

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS

Session CX

General Body Meeting

7:00 pm, Tuesday, November 14, 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 | November 7, 2023

On a motion to approve the minutes Gilson-Bond seconded by Strickland

Officer Reports -

- **Chair's Report:** Please join the GroupMe. Next week we will not have a meeting. The following meeting will be our last meeting. We will be ending Session 110. Welcome everyone.
- **Vice Chair's Report:** Hi everyone! I want to emphasize that all our new members have a nametag. If you are a member who is reapplying to be an associate, I will make you a new nametag. Orientation will be in the Spring. There is not a date yet. I will email out a handbook to all the new folks. We will get headshots done in the Spring for new or old members who would like that. Please follow our Instagram @OUCongress. I will be taking photos tonight so let me know if you would not like your photo taken. Please fill out the Native American Heritage Month form. There is still a November CSP requirement.
- **Secretary's Report:** Hi everyone! I will be updating the Engage page so be on the lookout for that. Just a reminder that new representatives are required to be at all General Body and Committee meetings. Please reach out to me if you cannot make it to a General Body meeting, and once you get into a committee, you will email your committee secretary for those absences.

Committee Reports-

- **Campus Outreach, Safety, and Concerns:** COSCO focuses on outreach in the Student Body. We have a Campus Concern link which all students, faculty, and staff can fill out. We also do monthly light walks. We had outreach day today. We passed out information about the Concern Link. COSCO has a baby.

- **Congressional Administration:** ConAd met unofficially this week and discussed projects. We have a new project where we're going to be reaching out to the OU Daily and OU Nightly to advertise GenApp. Nothing else to report.
- **External Affairs:** Hello all! My name is Ellie Wolthuis and I am the Chair of the External Affairs Committee. The External Affairs Committee, or EA for short, deals with all matters concerning the local, tribal, state, federal, or international governments. We also put on very cool events at the state capitol, like Higher Ed Day, OU Day, and Lobby Day. Moving into my committee report, we met officially on Sunday and discussed projects. We have a few things we are wrapping up before the semester ends, such as the project to implement angel and owl shots at Campus Corner. That is all!
- **Human Diversity:** HD focuses on diversity and making sure diverse groups are seen on campus. We met this Sunday. The Community Potluck should be November 30th.
- **Sustainability:** We handle everything sustainable on campus. We work with the food pantry and things such as littering. We are project based but want to do more legislation. Susty did not meet this weekend. There is a trash walk on the 19th at 1pm at the Duck Pond. This is a way to get your CSP and we pick up trash.
- **University Policy:** Hello, all. My name is Caleb Robinson and I am the chair of the University Policy Committee. Often you will hear my committee called UPOL because it is shorter. We focus on addressing student concerns regarding university policies, programs, and initiatives. Most of our work is project based, usually requiring that you meet with or contact administration in some way. We met officially this weekend and discussed our projects, none of which have any major updates except for our meal swipe project which is officially dead - if you have any questions about that project, contact a member of my committee, they should have a FAQ sheet.
- **Ways and Means:** WAM works with finances and giving money to RSO's. We did not meet this week. We will be meeting tomorrow, and it will be the last meeting of the semester. If you want to be considered for aux, please fill out the form tomorrow before noon.

Liaison Reports

- Kathuria: Diwali night will be this Friday from 6-9pm. There will be a cool fashion show and there will be good food.
- Kathuria: Tomorrow the College Democrats of Oklahoma will be bringing in a speaker. That will be tomorrow in Zarrow Hall 105 at 5pm.

Special Orders

- Swearing in

Student Concern Link

Items to Be Considered

Follow-Up Reports

Reynolds: We saw the Textbook All Exclusive Act in the Graduate Student Senate on Sunday. They wanted to add a clause. Since we are doing this for the first time, they wanted it to be specific. We also saw the Salute to Veterans Beyond Veterans Day. We will see both of those Thursday in the Graduate Senate. Both got a rec of due pass.

Cantrell: The Graduate Student Senate exec saw the Removal of the Environmental Coalition and it received a rec of due pass.

Mowdy: The Graduate Student Senate exec saw the Native American Heritage Month bill and gave it a rec of due pass.

Announcements and Comments

- Kathuria: I am finishing a piece of Legislation called “DEI Matters” I am about to send this do the DEI representatives.
- Strickland: Deuces.
- Gilson-Bond: Tomorrow from 3-4 the Renewable Sustainable Energy Society will have a zoom call tomorrow.
- Kathuria: This Thursday from 630 to 730, OU Green week is having an environmental education lecture. You can get a CSP for showing up for that.
- Cantrell: OUDM is hosting kicks for kids on November 15th from 7-9pm. This is a fundraising kickball tournament.
- Landry: The OU Food Pantry will have Thanksgiving meal bags this week.
- Reynolds: Norman Food and Shelter will be serving Thanksgiving dinner on Thanksgiving.

Final Roll Call

Adjourn

On a motion to adjourn Strahan seconded by Aslam

Chair: Abby Halsey-Kraus

Vice-Chair: Amelia Landry

Secretary: Carolyn Berggren