

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS

Session CX

General Body Meeting

7:00 pm, Tuesday, September 26, 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 19th, 2023

On a motion to approve the minutes Rhoads seconded by Duncan

Officer Reports -

- **Chair's Report:** Next week we will be joined by associates. Filing opened today, so if your term ends this November and want to stay in the body you can file this week. It ends Friday. We posted a graphic about it. We have an appointment bill. I would prefer we keep all questions civilized. They have received a good flag from them getting through ConAd. I was the recipient of the Ewing fellowship, and the application is open now until next Wednesday.
- **Vice Chair's Report:** I sent out an email to everyone with the digital version of the handbook. I only have enough copies for new members. It has great information. If you are a new member, please come up and grab a copy. In the email I also sent out a reminder about the Sep constituent service point. New members do not need one. For older members please fill it out. Check the spreadsheet to make sure I counted you. I posted a graphic yesterday about election filing. If you were elected last fall or appointed recently you need to file for election. Next week is our big meeting and we will try to do a themed meeting. This theme will be pink out for breast cancer awareness.
- **Secretary's Report:** I am happy to see everyone.

Committee Reports-

- **Campus Outreach, Safety, and Concerns:** COSCO met officially and has projects lined up for the semester. Ben is working on a mental health project. We had our first light walk this weekend and submitted a lot of lights.

- **Congressional Administration:** ConAd met officially and saw a bill appointing the election commissioner, so that's good. We have a few projects coming up, but the main one will be revising the Standing Rules. I'll have that for exec next week, it isn't a bill, just a motion you all have to approve once ConAd approves it
- **External Affairs:** Hi All! EA met officially this week. We saw the "Say No To Hatred From Our Elected Officials" bill and it failed in committee with an 11-1 vote. I am still in communication with OSU's SGA and am figuring out the details about the Bedlam Voter Registration Competition, so more details to come on that. We also finally have enough people for liaison positions so we will be dividing those up in the next meeting.
- **Human Diversity:** Hi everyone, we did not meet this past week. However, I did do check-ins with my committee this week. We are inviting Jerry Lesley from the GEC to come talk to us about inclusive language. We are also getting a list of people to come talk to us in Congress. We are also starting the process of working with IAC to do an International Student Art Gallery.
- **Sustainability:** I was absent this weekend, so Susty met unofficially this week with my Vice Chair Aaron Gilson-Bond, who welcomed our new members and introduced our current projects. We had our Trash Walk yesterday, which went great! It was short and sweet and we got to see some new faces, so thank you to those from other committees that joined us! My Vice Chair went to the Sustainable Energy Society meeting last week as part of starting our liaison outreach.
- **University Policy:** Hey, all. UPOL finally met officially this weekend with only five absences, two of which were excused. I was really impressed with our turnout, I am trying to think of the word - I was **behoovergasted** at our turnout this weekend and look forward to seeing that every week. I assigned projects this weekend and asked that members review their assignments before next weekend so we can dive a little deeper into their personal issues with the project. I need to meet with two members outside of UPOL after this meeting about a potential project, so please find me right after.
- **Ways and Means:** WAM met last week we saw aux 3. We will meet next week to see aux 4.

Liaison Reports

- Cantrell: Tomorrow is Sweet Life of Alpha Gam from 5-8. It is build your own ice cream sandwiches and counts as a constituent service points.
- Koenig: The Queer Closet is a way to get new clothes. It will be at the OU food pantry September 29th from 10-2
- Kathuria: The student section committee application is open. I encourage you to apply.

Special Orders

Student Concern Link

Items to Be Considered

On a motion to see AB-110-03 Strickland seconded by Reynolds

- AB-110-03 "Auxiliary Allocation 3 Act of 2023-2024" (Do Pass, WAM) (Gulam)

Authors Explanation (Gulam):

This is all the organizations we gave over \$13,000 to.

7:57 remaining for questions

- George: What was the total
 - \$13,478.
- Kathuria: Why did the SGA executive branch request funding?

- They have to request funding like all student organizations. They needed more money for events this semester.

26-0-0

On a motion to see CB-110-09 Kathuria seconded by Aslam

- CB-110-09 “Act Appointing the 2023-2024 Elections Commissioner) (Do Pass, ConAd) (Firch/Schultz/De Asis)

Authors Explanation (Furch):

Welcome to SGA. Here is my bill appointing the election commissioner. We had one applicant, and he is very high quality. This is Seth Phung. He was involved in many things as an undergrad at OU. He now is a first-year law student. I was pleased with his passion for the role and his intelligence

Phung: I am Seth I was involved in Asian American Student Association and much more during my undergraduate years. I was not involved in SGA and I have to say I am impressed with you all. I would love to be your election commissioner this year.

6:30 remaining for questions

- Robinson: Do you have any close friends or family that may be running for election this year?
 - Phung: Aniketh is running for vice president, and he is my friend, but this will not interfere.
- Kathuria: How do you plan to maintain neutrality for all candidates?
 - Phung: The election commission is very helpful. I have been involved in many positions that require neutrality, so I believe I can do this. I am always open to feedback.
- Kathuria: Do you find any parts of the code annotated ambiguous?
 - Phung: There are certain things that could use clarification to me, but it is very well done.
- Rhoads: What made you want to apply to be the election commissioner? [OB]
 - Phung: Democracy is so important, and democracy being upheld is also particularly important. I am very passionate about making sure this is upheld
- Gilson-Bond: What happens if the commissioner doesn't get appointed?
 - Halsey-Kraus: The president can appoint someone else but if not then it falls to General Council.
- Gilson-Bond: If you get appointed when do you plan on holding your meetings?
 - I would hold them the 7th week, which is next week. I would get right on this.
- Kathuria: How would you determine the point margin for a campaign violation?
 - I would look at intent and testimony. I would see if this was done maliciously or by mistake. They have 24 hours to respond to a violation.
- Kathuria: How would you determine the difference between someone who is working on behalf of a campaign vs not affiliated.

- I would look at intent because fairness is important. I would measure the action because if someone is a leader, they are accountable for those below them. It depends on case-by-case basis.

26-0-0

Follow-Up Reports

- Robinson: The code annotated revision act will be seen in two weeks.
- Kathuria: The signature clarification act was seen in GSS and signed by president Furch.
- Koenig: The recovery bill was seen in GSS and passed unanimously.

Announcements and Comments

- Reynolds: I am working on a bill related to tuition and books. I have a meeting with the financial aid office and then will make the bill to include books within tuition. It will help students and the University.
- Wolthuis: Jeriah is a part of the national residence hall honorary and right now they are doing a survey regarding accessibility on campus. Jeriah just sent the link in the GroupMe if you could fill it out they would appreciate it.
- Kathuria: Regarding to the “Say No to Hatred Act” it is not the fault of EA it is the fault of me. I should have done more work and done better. I have an obligation to keep this body in the right direction. I do think I should have worked with EA more.
- Rhoads: I am working on a resolution to change the “student concern link” to the “Campus concern link”
- Strickland: I would like to call out chair Robinson for stealing my word. I am “**behoovergasted**” I look forward to hashing out this issue.
- George Ahmadi: I hope that everyone's who seat is up they do file. I know everyone works together. It's a good educational experience to have. I want to say thank you to the people who were talking about this. It is very good for students to see the election process. Please file and even if you lose know that there is a space for you. It is not hard to run. I won by 14 votes. There is always space here. During this week encourage your classmates to run. I appreciate your thoughtfulness to your colleagues.
- Kathuria: If you aspire to run for something like the SGA presidency, please do it. We need to increase voter turnout. Get your 500 signatures ASAP. You and your prospective running mate must fill out the form.

Final Roll Call

Adjourn

On a motion to adjourn Dunn seconded by Wilson

Chair: Abby Halsey-Kraus
Vice-Chair: Amelia Landry
Secretary: Carolyn Berggren

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UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CX

September 26th, 2023

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GF23

October 5th, 2023

CONGRESSIONAL BILL AB-110-03
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 3 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
American Institute of Architecture Students at the University of Oklahoma			792	792
Black Creative Circle	90			90
Black Creative Circle	85			85
Black Undergraduate Law Student Association	990			990
Caribbean Students Association	540			540
Communication Graduate Student Association	1050			1050
Eta Sigma Phi Classical Honors Society	249.99			249.99
Honors Student Diversity Council	800		100	900
Lambda Delta Psi Sorority	2000			2000
National Organization of Minority Architecture Students	800			800
ONE Emergency Medical Services	208			208
OU Figure Skating Club	900			900
OU Women's Volleyball Club	2350			2350
Pre-Medical Professions Club	315			315

SGA Executive Branch	800			800
Sooner Chapter of the American Association of Airport Executives	48.88			48.88
Sports Business Association	550			550
Student Association of Graduates in English	460			460
Women of Power	350			350
TOTAL:				13,478.87

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, 2023

Section 6: All unspent money remaining in the accounts listed in Section 3 shall revert to the SGA General Account after May 10, 2023, 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: _____

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UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CX

September 26, 2023

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GF23

September 21, 2023

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-110-09
SENATE BILL NO. GF23-10

AS INTRODUCED

An Act of Legislation appointing the 2023-2024
SGA Elections Commissioner; providing the
short title, and providing 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 “Act Appointing the 2023-2024 Elections Commissioner.”
- Section 2:** Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to appoint the 2023-2024 Elections Commissioner.
- Section 3:** In accordance with Title IV, Chapter 6, Section 25, which delineates the appointment process for the chair position, the following student shall thus be appointed
- Seth Phung
- Section 4:** This act shall become effective when passed in accordance with the SGA Constitution.

Author(s): Christopher Firch, SGA President
Emelie Schultz, SGA Vice President
Maria de Asis, SGA Chief of Staff

Submitted on a Motion by:

Action taken by Congress

Verified by Chair: _____ Date: _____

Submitted on a Motion by: Senator Chiareli (119)

Action taken by Senate: motion to pass by unanimous consent

Verified by Chair: _____ Date: _____

Approved by SGA President: _____ Date: _____

	Initial	Final			
Aslam	x	x			
Awoyemi	x	x	Aslam	y	y
Baggett	x	x	Awoyemi	y	y
Bento	x	x	Baggett	y	y
Brown	x	x	Bento	y	y
Cantrell	x	x	Brown	y	y
Carter	a	a	Cantrell	y	y
Craig	a	a	Carter		
de Mahy	x	x	Craig		
Divirgilio	ex	ex	de Mahy	y	y
Duncan	x	x	Divirgilio		
Dunn	x	x	Duncan	y	y
Ferguson	x	x	Dunn	y	y
Fisher	x	x	Ferguson	y	y
Foley	x	x	Fisher	y	y
Gilson Bond	x	x	Foley	y	y
Glasscock	ex	ex	Gilson Bor	y	y
Harris	x	x	Glasscock		
Hyslop	ex	ex	Harris	y	y
Islas	ex	x	Hyslop		
Kathuria	x	x	Islas	y	y
Keupen	x	x	Kathuria	y	y
Koenig	x	x	Keupen	y	y
Malone	a	a	Koenig	y	y
McCoy	ex	ex	Malone		
Mowdy	x	x	McCoy		
Nguyen	ex	ex	Mowdy	y	y
Nowland	a	a	Nguyen		
Ramirez	ex	ex	Nowland		
Reynolds	x	x	Ramirez		
Rhoads	x	x	Reynolds	y	y
Segunda	x	x	Rhoads	y	y
Strickland	x	x	Segunda	y	y
Walker	x	x	Strickland	y	y
Wear	ex	ex	Walker	y	y
Whately	x	x	Wear		
Wilson	ex	x	Whately	y	y
Wolthuis	x	x	Wilson		
York	ex	ex	Wolthuis	y	y
			York		
PRESENT	25	27		26	28
ABSENT	4	4		0	0
EXCUSED	10	8		0	0