

# THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



## UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS

Session CXI

General Body Meeting

7:00 pm, Tuesday, January 23rd, 2024

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 28, 2023

*On a motion to approve the minutes Strahan seconded by Coats*

### Officer Reports -

- **Chair's Report:** The Leadership Summit is happening this weekend. Please go if you are available. It is a great opportunity. No confidence votes will be held next week. This will allow everyone to vote if you want us in these positions. We will go into details next week but think about it now. You can ask us any questions. You will get to debate if we get to keep these positions or not. The office hours on my door are not accurate yet. I will be adjusting them before Friday.
- **Vice Chair's Report:** Nametags and snacks are up here. I will update nametags for everyone by next week. If you are new and did not attend an orientation in the Fall, it will be Sunday February 11<sup>th</sup> from 11-3. Please put it in your calendar. If you did not get to do a headshot in the Fall, I will do makeup headshots after 3pm that day. We have created a Big Event group. I will send out the link to sign up via email. That is April 6<sup>th</sup> from 10-2. You will get a free T-shirt and lunch. It will be a constituent service point. I want to do a group volunteering event at the Food Pantry. I will send out the details. My office hours are Tuesday 9:45-2:15 and Wednesday 10-12:15 and 1:30-2:45. GenApp closes this Friday.
- **Secretary's Report:** Hello! I hope everyone had a wonderful break. I wanted to tell everyone again that attendance has restarted, so if you have issues last semester with that, no worries but be more active and communicative going forward. Also, I'll restate that representatives must be at all General Body Meetings and Committee meetings, and associated are required at all Committee meetings and the first General Body meeting of the month. Exec also wants your feedback to see what changes you all would like to see

in the body this semester! This is anonymous, so please answer honestly and provide feedback. I will post this link in the GroupMe later as well.

### **Committee Reports-**

- **Campus Outreach, Safety, and Concerns:** Our committee works with campus safety, outreach, and concerns. We have a campus concern link where those on campus can reach out with any concerns. We also have a light walk where we walk across campus and take note of what lights are out. We also do work with Goddard and hand out safety supplies. We do outreach as well. We did not meet this weekend. I have a baby.
- **Congressional Administration:** ConAd focuses on bringing in new members to the body through the General Application. We also focus on maintaining the Governing documents. We did not meet this week.
- **External Affairs:** EA is about outreach to local, state, federal, and tribal government. We are the liaisons between them and OU. We are interested in student civic engagement. We also are involved in Higher Education Day where we go to the capital and speak with representatives. We met unofficially to talk about Higher Ed day and that is February 8<sup>th</sup>. We are planning that. We discussed moving over to a new chair.
- **Human Diversity:** We promote underrepresented groups on campus to make things more equitable. We worked on a community potluck last semester with international students and one of our members made a diagram regarding gender neutral bathrooms. We did not meet.
- **Sustainability:** We deal with issues relating to environmental concerns on campus. Our committee is fun. We did not meet this week. Our first trash walk will be in February.
- **University Policy:** Hey, all! We do work on university policies. We have worked on student wages and access to books in the past. We do not have a lot to report seeing as we have just returned from winter break, but I would like to inform you that within the next week or so I, along with Representative Kathuria will be meeting with the Chemistry Department Chair to discuss some issues regarding unnecessary book purchases for a specific course. I will also be meeting with Dr. King, Interim Chair of the Native American Studies department to discuss potential options for increasing awareness of the history of Indigenous peoples - specifically in the State of Oklahoma.
- **Ways and Means:** We allocate funding to all registered student organizations. I have a vice-chair finally. WAM has not met. Aux will close February 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### **Liaison Reports**

#### **Special Orders**

*On a motion to enter Committee of the Whole Aslam seconded by Duncan*

- Committee of the Whole

*On a motion to see CB-111-02 Rhoads seconded by Kathuria*

- CB-111-02 “The Chief of Staff Appointment Act of 2024.”  
(Glasscock/Mortazavi)

#### **Author’s Explanation:**

Glasscock: We think Ellie Wolhuis is a very qualified candidate. She served as EA chair. We want the Chief of Staff to work seamlessly with Congress and feel that due to the position she has had here in Congress, we can see her leadership and how she can work effectively. We feel that by working with the Executive Cabinet and working with other branches of SGA, she will be an amazing candidate for this.

7:16 remaining for questions

- Kathuria: Could you talk about yourself and why you want to be Chief of Staff?
  - Wolthuis: I cherished being EA chair. I had the chance to apply for the Chief of Staff position. I felt I would enjoy being Chief of Staff and do it well due to my experience. I could not pass it up.
- Kathuria: How will you help the administration bloom?
  - Wolthuis: I want to connect Congress and the Executive Branch. I will come to a lot of meetings. I want to be an asset for them and be utilized how they see fit. I would also help with events such as Higher Education Day and OU Day.
- Coats: How will you use your experience as EA chair and a student to benefit the administration and Congress?
  - Being EA chair allowed me to become proficient at being organized and being one step ahead due to time commitments and having a lot to remember. I also had to balance this position with schoolwork. I believe I learned about leadership during my time as EA chair to bring together a committee. It was tough but needed to be learned, and I will bring this to Cabinet.

*On a motion to give this bill a rec of due pass Cantrell seconded by Schonfield*

*On a motion to see CB-111-01 Gilson-Bond seconded by Armour*

- CB-111-01 “Session CXI Committee Chair Appointment Act.” (Halsey-Kraus/Landry/Berggren)

**Author’s Explanation:**

Tonight, we have our nomination bill for committee chairs. 6 are returning one is new. We had three people apply to be EA chair and we chose Marilou because her ideas we thought would further SGA and the body but would also be applicable due to the current state and federal government. Banning DEI on campus was something we wanted to look at and Marilou brought this up. Her leadership experience has presented her as the best candidate to lead people through a troubled time. She said everything we would want to hear from her.

5:59 remaining for questions

- Coats: Could you attest to the author's account of you, and how you will use your skills to be the new EA chair?
  - Bento: I am skilled with people. I am a direct communicator and flexible. I think everyone will be fluctuating with projects and I want to be an anchor where I can guide people.
- Kathuria: How has your time in EA prepared you to be the new chair?
  - Bento: I have been very hands on in EA. I have been connected with UPOL and worked with them. I have loved my time in EA. With my connections and passions, I think I will be a good leader.
- Kathuria: Have you had a chance to reach out to the former chairs of EA about their experiences?
  - Bento: Yes. I have been in communication with Ellie about the transition to EA chair. I have not spoken to other EA chairs.
- Cantrell: Are you familiar with your roles as outlined in the SGA Code Annotated and Congress Bylaws.
  - \*All nominees gave thumbs up\*

*On a motion to give this bill a rec of due pass Harris, Chloe seconded by Wilson, Jeriah*

*On a motion to see CB-111-03 Aslam seconded by Coats*

- CB-111-03 “Session CXI Re-Application Appointment Act.” (Dunn)

**Author’s Explanation:**

We had a reapplication form that is out, so if you were a representative and lost your election or wanted to rejoin, this is how we do that. We are appointing them as associates and in one case a representative.

7:19 remaining for questions

- Robinson: Would you accept a friendly amendment adding to Section 4:  
“Caleb Robinson, Social Sciences District  
Antonio Crispino, University College District”
  - Yes.

*On a motion to give this bill a rec of due pass Rhoads seconded by Bento*

*On a motion to exit Committee of the Whole Cantrell seconded by Duncan*

**Student Concern Link**

**Items to Be Considered**

*On a motion to see CB-111-02 Dunn seconded by Ellis*

- CB-111-02 “The Chief of Staff Appointment Act of 2024.”  
(Glasscock/Mortazavi)

**Author’s Explanation:**

Glasscock: I am open to more questions.

7:55 remaining for questions

18-0-1

*On a motion to view CB-111-01 and CB-111-03 as a block Gilson-Bond seconded by Schonfield*

- CB-111-01 “Session CXI Committee Chair Appointment Act.” (Halsey-Kraus/Landry/Berggren)
- CB-111-03 “Session CXI Re-Application Appointment Act.” (Dunn)

**Author’s Explanation:**

Dunn: Nothing different.

Halsey-Kraus: I forgot to talk about the people I am reappointing. To Hudson: I love your child and you have shown true leadership to your committee and family. Tucker: you have taken your roll so seriously and I am grateful for that. Hope: Thanks for being you, I appreciate how you have run HD in a caring manner. Rylee: I love you and soup time. Thanks for being a friend and a good caring person. Caleb: I find your ambition the most amazing thing about you. There is nothing more I need from you. Izza: Thanks for excelling at your job but also putting a smile on my face. Thanks for bothering me constantly. Thanks everyone.

5:44 remaining for questions

19-0-0

**Follow-Up Reports**

**Announcements and Comments**

- Wolthuis: Higher Ed day is February 8<sup>th</sup>. Sign-ups will be sent out tonight. It is from 8-5. The bus leaves at 8. You will meet with representatives to discuss higher education.
- Strickland: As a new associate and on behalf of nominee Chief of Staff, I want to remind everyone to do the GenApp. It closes on Friday and will be fun.

**Final Roll Call**

**Adjourn**

*On a motion to adjourn Ellis seconded by Gulam*

Chair: Abby Halsey-Kraus

Vice-Chair: Amelia Landry

Secretary: Carolyn Berggren

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS  
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CXI

January 23, 2024

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-111-01

AS INTRODUCED

A Congressional Act of Procedure appointing Committee  
Chairs for 111<sup>th</sup> Session of the 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 CXI Committee Chair Appointment Act.”

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

**Section 3:** 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: Marilou Bento

Human Diversity  
Chair: Hope Rhoads

Sustainability  
Chair: Rylee Houston

University Policy  
Chair: Caleb Robinson

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

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

Submitted on a Motion by: Representative Gilson-Bond seconded by Representative Schonfield  
Action taken by Congress: Unanimous Pass 19-0-0  
Verified by Chair: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS  
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CXI

January 23, 2024

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE  
SENATE SESSION GS24  
Month DD, YYYY

CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CB-111-02  
SENATE RESOLUTION NO. GS24-XX

AS INTRODUCED

An Act of Legislation appointing the Chief of Staff of the Executive Branch; providing for short title, and providing for an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION:

**Section 1:** Title: This resolution shall be known and may be cited as the “The Chief of Staff Appointment Act of 2024.”

**Section 2:** Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to appoint the Chief of Staff of the Glasscock-Mortazavi Administration within the Executive Branch.

**Section 3:** In accordance with the SGA Code Annotated §Title X, Chapter 5, Section 2, which delineates the appointment process for the Chief of Staff position, the following student shall thus be appointed:

- Ellie Wolthuis

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

Author(s): Caden Glasscock, SGA President  
Cyrus Mortazavi, SGA Vice President

Submitted on a motion by: Representative Dunn seconded by Representative Ellis

Action taken by Congress: 18-0-1

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: \_\_\_\_\_



THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS  
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CXI

January 23, 2024

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-111-03

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 CXI Re-Application Appointment Act.”

**Section 2:** Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to select new Associates 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 DiVirgilio

Carter Strickland

Landen Mowdy

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

Zuyyin Izza Gulam, Finance and Accounting District

Caleb Robinson, Social Sciences District

Antonio Crispino, University College District

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

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

Submitted on a Motion by: Representative Gilson-Bond seconded by Representative Schonfield

Action taken by Congress: Unanimous Pass 19-0-0



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Aslam	Saed				x	
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Baggett	Tabitha				ex	
Bell	Hudson				a	
Bento	Marilou				x	
Brown	Jenna				x	
Cantrell	Madeline				x	
Coats	Noah				x	
Crispino	Antonio				x	
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Duncan	Elizabeth				x	
Dunn	Tucker				x	
Ellis	Aidan				x	
Fisher	Mecca				ex	
Gilson Bo	Aaron				x	
Gulam	Izza				x	
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Islas	Lizbeth				ex	
Ogle	Pierce				x	
Kathuria	Shrey				x	
Keupen	Ben				ex	
Ramirez	Ivan				a	
Reynolds	Michael				ex	
Rhoads	Hope				x	
Robinson	Caleb				x	
Segunda	Nadia				a	
Schonfiel	Jacon				x	
Strahan	Frankie				x	
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Wilson,	Jeriah				x	
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