

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS

Session CIX

General Body Meeting

7:00 pm, Tuesday, February 14th, 2023

Dale 103

Call to Order – 7:06pm

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 Robinson seconded by Representative Cantrell

Officer Reports -

- **Chair's Report:** Good evening. Congratulations to EA on a successful Higher Education Day. It was my first Higher Education Day and I had a wonderful time. AS most of you know Chair Lewis was working on a polling site on campus and she will be continuing that effort outside of her work in the body. AS far as DrinkSafe Technology, that will remain a responsibility of my own. ConAd chair applications are open to current members until Friday. The GEC will be hosting a consent bar tomorrow. I'll be there from 12-1:30. Speaking of office hours, Mondays 10-1, Wednesdays and Fridays 9-1 are my office hours. Happy Valentine's Day to you all, you are wonderful to be here giving up your evening. You are my Valentine.
- **Vice Chair's Report:** Happy valentines and congrats to COSCO and EA on successful projects. Nothing to report at this time. Thank you.
- **Secretary's Report:** Ditto. Happy Valentines and thanks for attending!

Committee Reports-

- **Campus Outreach, Safety, and Concerns:** COSCO met officially this weekend! We also had a super productive Sexual Health and Wellness tabling with Health Promotion! Huge shout out to Hope Rhoads for keeping that table staffed with me. Also, another huge shoutout to Hope and Jessica for their fantastic work on flyers and the Instagram post! Last thing to note is our Light Walk this Sunday at 6:30. Thank you all!
- **Congressional Administration:** Hello my name is Caleb and I'm the Vice Chair of ConAD. We are seeing next week the CLA act and we may be seeing the Gen App Codification App. We will meet officially this weekend to see the ConAd chair appointment.

- **External Affairs:** We had a super successful Higher Education Day! We met with over 40 legislators. Thank you to Michael and Nick and all my committee members for helping us. It is also an election today, so yay for voting. Happy Valentines day!
- **Human Diversity:** HD met officially and worked more on our projects. Next week we will be having a book drive with the food pantry so please bring books.
- **Sustainability:** Hi everyone, Susty met unofficially on Sunday. I don't have many updates for y'all, but we are working on getting solar powered picnic benches in the SOVAL where students can study and charge their devices. Our Trash Walk will be on Sunday, the 26th at 1:00 pm at the Duck Pond.
- **University Policy:** Hey Guys! UPOL did not meet Friday due to attendance so please make sure you plan on being at UPOL this Friday at 2. Overall, UPOL is continuing to work on our current projects, and I will have a better gage for y'all next meeting. I am going to meet with Chair Halsey-Kraus this week to work on some legislation I am finishing up. I went to Higher Ed today and I talked to a few representatives about wage increases and it was really cool to hear their support and feedback. Thank you guys!
- **Ways and Means:** n/a

Liaison Reports

- **Cantrell:** This week is Week of Service with Alpha Gam and our philanthropy is fighting hunger, so please consider donating.
- **Kataneh:** Sigma Lambda is raising money for the American Heart Association. We are hosting a semi-formal/crush party to raise money. You invite your crush anonymously to attend and we are having activities such as waltzing and best dressed. We are also selling crewnecks. All proceeds go to the American Heart Association.
- **Kathuria:** The Indian Student Association is having a Desi prom from 7-10pm this Friday in the Molly Shi Boren Ballroom in the union. You can get a CSP
- **Chiariello:** Oklahoma votes is meeting on Feb 26th 6:30 in Gaylord 2020. We will be writing valentines cards to local and state officials.
- **Koenig:** The GEC has a lot going on. The consent bar is tomorrow. Crimson and Queens auditions closes this Friday. Next week is Queer Creativity Week with a writing workshop and an art exhibit featuring queer artist and a screen printing. There will also be free food.

Special Orders

Student Concern Link

Items to Be Considered

Follow-Up Reports

- **Kathuria:** I think the Bob Stoops appreciation act has been signed by President Firch.
- **Griffin:** The Campus Safety 2023 Act is being amended in GSS to be sent back to us.
- **Strickland:** The president has signed the Chief of Staff Appointment Act. Congrats to Maria.

Items for Future Agenda

- **Griffin:** There will be a congratulations resolution for the election and a thank you resolution for higher ed day.

Announcements and Comments

- **Reynolds:** Thank you to Chair Griffin. He did a great job today. I got to talk to a lot of representatives about the aviation department and I got to meet with my rep from Tulsa and he suggested I help him write the bill to help the aviation department.

- **Kathuria:** I am now a legislative assistant for the Firch-Shultz administration. I will still be able to be a representative, but I am looking forward to transforming this roll and alleviating the division between congress and the executive branch.
- **Griffin:** Thank you again to everyone who came to Higher Education Day. And George! Be on the lookout for Lobby day on March 29th.
- **Kathuria:** Last Thursday I met with Catherine Smith to talk about departments not having enough advisors or stability. That puts people behind in registering for classes. She wants to get more funding and attention in that area. She also wants to come to our meeting so we can learn more about academic advising.

Final Roll Call

Motion to adjourn

Representative Strickland seconded by Representative Dunn

Adjourn – 7:31 pm

Chair: Abby Halsey-Kraus

Vice-Chair: Bailey Trautman

Secretary: Amelia Landry

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	Initial	Final
Barnett	x	x
Brown	a	a
Cantrell	x	x
Chiariello	x	x
Coxson	x	x
Craig	x	x
Daly	ex	ex
Duncan	x	ex
Dunn	x	x
Ferguson	a	a
Ghazal	ex	ex
Glasscock	x	x
Harris	a	a
Hyslop	x	x
Islas	x	x
Kathuria	x	x
Ketaneh	x	x
Koenig	x	x
McCall	x	x
McCoy	x	x
Mullins	x	x
Nguyen	a	a
Papahronis	ex	ex
Reese	x	x
Reynolds	x	x
Rhoads	x	x
Robinson	x	x
Stoyak	x	x
Strickland	x	x
White	a	a
York	a	a
PRESENT	22	21
ABSENT	6	6
EXCUSED	3	4