

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS

Session CIX

General Body Meeting

7:00 pm, Tuesday, February 28th, 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 21, 2023

Motion to approve the minutes

Representative Rhoads seconded by Representative Coxson

Officer Reports -

- **Chair's Report:** Hi, all! So sorry Vice Chair Trautman and I couldn't be here tonight, but I know you are in great hands with Secretary Landry! We will be happy to tell you all about our trip to DC next week when we return. As far as projects go, next week I will be bringing more of the Drink Safe Technology coasters to our meeting. As well as, last week I had a meeting with the President of the Muslim Student Association and the Director of Student Life about Ramadan accommodations, which I will update everyone on next week. If anyone has any questions or just wants to hear about DC, come see me during office hours on Friday from 9-1!
- **Vice Chair's Report:** Hi everyone! Cannot wait to come back and share our experiences in DC with you! I will have an information sheet for you all! Other than that, business as usual for me! Thank you all, can't wait to see you!
- **Secretary's Report:** Hi y'all! Thanks again for your patience during today's meeting. We had some resignations this week because of the executive cabinet appointments, but we are looking forward to doing interviews this weekend as ConAd will explain in a bit more detail. Also, Bailey didn't mention this but please don't forget to do your February CSP! She sent out an email about it a bit ago. Again, if you aren't on the mailing list let me know. Thanks!

Committee Reports-

- **Campus Outreach, Safety, and Concerns:** COSCO met officially this weekend and looked over our ongoing legislation. We are still waiting for responses from faculty senate, but for other projects we did get a response from health promotions! They will be joining us

for our table on March 6th to encourage skin safety and pass out things like sunscreen and important info! Thanks!

- **Congressional Administration:** ConAd met pfficially this Sunday and saw three bills, the Gen App Codification Act, the “Let There Be Questions Act” and the “Less Work for ConAd Chair Act” which I did not write or name. We will be seeing the latter two of those tonight. We will be doing interviews to help fill those rep seats this weekend and we should see that bill next week.
- **External Affairs:** EA met this weekend over zoom and saw our municipal congratulations bill which we will be seeing tonight, and we gave it a rec of do pass. We are working on OU day which should be March 29th and stuff for aeronautics day at the capitol.
- **Human Diversity:** HD met unofficially to discuss projects. Our book drive is going on so please bring books.
- **Sustainability:** Susty had our trash walk on Sunday and then we met officially. It went well, the Student Socialist League was there and we picked up a lot of trash, but unsure if with the storms if it has blown back out there.
- **University Policy:** Hey guys! UPOL met unofficially last Friday. We are still working on the same projects we were last week. We will be meeting officially this weekend so please come so we can have quorum! Thanks
- **Ways and Means:** Primary is open, tell your friends to apply.

Liaison Reports

- **Kathuria:** I am giving a presentation with the American Mock World Health Organization on Thursday to talk about natural medicine, all types of it. You name it. It will be in Dunham College Room A128 at 7pm, or there will be a zoom option.
- **Strickland:** The Institute for the American Constitutional Heritage is putting on a teach in on March 8th all day. To RSVP do so online. They will cover Native Americans and the Constitutional Order, and it will be about water rights and sovereignty.
- **Cantrell:** Big Event registration closes on March 10th. Please register, it is OU’s largest day of service and it’s really fun.

Special Orders

- Student Alcohol Policy Survey:
https://ousurvey.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6stTAqJ9cOHQ5V4
- Student Code and Procedures Survey:
https://ousurvey.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5bdrB2haXiRwDbw

Student Concern Link

Items to Be Considered

- CB-109-13 “Let There Be Questions Act” (Robinson) (ConAd, Rec of Due Pass)
Motion to see CB-109-13
Representative Strickland seconded by Representative Mullins
Author’s Explanation (Robinson): This bill amends section 4.4.1.d of the bylaws to allow for more time for questions during the chair elections. I know last election we had some issues with other people having questions but not being allowed to extend time, so this allows to extend like we do for legislation, by suspension of the rules or to the end of the list.
2:34 yielded to questions
19-0-0 unanimous pass
- CB-109-14 “Less Work for ConAd Chair Act” (Robinson) (ConAd, Rec of Due Pass)
Motion to see CB-109-14

Representative Craig seconded by Representative Ketaneh

Author's Explanation (Robinson): This amends section 6 of the bylaws to update the committee chair responsibilities for ConAd. This is not anything new it is stuff we currently do. It says the chair shall conduct a selection bias training, rather the chair just ensures that all of us have completed our selection bias training. It also says a supermajority shall elect someone to the election commission, and we changed that to 2/3. It also mentions section 4.1.3 of the bylaws, which has nothing to do with ensuring the completion of selection bias training, it talks about the chair of congress breaking a tie.

1:56 yielded to questions

- **Griffin**: What training do we use?
 - LinkedIn Learning.

19-0-0 unanimous pass

- CR-109-04 “2023 Municipal Election Congratulations Bill” (Griffin) (EA, Rec of Due Pass)
Motion to see CR-109-04

Representative Craig seconded by Representative Strickland

Author's Explanation (Griffin): This congratulates those who were elected in the last municipal elections which were on Valentine's Day. There were only two people elected, for ward 1 city council Austin Ball and ward 3 Bree Montoya. Ward 1 was uncontested and in ward 3 the incumbent was ousted. All the other elections will go to a runoff on April 4th.

2:28 yielded to questions

- **Robinson**: Will there be another resolution at the runoff election?
 - Yes, it is precedent.

19-0-0 unanimous pass

Follow-Up Reports

Items for Future Agenda

- **Robinson**: The redistricting act will be seen next week if not then the week after.

Announcements and Comments

- **Kathuria**: Last Friday I had my Course Marking Committee meeting and I want to give you a few updates. Right now the university is looking at collaborating with TopHat executives to make the platform free for all OU students. The ultimate goal would get students to transfer away from iClicker and to get low cost and now cost course marking through Acedemos. We are working our way through the departments.
- **Phan**: I work with OU Nightly and Carolyn and Weslie Helped me with some recent projects. If you want to see them on YouTube look up the Friday the 24th 4pm show. Carolyn shows up at 5:30 and on the 4:30pm show Weslie shows up around the 3 minute mark.
- **Griffin**: March 29th is OU Day, stay tuned for announcements on how to register to come. We will be working closely with OU Admin and the Firch-Shultz Administration.
- **Kathuria**: Next week there is another state election in regard to state question 820. Please have your absentee ballot sent back to your local county election board before 7pm next Tuesday. Please make an informed decision on how you vote. I am not going to say what you should vote for but please do your research.

Final Roll Call

Motion to adjourn

Representative Reese seconded by Representative Mullins

Adjourn - 7:30 pm

Chair: Abby Halsey-Kraus
 Vice-Chair: Bailey Trautman
 Secretary: Amelia Landry

28-Feb-23			Date of Session:	27-Feb-23			
	Initial	Final	Last Name:	First Name:	CB-109-13	CB-109-14	CR-109-04
Barnett	ex	ex	Barnett	Ryan			
Cantrell	x	x	Cantrell	Madeline	Y	Y	Y
Chiariello	a	a	Chiariello	Clayton			
Coxson	x	x	Coxson	Ashlyn	Y	Y	Y
Craig	ex	x	Craig	Carter	Y	Y	Y
Daly	a	a	Daly	Isabel			
Duncan	x	x	Duncan	Elizabeth	Y	Y	Y
Dunn	x	x	Dunn	Tucker	Y	Y	Y
Ferguson	a	a	Ferguson	Daniel			
Ghazal	x	x	Ghazal	Razann	Y	Y	Y
Glasscock	ex	ex	Glasscock	Caden			
Hyslop	x	x	Hyslop	Anna	Y	Y	Y
Islas	x	x	Islas	Lizabeth	Y	Y	Y
Kathuria	x	x	Kathuria	Shrey	Y	Y	Y
Ketaneh	x	x	Ketaneh	Yara	Y	Y	Y
Koenig	ex	ex	Koenig	Ezra			
McCoy	x	x	McCoy	Lane	Y	Y	Y
Mullins	x	x	Mullins	Annie	Y	Y	Y
Nguyen	x	x	Nguyen	Nhi	Y	Y	Y
Papahronis	x	x	Papahronis	Demitri	Y	Y	Y
Reese	x	x	Reese	Nathaniel	Y	Y	Y
Reynolds	a	a	Reynolds	Michael			
Rhoads	x	x	Rhoads	Hope	Y	Y	Y
Robinson	x	x	Robinson	Caleb	Y	Y	Y
Strickland	x	x	Strickland	Carter	Y	Y	Y
York	x	x	York	Isabel	Y	Y	Y
PRESENT	18	19	Yes		19	19	19
ABSENT	4	4	No		0	0	0
EXCUSED	4	3	Abstain		0	0	0
1 Absence							
2 Absences							
3 Absences							
4 Absences							

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CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CIX

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CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-109-13

AS INTRODUCED

An Act of Procedure amending Section 4 of the Bylaws of the Undergraduate Student Congress, 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 “Let There Be Questions Act.”

Section 2: Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to amend the Undergraduate Student Congress Bylaws to promote inclusivity.

Section 3: AMENDATORY: The Undergraduate Student Congress Bylaws Section 4.4.1.d is amended as follows. New additions shall be denoted by an underline, and deletions shall be denoted by a ~~striketrough~~.

d. SPEAKING AND QUESTIONS. Speeches and questions to candidates shall be held in Special Orders during the second regular general meeting of each even-numbered session.

- i. Immediately prior to the determination of the speaking order of nominators of candidates for a specific office, the presiding officer shall ask said nominators which of the candidates nominated at the previous regular general meeting shall be candidates for said office.
- ii. Each nominator shall be allowed to speak for two (2) minutes, with the order being determined randomly among the candidates for each office. Should a nominator be unable to attend the General Meeting where officer elections occur, the nominator speech shall not be delivered by another and shall be forfeit.
- iii. Each candidate shall be allowed to speak for five (5) minutes immediately following the speech of their nominator.
- iv. After all candidates have spoken, questions may be directed to all candidates for ten (10) minutes. Candidates shall be limited to two (2) minutes per answer.
 1. Time for questions can only be extended twice and after they have been extended twice, they can only be extended to the end of the list, unless there is a suspension of the rules.
- v. Follow-up questions shall not be granted.

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

Author(s): Caleb Robinson, University College District Representative

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

Action taken by Congress: 19-0-0 unanimous pass

Verified by Chair of Congress: _____ Date: _____

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CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-109-14

AS INTRODUCED

An Act of Legislation amending Section 6 of the Bylaws of the Undergraduate Student Congress, 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 “Less Work for ConAd Chair Act.”

Section 2: Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to amend the Undergraduate Student Congress Bylaws to reflect current procedures in the Congressional Administration Committee.

Section 3: AMENDATORY: The Undergraduate Student Congress Bylaws Section 6.1.1.b. is amended as follows. New additions shall be denoted by an underline, and deletions shall be denoted by a ~~striketrough~~.

b. COMMITTEE CHAIR

- i. The Congressional Administration Committee Chair shall serve as the Parliamentarian.
 1. The Parliamentarian shall assist the Student Congress Chair in bringing to the attention of the body the proper procedure as outlined in the SGA Constitution, SGA Code Annotated, Student Congress Bylaws, and Robert’s Rules of Order.
 2. In the event that there is a question over the legality of a procedure, the Parliamentarian shall be entrusted to immediately research the issue using all immediately available resources and report the findings to the chair.
 3. The Parliamentarian shall not be empowered to overturn any decisions made by the Student Congress Chair, and shall only be utilized as a parliamentary resource as the Student Congress Chair deems necessary.
- ii. The Congressional Administration Committee Chair shall work with the Congress Chair during the process of redistricting and reapportionment.
- iii. The Congressional Administration Chair shall have the power to determine what training satisfies the selection-bias training ~~under Section 4.1.3 of these Bylaws.~~
- iv. The Congressional Administration Chair shall ~~conduct a selection bias training prior to the first round of interviews of any given session.~~ ensure the completion of a selection bias training by all members of the Congressional Administration Committee prior to the first round of interviews of any given session.
- v. The Congressional Administration Committee Chair shall appoint a member of their committee as the Ex-Officio Officer in the Election Commission for one (1) academic semester. If the Chair is not running for election/re-election, they may appoint themselves as the Ex-Officio Officer. This appointment shall be by a

~~supermajority~~ two-thirds vote of the members of the Committee and shall be seen in Executive Session.

Section 6: This act shall become effective when passed in accordance with the SGA Constitution.

Author(s): Caleb Robinson, University College District Representative

Co-Author(s): Tucker Dunn, Congressional Administration Committee Chair

Submitted on a Motion by: Representative Craig seconded by Representative Ketaneh

Action taken by Congress: 19-0-0 unanimous pass

Verified by Chair of Congress: _____ Date: _____

Approved by SGA President: _____ Date: _____

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CONGRESSIONAL BILL CR-109-04

AS INTRODUCED

A Congressional Resolution congratulating our elected officials on their elections; and providing for distribution.

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

Section 1: Title: This resolution shall be known and may be cited as the “2023 Municipal Election Congratulations Bill.”

Section 2: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association Undergraduate Student Congress formally congratulates the following officials on their victories in the 2023 Norman municipal elections:

- Ward 1 Councilmember-elect Austin Ball
- Ward 3 Councilmember-elect Bree Montoya

Section 3: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association Undergraduate Student Congress thanks these elected officials for their commitment to serving the City of Norman and hopes that it can work with them in the future.

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

- The OU Daily
- The OU Nightly
- Ward 1 Councilmember-elect Austin Ball
- Ward 3 Councilmember-elect Bree Montoya

Author(s): Weslie Griffin, Chair of the External Affairs Committee

Submitted on a Motion by: Representative Craig seconded by Representative Strickland

Action taken by Congress: 19-0-0 unanimous pass

Verified by Chair of Congress: _____ Date: _____