

# THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



## UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS

Session CIX

General Body Meeting

7:00 pm, Tuesday, February 21st, 2023

Dale 103

**Call to Order – 7:03 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 | February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

*Motion to approve the minutes*

*Representative Strickland seconded by Representative Mullins*

**Officer Reports -**

- **Chair's Report:** Hi, all! I hope your week is going well. I just have a few updates for you all. When I was running for Congress Chair, I said I wanted to reach out to the Deans of the academic colleges when filing opened. Filing opened Monday and I sent them all an email about encouraging students to run in the upcoming spring election. As well as, during my campaign for Chair, I promised you all workshop nights. After talking with Exec, we plan on the first workshop night coming to you all after Vice Chair Trautman and I return from Big 12 on the Hill. We will be gone Sunday through Wednesday of next week, which means Secretary Landry will be leading you all in the meeting next week. We also brought Drink Safe Technology coasters to the meeting tonight. Please take some and distribute them to students.
- **Vice Chair's Report:** Hello everyone, I hope your day and week are going well so far. First, a big shoutout to HD for their successful projects this week and these upcoming weeks. Next, like stated on my platform for Vice Chair I will be going to the Bill twelve on the hill conference and making a sheet of information and disbursing it to the body. For reference Chair Lewis and I did not go in the Fall, so I will be doing it for this conference this spring. Next, for all appointees tonight remember to please abstain when voting on your own appointment bill. Next, new things for orientation I will be printing the handbook this semester and distributing those when they are ready. Next, for headshots I will be taking individual headshots of everyone in the body and sending them to Mary to be put on the website more details to come! Lastly, I am taking the project of merchandise back over from

Chair Lewis and hopefully we will have that ready to order within the next few weeks! If you have any questions, please reach out and let me know! Thank you all!

- **Secretary's Report:** Hello! Yesterday I sent out the ConAd minutes, so I hope everybody got the chance to review those, so you know what questions have already been asked to our nominees here tonight. I also wanted to mention that I caught where a couple people had not been on my email chain, so I wanted to apologize for that. If you haven't been getting minutes every week, please let me know ASAP!

#### **Committee Reports-**

- **Campus Outreach, Safety, and Concerns:** COSCO did not meet officially this last weekend. First, though, I just have to say how much I adore Congress! You are all so wonderful, and I appreciate all that everyone does for campus. This last weekend, we had our Light Walk. There was a great showing, and we had a ton of fun during the walk! Outside of that, we are waiting on responses regarding our Academic Misconduct Education project. Also, we have set the date for our UV and Skin Safety tabling event. We will have that table on the South Oval on March 6th, and Health Promotions will collaborate with us for the event. Thank you!
- **Congressional Administration:** Thank you to all the cabinet nominees and the election commissioner nominee for joining us on Sunday. We gave all of their appointments a rec of Do Pass. We also tabled the Gen App Codification Act until March 5<sup>th</sup>. The CL-Slay Revision Act should be seen tonight and that also received a Rec of Do Pass.
- **External Affairs:** EA did not meet this weekend. We will be working on bills congratulating people elected in the recent local election and seeing one sending out thank you's for Higher Education Day. I will be also in the process of getting a new executive team. We will be meeting this weekend in Price 2020. The Campus Safety Resolution will be seen in its final form next week as it was modified in GSS.
- **Human Diversity:** HD saw CR-109-03 and gave it a rec of due pass. Our book drive is currently going on and will last for two weeks so please bring books to donate. Two donated books count as a constituent service point.
- **Sustainability:** Susty did not meet this week, but our Trash Walk will be this Sunday at 1 pm at the Duck Pond.
- **University Policy:** Hey guys! I hope everyone is having a good start to their week. I have a few things for y'all so bear with me. UPOL met unofficially this past Friday and we had great conversations even though it was a quick meeting. First is, I have finished the "Thank you OU Food Services" resolution. The only thing I am needing to complete is making sure I have the right contacts for the right departments, and I have been having trouble finding that, so Chair Halsey-Kraus is helping me out. So, hopefully we will be seeing that next week. Second is the WAGE ACT, you've heard a lot about this, and it has been tabled since last semester but now that we have a new executive team, I am happy to say that we will be opening this project again and tackling it from a new perspective which I am very excited about! Third, Representative Reynolds is in the process of writing a resolution honoring the three OU lives lost last year. I would like to extend gratitude to Representative Reynolds as I know he is working hard on this and has been extremely empathetic. I am excited to see that resolution and if anyone has any questions or would like to be involved, don't hesitate to reach out to Michael or me. Fourth, I am working on a resolution to extend our condolences to Michigan State University and to voice that our university will not stand for that kind of violence, so if you'd like to help with that, we will be working on that bill in UPOL this Friday. Fifth, I have reached out to faculty senate on an issue that I have heard from students. Some professors (and I know I have experienced this) do not post their lecture

slides on Canvas and I would like to implement policy requiring professors to post any lecture slides they use during classes. More to come on that, but for right now it is a conversation I am having with faculty senate. That is all I have for you and if anyone has any concerns or questions for me, please don't be afraid to reach out, I am here to help and listen. Thanks!!

- **Ways and Means:** WAM saw AUX 9 this weekend and gave it a Rec of Do Pass. Also, Primary has opened, so let me know if you have any questions.

### **Liaison Reports**

- **Strickland:** It is Engineer's Week and the Engineer's Club alongside the College of Engineering, and the College of Earth and Energy are putting on a week-long celebration of engineering. SGA sponsors it.
- **Koenig:** The GEC just had their writing workshop and tomorrow we have a paint night. On Thursday we are having a queer art show and we might have some faculty staff artist and historically queer artists. There will also be screen printing and snacks.

### **Special Orders**

- Spero Project Presentation

### **Student Concern Link**

### **Items to Be Considered**

- CB-109-07 "Act Appointing the Spring 2023 SGA Election Commissioner" (Firch)(ConAd, Rec of Due Pass)

*Motion to see CB-109-07*

*Representative Robinson seconded by Representative Coxson*

Author's Explanation (Shultz): I am excited to present our appointee Randi Wright to the position of election commissioner. She has a great passion for the position and is dedicated to increasing the transparency for people running for SGA. She wishes to make the rules more accessible to everyone. She was on the election commission last year and is very excited to continue her work for the student body.

2:28 yielded to questions

- **Halsey-Kraus:** Nominee, if you'd like to introduce yourself, we'd love to hear it.
  - **Wright:** Hello! I served on the election commission last semester and I felt compelled to seek out this role this semester.
- **Kathuria:** Can you update us on why Commissioner Layni Thompson is not continuing her role?
  - **Shultz:** I am not sure but I am sure that the nominee we have chosen is very capable for the roll even though she is a freshman. We were very impressed by her qualifications. We were thankful for her insight for this process as people who went through the process and think she will help students feel less confused.
- **Kathuria:** This is the week of filing. Do you think we should appoint a commissioner before filing begins?
  - **Shultz:** That can be something we look into further, and next time, absolutely.
- **Kathuria:** How do you plan on determining office hours since that is a requirement?
  - **Wright:** The minimum is eight hours and I've already begun to look within my schedule and see how I will parcel that out. I want to make it accessible and have some hours that are in between classes, around noon-ish, and some that are later in the day.

- **Kathuria:** What did you learn when you served on the election commission staff when serving during the fall semester?
  - **Wright:** I learned about the processes but also about precedent. What it is the election commissioner does and their flexibility to apply the rules. For instance, one section in both the previous election commissioner's cases, they applied the rules if someone didn't submit a budget form then eventually did. It was a different amount of points depending on the longevity. Additionally, I was able to find parts of the code that contracted each other and that's something I've talked with the previous commissioner about.
- **Kathuria:** Could you please specify what you consider to be contradicting in the code annotated?
  - **Wright:** When it came to the budget forms, if someone never sent in a form there was nothing the commission could do. You could send emails to compel them, but the system doesn't leave anything else the commissioner can do. We aren't wanting to assign points but we are just looking to have those forms in so we can make sure people are on the same level playing field.
- **Kathuria:** After the election season do you have plans to collaborate with the new ConAd chair in writing bills to fix this loophole?
  - **Wright:** Yes. During our meetings we talked a little bit about how there were contradictions. There was another one about logos that was a bit confusing. I would love to be collaborative.
- **Griffin:** During the interview process was there anyone else that had the qualifications she does?
  - **Shultz:** No there wasn't and we were very impressed with her qualifications and insight. It is beautiful we have people so passionate about this.
- **Kathuria:** Have you had the chance to study past elections complaints especially the Lissau-Akuffo campaign versus the Castellano-Hepburn campaign?
  - **Wright:** Yes with the Hepburn one and with the one previous about technical difficulties with voting software.
- **Kathuria:** Can you elaborate more regarding technical difficulties with voting? What was your position on that issue and how would you have interpreted it?
  - **Wright:** It was alleged students had difficulties with voting. I would need more information because in the superior court ruling the person that was brought forward as an example did not previously vote. The information provided was not expansive enough, so I would stick to the code annotated.

22-0-0 unanimous pass

- CB-109-08 "SGA Executive Cabinet Department of Communications Director Appointment Act of 2023" (Firch)(ConAd, Rec of Due Pass)
- CB-109-09 "SGA Executive Cabinet Department of the Exterior Director Appointment Act of 2023" (Firch)(ConAd, Rec of Due Pass)
- CB-109-10 "SGA Executive Cabinet Department of the Interior Director Appointment Act of 2023" (Firch)(ConAd, Rec of Due Pass)
- CB-109-11 "SGA Executive Cabinet Department of Inclusivity Director Appointment Act of 2023" (Firch)(ConAd, Rec of Due Pass)

*Motion to see CB-109-08, CB-109-09, CB-109-10, and CB-109-11 as block Representative Mullins seconded by Representative Robinson*

Author's Explanation (Shultz): We are happy to be appointing Jessica Zimmerman as the director of communication. She is a sophomore PR major from Ardmore, OK. Jessica has been involved in SGA through CLA as well as being an associate in Congress. We are confident Jessica has the ability to oversee and coordinate the efforts of the executive branch pertaining to media relations, social media, graphic design, photography, and other outreach initiatives. We are also happy to be appointing Jordan Brown as the director of exterior. Jordan is a sophomore entrepreneurship major from Midwest City, OK. He has served as both a University College and Price College of Business Representative as well as the Vice Chair of the External Affairs committee. Outside of SGA he serves as the membership chair of Oklahoma Votes, a Price College of Business Ambassador, and a JC Penney Leadership Associate. Furthermore, we are happy to appoint Michael Stoyak as the director of interior. Michael is a sophomore from Arlington, TX majoring in economics and international studies. Previously he has served as the International Studies representative and University College Representative and a cabinet member of the Lissau-Akuffo administration. Outside of SGA he has also been a member of the 61<sup>st</sup> PLC. Michael has immense passion for OU and is determined to make an impact for the FAR platform's initiatives. Lastly, we are happy to be appointing Dala T. Korkoyah III as our director of inclusivity. Dala is a UWC Scholar freshman from Liberia and is majoring in biology on a pre-med track. Dala is a member of the Minority Health Sciences Conference and a core volunteer in the International Advisory Committee and OU Afrobeat Dance Club. He is also an office assistant in the Learning Center. With these qualifications and his impressive ideas and passions we are confident Dala will help make this campus as inclusive as possible.

0:28 yielded to questions

- **Kathuria:** You once served on the sustainability committee. How do you plan on integrating that knowledge into your roll in the interior?
  - **Stoyak:** I joined susty because I was passionate about sustainability efforts in high school. It has a special place in my heart. They do a lot of great projects and trash walks, and bills to bring awareness to sustainability issues on campus. I would definitely talk with their chair and exec team to create projects from the exec side.
- **Kathuria:** Can you please explain some of the most pressing environmental issues facing the university that you plan to address?
  - **Stoyak:** Awareness is one of the biggest things students should be more in tune to. The executive cabinet could make the efforts more widespread and increase communications to talk about the importance of caring for the environment regardless of political stance.
- **Mullins:** Chair Griffin, what qualifications have Michael Stoyak and Jordan Brown shown in your committee that make you confident in their capabilities for these rolls?
  - **Griffin:** Jordan has served as my Vice Chair and Michael my Secretary of EA for basically two semesters now. Michael has stepped into his role out of the blue when we really needed him and lost our secretary at the time. This has been the best exec team I could have asked for. Both have been amazing. Michael brings great expertise to every situation we are in and always there when I need him. He really cares about the issues. Jordan is also amazing. The Vice Chair duty is one that doesn't have a lot of specific things outlined so he has simply been the best support possible. During Higher Education

day he was keeping everyone in great spirits and was super professional with all the legislators.

- **Kathuria:** What have you learned serving in the Minority Health Sciences group and how could you bring that into SGA?
  - **Korkoyah:** The most important thing is for individuals, regardless of who you are, to grasp a sense of belonging. By getting that you can fuel your own ability to engage with campus activities and get more involved. I envision working with more multicultural organizations like IAC, MHSC, BSA < AASA, and all the rest to increase outreach so students apart of underrepresented groups can get that sense of belonging.
- **Kathuria:** Have you gotten to meet with the Human Diversity committee chair and if you haven't do you plan on having conversations with her?
  - **Korkoyah:** I haven't met with HD but I do plan on doing that because it will be significant to serve underrepresented groups on campus.

*Motion to extend time for questions for 5 minutes*

*Representative Kathuria seconded by Representative Robinson*

- **Houston:** Did you plan the coordination of your outfits?
  - No
- **Strickland:** What are you most looking forward to doing on your first day of office if you were appointed?
  - **Korkoyah:** I am excited to address efforts to support SoonerWorks. It's an organization supporting intellectual and mental disabilities. When we say there is only one Oklahoma, these are the people we should keep in mind because they are working in the community. I also look forward to increasing access to international students. We come here with no background on how this place works and no upper hand.
  - **Stoyak:** Outreach to different branches and to the administration. I want to get a collection of what areas we are making good contact and what areas need work. I also would like to also reach out to the chairs and vice chairs of all the committees and figure out what projects you're working on.
  - **Zimmerman:** I am excited to connect what SGA is doing with the student body through communications. We want students to be aware that what we are doing is helping them and also be aware that we can help them in ways they need to be helped.
  - **Brown:** I would like to go ahead and contact state legislators and put a name to a face. We need to introduce ourselves since we have at least 3-4 more days at the capitol this session. I am going to be working with Chair Griffin.
- **Mullins:** Why do you think you will fit well within the Firsch-Shultz administration?
  - **Brown:** I really click well. I've been in congress ever since I was a freshman and I worked with Michael and Lacey on Oklahoma Votes. I am excited to work on voter turnout and engagement across campus.
  - **Zimmerman:** We all have the same passion for this campus and that will make us work well together. We are all supportive of the platform points.
  - **Stoyak:** We were in the cabinet last semester so we are going into this with the experience of how cabinets should be run. Bringing in the congressional experience has allowed for connections as well.

- **Korkoyah:** I am excited to work this administration and their platform. Fostering a sense of family. This is one of the most inclusive and diverse groups I've worked with and certainly where I feel most welcome. This is going to full my passion to give other students on campus the opportunity to serve. I want to bring in more multicultural organizations and just reach out where the pressing issues are.

*Motion to extend time for questions for 5 minutes*

*Representative Kathuria seconded by Representative Robinson*

- **Kathuria:** Have you any relationships with any business owners of restaurants and are you interested in working with them to open any spots on or near campus?
  - **Brown:** I do more of the political side of things. In the business school I've worked with the Norman Chamber of Commerce and the Norman relators. I love to introduce myself and represent SGA. I don't have anything in the works but I'd love to learn more.
- **Rhoads:** How do you think your experience as a Gaylord student but also competing in Oklahoma Intercollegiate Legislature will help you in your role as communications director?
  - **Zimmerman:** All of the things I am learning in Gaylord will apply to this role. OIL has a great journalism competition and has given me the knowledge of how government works.
- **Kathuria:** Have you had a chance to study written by the state legislature that contain language harming LGBTQ+ people and healthcare providers?
  - **Korkoyah:** That is definitely something I hope to look into more as it is significant and there have been talks about it around campus. Obviously those conversations will inform my role.

19-0-2 pass

- CB-109-04 "CL-Slay Revision Act of 2023" (Strickland)(ConAd, Rec of Due Pass)

*Motion to see CB-109-04*

*Representative Rhoads seconded by Representative Coxson*

Author's Explanation (Strickland): The CL-Slay Act is a term coined by our very own Hope Rhoads and her friend Lauren. This act revises the code annotated to provide more updated way of what's going on in the Crimson Leadership Association. It is an organization to better connect freshmen to other leadership opportunities on campus. It sets more realistic and better representation of what's actually happening every Monday night.

1:51 yielded to questions

- **Rhoads:** Would this immediately go into effect for CLA?
  - **Strickland:** After it goes through GSS and is signed by the president, yes. But what is going on in this bill is already happening in CLA so no changes will be experienced by members.
- **Kathuria:** Why are you changing the responsibilities of CLA members away from one office hour to 20 points per semester?
  - **Strickland:** This system has been built by both prior and current co-chairs and it works better for its members. It's more realistic for its members and to attain engagement.
- **Kathuria:** How is it more realistic?
  - **Strickland:** That is what is actually happening every Monday and throughout the week. Instead of obtaining these different goals, as of now it's a point system that can be attained by going to various office hours and SGA events.

- **Cantrell:** How long has the Code Annotated been out of date with the actual happenings of CLA?
    - **Strickland:** I have not found any revisions so maybe since it's been written?
    - **Halsey-Kraus:** From personal experience, at least 3 years at the minimum.
- 22-0-0 unanimous pass
- CB-109-06 “ConAd Chair Appointment Act of 2023” (Halsey-Kraus)(Exec, Rec of Due Pass)
 

*Motion to see CB-109-06*  
*Representative Mullins seconded by Representative Kathuria*  
Author’s Explanation (Halsey-Kraus): On Saturday night Vice Chair Trautman, Secretary Landry, and I interviewed 3 candidates for the position of Congressional Administration chair. We came to a consensus that we chose Tucker Dunn to be the next parliamentarian and ConAd Chair. This is a position very near and dear to my heart as I am the one leaving it vacant. I think it says a lot that I am the one appointing Tucker this evening. I would not be here giving you all my confidence if I did not believe in the best terms that he will do an amazing job.

2:14 yielded to questions

  - **Kathuria:** Are you soon prepared to give interviews to potential SGA applicants?
    - **Dunn:** Yes. I have completed bias training and I am ready and qualified.
  - **Kathuria:** What have you learned with Chair Halsey-Kraus in ConAd?
    - **Dunn:** It wasn’t very long but it was a fantastic time and I learned that every position is a learning position. That’s why I stepped up and interviewed for this position. I’ve got a lot more to learn.
  - **Kathuria:** Have you provided Representative Dunn with the appropriate documents in his transition?
    - **Halsey-Kraus:** We have a meeting tomorrow morning to hand over those documents. They are 14 pages so I am not leaving anything out.
  - **Kathuria:** What would you like to change about the Code Annotated?
    - **Dunn:** We have some election commissioner issues, which I wrote down as they were being discussed. I will be reaching out to the commissioner. I will be looking more into the code annotated but those are all I am aware of so far.
  - **Kathuria:** Can elaborate on the issues relating to the election commission?
    - **Dunn:** Thus far all I have heard is from them tonight, but I was a candidate and I do understand the budgetary issues.
- 21-0-1 pass
- AB-109-03 “Auxiliary Allocation 9 Act of 2022-2023” (Papahronis)(WAM, Rec of Due Pass)
 

*Motion to see AB-109-03*  
*Representative Strickland seconded by Representative Glasscock*  
Author’s Explanation (Papahronis): This is AUX 9. Let me know if you have any questions.

2:50 yielded to questions

  - **Kathuria:** Holi is an important holiday for Indian and Indian subcontinent students on this campus. Is some of the \$1,600 allocated to them for that festival?
    - Yes
  - **Cantrell:** What was the reasoning for giving \$9000 to the Hispanic American Student Association?



- Fiscal history. They are known for spending that much funds and we really value our Hispanic students.
    - **Reese:** Did the Student Socialist League only ask for \$10?
      - Yes.
    - **Reese:** What for?
      - Printing costs.
    - **Strickland:** What is Hacklahoma?
      - They do a lot of coding.
    - **Kathuria:** The Undergraduate Mock Trial Team travels out of state. Is some of their funding going to covering travel expenses?
      - Yes, hotel as well as transportation costs.
    - **Kathuria:** Why is Latinos Without Borders getting \$4378 and how do they plan on spending it?
      - It's for programming events, in general mostly for food and a guest speaker.
- 22-0-0 unanimous pass
- CR-109-03 “LGBTQ+ Safety and Wellbeing Resolution of 2023” (Koenig)(HD, Rec of Due Pass)

*Motion to see CR-109-03*

*Representative Robinson seconded by Representative Rhoads*

Author's Explanation (Koenig): As you know there are approximately 40+ anti-LGBTQ+ bills in the Oklahoma State Legislature up to be passed. A variety include stuff for targeting gender affirming care for minors and young adults. The last I had saw was up to 26 however I've seen it be changed to 18. Bans on drag performances in public spaces, redefining terms such as grooming in way that ostracize and demonize the LGBTQ+ community and limits free speech of public educators. I have highlighted a few bills specifically such as SB 345 which bans gender affirming care under the age of 21 and also charge adults with a felony if they assist children in accessing gender affirming care. SB 1011 which would require institutions such as the University of Oklahoma to disclose the amount of funding spend each fiscal year on curriculum about sex, gender, race, equity, or DEI. SB 613 has already passed through the senate and would ban gender affirming care under the age of 18 and would charge primary care physicians, endocrinologists, and anyone trying to provide that care. SB 503, SB 1098, and HB236 which would ban drag queens, harming our campus partners such as the GEC, new student programs, multicultural orgs, and more. Crimson and Queens is the largest drag show in the state of Oklahoma, as well as drag bingo through Camp Crimson.

0:19 yielded to questions

- **Landry:** In section 2 you talk about recommending our state maintaining its current laws. A lot of the current laws are already anti-LGBTQ. Can you explain the choice behind this wording?
  - There has been a recommendation to make an amendment to this section and I would gladly accept that because I agree that throughout the past couple of years there have been harmful laws such as gender affirming care bans at OU med, bathroom bills for k-12, and restricting educators.
- **Kathuria:** As you may know I aspire to enter the medical profession after graduation, and Oklahoma is currently ranked 45<sup>th</sup> for active physicians per 100,000 people. How do you think these bills could hamper Oklahoma from having enough

physicians to serve our population and how would that impact future doctors in determining what state they want to practice medicine in?

- My physician is thinking about leaving the state and she is number one for providing gender affirming care in the state and I know a lot of her colleagues at OU med will be following her. I feel it would be harmful to them and I know a lot of students applying to medical school are looking to go elsewhere.
- **Robinson:** In section 3 you listed it to go to senator Julie Garvin, did you mean to put Jessica Garvin?
  - Yes I did.
- **Strickland:** You have listed 13 elected members of the Oklahoma general assembly. Are these Norman's representatives or are these the authors of these bills?
  - They are the authors of these bills.
- **Kathuria:** As well as physicians, do you also believe this could have a negative impact on PAs, nurse practitioners, and registered nurses?
  - It will have a significant impact for them as well as a lot of these bills will be banning public funds so that will close clinics.
- **Kathuria:** A lot of these anti-LGBTQ bills have a medical component. Would you accept a friendly amendment to section 3 adding the following individuals: Dr. David Holder, President of Oklahoma State Medical Association; Dr. Eva Switzer, President of Oklahoma Chapter of American Academy of Pediatrics; Dr. John P. Zubiade, Dean of University of Oklahoma College of Medicine; Dr. Dennis Blankenship, Dean of Oklahoma State University College of Medicine; Dr. James Herman, Dean of University of Oklahoma-Tulsa College of Medicine; Dr. Natasha Bray, Dean of Oklahoma State University College of Medicine Talequah Campus?
  - Yes.

*Motion to extend time for questions for 5 minutes*

*Representative Mullins seconded by Representative Rhoads*

- **Haskins:** I do believe our state should be more friendly to our LGBTQ+ citizens, but in a state that is adversarial to their rights do you believe leaving section 2 as is and recommending the maintenance of current laws would make them more receptive as opposed to changing it?
  - I definitely see both perspectives. As someone who has been harmed by these bills, I don't feel that at this time it would be best look at how this impacted not just the LGBTQ community but even financial services. With the bill that was passed in September that limited our funds for practicing gender affirming healthcare at OU HSC, I would like to see the financial impact as well.
- **Griffin:** Would you accept a friendly amendment to amend section 2 and state, "The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association officially condemns any current or future bills that seek to further restrict LGBTQ+ healthcare, education, freedom of expression, or civil rights, and commits to advocating against any anti-LGBTQ+ bills introduced into the state legislature."
  - Yes
- **Griffin:** Would you accept a friendly amendment to add a section 3 adding, "The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association recommends that the state legislature considers statistics regarding LGBTQ+ mental health and the best healthcare

practices outlined by the American Association of Pediatrics when drafting legislation relating to the LGBTQ+ community.”

- Yes
- **Barnett:** Do you think this will have any impact on the university’s lobbying power?
  - I am not sure.
- **Kathuria:** Would you be open to a friendly amendment adding to section 3 Keith Reid, Oklahoma Commissioner of Health, as a recipient?
  - Yes.

22-0-0 unanimous pass

### **Follow-Up Reports**

#### **Items for Future Agenda**

- **Mullins:** My Thank You OU Food Services Act will be submitted on Engage soon.
- **Griffin:** There will be a bill congratulating those elected in the municipal election as well as thanking those who met with us on Higher Ed day and another coming soon supporting the Cherokee Nations commitment to trying to receive a representative in the federal government.
- **Robinson:** I have a bill coming up to amend the bylaws to allow for an extension of time for questions during chair nominations and elections.

#### **Announcements and Comments**

- **Stoyak:** Oklahoma Votes has their February membership meeting next Monday. I’ll send a graphic in the group chat.
- **Strickland:** Sign up for the Big Event.
- **Haskins:** OU Parking is now walking around at night too so just be careful.

#### **Final Roll Call**

*Motion to adjourn*

*Representative Robinson seconded by Representative Dunn*

**Adjourn – 8:47 pm**

Chair: Abby Halsey-Kraus

Vice-Chair: Bailey Trautman

Secretary: Amelia Landry



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Last Name:	First Name:	CB-109-04	CB-109-06	CB-109-07	CB-109-08, CB-109-09, CB-109-10, & CB-109-11	CR-109-03	AB-109-03	Quorum	
Barnett	Ryan	y	y	y	y	y	y		
Brown	Jordan	y	y	y	a	y	y		
Cantrell	Madeline	y	y	y	y	y	y		
Chiariello	Clayton								
Coxson	Ashlyn	y	y	y	y	y	y		
Craig	Carter								
Daly	Isabel								
Duncan	Elizabeth	y	y	y	y	y	y		
Dunn	Tucker	y	a	y	y	y	y		
Ferguson	Daniel	y	y	y	y	y	y		
Ghazal	Razann								
Glasscock	Caden	y	y	y	y	y	y		
Hyslop	Anna	y	y	y	y	y	y		
Islas	Lizabeth								
Kathuria	Shrey	y	y	y	y	y	y		
Ketaneh	Yara								
Koenig	Ezra	y	y	y		y	y		
McCall	Will								
McCoy	Lane	y	y	y	y	y	y		
Mullins	Annie	y	y	y	y	y	y		
Nguyen	Nhi								
Papahronis	Demitri	y	y	y	y	y	y		
Reese	Nathaniel	y	y	y	y	y	y		
Reynolds	Michael	y	y	y	y	y	y		
Rhoads	Hope	y	y	y	y	y	y		
Robinson	Caleb	y	y	y	y	y	y		
Stoyak	Michael	y	y	y	a	y	y		
Strickland	Carter	y	y	y	y	y	y		
White	Ben	y	y	y	y	y	y		
York	Isabel	y	y	y	y	y	y		
	<b>Yes</b>	22	21	22		19	22	22	0
	<b>No</b>	0	0	0		0	0	0	0
	<b>Abstain</b>	0	1	0		2	0	0	0

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS  
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GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE  
SENATE SESSION GS23  
February 23, 2023

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-109-04  
SENATE BILL GS23-08

AS INTRODUCED

An Act of Procedure amending the Code Annotated to reflect the necessary changes to the responsibilities and duties of Crimson Leadership Association members; 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 “CL-Slay Revision Act of 2023.”

**Section 2:** Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to amend the Student Government Association’s Code Annotated to (1) reflect necessary changes to operations and expectations within the Crimson Leadership Association and (2) update the responsibilities of those involved.

**Section 3:** AMENDATORY: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association’s Code Annotated Title III Chapter 6 is amended as follows. For the purposes of this bill, all items removed shall be denoted with a ~~striketrough~~. All items added shall be denoted with an underline.

Chapter 6 – Crimson Leadership Association

1. Purpose.

The SGA Crimson Leadership Association shall prepare its members for future involvement within the various branches of the SGA. The Crimson Leadership Association will also promote the programs and positions of, raise awareness and understanding of, and advocate for first year student involvement within the SGA as a whole, as well as other student organizations on the OU campus.

2. Members.

a. Eligibility.

Full time, first year students in good academic standing with the University shall be eligible to submit applications for membership. Applicants must also complete

an interview with the Crimson Leadership Association Co-Chairs. Applications chosen for membership must remain in good academic standing throughout their membership.

b. Responsibilities

- i. ~~Crimson Leadership Association Members shall attend one (1) office hour each full month of the semester~~ obtain twenty (20) points each full semester, under the Crimson Leadership Association Point System. Points can be obtained through attending office hours of any of the following SGA positions: SGA President, SGA Vice President, Chief of Staff, Undergraduate Student Congress Chair, Undergraduate Student Congress Vice Chair, Undergraduate Student Congress Secretary, Undergraduate Student Congress Committee Chairs, CAC Chair, CAC Event Chairs, and CAC Vice Chair on the Executive Council of CAC, and Crimson Leadership Association Co-Chairs. Additionally, points can be obtained by attending CAC events, SGA or CAC weekly meetings, or additional meetings outside the designated weekly meeting times under the discretion of the Co-Chairs. Members shall not visit the same officer's office hours twice consecutively.
- ii. ~~Crimson Leadership Association members shall attend one (1) full meeting, as reasonable as outlined by the Crimson Leadership Association co chairs, of any of the SGA branches each month. Members must visit a representative of the Legislative, Executive, and Programming Branches by the end of their first semester.~~
- iii. ~~During the last meeting of every month, each Crimson Leadership Association member shall give a report to the entire council on the office hours and meetings they attended in that same month.~~
- iv. ~~Failure to fulfill any individual responsibility outlined above will result in an unexcused absence.~~
- v. Failure to obtain twenty (20) points by means of the means of the opportunities outlined above will result in a meeting with the Co-Chairs to discuss whether or not they will continue as a member of the Crimson Leadership Association

3. Officers.

There shall be two Co-Chairs of the council charged with overseeing the delegation and reporting to the SGA Vice President.

a. Eligibility.

Crimson Leadership Association members from the previous year, who have remained in good academic standing with the university, are eligible for nomination to a Co-Chair position.

b. Selection.

The Co-Chair position shall be appointed by a board comprised of the SGA President, SGA Vice President, and previous year's Co-Chairs, with advice and consent of the Legislative Branch.

c. Term Length and Limit.

The Co-Chair is appointed for one academic year beginning with their legislative confirmation. Officers may serve no more than one academic year. Officers appointed to fill a vacancy shall serve to the end of the academic year in which they were confirmed by the Legislative Branch.

d. Responsibilities.

i. Co-Chairs shall review all applications and hold interviews in the fall semester to select Crimson Leadership Association membership for the upcoming school year. Member acceptance and application process is at the Co-Chair's discretion.

ii. Co-Chairs shall hold a minimum of ~~two (2)~~ three (3) office hours a week between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, in the SGA office. The office hours schedule shall be publicly posted.

iii. Co-Chairs shall determine the mechanism for ensuring members fulfill their responsibilities outlined in Section 27, subsection b.

iv. Co-Chairs will work closely with SGA Vice President as well as all branches of SGA, as necessary, to ensure the purpose of the Crimson Leadership Association is carried out.

v. Co-Chairs will share all responsibilities and must report to each other.

e. Vacancies.

In the event of a vacancy, the responsibilities of the vacated seat shall fall upon the remaining officer, with the support of the SGA Vice President, until a suitable replacement has been appointed and confirmed by the legislature. In the event of both positions being vacated the SGA Vice President will serve as sole Chair of Crimson Leadership Association until suitable replacement has been appointed and confirmed by the legislature.

f. Officer Removal.

The SGA Vice President shall have the authority to remove Co-Chairs with the advice and consent of the Legislative Branch.

#### 4. Internal Proceedings.

The SGA Crimson Leadership Association shall establish rules of procedure for the internal operations for the organization. These rules shall be published and available to students upon request. Any proposed and adopted rule changes must be sent to the SGA Vice President and appropriately distributed.

#### 5. Meetings

a. Meeting Times.

Co-Chairs shall establish meeting times for the full academic year by the third academic week of the fall semester. Attendance.

b. Attendance.



Each member is allowed ~~three (3)~~ two (2) unexcused absences per semester, after which they will need to meet with the Co-Chairs to discuss whether or not they will continue on as a Crimson Leadership Association member. A request for an excused absence must be submitted to the Co-Chairs in writing 24 hours before a meeting in order to be considered. What qualifies as an “excused” absence is at the discretion of the Co-Chairs.

6. Funding.

The SGA Crimson Leadership Association shall be provided financial support through the Executive Branch.

7. Report.

~~At least one of the Co-Chairs shall present a report of the Crimson Leadership Association’s progress and goals during a meeting with the SGA Vice President at least once a month and goals to a minimum of one meeting of the Undergraduate Student Congress per month. If Co-Chairs do not fulfill this requirement for two consecutive months, they shall meet with the SGA Vice President to discuss an action plan for the future.~~

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

Author(s): Representative Carter Strickland, University College District

Co-Author(s): Chairwoman Abby Halsey-Kraus, Undergraduate Student Congress  
Representative Hope Rhoads, University College District  
Co-Chair Susannah Lee, Crimson Leadership Association  
Co-Chair Manuvel Sibichan, Crimson Leadership Association

Co-Sponsor(s): Secretary Amelia Landry, Undergraduate Student Congress  
Representative Daniel Ferguson, University College District  
Representative Anna Hyslop, University College District

Submitted on a Motion by: Representative Rhoads seconded by Representative Coxson

Action taken by Congress: 22-0-0 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: \_\_\_\_\_

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS  
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CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-109-06

AS INTRODUCED

A Congressional Act of Procedure appointing the  
Congressional Administration Committee Chairperson;  
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 “ConAd Chair Appointment Act of 2023.”

**Section 2:** Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to appoint the Congressional Administration Committee Chairperson.

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

**Congressional Administration**  
Chair: Tucker Dunn

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

Author(s): Chairwoman Abby Halsey-Kraus, Undergraduate Student Congress

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

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

Action taken by Congress: 21-0-1 pass

Verified by Chair: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-109-07  
SENATE BILL GS23-09

AS INTRODUCED

An Act of Legislation appointing the SGA Election  
Commissioner; 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 “Act Appointing the Spring 2023 SGA  
Election Commissioner.”

**Section 2:** Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to appoint the Spring 2023 Election  
Commissioner.

**Section 3:** In accordance with Title IV, Chapter 6, Section 25, which delineated the appointment  
process for the commissioner position.

- Randi Wright

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

Author(s): President Christopher Firch, Student Government Association

Co-Author(s): Vice President Emelie Schultz, Student Government Association  
Chief of Staff Maria de Asis, Student Government Association  
Executive Assistant Caden Glasscock, Student Government Association

Submitted on a Motion by: Representative Robinson seconded by Representative Coxson

Action taken by Congress: 22-0-0 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 CB-109-08  
SENATE BILL GS23-10

AS INTRODUCED

An Act of Procedure appointing the SGA Executive Cabinet Department of Communications Director; 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 “SGA Executive Cabinet Department of Communications Director Appointment Act of 2023.”

**Section 2:** Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to appoint the SGA Executive Cabinet Department of Communications Director.

**Section 3:** In accordance with Title III, Chapter 1, Section 5, Subsection C(ii) of the SGA Code Annotated, “The President shall appoint Directors with the advice and consent of the Legislative Branch,” the following student shall be appointed as Director to their respective department:

- Jessica Zimmerman – Director of the Department of Communications

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

Author(s): Christopher Firch, SGA President

Co-Author(s): Emelie Schultz, SGA Vice President  
Maria de Asis, SGA Chief of Staff  
Caden Glasscock, SGA Executive Assistant

Co-Sponsor(s):

Submitted on a Motion by: Representative Mullins seconded by Representative Robinson

Action taken by Congress: 19-0-2 pass

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

Submitted on a Motion by:

Action taken by Senate

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

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

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-109-09  
SENATE BILL GS23-11

AS INTRODUCED

An Act of Legislation appointing the SGA Executive Cabinet Department of Exterior Director; 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 “SGA Executive Cabinet Department of the Exterior Director Appointment Act of 2023.”

**Section 2:** Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to appoint the SGA Executive Cabinet Department of the Exterior Director.

**Section 3:** In accordance with Title III, Chapter 1, Section 5, Subsection C(ii) of the SGA Code Annotated, “The President shall appoint Directors with the advice and consent of the Legislative Branch,” the following student shall be appointed as Director to their respective department:

- Jordan Brown – Director of the Exterior

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

Author(s): President Christopher Firch, Student Government Association

Co-Author(s): Vice President Emelie Schultz, Student Government Association  
Chief of Staff Maria de Asis, Student Government Association  
Executive Assistant Caden Glasscock, Student Government Association

Submitted on a Motion by: Representative Mullins seconded by Representative Robinson

Action taken by Congress: 19-0-2 pass

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

Submitted on a Motion by:

Action taken by Senate

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

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

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-109-10  
SENATE BILL GS23-12

AS INTRODUCED

An Act of Legislation appointing the SGA Executive Cabinet Department of the Interior Director; 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 “SGA Executive Cabinet Department of the Interior Director Appointment Act of 2023.”

**Section 2:** Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to appoint the SGA Executive Cabinet Department of the Interior Director.

**Section 3:** In accordance with Title III, Chapter 1, Section 5, Subsection C(ii) of the SGA Code Annotated, “The President shall appoint Directors with the advice and consent of the Legislative Branch,” the following student shall be appointed as Director to their respective department:

- Michael Stoyak – Director of the Department of the Interior

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

Author(s): President Christopher Firch, Student Government Association

Co-Author(s): Vice President Emelie Schultz, Student Government Association  
Chief of Staff Maria de Asis, Student Government Association  
Executive Assistant Caden Glasscock, Student Government Association

Submitted on a Motion by: Representative Mullins seconded by Representative Robinson

Action taken by Congress: 19-0-2 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 CB-109-11  
SENATE BILL GS23-13

AS INTRODUCED

An Act of Legislation appointing the SGA Executive Cabinet Department of Inclusivity Director; 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 “SGA Executive Cabinet Department of Inclusivity Director Appointment Act of 2023.”

**Section 2:** Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to appoint the SGA Executive Cabinet Department of Inclusivity Director.

**Section 3:** In accordance with Title III, Chapter 1, Section 5, Subsection C(ii) of the SGA Code Annotated, “The President shall appoint Directors with the advice and consent of the Legislative Branch,” the following student shall be appointed as Director to their respective department:

- Dala Korkoyah – Director of Inclusivity

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

Author(s): President Christopher Firch, Student Government Association

Co-Author(s): Vice President Emelie Schultz, Student Government Association  
Chief of Staff Maria de Asis, Student Government Association  
Executive Assistant Caden Glasscock, Student Government Association

Submitted on a Motion by: Representative Mullins seconded by Representative Robinson

Action taken by Congress: 19-0-2 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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February 23, 2023

CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-109-03  
SENATE RESOLUTION NO. GS23-15

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution recommending the Oklahoma State Government maintain current laws regarding LGBTQ+ healthcare, education, free speech, and civil rights; and providing for distribution.

- Whereas: The Student Government Association passed CR-105-1/GS21-30 “Love is Anti-Violence Resolution of 2021” on March 23rd, 2021, and March 28th, 2021, respectively as well as CR-108-07/GS22-27 “Support for Transgender and Gender Nonconforming Students Resolution of 2022” on April 19th, 2022, and April 24th, 2022, respectively. These resolutions affirmed SGA’s commitment to fighting for the physical and mental wellness of LGBTQ+ students.
- Whereas: The Oklahoma State Legislature has introduced approximately 40 anti-LGBTQ+ bills that specifically target gender-affirming healthcare for minors and young adults under the age of 26, bans drag performances in public spaces, redefines the definitions of the terms such as “grooming” in ways that ostracize and demonize the LGBTQ+ community, limits the free speech of public educators<sup>1</sup>;
- Whereas: SB345 would ban gender affirming care for those under the age of 21 and also charge guardians with a felony if they assist their child with accessing gender affirming care<sup>2</sup>;
- Whereas: SB1011 would require each institution in the Oklahoma State System of Higher Education to disclose on its website the amount of funding allocated for each fiscal year to curriculum or training related to gender, sexual or racial diversity, or equality and inclusion<sup>3</sup>;
- Whereas: SB613 has already passed through the Oklahoma Senate, which bans gender affirming care for those under the age of 18 and also would charge providers that provide gender affirming care to those groups<sup>4</sup>;
- Whereas: Several bills such as SB503, SB1098, and HB2736 seek to ban drag performances in public, which impacts many programs the University of Oklahoma hosts each year such as Drag

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<sup>1</sup> <https://oklahomawatch.org/2023/02/10/oklahoma-lawmakers-file-40-anti-lgbtq-bills/>

<sup>2</sup> <https://legiscan.com/OK/bill/SB345/2023>

<sup>3</sup> <http://www.oklegislature.gov/BillInfo.aspx?Bill=SB1011&Session=2300>

<sup>4</sup> <http://www.oklegislature.gov/BillInfo.aspx?Bill=SB613>

Bingo, Crimson and Queens, and other drag performances happening on OU's campus and in the Norman community<sup>5</sup>;

Whereas: A study conducted by the Trevor Project shows that 94% of LGBTQ youth reported that recent politics negatively impacted their mental health<sup>6</sup>;

Whereas: In the same study conducted by the Trevor Project, they found that 42% of LGBTQ+ youth seriously considered attempting suicide in the past year, including more than half of transgender and nonbinary youth<sup>7</sup>;

Whereas: The American Association of Pediatrics recommends taking a "gender-affirming," nonjudgmental approach that helps youth feel safe in a society that too often marginalizes or stigmatizes those seen as different. Other recommendations outlined include:

- Providing youth with access to comprehensive gender-affirming and developmentally appropriate health care.
- Providing family-based therapy and support be available to meet the needs of parents, caregivers and siblings of youth who identify as transgender.
- Making sure that electronic health records, billing systems, patient-centered notification systems and clinical research are designed to respect the asserted gender identity of each patient while maintaining confidentiality.
- Supporting insurance plans that offer coverage specific to the needs of youth who identify as transgender, including coverage for medical, psychological and, when appropriate, surgical interventions.
- Advocacy by pediatricians within their communities, for policies and laws that seek to promote acceptance of all children without fear of harassment, exclusion or bullying because of gender expression<sup>8</sup>; therefore

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

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<sup>5</sup> <http://www.oklegislature.gov/BillInfo.aspx?Bill=sb%20503&Session=2300>;  
<http://www.oklegislature.gov/BillInfo.aspx?Bill=sb1098&Session=2200> ;  
<http://www.oklegislature.gov/BillInfo.aspx?Bill=HB2736&session=2300>

<sup>6</sup> The Trevor Project. (2021). 2021 National Survey on LGBTQ Youth Mental Health. West Hollywood, California: The Trevor Project.

<sup>7</sup> The Trevor Project. (2021). 2021 National Survey on LGBTQ Youth Mental Health. West Hollywood, California: The Trevor Project.

<sup>8</sup> <https://www.aap.org/en/news-room/news-releases/aap/2018/aap-policy-statement-urges-support-and-care-of-transgender-and-gender-diverse-children-and-adolescents/#:~:text=The%20AAP%20recommends%20taking%20a,stigmatizes%20those%20seen%20as%20different.>

- Section 1:** Title: This resolution shall be known and may be cited as the “LGBTQ+ Safety and Wellbeing Resolution of 2023.”
- Section 2:** The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association officially condemns any current or future bills that seek to further restrict LGBTQ+ healthcare, education, freedom of expression, or civil rights, and commits to advocating against any anti-LGBTQ+ bills introduced into the state legislature.
- Section 3:** The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association recommends that the state legislature considers statistics regarding LGBTQ+ mental health and the best healthcare practices outlined by the American Association of Pediatrics when drafting legislation relating to the LGBTQ+ community.
- Section 4:** Copies of this resolution will be sent to:
- OU Daily
  - President Joseph Harroz
  - Dr. David Suratt
  - Kristen Partridge
  - Quan Phan
  - Erin Simpson
  - The University of Oklahoma Board of Regents
  - Oklahoma Senator Julie Daniels
  - Oklahoma Senator David Bullard
  - Oklahoma Senator Shane Jett
  - Oklahoma Senator Nathan Dahm
  - Oklahoma Senator Rob Standridge
  - Oklahoma Senator Cody Rogers
  - Oklahoma Senator Jessica Garvin
  - Oklahoma Representative Jim Olsen
  - Oklahoma Representative Tom Gann
  - Oklahoma Representative Chris Sneed
  - Oklahoma Representative Kevin West
  - Oklahoma Representative Danny Williams
  - Oklahoma Representative Collin Duel
  - Dr. David Holder, President of Oklahoma State Medical Association
  - Dr. Eva Switzer, President of Oklahoma Chapter of American Academy of Pediatrics
  - Dr. John P. Zubiade, Dean of University of Oklahoma College of Medicine
  - Dr. Dennis Blankenship, Dean of Oklahoma State University College of Medicine
  - Dr. James Herman, Dean of University of Oklahoma-Tulsa College of Medicine
  - Dr. Natasha Bray, Dean of Oklahoma State University College of Medicine Talequah Campus
  - Keith Reid, Oklahoma Commissioner of Health

Author(s): Representative Ezra Koenig, Humanities District

Co-Sponsor(s): Chairwoman Abby Halsey-Kraus, Undergraduate Student Congress  
Chair Weslie Griffin, External Affairs Committee  
Secretary Amelia Landry, Undergraduate Student Congress  
Vice President Emelie Schultz, Student Government Association  
Chair Carolyn Berggren, Human Diversity Committee  
Representative Nate Reese, Engineering District

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

Action taken by Congress: 22-0-0 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: \_\_\_\_\_

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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CONGRESSIONAL BILL AB-109-02  
SENATE BILL NO. GS23-16

AS INTRODUCED

An act relating to appropriations; providing for short title; stating purpose; appropriating Auxiliary Funding for the 2022-2023 process; stating appropriation guidelines; establishing expiration deadline; directing transfer of unused funds by deadline; and providing an effective date.

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

**Section 1:** This act shall be known and may be cited as the “Auxiliary Allocation 9 Act of 2022-2023”

**Section 2:** PURPOSE. The purpose of this act is to appropriate the funds of the University of Oklahoma Student Government Association to the organizations mentioned within.

**Section 3:** APPROPRIATION. The following amounts are hereby allocated to

Organization	Programs, Events & Activities	Capital Investments	Office and General Expenses	Total
Student Socialist League	10			10
Hispanic American Student Association	9000			9000
Student Association of Bangladesh	960			960
Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Fraternity	1675			1675
Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Fraternity	158.85			158.85
OU Women's Lacrosse Club	800			800
OU Powerlifting Club	2162			2162
Big Event	1700			1700
Undergraduate Mock Trial Team	850			850
Oklahoma Intercollegiate Legislature	1500			1500
Women's Health Advocacy	650			650
Model United Nations	800			800
OU Women's Volleyball Club	600			600
Latinos Without Borders	4378			4378
India Student Association	1600			1600
Hacklahoma	1050			1050



Japanese Cultural Community at the University of Oklahoma	500			500
Women in Finance	143			143
Russian Club	51			51
Black Girl White Coat	60			60
Acts of Kindness Association	600			600
<b>TOTAL:</b>				<b>29,237.85</b>

**Section 4:** All guidelines and provisions in Title 10 of the Code Annotated shall apply to all funds appropriated in this act.

**Section 5:** This fiscal year for the account listed in these sections shall end May 6, 2023

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

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

Author(s): Chair Demetri Papahronis, SGA Budget Committee;  
Vice Chair Brandon Chenevey, SGA Budget Committee

Co-Author(s): SGA Budgetary Committee

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

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

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

Submitted on a motion by:

Action taken by Senate:

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

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