

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS

Session CX

General Body Meeting

7:00 pm, Tuesday, August 29th, 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 | April 25th, 2023

Motion to approve the minutes

Strickland seconded by Kathuria

Officer Reports -

○ **Chair's Report:**

Hi, all! Welcome back to campus! SGA will be hosting an information session for students thinking of joining. This event will take place next Wednesday, September 6th from 6 pm to 7 pm in the Heritage Room in the Union. As well as, the Associate Reapplication Form is open on Engage! If you are an associate who has not reapplied yet, please do so!

○ **Vice Chair's Report:**

Hey everyone! I hope you all had a wonderful summer. I first wanted to start off by thanking you all for your continued commitment to Congress and to the student body. My first update is that I have made name tags for all of you so if you haven't, come and get yours! I will need them back at the end of the meeting. Secondly, the google calendar is live and has been for a while. I am working to get it in a centralized location you can find, but for now it is in the summer updates email I sent out and I will also have Carolyn send it out again with the minutes. You will note SGA Gen app and election filing deadlines so if you have friends asking about joining those are the timelines for them! You will also see that the new member orientation has been scheduled for September 17th. The booking has been made and confirmed so yay! In that same email you'll find the notes from the SEC Exchange which I took for transparency's sake. The conference was super fun and educational, and I firmly believe we are doing well amongst our SEC Peers. One big thing I took away from the conference was internal team building, and so this past Sunday I put on a leadership educational session for all our committee chairs, which I feel was a success. I took our headshots and had a wonderful time doing so. Okay a few other updates. Please join our

photocircle (I will send the link in our group chat again tonight). I will be taking photos at our meetings with an actual camera and hopefully they should be good enough quality that you'll want to save them for yourself. You'll access them on the photo circle. I am not taking photos today because I wanted to give you all sufficient notice and time to notify me if you would not like to have your photo taken OR if you would not like photos of you to be used for PR materials such as our instagram. Speaking of the instagram, I am very proud of the engagement we have had on there, so make sure to keep up the good work on hyping up our posts especially those about Gen App. Okay a few other things: I have made a Constituent Service Point Form that will be used to submit all your CSPs. I will have Carolyn send this out too. There is no CSP for August but those of you who helped with the camp crimson and howdy week tabling (which went well!) may count those as September CSPs. I have also made a form for SGA merch interest. This is NOT an order form, but I do need you all to fill this out if you want a shirt because I need to gauge numbers. I will have Abby put a QR on the screen now and give you a minute to fill this out. The other thing I need to gauge interest on is snacks. We will have snacks at meeting but I need to know what suggestions you have to go buy them, so if you don't mind kind of pop-corning around the room now and I'll note your suggestions. Phew, okay I think that was everything for now. Thanks guys!

○ **Secretary's Report:**

Hi! I am so excited to see everyone today and I hope everyone had a great summer! Just a few things to cover on my end. Associates are required to be at the first general body meeting of the month, and reps are required to be at all general body meetings and committee meetings. I understand that we all are very busy people and that things come up, so please just communicate with me when you are not able to come or need a zoom link so I can excuse or accommodate you. I also will be reaching out to committee secretaries to meet with you guys on how to take minutes and answer any questions you have.

Liaison Reports

- **Halsey-Kraus:** The Constitutional Studies Student Association is hosting a welcome back event in the Carnegie lounge from 5 pm to 6 pm on September 11th!
- **Koenig:** Students in recovery has a meeting tomorrow at 7 in Zarrow Hall in the community room.

Special Orders

- CAC Presentation
- Committee of the Whole

Motion to enter Committee of the Whole

Dunn Seconded by Duncan

- CB-110-01 "Session CX Committee Chair Appointment Act." (Halsey-Kraus/Landry/Berggren)

Motion to see CB-110-01 Rhoads

Seconded by Reynolds

Author's Explanation (Halsey-Kraus)

This is our committee chair appointment act. We have four returners which are COSTCO, CONAD, SUSTY, UPOL, and three newbies in HD, WAM, and EA. We hosted interviews in the Spring, twice for EA chair. We had an EA chair but had to redo interviews due to Wesley Griffin having to resign. We trust the new EA chair to do her job. I am confident in all of these people.

1:28 yielded for questions

- **Kathuria: What interested you about Ellie Wolthuis in her interview?**
 - She had a strong passion for the student body. She is new but has the strongest passion I have seen. She was incredibly happy to leave the interview, and I know she will bring that energy to the job.
- **Kathuria: What are the external issues facing OU students?**
 - **Wolthuis:** I have quite a few ideas to bring to EA this semester. My main goal is to hear from students about what their concerns are on campus and address them in EA. I want to work for the community of OU.
- **Kathuria: Have you had a chance to meet with the previous WAM chair?**
 - **Zuyyin:** Yes, I was his secretary last semester, so he has helped me with what to do in the role.

*Motion to give the bill a rec of due pass Strickland
Seconded by De Mahy*

*Motion to see bills CR-110-01 and CR-110-02 as a block
Kathuria seconded by Dunn*

- CR-110-01 “Honoring the 2023 OU Softball Team” (Kathuria)
- CR-110-02 “Honoring the 2023 OU Womens Gymnastics Team” (Kathuria)

Author’s Explanation (Kathuria)

Womens gymnastics and softball were amazing to watch. Softball only lost one game during the season. That is remarkable and inspiring. Softball is the second most popular game attended at OU. God bless the women's softball and gymnastics team.

1:25 yielded for questions

*Motion to give the bills a rec of due pass Mullins
Seconded by Harris*

*Motion to exit Committee of the Whole Harris
Seconded by Reynolds*

Student Concern Link

Items to Be Considered

- CB-110-01 “Session CX Committee Chair Appointment Act.” (Halsey-Kraus/Landry/Berggren)

*Motion to see CB-110-01 Strickland
Seconded by Ferguson*

Author's Explanation (Landy)

We already saw this bill.

7:58 yielded for questions

24-0-0

Motion to see CR-110-01 and CB 110-02 as a block Kathuria seconded by Rhoads

- CR-110-01 “Honoring the 2023 OU Softball Team” (Kathuria)
- CR-110-02 “Honoring the 2023 OU Womens Gymnastics Team” (Kathuria)

Author's Explanation (Kathuria)

I have said everything I have needed to say. We will see gymnastics and softball hopefully win another championship. *knocks on wood.* I look forward to seeing them demonstrate excellence.

7:25 yielded for questions

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Follow-Up Reports

Items for Future Agenda

- **Kathuria** - I wrote a bill called “say no to bigotry” but it is not ready to be seen because I need more evidence and citations. It might not be seen due to partisan divide. We might kill the bill all together. I will work on this with chair Halsey-Kraus
- **Koenig** - I am writing a resolution to declare September as National Recovery Month.
- **Kathuria** – I have written a bill with Caleb Robinson to extend the campaign filing period from 4 to 10 class days. I will hopefully submit this by tonight or tomorrow.

Announcements and Comments

- **Hyslop** – I am president of OU’s student organization that writes policy at the local level. We are looking for more membership. If you know anybody, or particularly freshman that are looking to get involved in lobbying and create legislation. I would love to get more people involved. Second, because of the work at the local level, they are looking for more student engagement. They are looking for students interested in affordable housing and policies related to homelessness. Finally, I am launching a non-profit and looking for more engagement. It is regarding mental health advocacy, so if you know anybody interested, please direct them to me.
- **Dunn** – We have Gen APP open right now. Please get people to apply. We have a lot of open seats. We have election commissioner and superior court which need applications. We

also need people to apply for university committees. They are good involvement and a low time commitment. I will send the list in the congress GroupMe.

- **George** – SafeRide launched last week. We want your feedback and experiences. We did a quick turnaround of signing an agreement with the city. We have expanded per the students' requests. We partnered with OU on demand and rides are free Thursday, Friday, and Saturday 10pm-3AM. The whole program runs 7 days a week. Normal on demand out of safe ride hours are \$2 a ride which is a huge discount. The data shows that we are more efficient and have lower wait times. There are 4-5 vans running per night. This is a one-year pilot program, so we want you to take the rides. SafeRide was initiated in 2004 during the limitation of the student alcohol policy. It is a free confidential ride to your destination. Download the app. We want this to be an alternate transportation option for students. This program runs Sunday 10am-6pm, Monday through Wednesday is 7pm to 1 am, Thursday-Saturday is 7pm-3am. The first 6 rides are free. Try it out. Email saferride@ou.edu or find me to let me know about your experience.
- Landy- Bring your nametag back before you leave.
- Haskin – COSTCO on September 14th from 11-1200pm will have SGA town hall in Bartlett room in the Union. Be on the lookout for more information, and there will be free food!

Final Roll Call

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn Strickland seconded by De Mahy

Chair: Abby Halsey-Kraus

Vice-Chair: Amelia Landry

Secretary: Carolyn Berggren

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS

CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CX

August 29, 2023

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-110-01

AS INTRODUCED

A Congressional Act of Procedure appointing committee chairs for Session CX; 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 “Session CX Committee Chair Appointment Act.”

Section 2: Purpose: The purpose of this act is inherent in the Title.

Section 3: APPOINTMENT: The following persons shall be appointed to Committee and other positions as follows:

Campus Outreach, Safety, and Concerns:

Chair: Hudson Haskins

Congressional Administration:

Chair: Tucker Dunn

External Affairs:

Chair: Ellie Wolthuis

Human Diversity:

Chair: Ezra Koenig

Sustainability:

Chair: Rylee Houston

University Policy:

Chair: Annie Mullins

Ways and Means:

Chair: Zuyyin Izza Gulam

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

Author(s): Chair Abby Halsey-Kraus, Undergraduate Student Congress
Vice Chair Amelia Landry, Undergraduate Student Congress
Secretary Carolyn Berggren, Undergraduate Student Congress

Submitted on a Motion by:

Action taken by Congress

Verified by Chair: _____ Date: _____

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UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CX

August 29, 2023

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GF23

September 7, 2023

CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-110-01
SENATE RESOLUTION NO. GF23-XX

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution honoring the OU Softball team
for winning the 2023 national championship.

- Whereas: The OU Softball team has demonstrated excellence on and off the field; and
- Whereas: The OU Softball team finished the season winning sixty-one games; and
- Whereas: The OU Softball team defeated Florida State twice in the championship series for the Women's College World Series by scores of 5-0 and 3-1; and
- Whereas: The OU Softball team now has a total of seven Women's College World Series championships; and
- Whereas: The OU softball team set an NCAA Division 1 softball record by winning 53 straight games; and

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 "Honoring the 2023 OU Softball Team"
- Section 2:** The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association congratulates the 2023 OU Softball team for winning the national championship and demonstrating excellence.
- Section 3:** Copies of this resolution will be sent to:
- Joe Castiglione
 - Patty Gasso
 - All members of the OU Softball team

Author(s): Shrey Kathuria, Representative

Co-Sponsor(s): Beth Felkner, Member of SGA

Submitted on a motion by:

Action taken by Congress:
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: _____

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UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CX

August 29, 2023

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GF23

September 7, 2023

CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-110-02
SENATE RESOLUTION NO. GF23-XX

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution congratulating the OU Women's
Gymnastics team for winning the 2023 national
championship; and providing for distribution.

Whereas: The OU Women's Gymnastics team has demonstrated excellence on and off the field; and

Whereas: The OU Women's Gymnastics team won the NCAA Finals by earning a score of 198.3875
points against Utah, Florida, and Louisiana State; and

Whereas: The OU Women's Gymnastics team now has won a total of six national championships;

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 "Honoring the 2023 OU
Womens Gymnastics Team"

Section 2: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association congratulates the 2023 OU
Softball team for winning the national championship and demonstrating excellence.

Section 3: Copies of this resolution will be sent to:

- Joe Castiglione
- K. J. Kindler
- All members of the 2022 OU Women's Gymnastics team

Author(s): Shrey Kathuria, Representative

Co-Sponsor(s): Caden Glasscock, Business District Representative
Becca George, Director of PR
Michael Stoyak, Director of the Interior

Submitted on a motion by:

Action taken by Congress:

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: _____