

# THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



## UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS

Session CX

General Body Meeting

7:00 pm, Tuesday, September 5<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 | August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

***Rhoads Secoded by Harris***

**Officer Reports -**

- **Chair's Report:** There is an information session for SGA in the Heritage room from 6-7pm. We will be discussing opportunities and how to apply. Next, sad news, we had a resignation from our UPOL chair. We will have an application open today and they will close Saturday at 11:59pm. We will interview on Sunday. Please let me know if you have any questions.
- **Vice Chair's Report:** Please come grab snacks and your nametags. We will be tabling tomorrow from 11am to 1pm in the Union lobby. You can come help if you want a constituent service point. Shoutout to Representative Cantrell and Rhoads for helping me chalk today. We will have a message sent out on the pre-law canvas page for SGA. The CSP form is up so if you already have your point please submit it. I will be taking photos tonight and add to the photo circle. Friday we will be posting about OU Texas holiday. It will go live around noon and promote that.
- **Secretary's Report:** Hello! I do not have many updates. I am still waiting to hear from a couple more committees who their secretaries are, and then I will reach out to all the committee secretaries. So, if you are a committee secretary, please be on the lookout for an email from me. Also please let me know if you did not receive the email with the minutes from last week. One last announcement is that the big three discussed and we want to not use Zoom anymore. That was an accommodation for COVID, so please try to be here in person for meetings.

**Committee Reports-**

- **Campus Outreach, Safety, and Concerns:** COSTCO Met this weekend and decided we will have more of an outreach focus. We are hosting a town hall on September 14<sup>th</sup> from 11-

12:30 in Bartlett room in the Union. We will have people from President Furch's cabinet. There will be free food. Vice chair is Hope Rhoads and secretary is Ben Keupin.

- **Congressional Administration:** Conad met this week. We met to prepare for interviews, and we will be interviewing all day Sunday. We have 25 applicants now. CLA has a lot of applicants. We got another election commissioner applicant.
- **External Affairs:** Hi! My name is Ellie Wolthuis and I am the new chair of EA! We did not meet this past Sunday but we will be meeting this Sunday at 4:30. It will be a big meeting because National Voter Registration Day is September 19th, right around the corner! We will discuss how to help Oklahoma Votes with their voter registration drives and talk about some other ideas concerning the rest of this semester. I also got my secretary, Jeriah is joining us again so a huge thank you to her.
- **Human Diversity:** HD did not meet officially this week. We have discussed projects in previous meetings and will be meeting next week. I am working on my Students in Recovery project. We have upcoming projects and legislation.
- **Sustainability:** Susty met unofficially last week, but not this week. We're working on organizing an outreach liasonship between Susty and environmental RSOs on campus. We're also working on organizing a speaker conference in the spring that focuses on environmentalism and intersectionality, so we'll also be doing some outreach with non-environmental RSOs that may be interested in providing some input on who/what they would like to see at this conference. Our Trash Walk for September will look a bit different this month because I will be MIA every weekend for the rest of September, so we will be looking to hold it on a weekday. When we figure out an official date, I will make an announcement in the GroupMe so keep an eye out.
- **University Policy:** Transition docs will be sent to the new chair and new meeting times will depend on their chair. They met officially on Sunday. There are many projects that have been passed over and hopefully the new chair will continue them.
- **Ways and Means:** WAM met last week. We saw quite a few auxiliary funding requests, we will see it next week alongside another aux bill.

### **Liaison Reports**

- **Koenig :** LBQTQ+ meet and greet this Thursday. It is a great way to meet new friends. All are welcome. There will be free food.
- **Halsey-Kraus:** Next Monday is the first constitutional studies meeting. There will be free food.

### Special Orders

#### ***On a motion to enter committee of the whole***

#### ***Dunn Seconded by Kathuria***

- Committee of the Whole

#### ***On a motion to see CB-110-02 Aslam seconded by Duncan***

- CB-110-02 "Session CX Re-Appointment Act" (Dunn)

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

This is all former members who reapplied. We only have one person who applied to be a Rep, and we had an open seat for that. The rest are returning associates. If you are not on this bill and you should be let me know.

7:21 yielded for questions

- **Kathuria: Are you excited for the opportunity to serve as a representative for the business district?**

- Walker: Yes, I am excited.
- **Kathuria: What is the most pressing issue in the business district?**
  - Walker: Parking is an issue for everyone.
- **Kathuria: How have you found this reapplication process to be easier?**
  - This does not get mixed with GenApp which is good, this also keeps the body engaged and full of members.
- **Aslam: If an associate forgot to apply, would they have to go through the interview process again?**
  - If it was one person, we could work it out.

*On a motion to give the bill a rec of due pass Gilson Bond seconded by Reynolds*

*On a motion to exit committee of the whole*

*Harris seconded by De Mahy*

Student Concern Link

Items to Be Considered

*On a motion to see CB-110-02 Strickland seconded by De Mahy*

CB-110-02 “Session CX Re-Appointment Act” (Dunn)

*Authors Explanation (Dunn):*

Just explained this. If we have heard from the associate, I would like a friendly amendment to add him to the bill.

7:50 yielded for questions

- **Aslam: Would you make a friendly amendment to add Bryan Bortz to the associate list.**
  - Yes.

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Follow-Up Reports

- **Kathuria: We will be seeing the Honoring OU 2023 Womens Softball and Gymnastics team this Thursday. I think they will both pass.**

Announcements and Comments

- Landry: Please fill out the merch link form. We are trying to gauge the sizes and numbers in case student affairs covers it for us.
- Cantrell: Alpha Gam is having the Sweet Life with Alpha Gam from 5-8 on September 27th. We will have build your own ice cream sandwiches. It counts as a CSP and all money goes towards fighting hunger initiatives.
- Kathuria: *Say No to the Bigotry Act* had to have the part removed where it says he is banned from attending SGA events. I had a compromise with the chair that we will still see the bill to condemn his actions. I will make sure this bill is accurate and not rush the bill.
- Strickland: I hope everyone had a great day and weekend.
- Landry: If I have spelled your name on your nametag wrong, please let me know. If you followed our dress us theme and want to be in a photo come up for a group photo.

Final Roll Call

Adjourn

*Motion to adjourn Harris seconded by Reynolds*

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 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-110-02

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 Re-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:

Aaron Lopez  
Allie Powers  
Benjamin Keupen  
Caleb Robinson  
Charlotte Ramsey  
Christine Jean Baptiste  
Drew Dittes  
Elizabeth Crawford  
Flora Solymosi  
Jacob Schonfield  
Jeriah Wilson  
Kennedy Smith  
Weslie Griffin  
Bryan Bortz

**Section 4:** The following individual is hereby appointed as a Representative in the SGA Undergraduate Student Congress:

Cody Walker, Business 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: \_\_\_\_\_