associate

Co-Author(s): Emelie Schultz, Director of Inclusivity
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Co-Sponsor(s): Crispin South, Chair of Congress

Submitted on a motion by:

Action taken by Congress:

Verified by Chair of Congress: _____ Date: _____

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Approved by SGA President: _____ Date: _____

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April 26th, 2022

CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-108-06

AS INTRODUCED

A Congressional Resolution congratulating Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson on her appointment as a Supreme Court Justice and providing for distribution.

Whereas: On April 7, 2022, the United States Senate voted 53-47 to confirm Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson to the Supreme Court of the United States; and

Whereas: Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson will be replacing Justice Stephen Breyer, who announced his retirement after 19 years of service as a Supreme Court Justice; and

Whereas: The Supreme Court has a history of ruling in civil rights cases that have, in many cases, had an adverse effect on the Black community within the United States; and

Whereas: Prior to this appointment, there have only been 2 Black Supreme Court Justices (Justice Thurgood Marshall and Justice Clarence Thomas); and

Whereas: This appointment is truly historic as Ketanji Brown Jackson will become the first Black woman to serve as a Supreme Court Justice; and

Whereas: Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson will also become the first Supreme Court Justice with experience as a public defender; and

Whereas: Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson has extensive experience in the federal legal system, including serving 1 year as a Federal Court of Appeals judge for the District of Columbia, 8 years as a Federal District Court Judge for the District of Columbia, 4 years as Vice Chair of the United States Sentencing Committee, 2 years as a federal public defender, and 1 year as a clerk to Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer; and

Whereas: In addition to her experience in the federal court system, Ketanji Brown Jackson graduated *magna cum laude* from Harvard University and graduated *cum laude* from Harvard Law School; and

Whereas: Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson's judicial experience is greater than that of several current Supreme Court justices, and has earned her the classification of "Well Qualified" by a unanimous vote of the American Bar Association;

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

- Section 1:** This resolution shall be known and may be cited as the “Congratulations Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson Resolution”
- Section 2:** The University of Oklahoma Undergraduate Student Congress congratulates Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson on her historic appointment to the Supreme Court and thanks her for her continued service to the United States.
- Section 3:** The Undergraduate Student Congress commends President Biden for nominating such a qualified candidate for the Supreme Court, and for his continued commitment to creating accurate representation within the federal government.
- Section 4:** The Undergraduate Student Congress thanks Justice Stephen Breyer for his service to the United States and wishes him well through his retirement.
- Section 5:** The Undergraduate Student Congress recognizes the cultural and historical significance of this appointment and emphasizes the importance of representing minority voices in positions of power.
- Section 6:** The Undergraduate Student Congress commits to uplifting the voices of minority groups on campus (especially those of Black women) throughout all of our duties, including but not limited to: our appointments of leaders in the Student Government Association, our funding of Registered Student Organizations, and our interactions with local, state, and federal government officials.
- Section 7:** The Undergraduate Student Congress recognizes the significant relationship that the Supreme Court has with civil rights in the United States. It implores all the justices of the court to consider how their decisions affect *all* citizens, and how Justice Jackson’s voice can offer unique insight to the court.
- Section 8:** Copies of this resolution will be sent to:
- Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson
 - Justice Stephen Breyer
 - President of the United States Joseph R. Biden Jr.
 - Vice-President of the United State Kamala D. Harris
 - Senators of the United States
 - SGA President, Zack Lissau
 - SGA Vice President, Denzel Akuffo
 - The OU Daily

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Co-Author(s): Lacey Lewis, External Affairs Chair
Beth Felkner, Associate

Co-Sponsor(s):

Submitted on a motion by:

Action taken by Congress:

Verified by Chair of Congress: _____ Date: _____

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April 26th, 2022

CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-108-08

AS INTRODUCED

A Congressional Resolution Thanking George Ahmadi,
Mary Hacker, Chair Emeritus South, Vice-Chair Emeritus
May, Secretary Emeritus Fawad, and Congress Seniors;
and providing for distribution.

Whereas: George Ahmadi has been an excellent advisor to the Undergraduate Student Congress, continues to be an amazing inspiration to us all, and is passionate about students; and

Whereas: Mary Hacker has helped tremendously through her diligent work, continues to be a light in the CONOCO, and has dedicated time and effort to improve the Undergraduate Student Congress; and

Whereas: Chair Emeritus South has proved to be an extraordinary leader and friend to all in the body, and we are all grateful for the hard work, and determination you have shown in your position as Chair of Congress; and

Whereas: Vice-Chair Emeritus May has encouraged and uplifted members of the body through her strong leadership and collaborative efforts, and the superb events she has planned during her time in this position; and

Whereas: Secretary Emeritus Fawad has shown excellent communicative and leadership skills through his role and has been a crucial part of the day-to-day effectiveness of the Undergraduate Student Congress; and

Whereas: The seniors of the Undergraduate Student Congress have devoted countless time and energy to the betterment of Student Congress and have shown their strong dedication in the work they have done for students at the University of Oklahoma;

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

Section 1: Title: This resolution shall be known and may be cited as the “Thank you Student Congress Advisors and Leaders Resolution of 2022.”

Section 2: Student Congress offers our sincerest gratitude to the individuals above and commends the excellent work each person has poured in to improve the Undergraduate Student Congress experience and the constituents each member represents.

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

- George Ahmadi
- Mary Hacker
- Crispin South

- Sidney May
- Hadi Fawad
- Eileah Hale
- Jake Lange
- Caitlyn Harman
- Lauren Patton

Author(s): Lacey Lewis, Chair of Congress

Co-Author(s): Bailey Trautman, Vice-Chair of Congress
Amelia Landry, Secretary of Congress

Co-Sponsor(s):

Submitted on a motion by:

Action taken by Congress:

Verified by Chair of Congress: _____ Date: _____

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CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-108-09

AS INTRODUCED

A Congressional Resolution thanking Mayor Breea Clark for her service to the city of Norman and the University of Oklahoma Student Government Association; and providing for distribution.

Whereas: Mayor Clark has served Student Congress numerous times during her tenure as mayor; including serving as a panelist on Student Congress panels, volunteering at Student Congress events, and fostering working relationships between the City of Norman and the University of Oklahoma Student Government Association; and

Whereas: Mayor Clark has served our student body by mentoring students on and off campus through her leadership in the JCP Leadership Program and accepting student interns at the City of Norman; and

Whereas: Mayor Clark has demonstrated her dedication to fostering a diverse and inclusive city that is able to provide services to students of many backgrounds, while creating an environment in our city that welcomes its student temporary residents; and therefore

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

Section 1: Title: This resolution shall be known and may be cited as the “Thank You Mayor Clark Resolution”

Section 2: The Undergraduate Student Congress thanks Mayor Clark for her service to our city and our university community during her tenure as Mayor. We thank her for her continued efforts to make this city a better place for students and hope that her dedication to students and her partnership with the University of Oklahoma Student Government Association continues.

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

- Mayor Breea Clark

Author(s): Representative Taylor Broadbent, Humanities District

Co-Author(s): Chair Lacey Lewis

Co-Sponsor(s): Emerita Chairwoman Abby Halsey-Kraus

Submitted on a motion by:

Action taken by Congress:

Verified by Chair of Congress: _____ Date: _____

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April 26th, 2022

CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-108-10

AS INTRODUCED

A Congressional Resolution a resolution denouncing the acts of John Bennett and excluding him from all future Undergraduate Student Congress Events; and providing for distribution.

Whereas: John Bennet has perpetuated Islamophobia; and ^{4 5 6 7}

Whereas: John Bennet has encouraged acts of political violence; and ^{8 9}

Whereas: John Bennet has perpetuated Anti-Semitism; and ^{10 11}

Whereas: John Bennet has perpetuated Anti-Indigenous Rhetoric; and ¹²

Whereas: The Undergraduate Student Congress acknowledges that while John Bennett is the Chairman of the Oklahoma Republican Party his views do not reflect the beliefs of the majority of Oklahoma Republicans. Furthermore, we acknowledge that many elected Republican Officials, including Senator Lankford, Former Governor Fallin and the President of Oklahoma College Republicans, have rebuked his statements. ¹³

Whereas: John Bennet is a candidate for Oklahoma's Second Congressional District which is home to numerous tribal nations including the Cherokee Nation, the Muscogee Nation, and the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma.

⁴ "Muslim students tried to meet with a lawmaker. They were first asked: 'Do you beat your wife?'"

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/morning-mix/wp/2017/03/05/muslim-students-tried-to-meet-with-a-lawmaker-they-were-first-asked-do-you-beat-your-wife/>

⁵ "State rep says local Muslim organizations are "here to destroy us"" https://www.normantranscript.com/news/state-rep-says-local-muslim-organizations-are-here-to-destroy/article_24b0e86e-9b8c-11e6-a408-8388d1b46782.html

⁶ "Oklahoma Muslims fret about anti-Islamic rhetoric" <https://apnews.com/article/oklahoma-terrorism-archive-laws-8fbc684cc2184939adfab79fdc2474b5>

⁷ "Rep. John Bennett stands behind 'threat of Islam' statements at Sallisaw Republican meeting" https://tulsaworld.com/news/religion/rep-john-bennett-stands-behind-threat-of-islam-statements-at/article_de0490b1-7f93-5afe-81df-4b3d52ccb20d.html

⁸ Oklahoma lawmaker writes 'firing squad' on Clinton post <https://apnews.com/article/0ca848356b514c37bc34847b323733bc>

⁹ Apology demanded after lawmaker calls state agencies 'terrorists' <https://opca.org/apology-demanded-after-lawmaker-calls-state-agencies-terrorists/>

¹⁰ Oklahoma GOP leader compares vaccine mandates to the Holocaust: 'Take away the star and add a vaccine passport' <https://www.washingtonpost.com/nation/2021/08/02/oklahoma-gop-john-barrett-vaccine-holocaust/>

¹¹ Video of John Bennet defending Anti-Semitic Statements published by the Oklahoma Republican Party <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=1251673995290124>

¹² Supreme Court ruling expanding Indian lands looms over Oklahoma House GOP fight <https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/news/supreme-court-ruling-expanding-indian-lands-looms-over-oklahoma-house-gop-fight>

¹³ President of Oklahoma College Republicans statement on John Bennett comparison of vaccine mandates to the Holocaust <https://www.instagram.com/p/CSAFi9clfdY/>

Whereas: The Cherokee Nation, the Muscogee Nation, the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, the Chickasaw, and Seminole Nation of Oklahoma published a statement on John Bennett’s calls to disestablish their reservations; and ¹⁴

Whereas: The Undergraduate Student Congress believes that Oklahomans deserve respect from their elected officials regardless of their identity and that John Bennet has not respected and in fact perpetuated hate against numerous peoples of the state of Oklahoma; therefore

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

Section 1: Title: This resolution shall be known and may be cited as the “Oklahomans Deserve Respect from Elected Officials Resolution of 2022”

Section 2: John Bennet shall be excluded from all Undergraduate Student Congress sponsored events including civic engagement events, candidate forums, speaker series, or any other Undergraduate Student Congress sanctioned or sponsored event.

Section 3: The Undergraduate Student Congress highly encourages all student organizations to also exclude John Bennet from any sanctioned or sponsored events on the campus of the University of Oklahoma.

Section 4: The Undergraduate Student Congress acknowledges and promotes the humanity and dignity of all those targeted by John Bennett's bigotry, and furthermore supports the sovereignty of Tribal Nations.

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

- John Bennett
- All Registered Student Organizations
- SGA President Zach Lissau
- Exterior Director Jayke Flaggert

Author(s): Representative Taylor Broadbent, Humanities District

Co-Author(s): Chair Lacey Lewis, Weslie Griffin, Chair of External Affairs
Aiden Dodd, University College Representative

Co-Sponsor(s): Chair Emeritus Crispin South, Vice Chair Bailey Trautman, Secretary Amelia Landry,
Emerita Chairwoman Abby Halsey-Kraus

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¹⁴ Five Tribes Statement on John Bennett <https://www.choctawnation.com/news-events/press-media/five-tribes-statement-john-bennett>

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April 26th, 2021

CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-108-11

AS INTRODUCED

A Congressional Resolution Congratulating the City
of Norman's Elected Officials on Their Election
Victories; and Providing for Distribution.

Whereas: The Undergraduate Student Congress aims to collaborate with these elected officials in its ongoing effort to serve all students at The University of Oklahoma.

Whereas: The Undergraduate Student Congress encourages these elected officials to view The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association as a direct representation of the needs and concerns of the university's student body.

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

Section 1: Title: This resolution shall be known and may be cited and referenced as the "2022 City of Norman Election Congratulations Resolution."

Section 2: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association congratulates the following Norman City Council officials on their victories in the 2022 City of Norman elections:

- Ward 2 Councilmember Lauren Schueler
- Ward 4 Councilmember-Elect Helen Grant
- Ward 6 Councilmember-Elect Elizabeth Foreman
- Ward 8 Councilmember Matt Peacock
- Mayor-Elect Larry Heikilla

Section 4: Copies of this resolution will be sent to:

- Ward 2 Councilmember Lauren Schueler
- Ward 4 Councilmember-Elect Helen Grant
- Ward 6 Councilmember-Elect Elizabeth Foreman
- Ward 8 Councilmember Matt Peacock
- Mayor-Elect Larry Heikilla

Author(s): Representative Taylor Broadbent, Humanities District

Co-Author(s): Chair Lacey Lewis

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_____ Date: _____