

# THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



## UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS

Session CX

General Body Meeting

7:00 pm, Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 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** | September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023

***Aslam Seconded by Harris***

**Officer Reports -**

- **Chair's Report:** We have a new UPOL chair who we will be appointing next week. We have orientation Sunday, if you have to be there please try to come.
- **Vice Chair's Report:** I am Amelia (she/her). If you do not have your nametag, please come up and get it along with snacks. If I have spelled something wrong let me know. These will be returned at the end of the meeting. I will be taking photos tonight, so if you do not want to be posted send me an email. Interviews went well, for our old members the CSP form is linked at the bottom of the Engage page. I have been planning our orientation. Please come to orientation. Dress code is somewhat business casual.
- **Secretary's Report:** Hey everyone! I am so excited to see everyone! My name is Carolyn (she/her/hers) and I am the secretary. Just a reminder about attendance that associates are required to attend the first meeting of every month and their weekly committee meetings, and representatives are required to attend every general body meeting and committee meetings. Please let me know if you won't be at a meeting so I can make your absence excused. I also have reached out to committee secretaries about meeting with me, so please check your emails for those.

**Committee Reports-**

- **Campus Outreach, Safety, and Concerns:** I am Hudson (He/Him). We focus on campus concerns, mainly through our suggestion box link. Students can send concerns straight to congress. We have light walks every month which is where we walk around and look for what lights are out. COSCO has 100% attendance at our meeting. We talked about the Townhall which is at 11am and finished our posters for that. There is free fruit. Our vice

chair is Hope Rhoads and our Secretary is Ben Keupen. We talked about ways to reach out to students and will start Wednesday.

- **Congressional Administration:** Hi everyone, and to our new members, I had the pleasure of meeting most of you on Sunday, so it's good to see you again. As a refresher, my name is Tucker Dunn. I'm the Chairman of the Congressional Administration Committee, also known as ConAd. ConAd is the committee focused on making sure Congress (and SGA in general) runs smoothly, as well as appointing new members to the body like yourselves, and confirming new members to the other branches of student government. This weekend, ConAd met officially to conduct interviews and is appointing 9 Representatives and 38 new Associates tonight. In other news, my Vice Chair, Caleb Robinson, is leaving me for his new position as University Policy Chair, so I want to thank him for all his help.
- **External Affairs:** Hi everyone! It's amazing to see so many new faces! For those of you who don't know me, my name is Ellie Wolthuis, and I am Chair of the External Affairs Committee. The External Affairs Committee addresses issues concerning local, state, and federal levels of government, as well as issues concerning native nations. As EA we strive to improve the relationship of SGA and with all governments it interacts with. EA is super fun and gives you a great opportunity to make a ton of great connections. If you are curious or would like some more details, please come talk to me! We met officially last Sunday and discussed our plan for National Voters Registration Day which is September 19th (a week from today). We will be helping Oklahoma Votes with tabling to register voters!
- **Human Diversity:** My name is Ezra (he/they). We enhance the student experience with projects related to student organizations and sober tailgates. We write legislation sometimes. We talked about what everyone wants to work on. We are going to start preparing for the Community Potluck. We are working on legislation for national recovery month and sober tailgate. We just picked out our vice chair and secretary. We are working on a speaker series for general body meetings.
- **Sustainability:** : Hi everyone! My name is Rylee Houston and I'm the Chair of Sustainability, or Susty. Susty is exactly what it sounds like, and a bit more--We focus on making sure that everything we do on campus and through SGA is environmentally friendly. This includes legislation on what SGA will and will not fund, monthly Trash Walks to keep the community clean, and establishing projects on campus to make OU more green. Some current we projects we have are an environmentalism and intersectionality speaker conference, an anti-littering bill, putting solar-powered picnic tables in the soval where students can study and charge their devices, and a liaisonship between our committee and environmental RSOs. This week, we met officially and assigned our liaisons two RSOs to reach out to, as well as set a date for our September Trash Walk, which will be Monday the 25th at 6:00 pm at the Duck Pond. Everyone is welcome to come and if you have any questions, please reach out or find me after the meeting!
- **University Policy:** Hello everyone, my name is Caleb Robinson and I am the brand-new University Policy Committee Chair. My committee explanation will be relatively short today because I just found out that I got this position yesterday evening and have not had a chance to review all of the previous and ongoing projects. UPOL focuses primarily on just that - addressing student concerns regarding university policy and programs. I know some of the big projects currently being worked on center around student wages and general academic policies. I have yet to hold a meeting so I have not had a chance to meet with my committee

members to check on current projects and their progress, so I would like to meet with all of my committee members either in person or by email or Zoom sometime before Sunday. I will have a more in-depth update for our new members this Sunday at orientation and next Tuesday at our general body meeting.

- **Ways and Means:** My name is Izza. WAM is in charge of primary and auxiliary allocation. Every RSO can apply for funding. Primary is open to any RSO who has been here for a here, where aux is open to RSO's who have been here for a week. That is all I have.

### **Liaison Reports**

- Halsey-Kraus: Constitutional Studies will have our first meeting next week from 5-6.
- Koenig: LGBTQ+ student alliance is hosting Pride and Politics. There will be people coming to talk about rights you have. There are speakers from Freedom Oklahoma, ACLU, and someone from the political science department. It is from 6-7 in the Union on Thursday. There is free dinner
- Griffin: Annual aviation festival will be Sep 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9am-2pm.
- Kathuria: My name is Shrey (he/him) OU college Dems will have their first meeting this Thursday at 8pm potentially. I will update you if this changes.
- Cantrell: OU OIL is hosting a meeting this Thursday at 7pm in Adams 3103. OIL goes to the capital and does mock legislation and meet with other OIL groups across the state.
- Hyslop: I am the president of students for local action: a student run lobbying group. We run policy proposals and submit them to local legislatures to review. If you are interested in policy writing please come talk to me. Come to our first meeting 4pm Friday in Dunham A128. We are launching our own nonprofit.

### **Special Orders**

#### **Student Concern Link**

#### **Items to Be Considered**

- AB-110-01 "Auxiliary Allocation 1 Act of 2023-2024" (Gulam) (WAM, Do Pass)

***On a motion to see AB-110-01 Rhoads Seconded by Duncan***

#### **Authors Explanation (Gulam):**

This is our first auxiliary allocation for the school year. Student organizations were able to apply for funding. We looked at 32 different funding requests and allocated over \$27,000.

7:30 yielded to questions

- Kathuria: How does WAM fund organizations?
  - We do not solely fund based on fiscal history. We look at the size of the organization and what they use the money for.
- Rhoads: What is the Crimson Furs?
  - I believe it is related to people having pets.
- Gilson-Bond: Are RSO's required to advertise the events they are requesting money for?
  - No. They just have to put the SGA logo.
- Keupin: Can you explain what the SGA general count is?
  - Leftover money from auxiliary goes to the general count.

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- CB-110-03 "Session CX General Application Appointment Act." (Dunn) (ConAd, Do Pass)

***On a motion to see Reynolds CB-110-03 Seconded by De Mahy***

#### **Authors Explanation (Dunn):**

This is the bill appointing the 38 new associates and 9 representatives. ConAd made the decision between the 4 interviewers. They were all good candidates. I will need a friendly amendment to remove someone from the list.

7:18 yielded to questions

- Robinson: Would you accept a friendly amendment to section three striking the name Sanika Navalkar.
  - Yes.
- Strickland: Did you enjoy all 8 hours you spent with me, Mr. Robinson, and Ms. Landry interviewing these wonderful, dedicated, devout, individuals?
  - It was an honor, and it was 11 hours actually.
- Kathuria: There is a shortage of representatives in the life sciences district, did you receive life sciences applications?
  - We filled all the seats we could. We have 3 biology majors who interviewed, but they are first-year students so not eligible yet.
- Austin: Can I call my mom for her to see me get sworn in?
  - Halsey-Kraus: Yes.
- Hyslop: Are there typically vacant seats in the international studies districts?
  - Not at the moment.
- Kathuria: what do you think is important for new members to be successful in congress?
  - The number one thing is to be proactive. Make the change you want to see. Stand up for what you want done.
- Cantrell: What is the best committee for new members to join?
  - ConAd or die.
- Gilson-Bond: How many people applied vs. accepted.
  - There were 68 applicants, about ten did not schedule an interview, a few more were late, and 6 or 7 did not get positions. There were more accepted this time around.
- Thompson: How many of the representatives were appointed that were first-year students?
  - There were no open seats in the UCOL district. I would encourage you to file for a seat.

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### **Follow-Up Reports**

- Kathuria: We got the honoring the 2023 OU women's softball and gymnastics team both signed by Chris Furch. I will post the video in the congress group chat.

### **Announcements and Comments**

- Halsey-Kraus: Please join the GroupMe.
- 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.
- De Mahy: I am part of Delta Gamma. We are having an event called anchor splash where fraternities do synchronized swimming at the pool for \$7 entry.

- Strickland: Next Tuesday is National Voter Registration day. From 10-4 there will be tabling on the South Oval. We will be able to help people from any state. Register to vote.
- Cantrell: Alpha Gam is having our Fall philanthropy event. If you go you can get a CSP. Ours is September 27<sup>th</sup> from 5-8pm. It is build your own ice cream sandwiches.
- Kathuria: Yesterday was the 22<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of 9/11. Make sure you honor the victims and hero's. It was a tragic day that we cannot erase. This is not an excuse to be Islamophobic or racist towards any ethnic group. We need to love each other. We need to be united.

**Final Roll Call**

**Adjourn**

***Harris Seconded by Keupin***

Chair: Abby Halsey-Kraus

Vice-Chair: Amelia Landry

Secretary: Carolyn Berggren

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS  
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CX

September 12th, 2023

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE  
SENATE SESSION GF23

September 7th, 2023

CONGRESSIONAL BILL AB-110-01  
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 1 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
Oklahoma Aspiring Educators Association	1000			1000
OU Clay Target Club		1000		1000
Crimson Furs	240			240
Kappa Delta Pi	600		250	850
African Student Association	3280			3280
Association of Southern African Students	480			480
Biomedical Engineering Society Student Chapter	1155			1155
Composer United	500			500
University Buddhist Association	400			400
Super League	400			400
First Generation Law Student Association	400			400
Association for Women in Mathematics	400			400
MEDLIFE		400		400
Informed Citizen Discussion Groups	195			195
Immigration Law Society	500			500

Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences Student Chapter	500			500
Kidney Disease Screening and Awareness Program	1106			1106
Mathematics Graduate Students Association	250			250
National Council of Teachers of English	600			600
Asian Americans in Business Association	185.60			185.60
National Society of Black Engineers	1000			1000
Okie Belles	850			850
Oklahoma Intercollegiate Legislature	5400			5400
Investment Club at The University of Oklahoma	700			700
Rooks & Books	600			600
OK Sailing Club	905			905
Artificial Intelligence Organization at the University of Oklahoma	490			490
Sooner Competitive Robotics	2000			2000
Black Girl White Coat	360			360
Finance Student Association	300			300
Student Chapter of the Association for Computing Machinery	250			250
Crimson Chords	1005			1005
<b>TOTAL:</b>				<b>27601.60</b>

**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:

Action taken by Student Congress:

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: \_\_\_\_\_

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS  
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CX

September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-110-03

AS INTRODUCED

A Congressional Act of Procedure appointing new  
Representatives and Associates in the SGA  
Undergraduate Student Congress; 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 General Application Appointment Act.”

**Section 2:** Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to select new Associates and Representatives pursuant to the SGA Congressional Bylaws, Section 3.2.3(a).

**Section 3:** The following individuals are hereby appointed as Associates in the SGA Undergraduate Student Congress:

Natalie Armour  
Loni’e Austin  
Brinley Batte  
Bodrun Nahar Borsha  
Noah Brown  
Carson Browning  
Kendall Cousins  
Antonio Crispino  
Taylar Day  
Noah DeSpain  
Emma Duncan  
Will Ehrhart  
Aidan Ellis  
Mikhail Evdokimov  
Henry Fabian  
Camdon Galeener  
Luke Griesemer  
Lili Hill  
Presley Hinch  
Kate Hollingshead  
Anniyah Jackson  
Will Jackson  
Kaden Keller  
Carl Mix



Rebecca Morren  
Ana Mitchell  
Auna Friant Mitchell  
Kristen Mitei  
Pierce Ogle  
Jasmine Samuel  
Daniel Shamsee  
Akshay Singh  
Cal Smith  
Eli Swartwood  
Gavin Thompson  
Eesha Vejella  
Anayat Yousuf  
Raed Zainuddin

**Section 4:** The following individuals are hereby appointed as Representatives in the SGA Undergraduate Student Congress:

Ayomide Awoyemi, Business District  
Natalie DiVirgilio, Business District  
Easton Whatley, Business District  
Brynn Malone, Communication District  
Marilou Bento, Engineering and Energy District  
Nadia Segunda, Physical Sciences District  
Ellie Wolthuis, Social Sciences District  
Ben Keupen, Social Sciences District  
Landen Mowdy, Social Sciences District

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

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

Co-Author(s): Congressional Administration Committee

Submitted on a Motion by:

Action taken by Congress

Verified by Chair: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_