

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS

Session CIX
General Body Meeting
7:00 pm, Tuesday, April 11th, 2023
Dale 103

Call to Order – 7:04 pm Opening Roll Call

Mission Statement: The mission of the University of Oklahoma Student Government Association Undergraduate Student Congress is to represent the interests of undergraduate students in their pursuit of academic and individual achievement. The Undergraduate Student Congress is committed to building a strong campus community, promoting civic engagement, and enhancing the quality of the undergraduate experience at the University of Oklahoma.

Moment of Silence: 20 Second Moment of Silence to allow an opportunity for reflection.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes

Representative Rhoads seconded by Representative Strickland

Officer Reports -

- O Chair's Report: Welcome. I don't have a lot. We will be breaking at 7:59pm for Ramadan and I will seek a motion to recess for at least 10 minutes. Nominations for Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary begin next week. If anyone has questions please approach exec and we'd be happy to answer your questions. Please let us know if you are intending on running for those positions so we can let you know what the job duties are. I am still waiting on emails and as soon as I have other updates I'll let you know.
- O Vice Chair's Report: Hello everyone! First off, I sent out a major email about orientation and all of the information for that. If you have questions, please let me know, as well if you have a dietary restriction please let me know ASAP! The committee preference form will be open April 16th all day, so if you are a current member and want to switch committees let me know by using that form! The merch link will close as well that night so please please please go get some merch! Please stay on top of your April CSP and fill out the form as soon as you can, I sent an email about this! The webmaster has asked me to tell you all to go get headshots for the website at the free headshot drop in with career services! Lastly, our member of the months, yay!

February – Ben Keupen March – Jeriah Wilson April – Michael Reynolds

O Secretary's Report: Hello all! Tonight we have some expulsion bills to see and I would ask that we see those as a block to save time. I would also ask that we table Jay Jackson's bill as he has reached out to me and we are in the process of working things out. I will give context

to each individual's situation and absences in the author's explanation. I want to emphasize that it is coincidental all these members reached 4 or more unexcused absences at the same time, and this is not me just suddenly bringing the hammer down. Especially to our newer folks, this is a rare occurrence and I do not want you to be scared into thinking that I am harsh or unyielding. As always, just communicate with me and I will be lenient. Essentially, these people just didn't communicate. Expulsion bills are a last resort, especially because I understand reasons for missing attendance is often personal and I don't want to bring that to the public or make these people feel like they are being shamed. You are welcome to debate on any of these bills if you believe a member should stay, but remember that it's a privilege to be representing our student body and you take an oath when entering Congress to fulfill your duties, which includes attendance.

Committee Reports-

- Campus Outreach, Safety, and Concerns: Hey everyone! COSCO met officially this
 weekend, and I truly appreciate everyone that hopped into our short meeting (wait for
 laughter). We mainly covered our Light Walk, which will be this month on April 30th, with a
 time TBD.
- O Congressional Administration: ConAd met officially. We saw four bills and gave them all recs of do pass. Each of those are important changes to the governing docs. We will also be seeing President Firch's nominations next weekend.
- o **External Affairs:** EA did not meet because of Easter. We will meet this weekend at 3:10 at orientation in Gaylord.
- o **Human Diversity:** HD met officially last Thursday. We have an end of year drive coming up between April 15th-May 17th and we need help handing out flyers.
- O **Sustainability:** Susty did not meet officially this weekend. We do have a trash walk next Sunday and we have our meeting at orientation at 3:15.
- O University Policy: Hey guys! UPOL met officially on Thursday! We spoke more about Representative Reynolds bill, and I am really excited for you guys to see that. We talked about some academic policy and student concerns relating to that. I have been brainstorming some ideas and something I was super passionate about was key card access into certain buildings, at certain times. As for the recent event that happened on campus on Friday, I have heard some concerns about key card access times and some people think that limiting a small window of access on weekends (such as late nights) could help ease some fears. Other than that, that is all I have, and we will be meeting this Sunday because of orientation. Thanks!
- Ways and Means: WAM had to delay seeing primary until this weekend. We will meet Saturday at noon.

Liaison Reports

• Chiariello: Applications for Oklahoma Votes close this weekend!

Special Orders

Student Concern Link

Items to Be Considered

• CB-109-17 "Election Policies Act of 2023" (Dunn) (ConAd, Due Pass)

Motion to see CB-109-17

Representative Robinson seconded by Representative Chiariello

<u>Author's Explanation (**Dunn**):</u> This has been in the works for a month but we waited until the election was over because it didn't make sense to change the election rules while the election was going on. It only changes a few things. One is about putting an OU logo on a

campaign sign – that's been bumped up to the most severe offense, a Class A Infraction. The other thing is that members can't get inaugurated until they submit their finance reports because that's been an issue in the past. Lastly and most importantly: uncontested elections. We had 3 members this cycle who are not going to be seated because they didn't get enough votes in an uncontested election. We discussed don exec that it wasn't reasonable so we are changing it to where as long as you get more than the prefer not to vote option, you get your seat

1:39 yielded to questions

- Kathuria: Would you accept a friendly amendment in section 3 saying: Uncontested Elections: In an uncontested election, the candidate shall automatically be declared winner after the end of filing and shall not be placed on the SGA election ballot for their respective district. a. This section applies to the Spring 2023 SGA Elections, as well as all SGA elections going forward.
 - I would not
- **Kathuria:** Why did you include that in an uncontested election the candidate would win if they got more votes than the prefer not to vote option considering someone could run a smear campaign?
 - While it's important to seat candidates, getting rid of the 50 percent rule will be sufficient. It is still important to place people on a ballot because the student body has a right to determine who their representatives are. Signing up shouldn't automatically make them a representative. Also, besides their ballot, a lot of students don't know who their reps are so seeing their name on a ballot can help with that.
- O **Griffin:** Are you aware that in national elections when a seat is uncontested their name is still on a ballot next to an abstain option and is it of your opinion that we should mirror that?
 - Yes.
- O **Strickland:** Would this change any contested election? Would the winning candidate just have to win a simple majority?
 - As the language says, it's only for uncontested elections and has no effect on contested elections.
- o Cantrell: Would this apply to the election that happened in Spring of 2023?
 - It would not but I would accept a friendly amendment changing that.
- Cantrell: Would you be in favor of a friendly amendment to Section 3 subsection 7 adding after "in an uncontested election" "starting Spring 2023 and all general elections thereafter"?
 - Yes I would.
- O **Gilson-Bond:** What was the thought process of changing the section that deals with university logos from a class B infraction to a class A?
 - The main change was that it is important for students to be able to report those violations. The text in subsubsection e is identical to what it was but we moved it up because its more in line with the unfairness of saying "OU endorses me".

Motion to recess for 5 minutes for the purpose of caucusing Representative Kathuria seconded by Representative Robinson Gavel in – 7:39pm Debate

- O Griffin (pro): I think debating this is dumb. I have been through a lot of elections, since 2020. I have sat through an uncontested election myself and the rule before was that you had to half plus one of the votes from the previous election. We are getting rid of this rule because it has provided a barrier for getting into the body that we didn't believe was necessary given that many student populations fluctuate. That being said I don't think we should get rid of these votes all together because if you want someone to be immediately appointed there could be someone absolutely not qualified for this body instead of letting the student body decide. People have voited before to not appoint somebody and this is how the United States does it in every election we hold. If you are uncontested, you have the option to abstain because you as constituents should always be able to choose who represents you. Just because it is uncontested does not mean that you should *have* to vote for them. They can apply to be appointed and we can interview them and there is a process there for it. Please vote yes.
- **Kathuria (opp):** I propose to see the following hostile amendment: "Uncontested Elections: In an uncontested election, the candidate shall automatically be declared winner after the end of filing and shall not be placed on the SGA election ballot for their respective district.
 - a. This section applies to the Spring 2023 SGA Elections, as well as all SGA elections going forward."

Motion to see hostile amendment #1

Representative Kathuria seconded by Representative Fisher

Author's Explanation (Kathuria): I understand that there are times when people want to abstain compared to voting for an individual however I want to provide a different perspective. One of the big problems student government is having right now is that we are unable to fill our seats. 25% of our seats are vacant and that to me is not right. We have to make it easier for people to run for office. Yes, Chair Griffin mentioned how it is pointless for us to be debating this but I disagree because it's important we consider all perspectives regarding our elections. In my personal opinion, if it is an uncontested election and we deny them the seat that puts us in a bad spot and doesn't allow undergraduate congress to get stuff done. Plus, someone could run a smear campaign where they are touting bullcrap just so someone doesn't get elected. That can happen, and obliviously politics is a dirty game but we have to make sure that if someone is running unopposed, they shouldn't have to worry about campaigning. It can be exhausting and in our local and state elections and across the country, if someone is running unopposed, they are already declared the winner. We would be following precedent. If someone doesn't like a candidate, they should just run for office. It doesn't need to be a vote to abstain. Who knows, someone could be highly qualified, but someone runs a smear campaign against them. They could come up with false rumors. This is how we make our elections much fairer and more equitable for everyone. And I mean every single one of you.

0:24 yielded to questions

- O **Robinson:** Is it in your opinion that a smear campaign could also be conducted in a contested election?
 - Yes but the difference is that if a person running in an uncontested election does not win, the seat is vacant. That's a totally different situation.

- O **Chiariello:** Isn't it possible that if someone doesn't win their election that they could then be appointed by the body to counteract any smear campaigns?
 - Yes that is possible however that can be a long process. The individual then has to go through an interview and then the executive board and ConAd decides whether or not they should be appointed. In some cases if those individuals haven't taken bias trainings they could reject someone who was super qualified?
- Chiariello: Isn't it worth is to go through that process to be a part of this body?
 - Yes. Anyone who wants to be a part of this body has to fill out the SGA election filing form. There isn't a shortcut and everyone also has to make sure they are campaigning correctly. We are trying to make their lives easier because they also have personal lives to live and academics. Having to do campaigning for an uncontested election took time and I don't want others to deal with that.
- O **Griffin:** If you were to vote in an election between a candidate and a prefer not to vote option, and you knew nothing about the candidate, which option would you be more likely to choose?
 - When we are talking about not knowing a candidate, that is the case for a majority of us. Many of us don't know who is running until election day. Just voting against them because we don't know them isn't right and I won't stand for it. What if that person we don't know is a super talented representative? We can't judge a book by its cover.
- O **Griffin:** So the answer to my question would be that you would vote for someone unless you knew something was wrong about them? Is it in your opinion that their constituents would know better whether to choose the do not vote option?
 - That's on their constituents. If one of my constituents doesn't like one of my colleagues, they should run for office. They should be interacting with other voters and student organizations. That's what real politics is and the way the game is played. At the end of the day not many people are running for office and that has to change. If someone doesn't like a candidate they should run or encourage their friends to run for office.

Motion to extend time for questions by 5 minutes Representative Strickland seconded by Representative Chiariello

- Papahronis: You keep saying elections are a tremendous time burden. Can you give me research or evidence proving that for the average SGA candidate this is a massive time burden?
 - For my personal campaign I spent a lot of hours trying to interact with my constituents and visiting student organizations and managing my social media page and campaign team. If you are trying to run a serious campaign it takes a while and if no one is running against you and you are qualified, you belong in the office.
- O **Strickland:** I applaud your concern for members. Do you think merely putting your name down as an option should guarantee your seat?

- That's not the point. That's not going to happen because people have to file to run. In Tulsa, there have been only one candidate who ran and was already declared the winner. We'll see how they perform and whether they are attending. We have had elected members not show up and put us in a position of not meeting quorum.
- **Strickland:** In the Spring 2023 election were you elected in an uncontested election?
 - Yes I surpassed the vote total by 36 votes.
- O **Gilson-Bond:** If someone wants to be in this body so badly, why not come on as an associate? Are you saying that someone has to be a representative to have an impact?
 - That's not what this amendment is. It's to make those who are running uncontested's lives easier. I would not take that mindset because I think most people that sign up for that role feel the same way. I don't think we are sending the wrong message with this amendment.
- O Gilson-Bond: When you talk about that mindset, you obviously ran yourself. When you see seven or six seats open for a representative, can you keep that mindset knowing that there are so many seats open in the first place?
 - In my opinion it doesn't matter how many seats a district has. There can be a district with six seats and five candidates. It can be challenging. I think people get mislead because people are used to voting for only one person but in SGA elections they can vote for multiple candidates. Some people might not interpret that and may vote for just one.

Motion to extend time for questions by 10 minutes Representative Robinson seconded by Representative Mullins

- o **Landry:** In a presidential SGA election, if there was only one campaign running do you believe there should not be a presidential election held?
 - Based on what my constituents have addressed to me, if there is only one candidacy for the SGA presidency, they should automatically be declared the winner. Putting the body in a position where the one candidate doesn't get the votes, that is not something ideal.

Motion to recess for 10 minutes for the purpose of Ramadan Representative Robinson seconded by Representative Mullins Gavel in – 8:11pm

- Mullins: Do you believe that a better way to counteract this would be to boost engagement of SGA to have more people run? In some sense anyone could run. Would you feel more comfortable if the outreach was increased instead?
 - Yes, SGA does have to increase its outreach however I still strongly support my amendment because congress is short on members. We need to do everything to address this shortage.
- **Mullins:** In talking about politics do you think it is democratic of us to automatically give someone a seat?
 - I fundamentally believe this is what my constituents believe. My friends who want to run for office agree with me.

- O **Robinson:** Since you've been touching on people campaigning, do you believe that in contested elections if someone campaigns they should get the seat?
 - With contested elections it doesn't matter how much you campaign. If a candidate gets more votes than another person, it doesn't matte how much campaigning they do. Say candidate A campaigns more than candidate B but candidate B still gets more votes. Candidate B is the rightful winner.
- O **Robinson:** You were mentioning that votes matter, could we not assume that "prefer not to vote" is candidate B and if candidate B gets more votes they should win?
 - In the case of uncontested elections I do not view the abstain option as candidate B. Of course nothing in life can just be given on it's own. I am not saying future candidates should be entitled. I wish there was never an uncontested election.
- **Keupen:** In your experience as chair how long does filling out the SGA General Application to be appointed take?
 - **Halsey-Kraus:** From the closing of the application to the appointment it's anywhere from 2-3 weeks.

1-17-0 fail

Motion to previous question debate

Representative Kathuria seconded by Representative Reese

<u>Author's Summation</u> (**Dunn**): Thank you Representative Kathuria for your constructive dialogue. The bill as written would change the rules as previously discussed and remove the vote total requirement so that if there is an uncontested election as long as someone gets more votes than the prefer not to vote option they will be seated.

2:30 yielded

18-0-0 unanimous pass

 CB-109-18 "Congress Elections Adjustment Act of 2023" (Dunn/Halsey-Kraus/Trautman/Landry) (ConAd, Due Pass)

Motion to see CB-109-18

Representative Robinson seconded by Representative Kathuria

<u>Author's Explanation (**Dunn**):</u> This changes the time of our congress elections for chair, vice chair, and secretary to the end of the odd numbered legislative session. We will elect the next exec before we adjourn the legislative session, and this will make our sessions line up with GSS better.

2:25 yielded to questions

- Trautman: This would essentially still have these three roles serving from fall tho spring. The importance you would say is to ensure it lines up with GSS?
 - Yes.

18-0-0 unanimous pass

CB-109-19 "Parking Appeals Reorganization Act" (Dunn) (ConAd, Due Pass)
 Motion to see CB-109-19

Representative Rhoads seconded by Representative Strickland

<u>Author's Explanation (**Dunn**):</u> This allows parking appeals to have more judges. They currently have 11 where the code annotated says they can have six. Parking appeals is currently 3 months behind and we need to approve this so that president Frich can appoint more judges. It adds an attendance requirement because it's been hard for them to meet. 2:10 yielded to questions

- O Robinson: Would you accept a friendly amendment to title 4 chapter 4 subsection 1 and all other places thereafter to strike the word "justices" and replace it with the term "judge" or "judges"?
 - Yes.

18-0-0 unanimous pass

CB-109-20 "High Office Clarification Act of 2023" (Strickland) (ConAd, Due Pass)
 Motion to see CB-109-20

Representative Dunn seconded by Representative Hyslop

<u>Author's Explanation (Strickland)</u>: This is the latest high office clarification act. There were two previous acts under this name in 2014 and 2017. This revamp clarifies and corrects mistakes from the two previous acts that got the code out of line with the constitution. The biggest thing was title 1 section 2 subsection 4. No member of congress or senator can serve in another high office.

1:56 yielded to questions

- o **Griffin:** In section 3 where it says seated member of congress would that mean both associates and representatives?
 - Yes and it also means the 3 exec positions, the chair, vice chair, and secretary. If you would like to specify that you can.
- O **Robinson:** Would you accept a friendly amendment to strike "members of the student parking appeals board"?
 - Yes.

18-0-0 unanimous pass

- CB-109-22 "Expulsion Bill No. 5" (Landry) (Exec, Rec of No Rec)
- CB-109-24 "Expulsion Bill No. 7" (Landry) (Exec, Rec of No Rec)
- CB-109-25 "Expulsion Bill No. 8" (Landry) (Exec, Rec of No Rec)
- CB-109-28 "Expulsion Bill No. 11" (Landry) (Exec, Rec of No Rec)
 Motion to see CB-109-22, CB-109-24, CB-109-25, and CB-109-28 as a block
 Representative Cantrell seconded by Representative Duncan

Author's Explanation (Landry): These bills are for Jourdan Batson, John Henry Donnelly, Luke Hamilton, and Robel Tesfaselassie. I want to preface by saying that I reached out to all of these people last Wednesday about their absences and mentioned that if they responded we could work things out. I also notified them that if they resigned before Saturday at 11:59pm, these bills would not be written. They did not respond. I sent them a reminder on Sunday morning saying we would be seeing their bills in executive committee and there was still time to communicate. I also sent them a follow up on Monday morning letting them know that their bills had been seen and were slated for the general body meeting today.

Again, no response. Now I will go into specifics for each person. Jourdan Batson is an associate and the Vice Chair of Susty. She missed Susty on January 29th and March 26th, and missed the monthly general body meetings for February, March, and April. She missed the March CSP, putting her at a total of 6 unexcused absences. John Henry Donnelly is an associate and a member of WAM. I have him as missing the monthly general body meetings for February, March, and April, and the CSPs for February and March, for a total of 5 absences. Luke Hamilton is in the exact same situation, as an associate and a member of WAM. I have him as missing the monthly general body meetings for February, March, and April, and the CSPs for February and March, for a total of 5 absences. Lastly there is Robel Tesfaselassie. He is a longtime member and was active in the fall as a rep but ran into issues with attendance. In the fall we decided it was appropriate for him to switch to an associate, but since then he has not showed up to much. I have him missing the UPol meeting on April 9th, the monthly general body meetings for February, March, and April, and the CSPs for February and March, for a total of 6 absences.

0:57 yielded to questions

- O **Trautman:** Do you feel like between yourself and myself we are lenient on our policies of when we give unexcused absences to members?
 - Yes. I don't usually push for reasons especially if someone says it's a personal thing I don't ask for more. Really this is a result of them not communicating whatsoever.
- O **Griffin:** If there is a member up for expulsion and feels they are active and don't deserve to be expelled, how would they go about that?
 - They would email me, come to my office hours, talk to me, talk to their committee chairs, and just generally let us know. What the governing docs state is that the four absences allow me to write this legislation and it's justification but it's not a be all end all.
- O **Kathuria:** What is the importance of associates showing up for their once a month general body meeting, their committee meetings, and completing their constituent service points?
 - This isn't just for associates, but you are a representative whether that's for your college or the student body as a whole. Showing up to the meetings is expected of you when you take the oath to join Congress and it's the bare minimum.
- **Kathuria:** All of these individuals are associates. In the future how do you plan on making sure all associates are applying with SGA attendance policies?
 - The first thing is trying to catch it early and working with committee chairs if there are repeat people who aren't showing up. Reaching out to them and seeing is it because the committee time doesn't work for them, is there an ongoing circumstance that we need to make an exception for, etc. Specifically I try to reach out to people when they hit both 3 and 4 absences to give them a warning but unfortunately with a lot of these people we applied the CSPs at the same time they had missed last week's meeting and so they got multiple absences at the same time.

18-0-0 unanimous pass

Follow-Up Reports Items for Future Agenda

- **Keupen:** We will see a resolution about the preacher that came to campus to condemn stuff he said and reaffirm SGA's commitment to our community and making sure it's cared for. That will probably be seen in HD on Thursday.
- **Trautman:** I submitted a bill that amends the bylaws to change the tracking od the CSP from the secretary to the Vice Chair.
- **Griffin:** There should be something coming soon about the recent events this Friday and gun laws in general.
- **Dunn:** On Sunday ConAd will see an act of procedure that will appoint members to our body who would have been rightly elected under the election rule we just changed.
- **Robinson:** We will be seeing a code annotated revamp act in ConAd.

Announcements and Comments

- Cantrell: I am in a community Journalism class and we are conducting a survey of the citizens of El Reno on their opinions of the El Reno Tribune. If you happen to know anyone who lives in El Reno please let me know.
- Landry: I would like to congratulate our very own Representative Rhoads for being appointed a CLA co-chair!
- **Griffin:** April 28th 8:30am the AAAE is doing a tour of the OKC airport. If anyone wants to see how large airports work you should go.
- **Kathuria:** OU College Dems elections are coming up soon. Positions include President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. You can be any major not just political science. Please sign up!
- **Griffin:** AAAE is the American Association of Airport Executives.
- **George:** The One Norman Vision Taskforce has been tasked with creating a vision of Norman for the next 10-20 years. They will have 5 meetings starting April 26th in the Nancy O'Brien center in Norman North. They want applicants who can attend at least 3 of the meetings. Applications are due tomorrow at 5pm. The city gets stakeholders and having student input is crucial because that area is often lacking. Please apply.

Final Roll Call Motion to adjourn Representative Strickland seconded by Representative Mullins Adjourn – 8:54 pm

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GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE SENATE SESSION GS23 April 20, 2023

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-109-17 SENATE BILL GSXX-XX

AS INTRODUCED

An Act of Legislation amending the SGA Code Annotated to clarify and update election policies; 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 "Election Policies Act of 2023."
- Section 2: Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to establish and amend the policies listed in Chapter VI-4(5), "General Campaign Rules," and the rules regarding uncontested elections in Chapter VI-1(7) "Uncontested Elections."
- Section 3: AMENDATORY: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association Code Annotated § Title VI Chapter 1 Subsection 7 will be amended as follows, with strikethrough indicating a removed section, and underline indicating added sections:
 - 7. Uncontested Elections. All positions for which one has filed for election, they must be placed on the ballot in the respective district, even if the position is uncontested. In an uncontested election the candidate must receive at least fifty percent (50%) of the lowest winning vote count of the most recent election in the district in which the candidate is uncontested in. In an uncontested election starting Spring 2023 and all general elections thereafter, the candidate shall win if they receive more votes than the "prefer not to vote" option.
- **Section 4**: AMENDATORY: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association's Code Annotated § Title VI Chapter 4 Subsection 5 will be amended as follows, with strikethrough indicating a removed section, and <u>underline</u> indicating added sections:

Chapter 6.4.5

General Campaign Rules. Candidates must ensure that every individual campaigning on behalf of the candidate or volunteering for the candidate is aware of campaign rules and guidelines. All campaign rules apply to all campaigning activity, regardless of whether the activity takes place during the designated campaign time frame or prior to that period. Candidates shall be liable for the campaign infractions of their campaigners and volunteers even if the candidate did not specifically direct the offending action. Candidates may be assessed points if their campaigners or volunteers are found to be guilty of breaking campaign regulations. Some of these rules are university policies. The following infractions shall be assigned with the proceedings in Chapter 5 of this title.

1. Class A Infractions.

The following infractions shall be considered "Class A Infractions," which the Election Commission shall assign a candidate no less than two (2) and no more than three (3) points for each.

- a. Campaigns shall not remove, alter, cover, obscure, chalk within, or otherwise tamper with another candidate's campaign materials nor shall they damage any University property. They shall be responsible for any damage caused by that said candidates' campaign materials.
- b. Employees of the University shall not campaign for candidates while on duty as an employee, however, they may campaign while off duty.
- c. On the day of voting, if an individual affiliated with a campaign approaches a student while voting, the individual may not encourage the student to vote in a particular way.
- d. Candidates or their Designated Agent's failure to attend the candidates meeting.
- e. Candidates shall not use the letterhead, logo, or any symbol that the University of Oklahoma or any affiliate (i.e. OU Athletics) that has a trademark, license or other legal control of. No Candidate may display the logo of the Student Government Association, any branch of the Student Government Association, or program of the Programming Branch. Only the registered leadership of RSOs may file a grievance for their logo or likeness if the candidate has not gained the permission of the RSO to use their logo or likeness.
 - Violations of this nature shall be considered misrepresentations of the University and shall also be construed as unfair to other candidates. As a result, any candidate is encouraged to report a violation of subsection (e) if that violation pertains to a University logo as opposed to an RSO logo.
- 2. **Class B Infractions**. The following infractions shall be considered "Class B Infractions," which the Election Commission shall assign a candidate between 1 and 2 points for each.
 - a. Candidates shall not campaign outside of the designated campaign time frame through ways not already provided for in this Title.
 - b. Candidates shall not campaign or post candidate information or advertising on any website hosted or operated by OU IT other than the official

- candidates' statements (this is excluding the Information on Candidates booklet).
- c. Candidates shall not unduly disrupt the normal activities of the University, including but not limited to classes, lectures, or events sponsored by the University or any Registered Student Organization; furthermore, they cannot interfere or impede the regular operations of any sidewalk, bike lane, roadway, parking lot, or parking garage.
- d. Candidates shall not post campaign materials in or on a CART vehicle.
- e. Candidates shall not use or distribute campaign stickers.
- f. Incorrect/incomplete reports, as determined by the Election Commission, must not be accepted.
- g. Any infraction of the rules of the "Campus Housing" section hereafter.
- h. Candidates may not post any campaigning material inside an academic classroom nor shall they disrupt the any instructional times without prior permission from the instructor.
- i. No campaign materials may be posted in or on the Oklahoma Memorial Union or any University library.
- j. Each candidate shall be responsible for the removal of their campaign material from public areas and buildings by 4:30 P.M. on the day following the validation of the election.
- k. <u>Candidates shall submit their financial reports pursuant to a deadline set by the Election Commissioner.</u>
- 3. **Class C Infractions**. The following infractions shall be considered "Class C Infractions," which the Election Commission shall assign a candidate between .5 and 1.5 points for each.
 - a. All campaign material shall be accredited to the sponsoring candidate. Said material shall include the following phrase: "Approved by [said sponsoring candidate]." No other phrase is acceptable.
 - b. Candidates shall not send any unsolicited electronic messages via platforms funded and maintained by the University (ie. OU email, Canvas, etc). This does not include messages sent over non-maintained platforms (third-party group chats, social medias, etc.).
 - c. Only dry chalking is allowed on sidewalks. Paint, tape, and wet chalk are prohibited on sidewalks, as is chalking on any vertical surface (buildings, steps, sides of ramps, etc.) or under overhangs.
 - 1. Non-President & CAC Chair candidates may chalk in any location that has not been reserved for a President or CAC Chair campaign.
 - 2. Non-President & CAC Chair candidates may only use only yellow and/or white dry chalking, while President & CAC Chair candidates may use any colors.
 - d. Candidates shall not use the letterhead, logo, or any symbol that the University of Oklahoma or any affiliate (i.e. OU Athletics) that has a trademark, license or other legal control of. No Candidate may display the logo of the Student Government Association, any branch of the Student Government Association, or program of the Programming Branch. Only the registered leadership of RSOs may file a grieves for their logo or likeness if the candidate has not gained the permission of the RSO to use their logo or likeness.

- e. The Election Commissioner and Election Commission members have the right to solicit the names of all members of a campaign from the affiliated candidate.
- 4. If a candidate does not submit a financial report prior to the Election Commissioner's stated deadline, they shall have committed a Class B Infraction. If the candidate still does not submit their financial report and is elected, the candidate shall not be inaugurated until this deficiency is corrected.

Section 5.	h the SGA Constitution.	
Author: Tucker Dunn, Congressional Administration Con		e Chairman
Sponsor(s):	Commissioner Randi Wright, SGA Election Commissio	n
Action taken b	a Motion by: Representative Robinson seconded by Robinson	esentative Chiariello Date:
Submitted on Action taken b Verified by Ch		Date:
Approved by S	SGA President:	Date:

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CIX April 11, 2023

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-109-18

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 "Congress Elections Adjustment Act of 2023."
- **Section 2**: Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to amend the Undergraduate Student Congress Bylaws to change the timing of elections for Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary.
- **Section 3**: AMENDATORY: The Undergraduate Student Congress Bylaws Section 4.4 is amended as follows. New additions shall be denoted by an <u>underline</u>, and deletions shall be denoted by a <u>strikethrough</u>.

Section 4.4: OFFICER ELECTIONS

- 1. The Congress Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary shall be elected in a two-week procedure. At each general meeting, election activities shall occur from the highest to the lowest ranking office to be filled.
 - a. REGULAR ELECTIONS. Regular elections of officers of Student Congress shall be held each even-numbered odd-numbered legislative session. Officers elected in regular elections, the process beginning with the first second-to-last regular general meeting of the legislative session, shall serve a term of one (1) year, except in cases of legal removal from office or resignation.
- **Section 4:** This act shall become effective when passed in accordance with the SGA Constitution.
- Author(s): Representative Tucker Dunn, Congressional Administration Committee Chairman Chair Abby Halsey-Kraus, Undergraduate Student Congress Vice Chair Bailey Trautman, Undergraduate Student Congress Secretary Amelia Landry, Undergraduate Student Congress

Submitted on a Motion by: Representative Robinson seconded by Representative K	Sathuria
Action taken by Congress: 18-0-0 unanimous pass	
Verified by Chair of Congress	Date:

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CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-109-19 SENATE BILL GSXX-XX

AS INTRODUCED

An Act of Legislation amending the SGA Code Annotated to update the Parking Appeals Board's composition and rules; 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 "Parking Appeals Reorganization Act."
- Section 2: Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to establish and amend the policies listed in Title IV Chapter 4, "The Student Parking Appeals Board."
- **Section 3**: AMENDATORY: Title IV Chapter 4 will be amended as follows, with strikethrough indicating a removed section, and <u>underline</u> indicating added sections:

Chapter IV-4 The Student Parking Appeals Board

- 1. **Membership.** The Student Parking Appeals Board shall consist of two (2) teams, each consisting of a chairperson and two (2) judges up to twenty (20) judges in total, but not fewer than five (5), and shall include up to two (2) Chief Judges.
- 2. **Selection.** The Judges of the Student Parking Appeals Board shall be appointed by the SGA President and approved by both houses of the legislature. Judges shall serve until they resign, cease to be regularly enrolled students at the University of Oklahoma, are impeached and convicted for cause, or are eligible for termination as per guidelines established under Section Seventeen (17) of this Chapter.
- 3. Rules of Procedure. The SGA Student Parking Appeals Board shall establish and publish internal rules and procedures that will be in line with the SGA Constitution, SGA Code Annotated, and University policy, and the University of Oklahoma Transit division's mission statement and policies for parking regulations. The SGA Student Parking Appeals Board shall ensure that the SGA Student Superior Court has the most up to date version of their rules.

a. Donations For Citations Program.

- i. The Student Parking Appeals Board is directed to waive appealed citations if the appellant presents proof of donation to the OU Food Pantry meeting the following requirements:
 - 1. The donation was made in the time frame between issuance of the citation and the submission of the appeal.
 - 2. The donation is of a monetary value equal to or greater than eighty percent (80%) of the value of the citation.
 - 3. The donation must be made in a manner accepted by the OU Food Pantry.
- ii. Other Program Requirements:
 - 1. Individuals may utilize this program to waive a maximum of two (2) citations per academic year.
 - 2. Individuals may utilize this program to waive citations with fines equal to or less than \$50.
 - 3. Individuals may not utilize this program to waive citations with fines greater than \$50.
- iii. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent the Parking Appeals Board from acting in the following manners:
 - 1. Waiving a first offense
 - 2. Waiving citations based on facts and merit

b. Meeting Dates, Attendance

- i. The Parking Appeals Board Rules of Procedure shall be updated at least once per term and shall include standard weekly meeting times as the Chief Judge(s) shall see fit.
- ii. If a judge repeatedly fails to meet the attendance obligations set forth in the Rules of Procedure, the Chief Judge(s) shall ask for that judge's resignation or shall submit a recommendation to the Legislative Branch regarding that judge's removal.

Section 4. This act shall take effect when passed in accordance with the SGA Constitution.

Author:	Tucker Dunn, Congressional Administrati	ion Committee Chairman
Submitted of	on a Motion by: Representative Rhoads second	ded by Representative Strickland
Action take	en by Congress: 18-0-0 unanimous pass	
Verified by	Chair of Congress:	Date:
Submitted of	on a Motion by:	
Action take	en by Senate	
Verified by	Chair of Senate:	Date:
Approved h	hy SGA President	Date:

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GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE SENATE SESSION GS23 April 20, 2023

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-109-20 SENATE BILL GSXX-XX

AS INTRODUCED

An Act of Procedure correcting the Code Annotated to align with the Constitution regarding the common rule of the separation of powers and thus the holding of high offices in the SGA; 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 "High Office Clarification Act of 2023."
- Section 2: Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to correct the mistakes made by the High Office Clarification Acts of 2014 and 2017, as well as to clarify the separation of powers within the Student Government Association by aligning the SGACA to the SGA Constitution.
- Section 3: AMENDATORY: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association's Code Annotated Title I Chapter 2 Section 4 is amended as follows. For the purposes of this bill, all items removed shall be denoted with a strikethrough. All items added shall be denoted with an underline.

4. Concurrent Service in High Offices.

No person serving in a high office may simultaneously serve in another high office. In addition, no seated member of Congress nor any Graduate Student Senator shall serve in any of the high executive or judicial offices listed below.

a. High Offices of the Legislative Branch.

The high legislative offices of the SGA shall be as follows: Chair of Undergraduate Student Congress; Vice Chair of Undergraduate Student

Congress; Secretary of Undergraduate Student Congress; Ways and Means Committee Chair of Undergraduate Student Congress; Chair of Graduate Student Senate; Vice Chair of Graduate Student Senate; and Secretary of Graduate Student Senate.

b. High Offices of the Executive Branch.

The high executive offices of the SGA shall be as follows: SGA President; SGA Vice President; the SGA President's chief of staff Chief of Staff; and Departmental Directors.

c. High Offices of the Judicial Branch.

The high judicial offices of the SGA shall be as follows: Members Justices of the Student Superior Court; Members of the Student Parking Appeals Board; SGA General Counsel; SGA Associate General Counsels; Election Commissioner; and Election Commission.

d. High Office of the Programming Branch.

The high legislative offices of the programming branch shall be as follows: CAC Chair of the Campus Activities Council.

Date:

Section 4:	This act shall become effective when passed in accordance w	rith the SGA Constitution.
Author:	Representative Carter Strickland, University College Dis	strict
Co-Sponsors:	President Christopher Firch	
	Vice President Emelie Schultz	
	Maria de Asis, Chief of Staff	
	Chairwoman Claire Burch, Graduate Student Senate	
	Chairwoman Abby Halsey-Kraus, Undergraduate Stude	nt Congress
	Senator Jordan Norris, Chair of the Internal Affairs Cor	nmittee
	Representative Tucker Dunn, Chair of the Congressiona	al Administration Committee
Submitted on a	a Motion by: Representative Dunn seconded by Represer	ntative Hyslop
Action taken b	y Congress: 18-0-0 unanimous pass	
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Submitted on a	a Motion by:	
Action taken b	y Senate:	
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Approved by SGA President:

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CIX April 11, 2023

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-109-22

Section 1:

AS INTRODUCED

A Congressional Act of Procedure expelling an associate from the Congressional Body; providing short title; and providing an effective date.

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

Title: This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Expulsion Bill No. 5."

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Section 2:	Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to expel members for excessive unexcused absences. Jourdan Batson has accrued excessive unexcused absences, the membership of the aforementioned is pending expulsion.
Section 3:	In accordance with Section 3.4, subsection 2, subsection e of the SGA Undergraduate Student Congress Bylaws, "Upon accruing a forth absence, the Student Congress Secretary shall prepare an act of procedure to expel any member or committee officer who has accrued excessive unexcused absences." Expulsion: Jourdan Batson
Section 4: Constitution.	This act shall become effective when passed in accordance with the SGA
Author(s):	Secretary Amelia Landry, Undergraduate Student Congress
	a Motion by: Representative Cantrell seconded by Representative Duncan by Congress: 18-0-0 unanimous pass pair: Date:

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CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-109-24

Section 1:

AS INTRODUCED

A Congressional Act of Procedure expelling an associate from the Congressional Body; providing short title; and providing an effective date.

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

Title: This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Expulsion Bill No. 7."

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Section 2:	Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to expel members for excessive unexcused absences. John Henry Donnelly has accrued excessive unexcused absences, the membership of the aforementioned is pending expulsion.
Section 3:	In accordance with Section 3.4, subsection 2, subsection e of the SGA Undergraduate Student Congress Bylaws, "Upon accruing a forth absence, the Student Congress Secretary shall prepare an act of procedure to expel any member or committee officer who has accrued excessive unexcused absences." Expulsion: John Henry Donnelly
	Expulsion: John Henry Donnelly
Section 4: Constitution.	This act shall become effective when passed in accordance with the SGA
Author(s):	Secretary Amelia Landry, Undergraduate Student Congress
Submitted on a	a Motion by: Representative Cantrell seconded by Representative Duncan
	by Congress: 18-0-0 unanimous pass
	pair: Date:

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CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-109-25

Section 1:

AS INTRODUCED

A Congressional Act of Procedure expelling an associate from the Congressional Body; providing short title; and providing an effective date.

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

Title: This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Expulsion Bill No. 8."

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Section 2:	Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to expel members for excessive unexcused absences. Luke Hamilton has accrued excessive unexcused absences, the membership of the aforementioned is pending expulsion.	
Section 3:	In accordance with Section 3.4, subsection 2, subsection e of the SGA Undergraduate Student Congress Bylaws, "Upon accruing a forth absence, the Student Congress Secretary shall prepare an act of procedure to expel any member or committee officer who has accrued excessive unexcused absences."	
	Expulsion: Luke Hamilton	
Section 4: Constitution.	This act shall become effective when passed in accordance with the SGA n.	
Author(s):	Secretary Amelia Landry, Undergraduate Student Congress	
Submitted on a Motion by: Representative Cantrell seconded by Representative Duncan Action taken by Congress: 18-0-0 unanimous pass		
Verified by Chair: Date:		

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CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-109-26

Section 1:

AS INTRODUCED

A Congressional Act of Procedure expelling an associate from the Congressional Body; providing short title; and providing an effective date.

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

Title: This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Expulsion Bill No. 9."

Section 2:	Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to expel members for excessive unexcused absences. Jay Jackson has accrued excessive unexcused absences, the membership of the aforementioned is pending expulsion.
Section 3:	In accordance with Section 3.4, subsection 2, subsection e of the SGA Undergraduate Student Congress Bylaws, "Upon accruing a forth absence, the Student Congress Secretary shall prepare an act of procedure to expel any member or committee officer who has accrued excessive unexcused absences."
	Expulsion: Jay Jackson
Section 4: Constitution.	This act shall become effective when passed in accordance with the SGA
Author(s):	Secretary Amelia Landry, Undergraduate Student Congress
Submitted on	a Motion by:
Action taken b	by Congress
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CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-109-28

Section 1:

AS INTRODUCED

A Congressional Act of Procedure expelling an associate from the Congressional Body; providing short title; and providing an effective date.

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

Title: This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Expulsion Bill No. 11."

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Section 2:	Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to expel members for excessive unexcused absences. Robel Tessfaselassie has accrued excessive unexcused absences, the membership of the aforementioned is pending expulsion.	
Section 3:	In accordance with Section 3.4, subsection 2, subsection e of the SGA Undergraduate Student Congress Bylaws, "Upon accruing a forth absence, the Student Congress Secretary shall prepare an act of procedure to expel any member or committee officer who has accrued excessive unexcused absences."	
	Expulsion: Robel Tesfaselassie	
Section 4: Constitution.	This act shall become effective when passed in accordance with the SGA n.	
Author(s):	Secretary Amelia Landry, Undergraduate Student Congress	
Submitted on a Motion by: Representative Cantrell seconded by Representative Duncan Action taken by Congress: 18-0-0 unanimous pass		
Verified by Chair: Date:		