

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS

Session CX

General Body Meeting

7:00 pm, Tuesday, October 24, 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 17, 2023

On a motion to approve the minutes: Aslam seconded by Reynolds

Officer Reports -

- **Chair's Report:** I hope you are doing well. We are seeing a different version of the Superior Court Appointment Act. We decided not to break the Constitution and removed a nominee. I will not accept repeat questions. This past week, Firch, Shultz, myself, Representative Rhoads and Strickland went to the Big 12 conference. I would like to thank Representative Strickland and Rhoads for coming with us and representing us. In the conference we made great contacts. We got a lot of great ideas. We are in search of a new HD chair. The applications are open until tomorrow at 11:59pm. If you have any questions, please ask us.
- **Vice Chair's Report:** Hey y'all! Reminder that our order for SGA sweatshirt merch closes tomorrow. I sent out the link in an email today and in our GroupMe. Also, reminder to keep submitting your CSP for October. If you have questions as to what counts just ask me! They are due in a week. Lastly, next week will be Halloween! I encourage everyone to wear costumes and I will have candy for you all. Encourage your associate friends to come if they like! As always, keep sending PR ideas my way.
- **Secretary's Report:** It is my goal to play the best hype songs before Congress meetings, so send me song requests. I am writing more expulsion bills, so if you know anyone not participating tell them to reach out to me.

Committee Reports-

- **Campus Outreach, Safety, and Concerns:** COSCO met this weekend. We had a light walk this weekend. It was nice.
- **Congressional Administration:** Hello everyone! ConAd did not meet officially but we did have a Zoom call to discuss our current projects. We don't have any upcoming bills that I can predict at the moment besides a Bylaws change with regard to Susty's committee

description. Besides that, we're seeing an appointment bill tonight, so be sure to check the ConAd minutes in your email if you want to see what questions we asked them.

- **External Affairs:** Hi y'all! EA met officially and discussed projects and liaison work. We have lots happening right now but tonight you will get to hear from Representative Bento about an awesome project she is starting!
- **Human Diversity:** The community Potluck is November 8th. If you are a member of HD I will be meeting with you.
- **Sustainability:** Susty met this week. We are having a trash walk on the 29th at one pm near Haystack to do post Halloween weekend cleanup. We discussed projects.
- **University Policy:** UPOL met officially this weekend and, as usual, we discussed our projects. Almost all of them are still in the weird email phase, except for two. Our sexual assault policy rework project hit a roadblock, that roadblock is federal law. The other project is Michael Reynolds' bill which we had to postpone, but we will hopefully see next week
- **Ways and Means:** WAM met last week and saw Aux 7.

Liaison Reports

Special Orders

- SGA Presidential/Vice Presidential Candidates Forum
 - Caden Glasscock & Cyrus Mortazavi
 - Shrey Kathuria & Aniketh Koneru
- 1. Please describe your history with Congress (if any) including your positions, attendance record, bills passed, projects, etc.
 - Kathuria: I have served as an associate since my freshman year. I have never had an unexcused absence in the body. I wrote bills such as honoring the women's gymnastics and softball teams. I have worked on legislation such as addressing the dangers of vaping and nicotine. I wrote the signatures clarification act. Our code annotated can be very ambiguous and confusing. I love getting to serve in congress and I have incredible colleagues.
 - Koneru: I have no experience in SGA, but I am a fast learner, and I am open to listening and learning. Shrey has helped me a lot. I am excited to collaborate with you all. SGA represents so much more than what students think, so I want to expand communication.
 - Glasscock: I joined SGA as a business representative at the beginning of my sophomore year, At the beginning of the semester, I was in COSCO, and then I joined the executive cabinet. I resigned this semester, and I am sorry about that. Being in SGA I have learned the ins and outs of how it works. I believe that the ability to be in congress and the executive assistant I have been able to grow and learn and ensure we are working together.
 - Mortazavi: I was in Congress my sophomore year. I was in COSCO. I was so grateful because congress makes everyone feel heard and loved. I had to drop congress due to a class conflict.
- 2. How did you develop your platform? Who did you consult and what were your criteria in assessing the most pressing issues facing students?
 - Glasscock: We started by coming together with a diverse group of people that consists of our campaign team. The problem we noticed is that a lot of people don't understand SGA. We wanted to make sure we had people on our platform that are not in SGA because we represent over 25,000 students. We want to work with other students.
 - Mortazavi: We do not know everything, and we are learning so much already. We met with the CAC chair and learned a lot.
 - Koneru: When developing the WIN platform, we wanted to have something relevant. Every point resonates with the student body. When consulting with friends, TA's, and professors, and also with other students we gained insight into how we can have our platform and policy points to represent everyone.

- Kathuria: Our campaign has already met with the director of admissions to understand why tuition is increasing. We also met with OU parking because that was the number one issue brought up. We want to increase hybrid spots. I met with Representative Reynolds to meet with the Student Financial Center to include textbooks in tuition. Students should not have to pay for that.
3. What are your plans to avoid duplicative work between the executive branch and congress?
 - Kathuria: We have to build collaboration. The executive and legislative branches need to be best friends. We need COSCO to work with the director of interior. The director of exterior needs to work with EA. We need to work as one government. We do not want duplication; we want to work together. We need to be united. It is important that there is communication. We plan on working to implement the legislation you pass.
 - Koneru: I am currently in the Indian Student association where we collaborate through the IAC. I have been involved in many multicultural organizations and I want to use that skill.
 - Glasscock: We need to make sure we are bridging the gap. It is important we do not duplicate work and work together. We have people in our cabinet who will come to meetings. We want to use our positions to work with congress and work with vice chairs to increase publicity. We want to use big exec to our advantage
 - Mortazavi: We need to host meetings with all leaders to increase communications.
 4. As we start to transition to SEC, both tickets bring up the question of student morale on campus. It should be notated that some of the previous traditions that OU has done unfortunately do have issues with anti-Indigenous and racist connotations. How will you work with OU Athletics to keep traditions alive while also upholding a sense of inclusivity to all OU students and OU fans?
 - Glasscock: We need to make sure we address all student concerns. We need to add student concerns to our cabinet. We need to make sure we are letting student voices be heard when it comes to these traditions. We need to make sure we are advocated. SGA is an advocate
 - Mortazavi: We need to emphasize the DEI training OU has to offer.
 - Koneru: We need to listen to our minority communities. Shrey and I connected with the Native American Studies Organizations. We need to learn about their cultures and include it in cultural sensitivity training. We need to listen to the Black Student Association. People of color has different perspectives.
 - Kathuria: We need to make sure we are reviewing what traditions are. One of our football games we honor indigenous people and that is very powerful. We have to uplift our multicultural communities. We should establish this in other sports as well. SGA needs to uphold the principle that we are on indigenous land, and we are visitors.
 5. How will you increase overall better diversity programs for all minorities on campus specifically Native Americans heritages as we are on native land?
 - Kathuria: Many student organizations are fundamentally important. I believe that talking to those leaders is important. We need to give them the adequate funding they need. We have seen black and Hispanic women not able to access the same reasons as white women. We need to come up with equitable policies. We need to make sure our professors are not discriminating.
 - Koneru: We want to expand our communication channels and talk about we can implement the policies and perspectives of people of color. Shrey and I have established relationships with minority organizations.
 - Mortazavi: I am a Cherokee Irani American we need to make sure these voices are heard. We need to emphasize the DEI training for non-minorities.
 - Glasscock: We need to give groups the best resources available. We need to make sure they are a part of the cabinet, and their concerns are heard. We need to work with faculty, SGA, and the student body to hear all concerns.
 6. Both platforms focus on inclusion. While inclusion is important, a sense of belonging on campus is pertinent to focus on when looking at retention and involvement in the OU. What plans do each of you have to bring that sense of belonging not only to SGA, but OU as a whole?

- Glasscock: Belonging is a part of our strategic plan, but we also need to make sure all students get involved. We need to work with organizations on campus. Student involvement has gone down.
 - Mortazavi: We need to make sure students have the tools to get involved.
 - Koneru: Our platform includes welcoming minority communities. Our platform will speak to the underrepresented communities and connect them to resources. Under the programs in the IAC, we have organizations who do not know how to book venues and other issues, so we want to help them expand their knowledge.
 - Kathuria: We should establish a tailgate, so all students feel included. We want students to celebrate traditions. I believe that we have to embrace inclusivity. We need to point out resources such as the GEC.
7. In the past, SGA Presidential and Vice-Presidential Candidates have claimed that SGA lacks transparency. However, it seems SGA has transparency in place but it's the students who just aren't aware of SGA's abilities, resources, and overall structure. How do you plan on addressing the lack of awareness instead?
- Kathuria: We need to work with the gateway to belonging classes to help new students learn about resources. SGA is a great way to enhance the student body. We fund student organizations. We have over 500 student organizations and many more forming. If we communicate with the organizations that will getting people information about resources.
 - Koneru: Many people did not know what SGA does and what the branches do. Shrey and I made an infographic with information about SGA. When we talk about campaigning we also mean telling students how to get involved.
 - Glasscock: SGA has so many amazing resources. We need to publicize that and move forward with the campus climate board of advisors. We need to meet with leaders around campus. We need to be more transparent.
 - Mortazavi: We need to use camp crimson. If we get the freshman foundation down, they will learn more about SGA.
8. If you could only address one problem on campus, what would it be and why?
- Glasscock: The main issue I think we need to address is the involvement issue on campus. It is an involvement issue on campus. Students have stopped getting involved since covid. As we lead ourselves into the SEC, we need to make sure we work with organizations to get involvement increased.
 - Mortazavi: Students do not know about a lot of resources such as Goddard and SGA.
 - Kathuria: We need to focus on safety and accessibility such as having shelves in the chemical annex Building. The parking problem is an accessibility problem. We need students to have better communications with academic advisors. We need grad students to have the option to be academic advisors. We have got to keep the its on us taskforce. The minimum punishment is suspension, but it needs to be expulsion. We need to fix rules regarding sexual assault at a thorough manner. 1/5 women are impacted by sexual assault.
9. What qualities do you see in the other Candidates that you admire?
- Kathuria: I have worked with my opponent in the executive cabinet. He is very compassionate, and I have been able to work with him. I consider him a friend. I enjoyed getting to meet his running mate because he has that compassion. Both these individuals care about uplifting students. Regardless of what happens it will be very important to blend our platforms.
 - Koneru: They are nice. I have not been able to know them personally.
 - Glasscock: My opposition are people who care deeply about this university. We both have the same values. Having the ability to work with my opposition I have seen how much they care about this university and make change. I agree that we need to make sure more people are getting involved. I know that either way both of us will be great people for this university.

- Mortazavi: I am so thankful for their compassion. Being able to visit these organizations takes so much effort. Being able to advocate for the university is amazing.

On a motion to enter committee of the whole: Aslam seconded by Strickland

- Committee of the Whole

CB-110-15 “October 2023 Superior Court Appointment Act” (Firch/Burch/Halsey-Kraus/Taylor)

On a motion to see CB-110-15: Craig seconded by Reynolds

Authors Explanation (Firch):

There were important issues to talk about. Jack was great but we need to stay true to the constitution. I am sorry for not being more aware. We removed Jack. Preston said “I am enormously honored to be nominated for this position and opportunity. Unfortunately, I could not be here tonight as my fraternity is hosting an annual charity event that I, as our philanthropy chairman, am in charge of running. I deeply regret not being able to be here to answer any further questions you may have from the last session. With this statement, I hope to give some clarity as to how I would operate as a member of the Superior Court. I firmly believe that documents such as the Code Annotated and SGA Constitution should be interpreted how they were actually written, not how I would prefer them to be written. Additionally, I believe that precedent should be the foundation of any decision the Court makes. I have a passion for justice, ethics, and the correct interpretation of the law. While I know this does not give you a full sense of who I am, I hope that this statement, along with my answers from the last session of Congress, and the approval of President Firch and the authors of the bill, give you some reassurance as to my integrity and character. Thank you for your consideration.”

Young: I am a sophomore political science major. I have always had a passion for law.

5:53 seconded remaining for questions.

- Gilson-Bond: Would you accept a friendly amendment changing section 7b to 8b?
 - Yes.

On a motion to divide the question: Robinson seconded by Dunn.

23-1-0

Questions for the nominee Preston Salameh

- Cantrell: Why do you think Preston Salameh has the capacity to serve?
 - Salameh had a passion for this job. Corbin really liked Preston and I trust his judgement. I have trust in him.

On a motion to give this a recommendation of no rec: Robinson seconded by Dunn

Questions for the nominee Chase Young

On a motion to give this bill a recommendation of due pass: Dunn seconded by Duncan

On a motion to exit committee of the whole: Rboads seconded by Mowdy

Student Concern Link

Items to Be Considered

On a motion to see CB-110-15 as it pertains to Mr. Young: Strickland seconded by Reynolds

- CB-110-15 “October 2023 Superior Court Appointment Act” (Firch/Burch/Halsey-Kraus/Taylor)

Authors Explanation:

When we interviewed Chase, he was qualified. I was impressed by his skills and knowledge. Corbin Walls really liked him as well.

7:30 remaining for questions

24-0-0

On a motion to see CB-110-15 as it pertains to Mr. Salameh: Strickland seconded by Wilson

Authors Explanation:

I think his statement was good. Truthfully, we were impressed by him. Corbin Walls really liked him.

7:36 remaining for questions.

12-12-0

Vice-Chair Landry with the tie breaking vote: 12-13-0

On a motion to see AB-110-07: Strickland seconded by Gilson-Bond

- AB-110-07 “Auxiliary Allocation 7 Act of 2023-2024” (WAM, Do Pass) (Gulam)

Authors Explanation:

We funded organizations over \$18,000.

7:54 remaining for questions

- Craig: What does Rugby do with \$4200?
 - It goes for funding compositions and travel.
- Wilson: What is the print club and what do they need the money for?
 - The description is on Engage and they use the money for printing.
- Halsey-Kraus: What capital investment does the Big Event need?
 - They need a new computer.
- Strickland: Does the Institute of Industrial of engineers, the Badminton Club, or the Astrophysics Club have offices?
 - They do not have offices in the Conoco.

23-0-0

Follow-Up Reports

- Dunn: The Gen App has been signed by the Congress Chair, Senate Chair, and the President.

Announcements and Comments

- Bento: I am going to put a survey in the GroupMe which is meant to measure voter turnout and barriers involving that. Please fill it out.
- Strickland: On Thursday at 11am-1pm the GEC will be partnering with the It's On Us taskforce to table in the union.
- Gilson-Bond: Tomorrow from 6-7pm the environmental science association will have a decoration event.
- Ahmadi: You have appointed four justices, and you need five for the quorum. Please come together and have a superior court. This is a constitutional crisis.
- Craig: Tomorrow from 5:30-7:30 Kappa Sigma will have a pumpkin carving event. Costumes are encouraged.
- Rhoads: We went to the Big 12 conference, and we made a lot of great connections with Kansas State and Iowa State. I took notes. We will try to implement good ideas.
- Gulam: My office hours this week will be moved online this week.

Final Roll Call

Adjourn

On a motion to adjourn: Mowdy seconded by Harris.

Chair: Abby Halsey-Kraus

Vice-Chair: Amelia Landry
Secretary: Carolyn Berggren

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GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GF23
October 19, 2023

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-110-13
SENATE BILL GF23-21

AS INTRODUCED

An Act of Procedure 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 7b, which delineates the appointment process for students on the court, the following students shall thus be appointed:
- 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: Craig seconded by Reynolds

Action taken by Congress: 24-0-0

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: _____

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CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-110-13
SENATE BILL GF23-21

AS INTRODUCED

An Act of Procedure appointing Justices to the SGA Superior Court; providing for short title, providing for codification, and providing for an effective date.

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Vice President Emelie Schultz, Student Government Association

Submitted on a Motion by: Craig seconded by Reynolds

Action taken by Congress: 12-13-0

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:

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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 CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CX
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GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
 SENATE SESSION GF23
 November 2nd, 2023

CONGRESSIONAL BILL AB-110-07
 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 7 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
Asian Pacific American Law Student Association	3475			3475
Association of Southeast Asian Nations	1500			1500
Beta Alpha Psi	1570.50			1570.5
Big Event		949.99		949.99
Geography Honor Society / Gamma Theta Upsilon	200			200
Institute of Industrial Engineers			616	616
Integrity Council	600			600
Model African Union Club	1500			1500
National Organization for the Professional Advancement of Black Chemists and Chemical Engineers	900			900
Omani Student Association	775			775
OU Badminton Club			367.50	367.50
OU Men’s Rugby Club	4238.95			4238.96
Print Club	735			735
UX Design Club	280		300	580
			TOTAL:	18007.95

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: Strickland seconded by Gilson-Bond

Action taken by Student Congress: 23-0-0

Verified by Chair of Student Congress: _____ Date: _____

Submitted on a motion by:

Action taken by Senate:

Verified by Chair of Senate: _____ Date: _____

Approved by SGA President: _____ Date: _____

	Initial	Final	Date of last name	24-Oct			CB-110-15	
				AB-110-07	CB-110-15	Salameh	Divide	Young
Aslam	x	x						
Awoyemi	a	a						
Baggett	x	x	Aslam	y	y		y	y
Bento	ex	x	Awoyemi					
Brown	ex	ex	Baggett	y	n		y	y
Cantrell	x	x	Bento	y	y		y	y
Carter	a	a	Brown					
Craig	x	x	Cantrell		n		y	y
de Mahy	ex	ex	Carter					
DiVirgilio	x	x	Craig	y	y		n	y
Duncan	x	x	de Mahy					
Dunn	x	x	DiVirgilio	y	y		y	y
Ferguson	a	a	Duncan	y	n		y	y
Fisher	a	a	Dunn	y	n		y	y
Foley	x	x	Ferguson					
Gilson Bond	x	x	Fisher					
Harris	x	x	Foley	y	y		y	y
Islas	ex	x	Gilson Bor	y	n		y	y
Kathuria	x	ex	Harris	y	n		y	y
Keupen	x	x	Islas	y	n		y	y
Malone	x	x	Kathuria					
Mowdy	x	x	Keupen	y	y		y	y
Nguyen	ex	ex	Malone	y	y		y	y
Ramirez	ex	ex	Mowdy	y	n		y	y
Reynolds	x	x	Nguyen					
Rhoads	x	x	Ramirez					
Segunda	x	x	Reynolds	y	n		y	y
Strickland	x	x	Rhoads	y	n		y	y
Walker	x	x	Segunda	y	n		y	y
Wear	x	x	Strickland	y	y		y	y
Whately	x	x	Walker	y	y		y	y
Wilson	ex	x	Wear	y	y		y	y
Wolthuis	x	x	Whately	y	y		y	y
			Wilson	y	n		y	y
			Wolthuis	y	y		y	y
PRESENT	22	24		23	12		23	24
ABSENT	4	4		0	12		1	0
EXCUSED	7	5		0	0		0	0