

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS

Session CVIII

General Body Meeting

7:00 pm, Tuesday, October 11th, 2022

Gaylord 2020

Call to Order - 7:06 pm

Opening Roll Call

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

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

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes

Representative Barnett seconded by Representative Chiariello

Officer Reports -

- **Chair's Report:** Hi, all! Hope you had a great weekend! Our polling site project hit a roadblock. Everyone is on board, but we started the project a little late and we don't have 30 days before the election. But we will have a spring polling site. President Lissau and I are working on voting exceptions, and I am talking with the Faculty Staff Senate on Thursday. Fun update, I will be putting a poll in the GroupMe for our pumpkin carving date.
- **Vice Chair's Report:** Hi, I am glad everyone is here. I sent everyone an email last week about the Constituent Service Point with October service opportunities. Please look it over for opportunities. The PR team has a TikTok account now, and we are working on getting on PR team members connected with committee chairs. I am also writing legislation to change the Bylaws. For outreach as a body, let's get our friends and others engaged with voting and the body. Merch is coming. We are working on designs for crewnecks and t-shirts for the cheapest option. If you have questions or want to submit a design, send me an email. Let us also remember to stay silent during roll call and be respectful to guests.
- **Secretary's Report:** Hi y'all. I'm so sorry I could not be there tonight and a huge thank you to Abby for taking this on for me. As usual, if you have any concerns about attendance or membership, just let me know at congresssec@ou.edu.

Committee Reports-

- **Campus Outreach, Safety, and Concerns:** Hi, all. COSCO did not meet this past weekend. We are still deciding on a date to host our next light walk in October.
- **Congressional Administration:** Hi, all! ConAd met officially this weekend to see CB-108-13, which we gave a recommendation of due pass. Code Club will occur in special orders.

- **External Affairs:** Hey Y'all EA did not meet officially this weekend, but we did send out an email setting up our subcommittees and liaisons. We will meet officially this weekend and hope to pick back up with some projects to help voters make voting plans, so stay in tuned for some possible constituent service point opportunities relating to that.
- **Human Diversity:** Hi everybody. HD did not meet this past week. We are in the process of scheduling a meeting with the GEC to start our HD writing series. We are also in the process of starting a donating drive of some kind.
- **Sustainability:** Hi everyone, Susty did not meet at all this weekend because most of us were in Dallas or enjoying the break. We're still just waiting on updates from Robert Weaver regarding OZZI and we're still working on signage for TerraCycle. Our trash walk this month is likely going to be set for October 30.
- **University Policy:** Hey guys! UPOL didn't meet this Sunday but we are still going forward with all our projects. I'm meeting with representative dodd to start our research portfolio on student wages. As for parking, it is really at a stalemate right now and if you have any more specific questions, please reach out.
- **Ways and Means:** WAM did not meet this past week. We will be meeting again on Thursday to see Aux 4.

Liaison Reports

- **Halsey-Kraus:** Secretary Landry has told me to relay this to you. "IACH has an event for OU's Free Speech Week on Monday, October 17th at 3pm in Meacham Auditorium. OU will have Donald Downs and Allison Stanger speak about free speech on our campus. Downs has written several books on freedom of speech, including a book on the case involving Nazi's at Skokie as well as several books about free speech and higher ed. Stanger is an expert on US Foreign Policy but became interested in free speech questions on campus after a student riot at Middlebury. For more information, please visit ou.edu/freespeechweek."
- **Houston:** SEC met yesterday. The soil and water conversation society is going to host a TedTalk in Starky. So they said to keep an eye on their Instagram if you are interesting in going to that. Greenweek is having a mixer with the OU food pantry this week. The SES is still looking for member for their collegiate wind competition. They are also going to be having an alumni work force panel on November 10th at their next meeting.

Special Orders

- I-CCEW Presentation
- Code Club

Student Concern Link

Items to Be Considered

- CB-108-13 "2022-2023 SGA Election Commission Staff Appointment Act" (Thompson) (Con-Ad, Rec of Do Pass)

Motion to see CB-108-13

Representative Kathuria seconded by Representative Reynolds

Author's Explanation (Thompson): Two of the nominees could not be here tonight. I am going to introduce them first using the statements they provided. Travis Handler says "My name is Travis Handler, and I am a 1L from Albuquerque, New Mexico. I am interested in working on the Election Commission because I would love the opportunity to collaborate with my fellow students in order to help uphold the integrity of OU. One of my favorite aspects of law school thus far has been hearing varying perspectives and interpretations and using them to sharpen my own reasoning. I also really enjoy reading laws and rules and applying them to specific fact patterns. With my background in legal research and

involvement in the disciplinary process at my previous university, I feel as though I'd be a good fit for the Commission." Laura says, "My name is Laura Hoehner, and I am a first-year law student. Having served in a campaign during undergrad, I value the rules and regulations of SGA. The importance of a well-run government system is something I hold to a very high standard and hope to be a part of that impact at OU. Being surrounded by such an intelligent group makes me very eager to serve on an election commission with a wide variety of backgrounds, views, and ideas." Next, I will introduce Alexia Charlton. Alexia Charlton is a sophomore, Finance major. She has displayed sufficient experience in SGA, as she served on the Election Commission last school year. She will be a valuable asset to the Election Commission because she saw the changes that were made to the SGACA firsthand. She can bring a beneficial insight to the Commission due to her experience and her desire to serve on the Commission and be a part of SGA for another year. Next I would like to move on to Randi Wright. Randi is a freshman International Security Studies major and she is also minoring in Spanish. She is very interested in the election commission because she genuinely wants to contribute to the student body and the university's civic environment. She found herself drawn to the commission due to the superior court decisions during the 2021 SGA election. She displays the willingness to be involved with SGA at OU due to her desire and interest in the process that past elections have entailed. Finally, Bia is a First-year law student, and she went to OU for undergrad. She is very familiar with SGA because she was involved in the Campus Activities Council. She also went through an SGA election during her time as an undergrad at OU. Being a first-year law student, Bia can bring some of the skills she is learning to provide the attention and awareness needed for the Election Commission, as well as providing an impartial judgement and a willingness to adhere to the SGACA.

0:06 yielded to questions

- **Kathuria:** Nominees, are you aware of the spending limits for those running for office.
 - **Charlton:** I believe it is \$50. I can reference the Code Annotated to look that up at a later time.
- **Kathuria:** How do you plan on referencing the spending limits from the Code Annotated?
 - **Charlton:** When reviewing financial reports, I plan on looking at the Code Annotated and its pretty clear what the guidelines are. I plan on working with the Commission Staff to make sure every candidate is following the rules.
- **Kathuria:** How do you plan on making rulings on potential campaign violation?
 - **Shah:** We want to uphold integrity. I can speak for the law students on the panel that we have to uphold a sense of professionalism and ethics. We plan to do that with our experience that we have. We want to collaborate through any potential discrepancies. We want to make sure elections remain fair.
- **Barnett:** What do you all hope to get out of this experience? And what have you already gained?
 - **Wright:** I think something I have already gained is understanding the deeper context of how different elections happen in the community. Furthermore, how different people are able to interact. Not just on a Code level, such as finances, but how we are able to work as a body. Getting to know people on this body has been beneficial to me to bring different perspectives into it.

- **Kathuria:** Randi, do you have any experience with student government in high school?
 - **Wright:** I was directing all student club in high school. We didn't have a way for student leaders to talk with faculty in a way that was productive, so I feel like my experience was being able to build that relationship and build a beneficial relationship with student government to the body is beneficial to this commission.
- **Kathuria:** Randi, you motioned yourself studying about the 2021 election, what did you get out of it and how can we make this election cycle better?
 - **Wright:** Looking at the last election, there were definitions the Superior Court felt like it had to investigate on its own. On the side of the commission, it's important to look at those particularities as it pertained to such as the budget last year and how for instance an independent contractor, there was one about a photographer about a professional service and those limits are beneficial for us.
- **Reynolds:** Have you ever thought about raising the spending limit? \$50 is a little too low.

Motion to extend time for questions by 15 minutes

Representative Kathuria Seconded by Representative Chiariello

- **Charlton:** Working on the election commission last year, a lot of the times when reviewing the financial reports, not a lot of people used their \$50 allowed to spend so I don't really think it is necessary.
- **Kathuria:** Nominees, you mentioned the 2021 election and using an independent contractor, would you consider that to be a part of the campaign spending budget?
 - **Wright:** I think we would come to a decision using the prongs tests established by the Superior Court.
 - **Kathuria:** How would this Commission interpret it between a professional service or the service of a friend?
 - **Shah:** I think we would rule on a case-by-case basis. It is difficult to make a distinguish that what without a fact pattern.

24-0-0 unanimous pass

Follow-Up Reports

Items for Future Agenda

- **Kathuria:** The "Save Bedlam Act" is going to be seen in the University Policy Committee meeting this Sunday.

Announcements and Comments

- **Haskins:** We now have dates for ghost tours. I will put more information in the GroupMe. It's free and a chance to get outside. It's a tour around campus dedicated to spooky stories. They are real stories from around campus. Kaly is writing a story about it!
- **Griffin:** Oct 14th is the final day to get registered to vote in Oklahoma!
- **Kaly Phan:** Anusha wrote a story featuring Chairs Lewis and Griffin! Go check it out!
- **Lewis:** OK Votes is having a membership meeting at 6:30 on Oct 17th and talking about absentee ballots. Also, exec is also here for you!
- **Halsey-Kraus:** I can't wait for Secretary Landry to come back!

Final Roll Call

Motion to adjourn

Representative Dodd seconded by Representative Brown

Adjourn – 7:56 pm

Chair: Lacey Lewis

Vice-Chair: Bailey Trautman

Secretary: Amelia Landry

	#####		Date of Session:	11-Oct-22
	Initial	Final	Last Name:	First Name:
				CB-108-13
Baca	ex	ex	Baca	Danielle
Barnett	x	x	Barnett	Ryan
Binger	x	x	Binger	Christian
Brown	x	x	Brown	Jordan
Cantu	x	x	Cantu	Cole
Cappleman	x	x	Cappleman	Austin
Chaman	x	x	Chaman	Arin
Chenevy	a	a	Chenevy	Brandon
Chiariello	x	x	Chiariello	Clayton
Dao	a	a	Dao	Audrey
Dodd	x	x	Dodd	Aiden
Ghazal	x	x	Ghazal	Razann
Glasscock	x	x	Glasscock	Caden
Griffin	x	x	Griffin	Weslie
Haskins	x	x	Haskins	Hudson
Hedrick	x	x	Hedrick	Ethan
Houston	x	x	Houston	Rylee
Kathuria	x	x	Kathuria	Shrey
Ketaneh	x	x	Ketaneh	Yara
McCall	x	x	McCall	Will
Nguyen	x	x	Nguyen	Nhi
Papahronis	x	x	Papahronis	Demitri
Payson	ex	ex	Payson	Olivia
Reese	x	x	Reese	Nathaniel
Reynolds	x	x	Reynolds	Michael
Stoyak	x	x	Stoyak	Michael
Tesfaselass	a	a	Tesfaselassie	Robel
White	ex	x	White	Ben
Zaqout	x	x	Zaqout	Mahmoud
PRESENT	23	24		
ABSENT	3	3	Yes	24
EXCUSED	3	2	No	0
			Abstain	0

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SENATE BILL GSXX-XX/GFXX-XX

AS INTRODUCED

An Act appointing the Fall 2022-Spring 2023 Election Commission Staff; 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 “2022-2023 SGA Election Commission Staff Appointment Act.”
- Section 2:** Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to appoint the members of the 2022-2023 Election Commission Staff.
- Section 3:** In accordance with Title IV, Chapter 6, Section 2(a)(ii), The Election Commissioner shall appoint the Election Commission Staff with the advice and consent of the Legislative Branch. The following SGA Members shall be appointed as Election Commission Staff for the term ending at the end of the Spring 2022 Semester:
- Travis Handler
 - Alexia Charlton
 - Randi Wright
 - Nabihah Shah
 - Laura Hoehner
- Section 4:** This act shall become effective when passed in accordance with the SGA Constitution.

Author(s): Layni Thompson, SGA Election Commissioner

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

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

Verified by Chair of Congress: _____ Date: _____

Submitted on a Motion by:

Action taken by Senate

Verified by Chair of Senate: _____ Date: _____

Approved by SGA President: _____ Date: _____