

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS

Session CX

General Body Meeting

7:00 pm, Tuesday, October 17, 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 10, 2023

On a motion to approve the minutes Aslam seconded by Reynolds

Officer Reports -

- **Chair's Report:** The SGA presidential forum will be speaking next Monday night hosted by SGA starting at 7 in Meacham Hall. The following night the candidates will be speaking to you all. This year I will be fielding all of the questions. Just because you submit a question does not mean it will be asked. Please feel free to meet with the candidates if your questions do not get answered. This Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday five of us will be going to the Big 12 conference at TCU. My Thursday office hours will be cancelled due to this. Let me know if you need anything.
- **Vice Chair's Report:** This Sunday I did make up headshots. There were 7 or 8 people who attended. I will do another date on November 12th and I will send out a Calendly closer to that day. I did a form at the beginning of the semester for merch. Student Life will not be funding this because it is for all of SGA. This will be a sweatshirt that is up for purchase. I will share the QR code to the link to purchase this. It will be sent out in the minutes and in the group chat. Please order by October 25th. On the October 31th meeting we will make it a themed meeting of a Halloween costume. There will be candy.
- **Secretary's Report:** We are seeing an expulsion bill tonight. Do something nice for yourself this week!

- **Committee Reports-**
- **Campus Outreach, Safety, and Concerns:** COSCO met this weekend. The 27th at 6:45 we will have our light walk. We will be seeing a bill from our vice chair. We talked with OUPD

regarding bike thefts. One of our members' bikes was stolen. We will spread awareness about this.

- **Congressional Administration:** Hi everyone! ConAd did meet officially on Sunday. We saw 3 bills: the Election Commission Participation Act, the Establishing the Campus Concerns Link Act, and the October 2023 Superior Court Appointment Act. We gave all of those bills a recommendation of Do Pass. Be sure to check the ConAd minutes for all of the questions we asked the nominees, just so you're all aware of that information.
- **External Affairs:** Hello all! EA met officially this past week. We saw the National Freedom of Speech Week Resolution and gave it a recommendation of due pass, so the lovely Vice Chair Armour will be presenting that to you all tonight. We discussed a few more projects and we have a few bills in the works, but more on that later.
- **Human Diversity:** HD met on Wednesday. We did new member project distribution. We got updates on a hygiene drive with SISU which is the OKC shelter. We are also getting further along planning the community potluck which will be November 9th.
- **Sustainability:** Susty met this week. Our trash walk will be the 29th at 1pm and we will walk around Greek row.
- **University Policy:** Hey, all. UPOL met officially this Sunday. We discussed our projects. all of which are in the weird emailing/waiting for responses phase. Michael Reynolds has a bill recommending that the university include books in our tuition. We should see that this weekend and hopefully on the floor next Tuesday. We also discussed email etiquette including how to create an email signature and the tone we should be using when emailing administrators.
- **Ways and Means:** WAM met and saw Aux 6. If you have questions regarding the funding or organizations, please ask. Also please email the SGA budget email and not my personal.

Liaison Reports

Special Orders

- Code Club

Student Concern Link

Items to Be Considered

On a motion to see CB-110-13 Craig seconded Duncan

- CB-110-13 “October 2023 Superior Court Appointments Act.” (ConAd, Do Pass) (Firch, Halsey-Kraus, Burch, Taylor)

Authors Explanation:

This past week GSS Chair, President, General Council, myself, and the Chief Justice sat in on interviews for Superior Court appointments. Of all the candidates, we felt these three were the most qualified. We are not completely filling the court, there is still one empty seat. We felt it would be better not to fill the seat and wait for someone more prepared. I will give time for the candidates to introduce themselves.

Salameh: I am a sophomore majoring in political science. My fun fact is that I feel underdressed.

Young: I am a sophomore majoring in political science and I feel overdressed.

Sweet: I am a law student at OU and my fun fact is that I like to sing.

6:16 remaining for questions

- Kathuria: Why do you believe it's important that the superior court has a mix of graduate students, law students, and undergraduate students?

- Halsey-Kraus: We want different opinions from differing people. We would not want everyone to have the same beliefs.
- Gilson-Bond: Where did you go for your undergraduate and what was your degree?
 - Sweet: University of Texas and political science.
- Gulam: Have you had experience or knowledge in SGA and how much did you participate?
 - Sweet: I was a first-year intern at UNT's SGA. I put on several events, and I ran for high office. I familiarized myself with OU's constitution and the code annotated
 - Young: I founded the student council at my high school.
 - Salameh: I was an associate in SGA last semester. I am well versed in parliamentary procedures.
- Kathuria: Have you had a chance to review previous superior court cases?
 - Sweet: Very briefly. Looking over them I noticed a lot of them were appeals. I would like to look in depth Hepburn vs. SGA and it was regarding what constitutes fraud and that is important.
 - Young: I have very briefly looked at them.
 - Salameh: I have taken a glance. On the Superior Court Section on the SGA website it is updated until 2021.
- Strickland: What drew you to these candidates?
 - Firch: We had 7 people that we interviewed. These three had passion and were very prepared. I liked their frame of thought on how to handle cases.
 - Halsey-Kraus: The quality of their answers were very thought out and better than others we interviewed.

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

- Kathuria: When you were reviewing the case Hepburn vs. SGA what made Ms. Hepburn's argument more credible?
 - Sweet: I did not look at it in depth, I just looked at it for areas regarding fraud. I specifically looked at the section where the Superior Court had the power to invalidate elections and what things that that section included. A section included gross fraud, so I wanted to see if there were previous court rulings.
- Kathuria: Do any of you have any connections with anyone running for Congress or SGA Presidency?
 - Sweet: No.
 - Young: No.
 - Salameh: No.
- Schonfield: You mentioned having an experience in congress, but the first two weeks of school you were absent. Can you explain this?
 - Salameh: I did not reapply.
- Kathuria: You were an associate in WAM, but based on the records you had your camera off during WAM meetings, how do you plan on being more engaged and involved?
 - That was last year when we did zoom meetings. A lot of people had their cameras off, but I was listening.
- Gilson-Bond: What would happen if this bill did not pass?
 - Halsey-Kraus: We would have to open applications for superior court. Since we are going into elections, we would only have three people on the superior court.
- Kathuria: Chair Gulam said you made no contributions on the minutes, how do you make sure you provide contributions to the superior court?

- The first couple meetings I was not participatory because I was learning about the process. I think that going into this it will be important to learning and being willing to learn the procedures. I will be a sponge.
- Baggett: Do you believe that there is just as much value as being able to listen just as much as it is to speak?
 - Salameh: Yes. I thought there were senior members who added more than I could have at that time. My goal was to take in as much as I could so I could be more participatory. There are so many different ideas, and you have to learn what your position will be.
- Reynolds: Do you think you will have an issue with attendance seeing as you missed a lot of meetings in Congress?
 - Salameh: I was not aware of what I was missing.
- Reynolds: Is it not your responsibility to know when your terms end?
 - Salameh: The new representatives were sworn in, so I thought that that meant I want done.
- Gilson-Bond: When did the vacant seats open up?
 - Halsey-Kraus: At the end of May. There were four seats vacant.
- Gilson-Bond: Why is it so late in the semester that we are filling these spots?
 - Halsey-Kraus: Our priorities were to find an election commissioner. We did not need a superior court the week election campaigning started. Interviews are taxing so finding the election commissioner spot took a long time. We did not choose to fill all seats because we felt the candidates did not meet the expectations.

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

- Do you plan to maintain precedent on how past cases took place?
 - Salameh: I think precedent is the most important thing aside from the documents. When I look at a case, I would not base it off my opinion, but how the document is written.
 - Young: It would be arrogant to come in and disregard precedent. The people that are put on the superior court are there for a reason.
 - Sweet: The only time precedent should not be upheld when it is not there or when precedent violates current law.
- Rhoads: What do you believe makes you qualified for this position?
 - Sweet: I am a law student so I have a unique perspective. I have been interested in law for quite some time and I have a personal passion for justice and equity.
 - Young: My passion was my leading factor. I was not involved my freshman year, but I was president of student council and vice president of national honor society in high school.
 - Salameh: It is our job at OU to figure out how we can benefit our school. I have a passion for law and interpretation of documents, and I can contribute to this.
- Kathuria: How would you determine if precedent was incorrect?
 - Young: It would be impossible to determine without the situation in front of us. If there was a contradiction that could be a reason.
 - Sweet: A supreme court justice said "I know it when I see it." I think it is a case-by-case basis.

- Salameh: When it comes to overturning precedent it should be rare, but also unanimous.
- Kathuria: Why do you believe superior court rulings that overturn precedent should be unanimous?
 - Salameh: Precedent is the fundamental thing when it comes to the interpretation of documents. Overruling that would require more than a slight majority. I do not think drastic changes should not be made by a slight majority.
 - Sweet: Hopefully that is something that does not happen.
 - Young: I think it would be very arrogant because in a standing court that precedent is followed for a reason.

On a call for debate Kathuria.

Pro

Dunn: If I was on that interview committee I might not have made this decision, but I trust the people who made this decision.

Opposition:

Kathuria: The reason I opposed this is because we have one person who was nominated who is a first-year law student which contradicts the Code Annotated. In my interpretation, you should have completed two semesters at the University of Oklahoma. It takes experience at OU to understand the Bylaws and the campus. The chair of congress should have contacted General Council before this.

Pro

Strickland: When I see the names Firsch and Halsey-Kraus alongside Burch and Taylor saying that these are good candidates, I trust them. I am sure they gave thorough interviews.

Opposition

Kathuria: I want to say this I do not oppose this nominee. Having their camera off not participating at WAM meetings is not ok. I got this information from Chair Gulam that a nominee was not contributing. We do not know where the individual was or what they were doing. In my opinion if you want to be a Superior Court Justice you must have proof of participation. Having someone nominated when they don't have a good track record with attendance is concerning. I would not feel comfortable with a decision being made by someone who was not present in Congress.

Pro

Rhoads: We trust the people who authored this bill. We are about to go into election season and we only have 3 justices right now.

Cantrell: I would like to echo other debaters. The trust that I have for the individuals in the panel is immense, and I trust the people in ConAd who interviewed these people as well. The SGA code annotated is very fair

Keupen: I would like to say that I do not think we should judge a candidate for his absence in WAM. He might have more passion for the Superior Court. For the other candidate, I ask that the opposition weigh the pros and cons if he truly feels we should not confirm them and leave the court with empty seats.

Opposition

Gilson-Bond: I understand the logic in wanting quality over quantity but rules are rules. It is our due diligence to follow these rules. Saying there is a seat left open, we already are anyways with this bill. With the needing two semesters at OU, I understand that this is to stop first-year students from applying. It is clearly stated in the Code Annotated you need two semesters at OU. If you want to change the rules later, it does not work that way to bring someone in now.

Kathuria: If we are intentionally trying to bend the code annotated we are harming our constituents. We have to uphold SGA law. If we choose to bend the rules we are doing the people a disfavor. I think the argument saying that a few qualified people can make this decision is not ok.

Pro:

Wolthuis: The nominee that is lacking experience could make up for this by being in law school. The code annotated says one thing but since the election is coming up, we could revise this. For the other nominee Congress is intense, but they could step up in the superior court.

Baggett: I understand the issues my colleagues have with the legislation, but I believe the intent behind laws is important, and this is to dissuade freshman. I think we might be a little too harsh on some nominees, but we sometimes listen more than speak.

Opposition:

Reynolds: If we start bending rules where is that going to lead us.

Duncan: I do not think we should be saying yes just to fill the seats. I think we should reopen the elections. People will ask to bend the code more often if we do this. We need to be fair.

Kathuria: I consider the track records of individuals to be important. We cannot be blind ducks always having to agree with SGA exec leaders. Disagreements and civil discourse is important. We do not always have to agree because they are qualified. We need to think for ourselves.

Pro

Houston: I want to bring up concerns regarding participation. The nominee was a freshman and myself being a freshman I had my camera off and did not participate. I am now a committee chair. Listening is better than other forms of participation. I think that if we were rushing to pass the bill, there would be four nominees.

Dunn: I did not come to my committee meetings when I was new, and now I am the chair. I think if you show dedication that is what is important.

On a motion to move to the previous question Cantrell seconded Wilson

25-4-0

Authors Summation:

Halsey-Kraus: In regards to having an issue with one candidate not being an OU students for two semesters, I feel that having an undergraduate degree is more qualified. Regarding the nominee who has questionable attendance during his time in another branch, we did not look at the history and previous knowledge when taking this into consideration.

Firch: As a first year student I was trying to figure out who I was as a person. We have seen several people who had a rough start but came back to learn. This seems a little unfair. I respect the Code Annotated Concerns. I respect the process. I think it is about the intent and why it is there, and it is to dissuade first year students. I want to have to most qualified people in the position. I was so impressed by the candidate's thought processes.

17-10-2

On a motion to see CR-110-08 Mowdy seconded by Segunda

- CR-110-08 “National Freedom of Speech Week Resolution.” (EA, Do Pass) (Armour)

Authors Explanation:

This bill recognizes that the third week of October is national free speech week. President Harroz already recognized this. We recognize the responsibility to respect those with differing opinions.

7:30 remaining for questions

- Kathuria: Why do you believe free speech is a fundamental human right?
 - We are standing by the fundamental right in the constitution.
- Cantrell: Would you accept a friendly amendment adding “David Craig Interim Dean of Gaylord College of Journalism and Mass Communication
Professor John Schmeltzer, Gaylord College of Journalism and Mass Communication
Professor Mike Boetcher, Gaylord College of Journalism and Mass Communication
 - Yes.

29-0-0

On a motion to see CB-110-11 Aslam seconded by Reynolds

- CB-110-11 “Expulsion Bill No. 1” (Exec, No Rec) (Berggren)

Authors Explanation:

Clayton Nowland has not come to a single general body meeting. He also is not in a committee, so he would have more if he was on one. I have reached out to him many times and he has never responded.

7:24 remaining for questions

- Kathuria: Are you aware that if you pass this bill, the education district will not have representation?
 - Yes, but the district does not currently have representation.
- Baggett: Would you open elections or applications?
 - Halsey-Kraus: We would not have elections, but ConAd can appoint someone.
- Kathuria: Do you believe it is better for a district to have no representation or to have representative that does not show up at all?
 - I see no difference.
- Dunn: Are you aware that the individual named in the bill is currently here and wants to participate?
 - No.
- Halsey-Kraus: How many times have you reached out?
 - Multiple times, at least five.
- Dunn: Do you believe that a member should be expelled even if they do change their mind and does want to be involved?
 - I believe that if communication is not met, that is all I ask for and it is fair to expect.
- Reynolds: We just bent the rules, so if a person is here and willing to retain his seat and we vote the bill down, will he retain his seat?
 - I suppose so.
- Baggett: How many absences are allowed in this case normally?
 - Four is usually the maximum we allow. He is at 8.
- Baggett: In lieu of that many absences, are the rules clear?
 - This is usually straightforward. They have the option to resign after I let them know, and I did not hear back from him.

- Houston: Is it in your opinion that if the named person on the bill is currently a Representative and this bill gets voted down, they could become an associate?
 - I believe they're ready to participate and I support their choices.
- Gulam: Do you have a timeline of the emails sent to the representative?
 - I can pull them up, but they were spread out week to week and I did make it clear that they have the option to be an associate or resign.
- Keupen: Are you aware that they can apply for an associateship after expulsion if they want to apply again?
 - Yes.
- Haskins: Would you clarify how this person would ask how to switch to an associate role?
 - All they would have to do is email me.

25-2-1

On a motion to see CB-110-14 Strickland seconded by Cantrell

- CB-110-14 "Establishing the Campus Concerns Link Act." (ConAd, Do Pass) (Rhoads)

Authors Explanation:

We are establishing that the student concern link is the campus concern link, so it is open to professors, faculty, and all students. We will put it in the Bylaws, so COSCO must do it. It was previously under the name of a suggestion box, but I have not seen that. Professors and administrators can see problems for students, and that is why we want to open it to all people.

7:02 remaining for questions

- Cantrell: How do you believe this bill will help increase the use of the campus concern link?
 - After we change the name, there will be graphics to put around campus.
- Halsey-Kraus: Are you aware the link I put up is not the suggestion box and that it goes directly to me?
 - I am aware. I will talk to you about this.
- Craig: Could you elaborate on why it is called a campus link and not a student link?
 - There are problems everywhere on this campus. If you have been to the Chem Annex, it is scary. TA's or Professors have noticed it is unsafe. Students feel that if they bring up their concerns nothing will get done, but opening this to others will allow more change and influence.

28-0-0

On a motion to see CB-110-12 Cantrell seconded by Aslam

- CB-110-12 "Election Commission Participation Act" (ConAd, Do Pass) (Dunn)

Authors Explanation:

This strikes out "and election commission" from the high office from the judicial branch. It means we are all eligible to serve on the election commission. This is great because a lot of people who would want to do this are in congress. I do not think this will cause conflict of interest because you cannot run for election commission if you are running for something in congress.

7:16 remaining for questions

- Kathuria: Why do you not consider the election commission to be a high office considering they much such big decisions around election rulings?

- The high office in the code annotated states who can serve in what offices. I don't think the election commission does not deserve to be high office, but this just says we and other branches can run.
- Robinson: Was there something in particular that led to the writing of this bill?
 - There is an associate who was appointed to the election commission. I am not sure this will go into effect in time, but this makes sure there is no conflict. We had this idea long before, but now we wish it was done sooner.
- Kathuria: Has the election commissioner had trouble filling up the seats in the past?
 - To my knowledge we usually get a full commission. I do think having a bigger pool is always a good thing. We always want good people to choose from.
- Baggett: Is there a moral or ethical reason why members of congress cannot serve?
 - I would call it both. I can see why some people would say that there is conflict. I would say part of it is that people want it listed as a high office because it is important, but the concerns do not need to be addressed because the election commissioner can decide.
- Kathuria: How would the election commission make sure that someone in congress and in election commission would not be getting lobbied by other members of congress?
 - This is covered during interviews. We screen candidates for bias and if we thought this was present, we would fail the bill.
- Cantrell: How does this bill differ from the member of ConAd on the election commission?
 - We appointed a member of ConAd to the election commission as an oversight role. It is different in that these members have a stipend, but the ConAd member does not. It is an oversight role.
- Keupen: I am concerned with the potential for a violation of separation of powers, please elaborate.
 - I see that we would not one someone running and being on the election commission. I do not think there would be a separation of power issue. I think it could benefit the commission if someone was here for debates and could understand why we did that.

On a call for debate Kathuria

Pro

Bento: I think that if we have passionate members they should be allowed to participate in the election commission. I do not see an issue with conflict. We need people motivated who want to do this.

Robinson: I fully support this. It does not allow people who are running for reelection to be here.

We allow people to serve on the parking appeals board, and this is relatively the same thing.

Dunn: This does not create a conflict and it is good for members to be involved. As someone who has to conduct interviews routinely, it is better to have more candidates.

Gulam: A lot of us in Congress are involved in different groups. We have time that we have conflict and we keep it separate.

Opposition

Kathuria: I am not saying I am going to vote no against this bill. There are flaws and consequences. I have always viewed the election commission as a high office because they are a determining factor regarding a candidate. One of the things that concerns me is that I believe that democracy is sacred to my heart. We cannot put ourselves in the position to have conflict of interest. They are there to make sure the election process is equal.

Pro

Dunn: To address the opponent's comments, I am a huge fan of democracy, and my heart strings are pulled. This bill is democratic because it opens up to the democratic process for more candidates to be seen. If the opponents of this bill want to object to members of congress being on an election commission, they can. Robinson: I was a former ex officio member of the election commission. I hold the election commission to a high standard, and this holds them to an even higher standard because they have more expertise.

Cantrell: This is a good thing to open this opportunity for people who are passionate about SGA. I think that the more applicants we have the better the participation.

On a motion to move to the previous question Gilson-Bond seconded Ferguson

24-1-0

Authors Summation:

I love debate. I do not think this creates conflict because it opens up more people to the applicant pool.

23-0-1

On a motion to see AB-110-06 Gilson-Bond seconded by Wilson

- AB-110-06 “Auxiliary Allocation 6 Act of 2023-2024” (WAM, Do Pass) (Gulam)

Authors Explanation:

We allocated over \$18000.

7:52 remaining for questions

- Gilson-Bond: What is the student racing team spending \$6500?
 - They are going to a competition where they race cars with other universities. They are requesting funds for travel and car rental.

26-0-0

Follow-Up Reports

Announcements and Comments

- Dunn: As my job as Parliamentarian, it is my job to inform the body of Roberts Rules of Order, Parliamentary Procedure, and standard rules. An abstention vote should only be used in a small criteria of votes, most notably when you have a moral, financial, or another conflict of interest that would be impacted by your vote. Your constituents count on you to represent them within the body therefore it is your responsibility to do so with their best intentions in mind. Using an abstention vote in an unwarranted circumstance exploits their vote to entrust you. Please vote to the best of your ability with your district and community in mind.
- Kathuria: This is my first time abstaining. Regarding the one for the superior court, I did not feel good about voting in favor of them. I did not want to vote against them and interfere with the judicial process. As someone who wants to be the next SGA President, I need to be respectful and allow congress to make those decisions. For the second one, once again, while I think that had good intentions. I abstained because I would be interpreted as wanting to put the elections in my favor. I do not want people to think I am trying to secretly lobby

someone. Being a presidential candidate, I do not think it is right with someone putting elections in their favor.

- Dunn: Earlier I asked someone the questions to the author of an expulsion bill, but it was the wrong person. My apologies. We expelled someone who was not here.
- Reynolds: I got my agenda late. I need to get it 24 hours in advance.
- Cantrell: OU Panhellenic is doing a drive where we are competing with Oklahoma State Panhellenic. We are looking for donations of baby items. There will be boxes in panhellenic houses.
- Landry: It is homecoming week. Please look at the activities going on. Tomorrow there will be proudly gleaming with the GEC. Thursday at 6pm there is going to be trivia with college bowl. Friday there will be a parade. That will be with glow in the dark floats. Following that will be Raw Rally. People come and compete and do stunts and dances. The homecoming game is Saturday.
- Rhoads: Vice-Chair Landry is on homecoming court and that is a big deal.
- Kathuria: Chris Firch is on homecoming court as well. Be proud of them.
- Wolthuis: Thank you to Carolyn for doing these minutes.
- Armour: Class Council is planning an apartment showcase next Thursday. There will be 12 apartment complexes there.
- Baggett: Secretary please take care of yourself.

Final Roll Call

Adjourn

On a motion to adjourn Strickland seconded by Harris

Chair: Abby Halsey-Kraus

Vice-Chair: Amelia Landry

Secretary: Carolyn Berggren

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CONGRESSIONAL BILL AB-110-06
SENATE BILL NO. GF23-18

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 6 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
Advanced Radar Research Center Student Affairs Committee	550			550
Afrobeatz Dance Club at the University of Oklahoma	1240.12			1240.12
College Republicans at the University of Oklahoma	525			525
Hacklahoma	525			525
Lambda Phi Epsilon	555			555
Latinos Without Borders	3000			3000
Nepalese Student Association	1000			1000
Oklahoma Intercollegiate Legislature	2000			2000
Oklahoma Law Review	475			475
Oil and Gas, Natural Resources, and Energy Journal	400			400
OBI Outreach	525			525
Sooner Racing Team	6275			6275
Well Read Book Club	360			360

Women Impacting Supply Chain Excellence	1000		1000
TOTAL:			18430.12

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 Gilson-Bond seconded by Representative Wilson

Action taken by Student Congress: 26-0-0

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: _____

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CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-110-08
SENATE RESOLUTION NO. GF23-19

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution to recognize National
Freedom of Speech Week; and providing for
distribution

- Whereas: National Freedom of Speech Week begins the third week of October; and,
- Whereas: The United States has had protections for free speech since the ratification of the First Amendment on December 15, 1791; and,
- Whereas: James Madison, author of the Bill of Rights, said, “The people shall not be deprived or abridged of their right to speak, to write, or to publish their sentiments”¹; and,
- Whereas: University of Oklahoma President Joseph Harroz Jr. released a statement saying, “The freedom to speak, inquire, and express strikes at the heart of any great institution of higher learning”; and,
- Whereas: The University also recognizes the responsibility to respect others regardless of differing opinions.

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 “National Freedom of Speech Week Resolution.”
- Section 2:** The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association recognizes the third week of October as Free Speech Week and supports the First Amendment to freedom of speech.
- Section 3:** Copies of this resolution shall be sent to:

¹ James H. Read, “James Madison,” Free Speech Center (August 5, 2023)

- President Joseph Harroz Jr. of the University of Oklahoma
- OU Daily
- OU Nightly
- David Craig Interim Dean of Gaylord College of Journalism and Mass Communication
- Professor John Schmeltzer, Gaylord College of Journalism and Mass Communication
- Professor Mike Boetcher, Gaylord College of Journalism and Mass Communication

Authors: Vice Chair Natalie Armour, External Affairs Committee

Co-Author: Chair Ellie Wolthuis, External Affairs Committee

Submitted on a motion by: Representative Mowdy seconded by Representative Segunda

Action taken by Congress: 29-0-0

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 17, 2023

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-110-11

AS INTRODUCED

A Congressional Act of Procedure expelling a representative 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:

Section 1: Title: This act shall be known and may be cited as the “Expulsion Bill No. 1.”

Section 2: Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to expel members for excessive unexcused absences. Clayton Nowland 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: Clayton Nowland

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

Author(s): Secretary Carolyn Berggren, Undergraduate Student Congress

Submitted on a Motion by: Aslam seconded by Reynolds

Action taken by Congress 25-2-1

Verified by Chair: _____ Date: _____

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CX
October 17, 2023

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GF23
October 19, 2023

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-110-12
SENATE BILL GF23-20

AS INTRODUCED

An Act of Legislation amending the SGA Code Annotated to allow members of the Undergraduate Student Congress to serve as members of the Election Commission; 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 Commission Participation Act.”

Section 2: Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to modify the SGACA to allow officeholders of the Student Government Association to serve as members of the Election Commission.

Section 3: AMENDATORY: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association Code Annotated § Title I, Chapter 2 Section 4.3 will be amended as follows, with ~~strikethrough~~ indicating a removed section, and underline indicating added sections.

High Offices of the Judicial Branch. The high judicial offices of the SGA shall be as follows: Justices of the Student Superior Court; SGA General Counsel; SGA Associate General Counsels; and Election Commissioner; ~~and Election Commission.~~

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

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

Submitted on a Motion by: Representative Cantrell seconded by Aslam

Action taken by Congress: 23-0-1

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 17, 2023

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GF23
October 19, 2023

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-110-13
SENATE BILL GF23-16

AS INTRODUCED

An Act of Legislation appointing Justices to the SGA
Superior Court; 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 “October 2023 Superior Court Appointments Act.”

Section 2: Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to name and appoint Justices to the Student Government Association Superior Court.

Section 3: In accordance with SGACA § Title IV, Chapter 2, Section 7ab, which delineates the appointment process for students on the court, the following students shall thus be appointed:

- Preston Salameh
- Jack Sweet
- Chase Young

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

Authors: President Christopher Firch, Student Government Association
Chairwoman Claire Burch, SGA Graduate Student Senate
Chairwoman Abby Halsey-Kraus, SGA Undergraduate Student Congress
Maddie Taylor, SGA General Counsel

Co-Sponsors: Chief Justice Corbin Walls, SGA Superior Court
Vice President Emelie Schultz, Student Government Association

Submitted on a Motion by: Representative Craig seconded Representative Duncan

Action taken by Congress: 17-10-2

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 17, 2023

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-110-14

AS INTRODUCED

A Congressional Act of Procedure renaming the
Suggestion Box; 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 “Establishing the Campus Concerns Link Act.”
- Section 2:** Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to rename the suggestion box and establish the Campus Concern Link.
- Section 3:** AMENDATORY: This act shall amend the Undergraduate Student Congress Bylaws § Section 6.1.4.b shall be amended as follows, with a ~~strike through~~ denoting deletion and an underline denoting inserted text:
- b. COMMITTEE CHAIR: The Committee Chair shall be charged with maintaining and following up with the Undergraduate Student Congress ~~electronic suggestion box~~ Campus Concern Link submissions. The Committee Chair shall coordinate with the Congress Chair to refer ~~suggestion box submissions~~ Campus Concern Link submissions to other committees, should they more appropriately fall under another committee’s responsibilities.
- Section 4:** This act shall become effective when passed in accordance with the SGA Constitution.

Author(s): Hope Rhoads, University College Representative

Co-Author(s): Amelia Landry, Vice Chair of the Undergraduate Student Congress
Emma Duncan, Associate of the Undergraduate Student Congress

Co-Sponsor(s): Carter Strickland, University College Representative

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

Action taken by Congress: 28-0-0

Verified by Chair: _____ Date: _____

	Initial	Final		AB-110-06	CR-110-08	CB-110-11	CB-110-12	CB-110-13	CB-110-14
Aslam	x	x	Aslam	y	y	y	y	y	y
Awoyemi	ab	ab	Awoyemi						
Baggett	x	x	Baggett	y	y	y	y	y	y
Bento	x	x	Bento	y	y	y	y	y	y
Brown	x	x	Brown	y	y	y	y	n	y
Cantrell	x	x	Cantrell	y	y	y	y	y	y
Carter	ab	ab	Carter						
Craig	x	x	Craig	y	y	y	y	n	y
de Mahy	x	ab	de Mahy		y	y		y	y
DiVirgilio	ex	ex	DiVirgilio						
Duncan	x	x	Duncan	y	y	y	y	n	y
Dunn	x	x	Dunn	y	y	n	y	y	y
Ferguson	x	x	Ferguson	y	y	y	y	n	y
Fisher	x	x	Fisher	y	y	y	y	y	y
Foley	x	x	Foley	y	y	y	y	y	y
Gilson Bond	x	ex	Gilson Bond	y	y	y	y	n	y
Harris	x	x	Harris	y	y	y	y	n	y
Islas	x	x	Islas	y	y	y	y	y	y
Kathuria	x	x	Kathuria	y	y	y	ab	ab	y
Keupen	x	x	Keupen	y	y	y	y	ab	y
Koenig	x	ex	Koenig		y	y		y	y
Malone	ex	ex	Malone						
Mowdy	x	x	Mowdy	y	y	y	y	n	y
Nguyen	x	ex	Nguyen		y			y	
Ramirez	ex	x	Ramirez	y	y	ab	y	y	y
Reynolds	x	x	Reynolds	y	y	y	y	n	y
Rhoads	x	x	Rhoads	y	y	y	y	y	y
Segunda	x	x	Segunda	y	y	y	y	n	y
Strickland	x	x	Strickland	y	y	y		y	y
Walker	x	x	Walker	y	y	y	y	n	y
Wear	x	x	Wear	y	y	y		y	y
Whately	ex	ex	Whately						
Wilson	ex	x	Wilson	y	y	y	y	y	y
Wolthuis	x	x	Wolthuis	y	y	n	y	y	y
PRESENT	27	25		26	29	25	23	17	28
ABSENT	0	0		0	0	2	0	10	0
EXCUSED	5	6		0	0	1	1	2	0

Date of	Return to Previous Question	
	CB-110-12	CB-110-13
Aslam	y	y
Awoyemi		
Baggett	y	y
Bento	y	y
Brown	y	y
Cantrell	y	y
Carter		
Craig	y	y
de Mahy		y
DiVirgilio		
Duncan	y	y
Dunn	y	y
Ferguson	y	y
Fisher	y	y
Foley	y	y
Gilson Bor	y	n
Harris	y	y
Isias	y	y
Kathuria	n	n
Keupen	y	y
Koenig		y
Malone		
Mowdy	y	n
Nguyen		y
Ramirez	y	y
Reynolds	y	n
Rhoads	y	y
Segunda	y	y
Strickland		y
Walker	y	y
Wear	y	y
Whately		
Wilson	y	y
Wolthius	y	y
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