

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS

Session CIX

General Body Meeting

7:00 pm, Tuesday, March 7th, 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 28th, 2023

Motion to approve the minutes

Representative Dunn seconded by Representative Robinson

Officer Reports -

- **Chair's Report:** Good evening! Welcome to our new members. We are so excited to have you all. The biggest piece of advice I can give you right now is to just follow along with the agenda. Your first meeting may be a little rough but just follow the agenda and you'll be set. The order of the agenda will be explained a bit later on in what we call Code Club. AS for other news, Vice Chair Trautman and I are back from Washington D.C., we had a great time at Big 12 on the Hill. We got to meet with Oklahoma's congress people. I meant to bring DrinkSafe technology, but it is sitting in my car. It's probably for the best since we don't want the coasters to get ruined by the rain. For those that don't know, DrinkSafe coasters tell you if there is ketamine in your drink. We've been handing them out to people in the OU Community and it has been working well so far. I will have them at our next meeting. As a part of my platform, I promised to do bill workshop nights with you all to practice our skills. We are going to do our first workshop night on the 21st and it will be a fake bill night. If you have a fake bill, please draft them and fill out the form on Engage, and I will remind you until the 21st to submit that. You would be presenting them like you would for items to be considered. There also examples of fake bills on Engage. I also promised election lawn signs and I am starting to work on those now so if you have any ideas, please let me know. I will send out the blueprint for feedback.
- **Vice Chair's Report:** Hello everyone! If you are in the GroupMe I sent the March constituent service point form in there. A constituent service point, for a quick briefing, is a something each member earns each month for attending another organization's event, another committee meeting, going to other congressional activities, etc. If you are new, you do not need have one for March. Orientation dates are still in the works with George but it will be soon. Because of spring break and due to traveling plans it will be postponed so the tentative date will be the 27th. All of you who attended the mini orientation still need to come to the full orientation. I will be taking headshots for the regular members of the body aside from exec. You can come into office hours to get this done or

you can schedule a separate meeting, and we will start that after Spring Break as well. Merch is in progress; I am speaking with a graphic designer and it's going to be so cute. Please follow our Instagram @oucongress and share those posts. I forwarded an email to the current members from President Firch about the Big Event team he has created, so please sign up for that if you like. I will be writing up an informational sheet about who we talked to in DC and what we learned, and what other Big 12 schools are doing. It will be in an email and as always if you have questions please come talk to us.

- **Secretary's Report:** Hello everyone! Welcome to the new members in the body. While I am talking, we are going to put a QR code on the screen. If you are an associate, please scan this as it is how we are taking attendance for you all. For the new representatives, your name will normally be called during the roll call vote. Please do not worry that your name wasn't said at the start of this meeting – it is only because you technically haven't been appointed until we pass the bill. I am also going to have Abby put on the screen QR for you to join the GroupMe which I will also attach to the minutes email. For the newer folks I also wanted to simply reiterate that the attendance policy is every Tuesday general body meeting and committee meetings for representatives, and only the first Tuesday meeting of every month (which just so happens to be today) and committee meetings are required for associates. If you know you are going to miss a meeting and don't want to be unexcused, please just reach out to me at congresssec@ou.edu with your reasoning. You can also visit me during my office hours which are 9:30-10:15am, 12-1:15pm, and 3-5pm on Mondays and Wednesdays in the Conoco. I am usually pretty flexible. If you reach 4 unexcused absences per session (so basically 4 per semester) that is the benchmark according to our governing docs for you to potentially be expelled from the body so we want to avoid that. Lastly, if I ever say your name wrong, please don't hesitate to correct me. I know that was a lot of information so please don't be afraid to ask again. For our old members all I wanted to say was thanks again to Associate Powers and the HD team for the book drive! It was super successful! Thanks!

Committee Reports-

- **Campus Outreach, Safety, and Concerns:** COSCO met unofficially this weekend. Our sunscreen, UV, and Spring safety tabling with Health Promotions went fantastic! Huge thank you to Elizabeth and Rafiya for carrying that project. Aside from that, new student orientation has expressed interest in adding an Academic Integrity module to their Canvas page as a start toward student knowledge of integrity! Thank you.
- **Congressional Administration:** Hi everyone I'm Tucker. Congrats to the new members it was a pleasure interviewing you. ConAd is the administrative committee that sees changes to the governing docs (the Constitution, the bylaws, the SG Code Annotated) and we help bring in new members. ConAd met officially and we are bringing in 10 new members and one is being promoted to a rep.
- **External Affairs:** Hello my name is Weslie. EA deals with all things outside of OU namely with federal, state, local, and tribal governments. We hold forums and go to the state capitol to have conversations about OU. We are project and legislation based but our job is to be a liaison. Today was state question 820 so thanks for voting if you did vote - it will be interesting to the results. We are also seeing a bill we've already seen which deals with guns on campus and hopefully there are no amendments. OU Day is our next big project slated for March 29th.
- **Human Diversity:** Hello my name is Carolyn. HD focuses on diversity, equity, and inclusion on campus, and we are very project based but we are in the process of getting more legislation. WE host events and drives that raise awareness to different subjects. HD met officially and our book drive just ended. Thanks to everyone who donated, we were able to fill the whole food pantry shelf. I emailed Women's Health Advocacy and they will come present to us soon.
- **Sustainability:** Hello I am Rylee. Susty is in charge of sustainability, and we are also pretty project based. We just completed a project with Terracycle which provides specialty recycling in the freshman dormitories such as toothbrushes and toothpaste tubes, pens, etc. We are also working on a project relating to solar powered picnic benches and we do trash walks every month. We did not meet this week.

- **University Policy:** Hey guys! I hope you have all had a great week so far. I am the Chair of University Policy and we work on changing and implementing policy at OU, if you are interested in legislation pls come join! UPOL met unofficially on Friday. Though attendance was small, we had great talk. A few updates for y'all, I emailed faculty senate about policy pertaining to lecture slides and they seemed reluctant to it so I will be trying to approach it from a different angle. Next, I will be meeting with President Firch and Director of the Interior Michael Stoyak to finalize the WAGE Act, we were supposed to meet last week but I ran into some conflict but excited for that meeting! Next, Representative Reynolds has been working with administration on a bill Honoring the 3 OU Lives lost last year. They are making great progress and the bill is now in the workshop stage. If you have any questions, feel free to ask me or Rep. Reynolds. Finally, tonight we will be seeing my bill "Thank You OU Food Services for Raising the Standard for OU Student Workers." This is sort of part 1 of my student wage policy so excited to be seeing that tonight! Thanks!
- **Ways and Means:** Hello I am Demetri and I am also the SGA Budgetary Chair. WAM allocates a million dollars to registered student organizations. We do this through auxiliary and primary funding. Tonight we are seeing our tenth auxiliary funding requests and later in spring we will be seeing primary which is a bigger chunk of around 750 thousand dollars. Ways and means looks at money and the fiscal history of RSOs.

Liaison Reports

- **Koenig:** LGBTQ programs is opening applications for program advisory board and LGBTQ student alliance. They are opening up president and vice president and other positions. Applications for peer educator opens Friday. New student programs apps for new sooner orientation guides, sooner discovery, and start sooner, as well as camp crimson SGLs are open and closes March 10th. For SGLs they are now offering a \$250 scholarship and new student orientation guides can get free housing. Students in recovery is a recovery group that has been dwindling in numbers and we know there are people on campus who are struggling with addictions or who are allies. They meet on Wednesdays at 7pm in the Zarrow Hall community room, please show out!
- **Strickland:** Please register for the Big Event. Registration ends on Friday, and you can register with SGA or most other orgs.
- **Trautman:** I agree, if you have questions come and ask us! Get signed up as soon as possible.

Special Orders

- Code Club
- Committee of the Whole

Motion to enter committee of the whole

Representative Robinson seconded by Representative Kathuria

- CR-109-05 "“Thank You OU Food Services for Raising the Standard for (OU)r Student Workers.” (Mullins)

Motion to see CB-109-05

Chair Griffin seconded by Representative Dunn

Author's Explanation (Mullins): Ou Food Services raised their starting pay to \$10/hr for all student workers which is big. Before that it was anywhere between \$7.25/hr to \$10/hr. Now there is a basis and it goes up from there. All the research is in my bill and if you have questions please ask. In the 5th whereas clause I listed a lot of organizations that have student workers and I wanted to put emphasis on those. If you have other departments I'd be open to a friendly amendment.

1:58 yielded to questions

- **Kathuria:** Do you believe this legislation will provide a good foundation and working relationship with Food Services to further increase student wages in the future?
 - Yes, this is a great basis for seeing the WAGE act. It is good to let the university know what our body is doing.
- **Kathuria:** Did student workers at Fit and Rec and Library Services also have a pay increase?

- To my knowledge no. If you go to jobs.ou.edu a lot of jobs in fitness are \$8-9 an hour.
- **Kathuria:** Would you be interested in working with me on future legislation encouraging OU Fit and Rec, the Athletics department, Library Services, and Academic Affairs to also bump up their starting wages?
 - Yes.
- **Aslam:** Do you anticipate an increase in student tuition to pay these wages?
 - I am not sure. Money that is used to pay the workers comes from the department itself, but I am unsure about the tuition part. I think it mainly comes from Food services.
- **Keupen:** Would you accept a friendly amendment to send a copy to Matthew Brockwell, the Chief Financial Officer?
 - Yes.
- **Houston:** Are you aware that if you put a \$ in front of a number you don't also have to put the word dollars after that?
 - I am now.
- **Griffin:** In the last whereas clause it echoes what we say in section 2, do you think that is necessary?
 - I don't think it hurts.
- **Griffin:** Would you be willing at any point whether through this legislation or another to urge an increase from \$10 to something else?
 - When I was originally writing this, I wanted \$15 but we felt that it was best to stay with \$10 because the WAGE Act is asking for a \$15 increase which is a huge ask. We don't want to overload them.

Motion to give CB-109-05 a Rec of Do Pass

Representative Strickland seconded by Representative Dunn

Motion to exit committee of the whole

Representative Rhoads seconded by Representative Reynolds

Student Concern Link

Old Business

- CR-109-01 "Campus Safety Resolution of 2023" (Griffin, Halsey-Kraus) (EA, Due Pass)

Motion to see CR-109-01

Representative Mullins seconded by Representative Strickland

Author's Explanation (Griffin): This bill is one we saw almost a month ago and it is speaking about guns on campus as they relate to bills brought up in the state legislature. Currently if you wish to carry a gun on campus you would have to speak to the president of the university, and they would make a decision to as whether or not they felt it was necessary for your safety. Often it is no, especially at OU where we have a full police force. This went to GSS where it had some changes in the language essentially to beef up some of the legal language and add more on the first amendment because universities have been most successful in arguing against guns when talking about the right to free speech and learning.

1:33 yielded to questions

- **Kathuria:** Last year during Spring Family Weekend you might have been aware of the shooting that took place. Do you think this piece of legislation addresses such incidents?
 - I don't think so, but it is against legislation that would make situations like that occur more frequently. Taking a step against that is helping create a more safe campus.
- **Kathuria:** Can you explain why you have not included Governor Kevin Stitt in the list of people you're sending this to, given that he would sign these pieces of state legislation?
 - Traditionally we focus on the legislature more than the executive branch because historically in Oklahoma, having a supermajority, it is almost guaranteed to be

- signed by the governor. We also don't have a good relationship with the governor and when we advocate for things with him it doesn't go over open ears.
- **Kathuria:** So to clarify, you would not accept a friendly amendment adding Governor Stitt to the list of recipients.
 - No because we would have to send it back to GSS and GSS only meets by-weekly. We wouldn't be able to see it for another month because of spring break?
 - **Robinson:** Can you explain the importance of the senators that you are sending this to?
 - Yes, many of them are on education specific committees and others have been authors of bills relating to guns on campus. There have been over 70 bills relating to this topic entered the legislature. We felt these peoples were in important decision making processes.
 - **Haskins:** Campus policy allows individuals to carry guns if you get permission?
 - No, the default is that you aren't allowed to, and you are allowed to appeal that to the university president. As to my knowledge, the University of Oklahoma has never done so because we have a full police force, so you have plenty of resources. The way it is now has prevented many groups who wished to do harm from doing so and has provided the proper resources to those who feel unsafe.
 - **Strickland:** Can you specify which part was amended by the senate?
 - It was the whereas clauses specifically, mostly the first and second. Where it says, "Firearms on campus have a chilling effect on associational freedoms and harm the University's compelling interest in free academic discourse."
 - **Keupen:** Why did you not include the Norman PD?
 - Guns on campus is OUPD's jurisdiction. If it was related to off campus carry we would include Norman PD.

21-0-0 unanimous pass

Items to Be Considered

- CB-109-15 "Spring Appointment Act of 2023" (Dunn) (ConAd, Due Pass)
Motion to see CB-109-15
Representative Kathuria seconded by Representative Reynolds
Author's Explanation (Dunn): Hey everybody this is the product of a whole afternoon of interviews. We had 13 candidates interview and it was fantastic. I am excited to the new members.
2:36 yielded to questions
 - **Kathuria:** To the new representatives who are here, what are some of the most pressing issues facing your academic district or the University?
 - **Schonfield:** For UCOL, academic integrity and making it more accessible for students to understand the processes behind it. I also think the WAGE Act we are looking at is important.
 - **Fisher:** Academic misconduct, especially in the Engineering district. Whether they don't acknowledge the rules or whether they aren't aware, we want to improve that.
- 21-0-0 unanimous pass
- CR-109-05 "Thank You OU Food Services for Raising the Standard for (OU)r Student Workers." (Mullins)
Motion to see CR-109-05
Representative Cantrell seconded by Representative Coxson
Author's Explanation (Mullins): We just saw this in committee of the whole.
2:50 yielded to questions
 - **Ahmadi:** I think the last whereas clause needs to be in the section below because whereas clauses are supposed to be facts.
 - Ok.
 - **Griffin:** Would you accept a friendly amendment striking the last whereas clause and replacing section 3 with that clause?

- Yes.

23-0-0 unanimous pass

- AB-109-04 “Allocation 10 Act of 2022-2023” (Papahronis, Chenevey) (WAM, Due Pass)

Motion to see AB-109-04

Representative Schonfield seconded by Representative Craig

Author’s Explanation (Papahronis): This is AUX 10, take a look and ask questions.

2:55 yielded to questions

- **Kathuria:** For the new members, would you mind explaining how the WAM committee determines how much money an RSO gets?
 - We have a master file with the fiscal history of every RSO. If, for example, an RSO spent \$1,000 last year when we gave them \$1,500, we take that percent and know that they might not receive the same amount again. But if an organization spends all their money, we know they are in line for an increase. For newer organizations we take their membership and their experience, what they do for the community, etc. That is a grey area for our committee to decide.
- **Strickland:** Could you please explain why we are giving Circle K, a convenience store, \$765?
 - Circle K International is a university community focused on service, leadership, and friendship with more than 3000 members. It’s not the gas station.
- **Griffin:** Why are we giving the Armenian Student Association \$165.40?
 - Some organizations are simply more detailed in their applications, and that’s what they did.

23-0-0 unanimous pass

Follow-Up Reports

- **Koenig:** My bill we saw a few weeks ago was seen in GSS and was just signed with President Firch and he has further extended a meeting to me with the chair for the LGBTQ program advisory board and himself.
- **Reynolds:** We will be seeing the resolution I am working on for AG&S for the students that passed. The communications director helped me with the wording to make sure it’s right.
- **Strickland:** The president has signed all the cabinet appointment bills and the bill for the election commissioner.

Announcements and Comments

- **Halsey-Kraus:** SGA might not be on the big event list until tomorrow because President Firch just made our group this afternoon.
- **Landry:** If you are an associate who did not get to scan the QR code please come see me so I can make sure to mark you!
- **Kathuria:** The results of state question 820 are coming in and it looks like its not going to pass. 63.1 percent have voted against the proposal and only 36.9 percent in favor, with 73.1 percent reporting.
- **Kuepen:** AP has officially called state question 820 as voted down by the people of the state of Oklahoma.
- **Griffin:** In Cleveland County, it was 51% no, which is one of the first times we’ve voted no.
- **South:** I am making this as concerned student Crispin. I would like to urge my former colleagues to take legislative action about the parking appeals board. I have had an appeal pending since November of last year. Furthermore, if you are an RSO leader you should have gotten an email from George about soliciting comments and feedback about the student rights and responsibilities. Please take that really seriously – that governs who gets punished for what by student conduct. If you have legitimate feedback and if there are rights you think students should be guaranteed, put that down.
- **Griffin:** That is not only Superior Court Justice South, but Chair Emeritus of the Undergraduate Student Congress South.
- **Cantrell:** Alpha Gam is hosting Cheese and Mac on March 22nd, it’s the Wednesday after Spring Break. Tickets are 7 dollars and if you bring a canned good to the door you get a dollar off your

ticket. All of our donations will be going to the OU Food Pantry. All the money goes to hunger fighting initiatives worldwide, so please come hang out and eat mac and cheese with me. It is a constituent service point.

- **Strickland:** Please sign up for OU Day.
- **Griffin:** Aero Day will be at the Capitol on March 22nd , so if you're interested in aerospace and aviation let me know.
- **Dunn:** We did just have interviews but Chief Justice Walls has asked me to reopen the General Application for SGA so it's going to be open March 27th to April 3rd. We might have to see a reappointment bill for everyone we appointed tonight because of the way it was timed with elections. I'll be in touch.
- **Kathuria:** Last Saturday the Oklahoma Women's Basketball team won their first Big 12 championship since 2009. This might be the last week we might see the Men's Basketball team so support those boys for a final time.

Final Roll Call

Motion to adjourn

Representative Robinson seconded by representative Chiariello

Adjourn – 8:29pm

Chair: Abby Halsey-Kraus

Vice-Chair: Bailey Trautman

Secretary: Amelia Landry

Last Name	First Name	Title	Absences	Committee	Term Exp.
Aslam	Syed	Assoc.	x	COSCO	Session 109
Batson	Jourdan	Assoc.	a (2)	Sustainability	Session 109
Beck	Jillian	Assoc.	a (4)	COSCO	Session 109
Bortz	Brian	Assoc.	x	University Policy	Session 109
Berggren	Carolyn	Assoc.	x	Human Diversity	Session 109
Chenevy	Brandon	Assoc.	a (1)	Ways and Means	Session 109
Clayton	Avery	Assoc.	a (1)	Congressional Administration	Session 109
Crawford	Elizabeth	Assoc.	x	COSCO	Session 109
Dao	Audrey	Assoc.	a (1)	COSCO	Session 109
Dittes	Drew	Assoc.	x	n/a	Session 109
Divirgilio	Nicholas	Assoc.	ex	External Affairs	Session 109
Dodd	Aiden	Assoc.	x	Ways and Means	Session 109
Donnelly	John Henry	Assoc.	a (2)	Ways and Means	Session 109
Gilson Bond	Aaron	Assoc.	x	Sustainability	Session 109
Ghazal	Ameer	Assoc.	a (1)	Ways and Means	Session 109
Griffin	Weslie	Assoc.	x	External Affairs	Session 109
Hamid	Rafiya	Assoc.	ex (1)	COSCO	Session 109
Hamilton	Luke	Assoc.	a (2)	Ways and Means	Session 109
Harris	Chloe	Assoc.	x	Sustainability	Session 109
Haskins	Hudson	Assoc.	x	COSCO	Session 109
Houston	Rylee	Assoc.	x	Sustainability	Session 109
Jackson	Jay	Assoc.	a (2)	University Policy	Session 109
Jean-Baptiste	Christine	Assoc.	a (1)	Human Diversity	Session 109
Kemoh Marah	Michael	Assoc.	a (1)	University Policy	Session 109
Keupen	Benjamin	Assoc.	x (1)	COSCO	Session 109
Lopez	Aaron	Assoc.	ex (1)	External Affairs	Session 109
Miller	Jessica	Assoc.	x	COSCO	Session 109
Mortimer	Caitlin	Assoc.	ex	Sustainability	Session 109
Mullins	Annie	Assoc.	x	University Policy	Session 109
Mohamed Shiraj	Zuyyin Izza	Assoc.	x	Ways and Means	Session 109
Payson	Olivia	Assoc.	x	Human Diversity	Session 109
Powers	Alexandra	Assoc.	x	Human Diversity	Session 109
Ramsey	Charlotte	Assoc.	x	n/a	Session 109
Salameh	Preston	Assoc.	a (1)	Ways and Means	Session 109
Shadman	Kate	Assoc.	a (2)	University Policy	Session 109
Sherrer	Lauren	Assoc.	x	n/a	Session 109
Smith	Kennedy	Assoc.	study abroad	Human Diversity	Session 109
Solymosi	Flora	Assoc.	x	n/a	Session 109
Tessfaselassie	Robel	Assoc.	a (2)	University Policy	Session 109
Walker	Cody	Assoc.	x	n/a	Session 109
Wilson	Jeriah	Assoc.	x	External Affairs	Session 109
Wolthius	Ellie	Assoc.	x	n/a	Session 109
Zavala Paramo	Daniel	Assoc.	x	n/a	Session 109

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CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-109-05
SENATE RESOLUTION NO. GS23-XX

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution thanking OU Food Services for raising their minimum wage for student workers to \$10 dollars an hour and urging other OU departments to follow; and providing for distribution.

- Whereas: The University of Oklahoma’s Food Services have raised their starting pay for students to \$10 an hour;
- Whereas: This raise in the student wage is commendable by the OU Student Government Association, as the University of Oklahoma is the largest employer in the City of Norman¹;
- Whereas: Before this raise was given, the minimum wage for food services was \$7.25 which is \$8.50 below the livable wage for a single adult in the state of Oklahoma (\$15.75)²;
- Whereas: The OU Student Government Association is aware that there are student jobs on campus that are paying well above \$7.25 to \$10 an hour;

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 “Thank You OU Food Services for Raising the Standard for (OU)r Student Workers.”
- Section 2:** The OU Student Government Association thanks OU Food Services for raising their minimum wage for student workers to \$10 an hour.
- Section 3:** The OU Student Government Association urges other departments (with an emphasis on the Athletic department, Fitness and Recreation, Library Administrative Services, and Academic Affairs) on campus to follow OU Food Services in ensuring our student workers are being compensated for the work they provide, which can be accomplished by raising their starting wage to \$10;
- Section 4:** The OU Student Government Association urges other departments on campus to raise their minimum wages for student workers (and others) to \$10 an hour.

¹ <https://www.selectnorman.com/existing-industry/major-employers/>

² <https://livingwage.mit.edu/states/40>

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

- President Joseph Harroz, University of Oklahoma
- Frank Henry, Director of Food Services
- Amy Davenport, Director of Fitness and Recreation
- Rhonda Cannon, Associate Dean of Libraries for Finance, Administration, and Human Resources
- Dorothy Anderson, Vice President & Chief Human Resources Officer
- Student Affairs
- Matthew Brockwell, Chief Financial Officer

Author(s): Annie Mullins, Chair of University Policy, Social Science Representative

Co-Author(s): Abby Halsey-Kraus, Chairwoman of the OU Undergraduate Student Congress

Submitted on a motion by: Representative Cantrell seconded by Representative Coxson

Action taken by Congress: 21-0-0 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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GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
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February 23rd, 2023

CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-109-01
SENATE RESOLUTION NO. GS23-06

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution recommending the
Oklahoma State Government maintain current laws
regarding weapons on campus; and providing for
distribution

- Whereas: The Student Government Association wants to prioritize campus safety and believes that any changes to current policy would not only reduce campus safety and endanger lives, but would also pose a significant detriment to the learning environment;
- Whereas: Firearms on campus have a chilling effect on associational freedoms and harm the University's compelling interest in free academic discourse³;
- Whereas: The Oklahoma State Legislature has introduced at least two bills—SB820 and SB664— that would modify current law to allow students the ability to possess firearms on University and College campuses;
- Whereas: Oklahoma has the 13th-highest rate of gun violence in the United States, which costs Oklahoma \$10.3 billion each year⁴; 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 “Campus Safety Resolution of 2023.”

³ Shaundra K Lewis, *Crossfire on Compulsory Campus Carry Laws: When the First and Second Amendments Collide*, 102 Iowa L. Rev. 2109 (2017).

⁴ EveryStat, *Gun Violence in Oklahoma*, <https://everystat.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Gun-Violence-in-Oklahoma-1.pdf> (last visited Feb. 18, 2023) (compiling data from the Center for Disease Control Wide-Ranging Online Data for Epidemiologic Research).

Section 2: The University of Oklahoma, Student Government Association, recommends that our state legislators maintain the current law regarding weapons on campus, in which the University President has the discretion to allow non-law enforcement personnel to carry weapons on campus when the individual circumstances warrant it. We strongly oppose any changes to state law regarding weapons on college and university campuses.

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

- OU Daily
- President Harroz
- Dr. David Suratt
- Kristen Partridge
- The University of Oklahoma Board of Regents
- OUPD Chief Nathaniel Tarver
- Oklahoma Senator Adam Pugh
- Oklahoma Senator Ally Seifried
- Oklahoma Senator Carrie Hicks
- Oklahoma Senator Julie Daniels
- Oklahoma Senator Darcy Jech
- Oklahoma Senator Bill Coleman
- Oklahoma Representative Robert Manger
- Oklahoma Representative John George
- Oklahoma Representative Anthony Moore
- Oklahoma Representative Sherrie Conley

Author(s): Abby Halsey-Kraus, Chair of the Undergraduate Student Congress
Weslie Griffin, Chair of the External Affairs Committee
Emily Fogg, GSS College of Law Representative

Co-Sponsor(s): Lacey Lewis, Chair Emeritus of the Undergraduate Student Congress

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

Action taken by Congress: 21-0-0 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-109-15

AS INTRODUCED

A Congressional Act of Procedure appointing new
Representatives and Associates in the SGA
Undergraduate Student Congress; 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 “Spring Appointment Act of 2023”

Section 2: Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to select new Associates and Representatives pursuant to the SGA Congressional Bylaws, Section 3.2.3(a).

Section 3: The following individuals are hereby appointed as Representatives in the SGA Undergraduate Student Congress:

Jacob Schonfield, University College District
Khiala Brown, Fine Arts District
Mecca Fisher, Engineering District
Molly Rops, University College District

Section 4: The following individuals are hereby appointed as Associates in the SGA Undergraduate Student Congress:

Charlotte Ramsey
Cody Walker
Daniel Zavala Paramo
Drew Dittes
Ellie Wolthuis
Flora Solymosi
Lauren Sherrer

Section 5: This act shall become effective when passed in accordance with the SGA Constitution.

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

Co-Author(s): Congressional Administration Committee

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

Action taken by Congress: 21-0-0 unanimous pass

Verified by Chair: _____ Date: _____

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CIX

March 7th, 2023

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GS23

March 9th, 2023

CONGRESSIONAL BILL AB-109-04
SENATE BILL NO. GS23-17

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 10 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
American Indian Student Association	5060			5060
Association of Southeast Asian Nations	1500			1500
First Generation Law Student Association	300			300
Armenian Student Organization	165.40			165.40
Graduate Physics Student Interdependence	80			80
Game Developer's Association	550			550
Kappa Delta Chi Sorority, Inc.	1500			1500
Kappa Kappa Psi National Honorary Band Fraternity - Delta Chapter	1604			1604
Muslim Student Association	3780			3780
Sustainable Energy Society	715			715
Sooner Competitive Robotics	1000			1000
OU Women's Volleyball Club	1940			1940
Circle K International	765			765
Latin Dance Club	1540			1540

Sooner Air Traffic Control Association	350			350
Sociology/Criminology Club	104			104
Sikh Student Association	200			200
TOTAL:				21153.40

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

Co-Author(s): SGA Budgetary Committee

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

Action taken by Student Congress: 23-0-0

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: _____