

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS

Session CX

General Body Meeting

7:00 pm, Tuesday, October 10, 2023

Dale 103

Call to Order

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 | October 3, 2023

On a motion to approve the minutes Aslam seconded by Kathuria

Officer Reports -

- **Chair's Report:** The name for this evening is turtle. All but two people are not in committees. Please contact me if not. Exec did not meet this weekend. Thanks to ConAd for meeting this weekend.
- **Vice Chair's Report:** Hello everyone! I don't have many updates. The biggest is that please sign up for a headshot this Sunday if you'd like one. I sent out the Calendly in an email and I will send it out in the group chat tonight too. If you have any content ideas for Instagram let me know, especially if you have a holiday, you want me to be aware of to post about. Snacks and nametags at the front as always.
- **Secretary's Report:** Hi everyone! Please take care of yourselves during this busy time in the semester!

Committee Reports-

- **Campus Outreach, Safety, and Concerns:** Cosco did not meet this weekend. Ben has a meeting with OUPD. Outreach day is November 14th.
- **Congressional Administration:** Hi everybody! ConAd did meet officially to see 3 bills, which you see on the agenda tonight. We gave all 3 bills a recommendation of Do Pass. Tonight, we'll be seeing the appointment bill for several election commission members, so I hope you all had a chance to read the ConAd minutes as well.
- **External Affairs:** Hi all! EA did not meet this past week due to the OU holiday. We currently have quite a few bills and projects in the works, but more to come on that later. OSU is also still deciding whether they would like to participate in our voter registration competition or not. That is all!

- **Human Diversity:** Hi everyone. HD did not meet this weekend for the OU/TX holiday. There is nothing new to report, except that HD changed their meeting time from Sundays at 4:30 to Wednesdays at 4:30 to accommodate more members.
- **Sustainability:** We did not meet. We have a trash walk on the 29th at 1pm.
- **University Policy:** UPOL did not meet this weekend. All of our projects are in the emailing administration phase.
- **Ways and Means:** WAM met and saw Aux 5.

Liaison Reports

Special Orders

Student Concern Link

Items to Be Considered

On a motion to see CB-110-04 Kathuria seconded by Reynolds

- CB-110-04 “SGA General Application Codification Act” (ConAd, Do Pass)
(Dunn/Halsey-Kraus)

Authors Explanation:

ConAd has seen this four times. We are writing rules and regulations about the general application that SGA uses to bring people into all branches. Since all the branches are working together, we compromised with President Firch to make a committee. This committee is chair of congress, president, chief justice, vice president, and chair of ConAd. They will build the application. It will be a team. Everyone involved has to have bias training. Each branch sets its own questions, but there are general ones.

6:12 remaining for questions

- Robinson: Do you have word from Firch that he will sign this?
 - Yes.
- Kathuria: The application committee would end up being chaired by ConAd chair, do you think it would be beneficial for the ConAd chair to have office hours?
 - Maybe during the application period, but that could be a future bill.
- Kathuria: If you were to write legislation for this, how many office hours per week would you require during this process?
 - I have not really thought about it. I don't think it needs to be too many. Maybe 4-6 and virtual.
- Strickland: I know this says it will become effective when passed, but have the president, chief justice, or chair reached out saying the application would need to be reopened this semester?
 - No and I do not foresee it. We could if we needed.
- Kathuria: Would it be a good idea for congress to have to vote to reopen to general application if someone wants to do so?
 - No. I think it is in the best interest to have as many people as possible in the body. I think we should open it if needed.
- Awoyemi: Can you go into detail about what bias training is?
 - I need a friendly amendment making it required. That training has been a series of lecture videos standard bias training with test questions. The ConAd chair keeps track of this.
- Landry: Does this include the reapplication form for associates seeking to remain in congress for the following school year?
 - No there is a separate form. You could also make another form.

On a motion to extend time for questions by five minutes Kathuria seconded by Reynolds

- Kathuria: What do you believe would warrant a reopening of the general application?
 - The most specific would be a vacancy. It could be a different scenario where if a need arises, we open it.
- Strickland: Since CLA is under the executive branch, would this include applications for this?
 - It doesn't have to, but it has been.
- Landry: Would you accept a friendly amendment Changing section 11 by removing highly encouraged and replacing it with required.
 - Yes.
- Baggett: Do you feel there should be a definition section in this bill for the general application?
 - We could have a definition, but there already is a description.
- Strickland: In section 1 the title of the bill is the "codification act" should this bill go into the code annotated or remain a piece of legislation?
 - The code says the branches have a right to make their application, which is not changing. We are just saying this is how the general application works.

On a motion to extend the time for questions by five minutes Cantrell seconded by Aslam

- Strickland: Since this is not forcing any of the three branches to participate in the gen app, it does make it more concise, so this will serve as a reference point in the code but not be a part of the code?
 - Yes.
- Halsey-Kraus: Would you accept a friendly amendment changing Section 3 to say "The SGA General Application shall offer opportunities for all regularly enrolled students on the OU Norman campus, including undergraduate students, graduate students, and law students."
 - Yes.
- Landry: The vice president oversees CLA, but is there a reason CLA cochairs were not included in this committee?
 - CLA is not looking for applications in the Spring, which at this time the vice president would be sworn in, so the CLA chairs would just be sitting there. This doesn't prohibit CLA cochairs from making their own questions.
- Aslam: In section 8-part c it says there is an academic standing check, what would disqualify someone?
 - Everyone is a member of SGA. There are GPA requirements. It is 2.0 for associates and representatives. It is 2.5 for committee chairs and the president. It also means being in good standing with the university.
- Aslam: Can a student be removed if they go below the GPA requirement?
 - Yes.
- Gilson-Bond: Is the academic standing cumulative or semester by semester?
 - Cumulative.
- Kathuria: How do you define in section 3 "all regularly enrolled students"?
 - The university defines it as 6 or more credit hours.

27-0-0

On a motion to see CB-110-05 Craig seconded by De Mahy

- CB-110-05 “Judicial Clarification Act” (ConAd, Do Pass) (Strickland)

Authors Explanation:

I wrote this last session. This bill gets rid of the scrivener's error. The text getting strike is a copy of text that is already there.

7:15 remaining for questions

- Cantrell: Would you say that you are behoovergasted that there was repetition in the code annotated?
 - I am behoovergasted at this avoidable error.
- Robinson: Are you entirely sure this was not there to ensure the people saw it?
 - I believe it was there to make me behoovergasted.
- Gilson-Bond: Is it copied and pasted in the same section?
 - It is copied and pasted on top of one another.
- Craig: What does behoovergasted mean?
 - This is a combination of behoove and flabbergasted.

27-0-0

On a motion to see CB-110-10 Dunn seconded by Ferguson

- CB-110-10 “2023-2024 SGA Election Commission Staff Appointment Act” (ConAd, Do Pass) (Phung)

Authors Explanation:

I am Seth. I interviewed this people and they have done an amazing job. I am here to present them.

7:39 remaining for questions

- Kathuria: Why do you believe it is important for the Election Commission to come from diverse backgrounds?
 - It is important to have a wide variety of people, so all voices are heard.
- Reynolds: You know you belong to the University of Oklahoma?
 - Charlton: Yes. I am from Missouri.
- Kathuria: Do you promise you will make independent decisions?
 - Yes.
- Dunn: Will Erhart is an associate on ConAd, has he been made aware that he cannot be in both?
 - He did not know he was on ConAd.
- Strickland: Do you have any relationship with current candidates for president or vice president that would compromise your integrity?
 - Smith: No.
 - Charlton: No.
- Baggett: Do you believe that your love for Kansas will get in the way of the job?
 - Charlton: No
- Halsey-Kraus: Can you introduce yourself?
 - Smith: I am a freshman BioChem major.
 - Charlton: I am a junior finance major, and I have been on the commission for two years.
- Kathuria: How would you determine a point violation from 1-2 points or .5-1
 - Charlton: I would follow president

- Smith: I do not know what that means but I will learn.
- Gilson-Bond: How do you plan on dealing with the added stress of this position?
 - Smith: I am very driven and am very willing to learn.
- Kathuria: Have you had a chance to review previous election commission cases?
 - Charlton: Not very deeply.
 - Smith: I have not.
- Kathuria: Would there be instances where you would go against precedent?
 - Smith: I do not know what the precedent is so I would.
 - Charlton: There are certain circumstances that is possible.

On a motion to extend time for questions by five minutes Kathuria seconded by Reynolds

- Gilson-Bond: What was your reasoning behind choosing the nominees?
 - I looked over applications and sent out interviews. There are the people who are the most qualified and showed the most passion.
- Gilson-Bond: What did you see in them that made you choose them?
 - Everyone was qualified but those who I did not pick did not meet the standards. The standards were being interested and knowing the code. They are amazing.
- Kathuria: Do you plan on taking implicit bias training?
 - Charlton: I have taken the courses several times.
 - Smith: I would.
- Gilson-Bond: What grade is Erhart?
 - First year.
- Gilson-Bond: What experience do the three first-years have?
 - I am looking for experience with people and organizations.

27-0-0

On a motion to see AB-110-05 Cantrell seconded by Reynolds

- AB-110-05 “Auxiliary Allocation 5 Act of 2023-2024” (WAM, Do Pass) (Gulam)

Authors Explanation:

We allocated over \$24,000.

7:55 remaining for questions

- Robinson: Why is the executive branch getting 1000 dollars?
 - They are applying for the Its on Us branch. They are applying for supplies.
- Dunn: What is the animal legal defense fund in the college of law?
 - They deal with animals and want to send an individual to a law conference.
- Gilson-Bond: Why does the Omega Delta Phi fraternity ask for money?
 - We are funding the programs and activities they have planned out.
- Gilson-Bond: For the American Production and Inventory Control, it is listed as “APICS,” should we have the correct name on Engage?
 - Ahmadi: They are registered as APICS, so its preferential.
- Gilson-Bond: Would you accept a friendly amendment adding (APICS) next to American Product and Inventory Control?
 - Yes.
- Dunn: What are the costs for?
 - Travel.
- Strickland: If someone was in charge of the funds that are being sent to the RSO’s, how would someone see how to properly send those funds?

- There is a website that explains this. They could reach out to George. I also send out resources.
- Wolthuis: What is the Iranian student association spending money on?
 - They have one event that they use the money for. This pays for the location, food, and decorations.
- Gilson-Bond: Where is the tabletop club required to keep the games?
 - The money is for replacing items, not the games.
- Landry: Did the Asian American Student Association and Iranian Student Association apply for Primary funding?
 - Yes.
- Gilson-Bond: How specific do people have to be when requesting money?
 - The closer the better, but it is just a base estimate.

27-0-0

Follow-Up Reports

Announcements and Comments

- Kathuria: Yesterday was Indigenous People Day. Remember we are on tribal land. We are visitors and need to respect tribal sovereignty. We have not done the best job treating Indigenous people well.
- Strickland: I would like to thank Chair Gulam for making the Aux in alphabetical order.
- Keupen: I am meeting with the Chief of OUPD discussing bike theft and other data. If you have questions you want me to ask, message me.
- Reynolds: I met with the director of financial aid on getting books included in tuition.
- Reynolds: The Little Event is this Saturday.

Final Roll Call

On a motion to adjourn Keupen seconded by Fisher.

Adjourn

Chair: Abby Halsey-Kraus

Vice-Chair: Amelia Landry

Secretary: Carolyn Berggren

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UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
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SENATE SESSION GF23
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CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-110-04
SENATE BILL GF23-XX

AS INTRODUCED

An Act of Legislation codifying the use of the SGA
General Application, providing for short title, and
providing for an effective date.

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

- Section 1: Title: This act shall be known and may be cited as the “SGA General Application Codification Act of 2023.”
- Section 2: Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to codify the SGA General Application as the primary application for leadership opportunities within the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial Branches of the Student Government Association.
- Section 3: The SGA General Application shall offer opportunities for all regularly enrolled students on the OU Norman campus, including undergraduate students, graduate students, and law students.
- Section 4: The SGA General Application shall provide an application for the governing branches of the University of Oklahoma Student Government Association. One (1) individual supplemental page for each application shall be offered.
- Section 5: Ranking officers of each application opportunity shall be responsible for creating an appropriate number of both essay questions and other form-type questions for SGA Members to answer in their application.
- Section 6: The SGA General Application shall accept applications through an Engage profile shared by the three (3) governing branches of SGA.
- Section 7: Applications for appointed positions using the SGA General Application shall open before the beginning of the academic term and close after the start of classes. The SGA General Application can also be opened on an as-need-basis. The application shall be open for no less than 12 days.

Section 8: All SGA Members applying for leadership opportunities shall provide the following information on the application:

- a. Personal information: Biographical information deemed necessary by the SGA office responsible for overseeing the SGA General Application (ex. Name, preferred name, email, etc.)
- b. Academic information: Major(s) and class standing
- c. Consent for an academic standing check.

The previous information shall not be used in the application review process unless a position requires a specific class standing and/or major.

Section 9: All SGA Members applying for leadership opportunities shall answer the following question on the application:

- a. “What does it mean to you to be a part of the Student Government Association?”

Section 10: Following the closing of the SGA General Application, ranking officers of each application opportunity are responsible for hosting their own interviews for applicants. During interviews, SGA Officers are not obligated to repeat questions from the SGA General Application.

Section 11: All SGA Officers involved in the appointment process are **required** to complete selection bias training prior to the application and interview process. Selection bias training promotes awareness of a person’s unconscious beliefs or stereotypes in their everyday decisions and thoughts. By completing a selection bias training SGA Officers ensure a fair and equitable application process for all SGA Members applying.

Section 12: SGA Members may only be considered for the position(s) they apply for. If an SGA Officer feels an applicant would be better suited or qualified for another position within the same branch, the SGA Officer can contact the applicant for consent to change the application.

Section 13: The SGA General Application shall be managed and organized by an Application Committee. This Committee shall be Chaired by the Congressional Administration Committee Chair and shall also include the Student Government Association President and Vice President, the Chief Justice of the Superior Court, and the Chair of the Undergraduate Student Congress. After closing the SGA General Application, the Congressional Administration Committee Chair shall be responsible for distributing applicant information to all members of the Application Committee. Through the application process, the Congressional Administration Committee Chair shall be the primary contact for any questions to the Committee.

Section 14: The Application Committee shall reopen the General Application up to twice per semester (in addition to the standard application period at the beginning of each

semester) if the Chair of Congress, the President, or the Chief Justice so directs. Due to the fact that the General Application includes positions in all branches, the senior officers of each branch will be notified prior to any opening of the General Application, and such officers will notify the Congressional Administration Committee Chair of their decision to include or exclude positions.

Section 15: This act shall become effective when passed in accordance with the SGA Constitution.

Author(s): Chair Tucker Dunn, Congressional Administration Committee
Chair Abby Halsey-Kraus, Undergraduate Student Congress

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

Action taken by Congress: 27-0-0

Verified by Chair of Congress: _____ Date:_____

Submitted on a Motion by:

Action taken by Senate

Verified by Chair of Senate: _____ Date:_____

Approved by SGA President: _____ Date:_____

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CX
October 10, 2023

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GF23
October 5th, 2023

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-110-05
SENATE BILL GF23-07

AS INTRODUCED

An Act of Legislation amending the SGA Code Annotated to redact redundancies; 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 “Judicial Clarification Act.”

Section 2: Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to redact redundancies in the SGACA.

Section 3: AMENDATORY: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association Code Annotated Title IV, Chapter 2 Section 8 will be amended as follows, with ~~strike through~~ indicating a removed section, and underline indicating added sections:

Title IV, Chapter 2 – The Student Superior Court

8. ~~Membership.~~ The judges of the Student Superior Court shall be regularly enrolled students and must have completed two (2) full semesters as a full-time student at the University of Oklahoma at the time of this appointment and confirmation.

~~1. **Nomination**~~

~~1. Nominations are to be called for the outgoing Superior Justice, or any other SGA officer, four (4) weeks prior to the expiration of their term in office.~~

~~2. Nominations must be open for at least one (1) week, and shall comply with all applicable law.~~

~~2. **Appointment Process**~~

~~1. All applications that comply with the requested formatting and content requirements must be considered.~~

~~2. Those applicants selected for an interview are to be given a minimum of two (2) days’ notice of their interview time and venue. Notice may be given orally or in writing.~~

~~3. Interviews shall be conducted by a panel comprising the SGA President, the Chair of Graduate Student Senate, the Chair of Undergraduate Student Congress, the SGA General Counsel, or their respective designees, and the Chief Justice of the SGA Superior Court.~~

- ~~4. Superior Court Justices will be appointed by a majority vote of the panelists, excluding the Chief Justice. The Chief Justice will only vote in the event of a tie.~~
- ~~5. Vacancies on the Superior Court shall not exist for longer than thirty (30) days from the occurrence of the vacancy.~~
- ~~6. The constitutionality of a justice's appointment should be based solely on whether they met the membership requirements at the time of their appointment.~~
3. **Number of Justices.** The Legislative Branch shall establish the number of justices sitting on the Student Superior Court. The membership of the Student Superior Court may not be reduced in such a manner as to force the involuntary retirement of justices. The membership maybe increased at such additions shall not become effective within the same presidential term as when the increase has been initiated. The size of the SGA Superior Court shall be set at seven (7) justices.

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

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

Submitted on a Motion by: Representative Craig seconded by Representative De Mahy

Action taken by Congress: 27-0-0

Verified by Chair of Congress: _____ Date: _____

Submitted on a Motion by: Senator Clements (57)

Action taken by Senate: motion to pass by unanimous consent

Verified by Chair of Senate: _____ Date: _____

Approved by SGA President: _____ Date: _____

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CX
October 10, 2023

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GF23
October 5, 2023

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-110-10
SENATE BILL GF23-15

AS INTRODUCED

An Act appointing the 2023-2024 Election Commission Staff; 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 “2023-2024 SGA Election Commission Staff Appointment Act.”
- Section 2:** Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to appoint the members of the 2023-2024 Election Commission Staff.
- Section 3:** In accordance with §Title IV Chapter 6 Section 2(a)(ii), the Election Commissioner shall appoint the Election Commission Staff with the advice and consent of the Legislative Branch. The following SGA Members shall be appointed as Election Commission Staff for the term ending at the end of the Spring 2024 semester:
- Hanna Cole
 - Alexia Charlton
 - Hannah Smith
 - Will Ehrhart
- Section 4:** This act shall become effective when passed in accordance with the SGA Constitution.

Author(s): Seth Phung, SGA Election Commissioner

Submitted on a Motion by: Representative Dunn seconded by Representative Ferguson

Action taken by Congress: 27-0-0

Verified by Chair of Congress: _____ Date: _____

Submitted on a Motion by: Senator Dyke (13)

Action taken by Senate: motion to pass by unanimous consent

Verified by Chair of Senate: _____ Date: _____

Approved by SGA President:

Date:

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CX

October 10th, 2023

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
 SENATE SESSION GF23
 October 19th, 2023

CONGRESSIONAL BILL AB-110-05
 SENATE BILL NO. GF23-XX

AS INTRODUCED

An act relating to appropriations; providing for short title; stating purpose; appropriating Auxiliary Funding for the 2023-2024 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 5 Act of 2023-2024”

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 Production and Inventory Control Society (APICS)	290	100		390
Animal Legal Defense Fund at The University of Oklahoma College of Law	745.85			745.85
Asian American Student Association	6450			6450
Black Girl White Coat	240			240
Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences Student Chapter	309.85			309.85
Iranian Student Association	8039			8039
Latin American Law Student Association	1022.44	200		1222.44
Latin Dance Club	1540			1540
Omega Delta Phi Fraternity, Inc	1650			1650
Omega Psi Phi	2500			2500
SGA Executive Branch	420	380	200	1000
Students for Reproductive Justice	350		150	500
Tabletop Gaming Club		255		255
			TOTAL:	24842.14

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 10, 2024

Section 6: All unspent money remaining in the accounts listed in Section 3 shall revert to the SGA General Account after May 10, 2024, and the remaining appropriations shall be canceled.

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

Author(s): Zuyyin Izza Gulam, Chair, SGA Budget Committee

Co-Author(s): SGA Budgetary Committee

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

Action taken by Student Congress: 27-0-0

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: _____

