

## THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



### UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS

Session CVIII

General Body Meeting

7:00 pm, Tuesday, November 29th, 2022

Gaylord 2020

**Call to Order - 7:02 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 Rhoads seconded by Representative Strickland*

**Officer Reports -**

- **Chair's Report:** Hi! I wanted to emphasize the importance of the student experience survey, That is how your teachers will know what they need to differently. December 5<sup>th</sup> is the new presidential inauguration at 10am in the Beaird lounge. Continue sending me your headshots. If you haven't filled out the committee preference form or joined the GroupMe please do so. We will place committees on Sunday. We will be in committee of the whole tonight, so we will make a recommendation first then we will see the bills again. I have reached out the Faculty Senate regarding the Food Pantry syllabus information and they have yet to respond but we are hoping to write a joint resolution. They have been offered a provost meeting, so we are waiting to hear back about that. The election commission is going to come see the union and check that. Good luck with finals! Get your flu shot!
- **Vice Chair's Report:** Hello everyone! I hope you are all doing well, and a big welcome to all the new members I am so sorry I wasn't able to be here when you were sworn in, I was sick. Also, Happy Last Week of classes! I hope this is your actual last week and your professors actually stick to dead week rules. Quick update, tomorrow my office hours will be moved from 12-4 to 10-2, however if you need me any time during 2-4, just reach out and we can make that work as well. For all the new members, I have made your nametags as well as next semester we will begin a initiative that if anyone would like their pronouns added to their nametag, I will be working on those, more to come next semester. Next, I have a QR code I need all the new members to please scan and fill out that will let me know if you would rather attend your mini orientation before or after break! We have spoken and decided as exec that due to the limited number of days in December, with two of the weeks being dead

week and finals week, we will not be counting a December CSP, so that you all can focus on your academics. Also, I wanted to draw your attention to the fact that the CONOCO has free green and blue books as well as free scantrons for all OU students. If you or anyone you know needs one of these for finals, feel free to come and take one and please spread the word! If you need a study buddy for finals week, I will gladly join you as well as I know other members of exec would as well! With finals coming up please prioritize your mental health! I know finals can make us feel like we need to study and not focus on ourselves, but make sure you are staying healthy and if you ever need someone to talk to or need help finding resources, please reach out to anyone on exec and we would gladly be there or get you what you need. Lastly, Happy Holidays! We will not see you until after break, so I hope you all have a wonderful break! Thank you, that's all.

- **Secretary's Report:** Hello everyone! Hope you all are doing well in light of the end of the semester workload. Session 108 has been such a pleasure – let's finish it strong. As a reminder, your absences reset at the beginning of session 109, which starts next semester. We will also be sending out committee assignments after this Sunday. As always, if you have questions, email me! Thanks.

#### **Committee Reports-**

- **Campus Outreach, Safety, and Concerns:** COSCO did not meet this weekend but we did have a light walk. Some people were a lot stronger than me when braving the cold.
- **Congressional Administration:** ConAd did not meet because we needed a break. We were supposed to see the reappointment act but I wanted to see that in committee and not in committee of the whole so we will see that next semester.
- **External Affairs:** Welcome back everyone, hope you all had a great thanksgiving. EA did not meet officially this weekend for obvious reasons. That being said we have been doing a lot of work over the break. We have a really great fun forum going on Dec 5. Which will be next Monday at 6p.m. in the Gaylord Auditorium. We have Mayor Larry Heikkila, Ward 4 City Council Member Helen Grant, As well as State Reps. Jared Deck, Annie Menz and Jacob Rosecrants. This forum is designed to let you get to know more about your elected officials as well as learn about how to become more civically engaged as a student. We will be sending out a question form to let you submit your own questions, but as well we will be leaving time for those who come to get to meet the panelists. So, it would be really great if you could come attend. It is during dead week.
- **Human Diversity:** Our potluck went great! Thanks to everyone who showed up.
- **Sustainability:** Hi everyone. Susty did not meet this week, but we did meet with Housing services yesterday. We will be starting our TerraCycle program this week and will be working on getting everything set up for students clearing things out of the dorms before break. We will have bins for writing utensils, beauty and personal care, oral care, fabric care, and razors. The bins will be located in walker tower are free to use for all students. If you are interested in helping us set up this week, please let me or my Secretary, Jessica Zimmerman, know, as she is the one who has been primarily working on this project. No more Trash Walks for the rest of the semester, but we will be starting those back up next semester.
- **University Policy:** Hey guys! Hope you had a great break. UPOL didn't meet this past Sunday. If you are new to the body, UPOL has been working hard on raising the student wages and we will be pushing that back to next semester because there is still a lot to be done and I want it to be the best it can be, so look forward to that. I hope you have a great break and please come back in one piece. Thanks!!
- **Ways and Means:** WAM did not meet, we will pick up WAM next semester.

#### **Liaison Reports**

- **Kathuria:** OK College Dems will be meeting at Dale 128 tomorrow and we will be hosting Oklahoma Education Association president Kathryn Bishop. It's a great opportunity to learn about education policy.

### Special Orders

- Food Pantry Presentation

*Motion to enter committee of the whole*

*Representative McCoy seconded by Representative Reese*

- Committee of the whole

- CR-108-22 “OU SGA definition of Islamophobia” (Reese/Berggren)

*Motion to see CR-108-22*

*Associate Griffin seconded by Representative Kathuria*

Author’s explanation (Reese): Around this time last year I made a bill denouncing antisemitism and defining it at OU and I wanted to extend that to Muslim and Muslim presenting individuals. I asked Muslim students around OU what they wanted out of the definition and also the statistics. There has been a 4% uptick in Islamophobic incidents in the US and 60% of Muslims face discrimination. This bill is made to institutionalize the definition.

2:11 yielded to questions

- **Ghazal:** Will you accept me as a co-sponsor?
  - Yes
- **Griffin:** Would you accept a list of co-sponsors that could be emailed to the secretary?
  - Yes
- **Kathuria:** Do you believe University administrators have done enough to properly address islamophobia on campus?
  - No I feel like they haven’t done enough.
- **Kathuria:** Why do you believe University administrators have not been willing to listen to minority groups?
  - I’m not sure what the motivation is behind it.
- **Kathuria:** Did you get a chance to talk to the director of DEI and Dr. David Surratt?
  - Yes, multiple times.
- **Koenig:** Would you be willing to accept a friendly amendment adding Dr. Moodie in the religious studies department to the recipient’s section?
  - Yes.

*Motion to give CR-108-22 a Recommendation of Do Pass*

*Representative Mullins seconded by Associate Griffin*

- CR-108-23 “Bob Stoops Appreciation Act” (Kathuria)

*Motion to see CR-108-23*

*Representative Strickland seconded by Representative Ferguson*

Author’s explanation (Kathuria): Hi everybody! I am a big OU football fan. Stoops coached multiple Heisman winners such as Sam Bradford and Jason White and he’s been such a great ambassador to the University on and off the field. He never had a losing record as head coach and is the only to have won all BCS bowl games. He rescued us after Lincoln Riley left us. Bob Stoops is an unselfish human being, even suggesting not to take a salary.

0:00 yielded to questions

- **Trautman:** Have you ever missed an OU football game in your life?
  - Yes, naturally when I had sports games of my own, but I am always checking the score as soon as I can. I’m a hardcore fan.

- **Lewis:** Are you aware that this is a year plus one day to when he assumed role as interim head coach?
  - Yes.
- **McCoy:** What do you think about this season of football?
  - This year was not ideal, first time 6-6 in a long time. Venables is running the show and Stoops is there to guide them. I'm optimistic.

*Motion to give CR-108-23 a Recommendation of Do Pass*

*Representative Cantrell seconded by Representative Dunn*

- AB-108-07 “Drink Safe Technology Act of 2022” (Lewis)

*Motion to see AB-108-07*

*Representative McCoy seconded by Representative Craig*

Author’s explanation (Lewis): This would provide funding for the creation of Drink Safe technology coasters. They will test for ketamine and other roofie-related drugs. It’s important to provide information about staying safe on campus and this is a great way to do that. This is an SGA wide effort, not just congress. The coasters have our logo, some tips on staying safe, and the instructions. Based on the student reaction to these we would try to partner with other departments. We will pass these out during tabling and have them in the Conoco.

1:15 yielded to questions

- **Mullins:** Can you explain how these work?
  - Yes you take a little bit of the drink in your straw and place it on both sides of the coaster. It will turn blue if there are drugs in the drink.
- **Landry:** Can you show us the photo please?
  - I can.
- **Haskins:** Are there any plans to distribute these coasters to sororities on campus?
  - Yes
- **Kathuria:** In your opinion, do you think SGA could provide funding for harm reduction programs such as drug cessation?
  - I would be more than happy to work with you on that.

*Motion to give AB-108-07 a Recommendation of Do Pass*

*Representative McCoy seconded by Representative Reese*

*Motion to rise from committee of the whole*

*Associate Griffin seconded by Representative Chiarillo*

**Student Concern Link**

#### **Items to Be Considered**

- CR-108-22 “OU SGA definition of Islamophobia” (Reese/Berggren)

*Motion to see CR-108-22*

*Representative Ghazal seconded by Representative Rhoads*

Author’s explanation (Reese): I yield all my time to questions.

3:00 yielded to questions

23-0-0 unanimous pass

- CR-108-23 “Bob Stoops Appreciation Act” (Kathuria)

*Motion to see CR-108-23*

*Representative Craig seconded by Representative Ferguson*

Author’s explanation (Kathuria): Gotta love Coach Stoops. The man, the myth, the legend.

2:40 yielded to questions

23-0-0 unanimous pass

- AB-108-07 “Drink Safe Technology Act of 2022” (Lewis)

*Motion to see AB-108-07*

*Representative Craig seconded by Representative Strickland*

Author's explanation (Lewis): This is the cheapest technology available for coasters and they are used in over 50 universities. We are also looking into scrunchies.

2:38 yielded to questions

- **Kathuria:** Would you be interested in sending this to health services?
  - I would rather send this out myself to provide context if that's okay.
- **Kathuria:** Have you had any conversations with anyone at Goddard such as Kylen Buff to address this technology
  - I had some brief conversations with Goddard. They expressed concerns with the price but I'm willing to talk with them again about promoting it.
- **Gilson-Bond:** Are there any statistics on efficiency for these?
  - The false positive rates are slim. They are possible with any test, however this is very effective. The absolute percentage is on their website.

23-0-0 pass

### Follow-Up Reports

- **Kathuria:** The Save Bedlam Act has been signed.
- **Kathuria:** The Bob Stoops Appreciation Act will not be seen until January.

### Items for Future Agenda

#### Announcements and Comments

- **Kathuria:** I had my Course Marking committee meeting and I'd like to debrief you. We will implement the pilot program. Some departments I'd like to include was the philosophy, history, sociology, university college, and the history of science departments. We've been advocating for free open access resources. It's important we send our proposal regarding course marking to your general education credits. Some students are spending \$850 on textbooks alone.
- **Brown:** Go to our forum on Monday at 6pm in Gaylord. Come meet the newly elected.
- **Cantrell:** Today is Giving Tuesday for Relay for Life. It is the biggest day of fundraising for the American Cancer Society. There are a lot of individual fundraising pages, you can find mine on my linktree on my Instagram if you feel motivated to donate.
- **Trautman:** You can also donate to the OU Food Pantry!
- **Kathuria:** The tickets to attend Men's Basketball team are free! Come support.

### Final Roll Call

*Motion to adjourn sine die*

*Representative Barnett seconded by Representative Nguyen*

**Adjourn Sine Die – 8:16 pm**

Chair: Lacey Lewis

Vice-Chair: Bailey Trautman

Secretary: Amelia Landry

			Date of Session:	29-Nov-22			
	15-Nov-22		Last Name:	First Name:	CR-108-22	CR-108-23	AB-108-07
			Initial	Final			
<b>Baca</b>	ex	ex	Baca	Danielle			
<b>Barnett</b>	x	x	Barnett	Ryan	y	y	y
<b>Brown</b>	a	x	Brown	Jordan	y	y	y
<b>Cantrell</b>	x	x	Cantrell	Madeline	y	y	y
<b>Chiariello</b>	x	x	Chiariello	Clayton	y	y	y
<b>Craig</b>	x	x	Craig	Carter	y	y	y
<b>Daly</b>	ex	ex	Daly	Isabel			
<b>Duncan</b>	x	x	Duncan	Elizabeth	y	y	y
<b>Dunn</b>	x	x	Dunn	Tucker	y	y	y
<b>Ferguson</b>	x	x	Ferguson	Daniel	y	y	y
<b>Ghazal</b>	x	x	Ghazal	Razann	y	y	y
<b>Glasscock</b>	ex	ex	Glasscock	Caden			
<b>Harris</b>	a	a	Harris	Tailyn			
<b>Hedrick</b>	ex	ex	Hedrick	Ethan			
<b>Hyslop</b>	x	x	Hyslop	Anna	y	y	y
<b>Islas</b>	x	x	Islas	Lizabeth	y	y	y
<b>Kathuria</b>	x	x	Kathuria	Shrey	y	y	y
<b>Ketaneh</b>	x	x	Ketaneh	Yara	y	y	y
<b>Koenig</b>	ex	x	Koenig	Ezra	y	y	y
<b>McCall</b>	x	x	McCall	Will	y	y	y
<b>McCoy</b>	x	x	McCoy	Lane	y	y	y
<b>Mullins</b>	x	x	Mullins	Annie	y	y	y
<b>Nguyen</b>	x	x	Nguyen	Nhi	y	y	y
<b>Papahronis</b>	x	x	Papahronis	Demitri	y	y	y
<b>Reese</b>	x	x	Reese	Nathaniel	y	y	y
<b>Reynolds</b>	a	a	Reynolds	Michael			
<b>Rhoads</b>	x	x	Rhoads	Hope	y	y	y
<b>Strickland</b>	x	x	Strickland	Carter	y	y	y
<b>White</b>	x	x	White	Ben	y	y	y
<b>Whitley</b>	ex	ex	Whitley	Jake			
<b>York</b>	ex	ex	York	Isabel			
<b>PRESENT</b>	21	23	<b>Yes</b>		23	23	23
<b>ABSENT</b>	3	2	<b>No</b>		0	0	0
<b>EXCUSED</b>	7	6	<b>Abstain</b>		0	0	0

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CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-108-22  
SENATE RESOLUTION NO. GFXX-XX/GSXX-XX

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution in support of the Norman Muslim community, through properly defining Islamophobia; and providing for distribution.

- Whereas: 60% of Muslims are experiencing varying measures of prejudice;
- Whereas: Muslims are disproportionately affected by religious discrimination<sup>1</sup>;
- Whereas: Islamophobic events rose by 4% from 2020 to 2022<sup>2</sup>;
- Whereas: Approximately 12,000 Oklahoma residents are Muslim<sup>3</sup>;
- Whereas: Muslim students at the University of Oklahoma have experienced Islamophobia in some shape or form while attending campus or in the Norman Community;
- Whereas: Additional students may have witnessed or experienced Islamophobia but failed to raise concern due to fear, retaliation, etc.; therefore

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

- Section 1:** Title: This resolution shall be known and may be cited as the “OU SGA definition of Islamophobia.”
- Section 2:** The University of Oklahoma students, faculty, and staff recognizes any acts of Islamophobia that Muslim students at the University of Oklahoma have experienced and/or witnessed.

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<sup>1</sup> Mogahed, Dalia, and Erum Ikramullah. American Muslim Poll 2020: Amid Pandemic and Protest. Institute for Social Policy and Understanding, 2020.

<sup>2</sup> Mogahed, Dalia & Ikramullah, Erum. American Muslim Poll 2022: A Politics and Pandemic Status Report. August 2022: Institute for Social Policy and Understanding.  
<sup>3</sup> Soltani, Adam. “Guide to Islam and Muslims in Oklahoma.” CAIR Oklahoma, CAIR Oklahoma, 13 July 2022, <https://www.cairoklahoma.com/islamguide/>.

**Section 3:** The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association will adopt the following non-legally binding working definition for Islamophobia, which reads as follows:

- “Islamophobia is an extreme fear of and hostility toward Islam and Muslims. It often leads to hate speech and hate crimes, social and political discrimination, can be used to rationalize policies such as mass surveillance, incarceration, and disenfranchisement, and can influence domestic and foreign policy<sup>4</sup>”.

**Section 4:** The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association will utilize the following examples of Islamophobia identified by Bridge to further educate the student body on forms of Islamophobia, including but not limited to:

- Calling for, aiding, or justifying the killing or harming of Muslims in the name of radical ideology or an extremist view of religion.
- Making mendacious, dehumanizing, demonizing, or stereotypical allegations about Muslims.
- Accusing Muslims as a people of being responsible for real or imagined wrongdoing committed by a single Muslim person or group, or even for acts committed by non-Muslims.
- Accusing Muslim citizens of being more loyal to the alleged priorities of Muslims worldwide, than to the interests of their own nations.

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

- President Joseph Harroz
- Dr. Belinda Hyppolite, Vice President of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
- The University of Oklahoma Board of Regents
- Dr. David Surratt, Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students
- Quy Nguyen, Director of Student Life
- Dr. Deonnie Moodie, Religious Studies Department Chair
- The OU Daily
- The OU Nightly
- All OU Norman Campus Students

Author(s): Nathanael Reese, Engineering Representative

Co-Author(s): Carolyn Berggren, Human Diversity Committee Chair

Co-Sponsor(s): Razann Ghazal, Social Science Representative

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<sup>4</sup> Hafez, Farid, and Arsalan Iftikhar. “What Is Islamophobia?” Bridge Initiative. Georgetown University, 2018. <https://bridge.georgetown.edu/about-us/what-is-islamophobia/>.

Yara Kataneh, University College Representative  
Hope Rhoads, University College Representative

Submitted on a motion by: Representative Ghazal seconded by Representative Rhoads

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

Verified by Chair of Congress: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Submitted on a motion by:

Action taken by Senate:

Verified by Chair of Senate: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved by SGA President: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-108-23  
SENATE RESOLUTION NO. GFXX-XX/GSXX-XX

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution honoring the  
accomplishments and legacy of Coach Bob Stoops  
and providing for distribution.

- Whereas: Coach Bob Stoops was the head coach for the University of Oklahoma for 18 seasons; and
- Whereas: He has an overall record of 191-48 serving as head coach; and
- Whereas: The University of Oklahoma football team won ten Big 12 championships under the leadership of Coach Stoops; and
- Whereas: He never had a losing season while serving as head coach; and
- Whereas: Coach Stoops is currently the only coach to have won all four BCS Bowl Games and a BCS Championship Game; and
- Whereas: He has been a tremendous ambassador for the University of Oklahoma; and
- Whereas: Coach Stoops has made a positive impact on student athletes both on and off the field; and
- Whereas: He voluntarily took on the role as interim head coach and stabilized the football program on November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS AND THE GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE, CONCURRING THEREIN THAT:

- Section 1:** Title: This resolution shall be known and may be cited as the “Bob Stoops Appreciation Act.”
- Section 2:** The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association honors and appreciates Coach Stoops for his excellence in coaching the football team for 18 seasons and dedication towards the University of Oklahoma.

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

- The OU Daily
- Joe Harroz, University of Oklahoma President
- Joe Castiglione, Director of Athletics
- Coach Bob Stoops

Author(s): Shrey Kathuria, University College Representative

Co-Author(s): Garrett Johnson, Member of SGA  
Beth Felkner, Executive Cabinet Member

Co-Sponsor(s):

Submitted on a motion by: Representative Craig seconded by Representative Ferguson

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

Verified by Chair of Congress: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Submitted on a motion by:

Action taken by Senate:

Verified by Chair of Senate: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved by SGA President: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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CONGRESSIONAL BILL AB-108-07  
SENATE RESOLUTION NO. GFXX-XX/GSXX-XX

AS INTRODUCED

An Act of Legislation authorizing the use of SGA  
funding to provide funding for Drink Safe  
Technology Coasters, providing for a short title,  
providing for codification, providing an effective date;  
and providing for distribution.

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

- Section 1:** Title: This Act shall be known and may be cited as the “Drink Safe Technology Act of 2022.”
- Section 2:** Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to provide funds for the creation of 500 drug testing coasters, for students, from Drink Safe Technology. These coasters will be made available for students in the Student Government Association Office in the Archie Dunham Conoco Student Leadership Center. Members of the Student Government Association will also have the option to pass these materials out to students during tabling events.
- Section 3:** The Undergraduate Student Congress hereby authorizes the appropriation of \$656.25 from the SGA Fund for the purpose.
- Section 4:** This act shall become effective when passed in accordance with the SGA Constitution.

Author(s): Lacey Lewis, Chairwoman of the USC

Co-Sponsor(s): Carter Strickland, University College Representative  
Tucker Dunn, Finance and Accounting Representative  
Hope Rhoads, University College Representative  
Madeline Cantrell, Communication Representative

Submitted on a motion by: Representative Craig seconded by Representative Strickland  
Action taken by Congress: 23-0-0 Unanimous Pass

Verified by Chair of Congress: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Submitted on a motion by:

Action taken by Senate:

Verified by Chair of Senate: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved by SGA President: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_