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UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS

Session CXI

General Body Meeting

7:00 pm, Tuesday, February 20th, 2024

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Call to Order - 7:04

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 | February 13, 2024

On a motion to approve the minutes Reynolds seconded by Robinson

Officer Reports -

- **Chair's Report:** It is the 6th academic week, so SGA filing is open. Yay! It is a great time. If you are a newly appointed representative and want to keep your seat you need to file. If you have any friends wanting to get in congress now is the time. A part of my platform when I ran for chair was to reach out to deans in colleges to have a line of communication with them. I sent emails to each dean and their assistant. Half of them have responded. If you are in the college of business, you received an OUMM. I wanted to let you know that two weekends ago the executive committee did a bill workshop and went over how to write a resolution and how to see one in a committee. I think it was successful. I would like to do something similar for the general body. Please fill out the survey for the interest form for a bill workshop. I want to gauge where you all are since we have a lot of interest in writing bills. I want to make sure you have the resources. We are seeing a couple of appointment bills tonight, one appointing ConAd chair and parliamentarian and four appointing cabinet directors. ConAd will only be seen in congress, but the directors will also be seen in the graduate senate. The ConAd minutes were sent to your email, and a reminder that decorum is real. Do not be mean to the appointees, this is only to make sure they can do their job. Look out for your friends and for me, and if you hear something out of line on information.
- **Vice Chair's Report:** I brought the handbooks from orientation, so if you did not attend you have one up here. If you did not get one let me know. I will send out virtually the pdf. In the email I will have a date and a link for headshot remakes for everyone. Last week I sent out the constituent service form for February. In that email there is a reminder to attend the big event and food pantry volunteer dates. Please fill out the

February constituent service point. Filing is open so please reshare our graphics and let all your friends know. The link to the application is in our Instagram bio. This weekend exec had a fun retreat. We did leadership training and took group photos as well as played a murder mystery game.

- **Secretary's Report:** I have many people approaching 3 and more absences, so remember to communicate with me and your committee secretary.

Committee Reports-

- **Campus Outreach, Safety, and Concerns:** We met this weekend. We assigned quite a few projects, and a lot of outreach stuff such as locating where condoms are, and Aniketh got a report with statistics on how diverse our campus is. February 25th will be our light walk and it will be around 7pm. Please come.
- **Congressional Administration:** We met and saw all four executive cabinet appointment bills and gave them all a recommendation of do pass. Secretary Berggren sent them to all of you too, so please read them.
- **External Affairs:** EA met this Sunday. We got to see some of our new members, and we assigned projects to everyone that was missing one and new members. We are planning a student led town hall in April with our Norman Representatives and working on a project that will increase visibility of elections that occur to our student body. That's all for now!
- **Human Diversity:** HD met, and we are still doing our drive with SISU. This is drive that collects hygiene projects for a homeless LGBTQ+ youth. Donating will be a constituent service point. We also assigned new projects. We are trying to make Camp Crimson more accessible. Our ADRC checklist will be going up very soon.
- **Sustainability:** We met and had our trash walk. It was so much fun. We talked about things we will do in the future.
- **University Policy:** UPOL met officially this weekend and we discussed project assignments. If you are a new member of my committee and did not make it on Sunday, please do not worry - you do not have a project yet, but we will get that taken care of this weekend. George has also asked us to try and meet this Thursday, if possible, to discuss the Alcohol Strike Policy (he will get lunch for us), so keep an eye on the GroupMe for more information about that. We also have an update concerning our project regarding a professor in the Chemistry department, but I want to wait to get confirmation on that until next week - sorry for the cliffhanger.
- **Ways and Means:** WAM did not meet, and primary is now open.

Liaison Reports

Special Orders

On a motion to enter committee of the whole Rhoads seconded by Wilson

On a motion to see CB-11-09 Strickland seconded by Armour

- CB-111-09 "Session CXI Congressional Administration Committee Chair and Parliamentarian Appointment Act" (Halsey-Kraus/Landry/Berggren)

Authors Explanation:

We have a vacancy in exec for ConAd chair and parliamentarian. We opened applications and had a couple of people apply. We hosted interviews Saturday morning. We decided to appoint Maddy Cantrell. She is the vice chair of ConAd and a long member of the body. We partially went with Maddy because of her knowledge about parliamentary procedure. She is a member of Congress and the Oklahoma Intercollegiate Legislature. She does some floor leader stuff with them. She has lots of experience with that and has been a great resource. We also picked her because of the ideas she had. Not only is she concerned about SGA election and procedures, but

she is ready to tackle projects. We are impressed by all that she has learned, and we appreciate that she was ready to step into this role. We appreciate her honesty.

6:12 remaining for questions

- Kathuria: Have you had a chance to talk with associate Dunn about what it was like for him to be ConAd chair?
 - Cantrell: Yes. I was made aware of the possibility of the vacant seat, so I made sure the conversations I had were intentional in how to be ConAd chair. I feel that being the vice-chair has given me a lot of experience and understanding of what ConAd does and what would be entailed in this position. Having had the opportunity to chair a few meetings I feel more prepared.
- Kathuria: Have you determined any plan for the situation regarding the loss of university college?
 - Cantrell: We have been discussing the loss of those seats. Something we have been discussing is making sure that first year students feel represented. There are a few ideas that I have in my mind, but they are not fully developed. For the convention to be had I need fully developed ideas.
- Robinson: Would you describe your ConAd management as more of Chair Halsey-Kraus or like Emeritus Chair Dunn?
 - Cantrell: No matter what I say someone will be mad. I will say I did not experience chair Halsey-Kraus as ConAd chair. I can only offer compliments to her leading the body, and I can only offer compliments to Tucker Dunn in leading ConAd.
- Koneru: What qualities do you think you are missing that you want to improve upon?
 - Cantrell: I could continue to improve my communication still. I am a chaos demon sometimes and that's the best way to describe my personality. I believe in my committee and that they can do tasks assigned to them. I feel confident in making sure that our work will be done, and I will continue to improve.
- Duncan: What are some of the questions you asked the candidates about their knowledge about procedure and how did this candidate answer better than others?
 - Halsey-Kraus I asked what previous leadership experience they had. We felt confident in her because of her leadership. Maddy is also a long-time member of the body since Fall 2022, so she has been here. I felt comfortable with her knowledge and how much she was able to conceptualize.
- Kathuria: What is something you would like to improve from the perspective of ConAd?
 - Cantrell: I want to improve communication between candidates and ConAd. I think there are so many things that affect candidates specifically that are concerns, and I do think the mission statement of Congress states that we are a body built off of the students and students concerns. All people running for elections are people with student concerns. I want to improve communication.

On a motion to extend time for questions by 5 minutes Kathuria seconded by Gilson-Bond

- Gilson-Bond: If you could re-order the hierarchy of committees what would that be?
 - Cantrell: I do not think there is a hierarchy or an order of importance. I think based on what ConAd handles, I think that is why the parliamentarian is so important. I do not see ConAd as more important than any other committee. I think all committees focus on students and that is what we are all supposed to be doing.

- Kathuria: Regarding the vagueness of election laws in the code annotated, how do you plan on fixing this?
 - I think when it comes to addressing issues with SGA elections, that is something that should happen prior to filing so that things do not change the equity candidates face. If there are issues in the code annotated, then that is a conversation the judicial branch and ConAd must have. If there is a misinterpretation regarding election law that is something, we can confirm.
- Robinson: Do you attend to carry on the tradition of vice chair fun facts?
 - Of course. Usually, they relate to topics I am passionate about such as Kansas City Chiefs and Taylor Swift.

On a motion to give this bill a rec of do pass Dunn seconded by Strickland

On a motion to exit committee of the whole Coats seconded by Kathuria

Student Concern Link

Items to Be Considered

On a motion to suspend the rules see CB-111-05, CB-111-06, CB-111-07, and CB-111-08 as a block Coats seconded by Wilson

13-11-3 failed suspension of the rules

On a motion to see CB-111-05 Gilson-Bond seconded by Duncan

- CB-111-05 “SGA Director of the Communications Appointment Act of 2024.” (ConAd, Do Pass) (Glasscock/ Mortazavi/Wolthuis)

Authors Explanation:

Armour: I am a freshman journalism major.

Glasscock: We always envisioned our director of communications being someone who would use this position to reach out to students. After interviewing Natalie, we saw that this is what she envisioned. Since she served as the vice chair of EA, we know that she has experience and is fit for this position.

7:09 remaining for questions

- Kathuria: What are some of the projects you are interested in bringing to cabinet?
 - Armour: My big thing is bridging the gap. I want to help inform students about what we do and bring them back to the body, so we have more people participating. That would include more people on social media and creating a mass mail to keep people updated.
- Robinson: Did you take a selection bias training before conducting interviews?
 - Wolthuis: No.
- Robinson: Considering the potential conflict of interest between Natalie Armour and your Chief of Staff, what have you done to eliminate potential biases that would have been in the interview process without taking the training.
 - Wolthuis: Bias training was recommended not required. While I knew my vice-chair, the other two did not. All our votes were weighed equally. I stepped back and let them share their opinions before me. We asked the same questions to everyone. We asked all candidates even if we knew them. We wanted people who aligned with our BLOOM vision.
- Combest: What experience do you say lends you towards this position, your future success, and what does this lend towards your interest?
 - Armour: I have been diving into public relations and journalism, most specifically my job in high school where I worked at a medical billing company sets me up for this role and communicating over the phone and face to face. I am super passionate about communication.

- Koneru: Which districts are we lacking engagement with, and which will you be targeting?
 - Armour: I do not have enough information on that but I know we are missing a lot of reps so I will reach out to those colleges.
 - Glasscock: Being in the executive cabinet we are working with the student body as whole, not specifically any districts, which is how we plan to get more involvement.
- Landry: I do communications and PR for the legislative branch; do you have any ideas for collaboration between us?
 - Armour: I think vice-chair Landry has done a great job with the Instagram, so I want to continue that as well as making a twitter. I want to make graphics about projects we are doing and give shoutouts to people in congress.
- Kathuria: Why did you not find it necessary to take selection bias training?
 - Wolthuis: These cabinet members are not representatives. They were chosen by us because we believe their ideas reflect the BLOOM platform. They all related their ideas to the platform. Although we did not do bias training, we did discuss the applicant we are looking for. There was nobody aside from Strickland that we all knew. We just decided not to because in Cabinet we were looking for people who supported our vision and we had a good idea of that.
- Cantrell: You have mentioned you are looking for a more integrated cabinet, how do you believe this candidate is the best fit?
 - Glasscock: Serving as the vice chair for external affairs we feel she is a great fit. We want a more integrated role with our cabinet members because we think we will work better as a team. Natalie would be using communications to get projects out there and using that to help everyone.
 - Wolthuis: We were looking for well-rounded applicants who had visions and goals for not only their position, but also ideas to work with others. All four of these applications had different visions. Natalie had ideas that had to do with interior, exterior, and communication, and we want to encourage her to work with others to push forward those ideas.

On a motion to extend time for questions by 5 minutes Gilson-Bond seconded by Kathuria

- Gilson-Bond: How many applications did you have specifically for this position?
 - Wolthuis: We had 20 applicants in total and 18 interviewed. There were even preferences for each district.
 - Glasscock: More students prefered interior or communication. It was a ranking system.
- Kathuria: Why do you believe it is important for directors to do cross-work and have a holistic vision?
 - Mortazavi: We want to get students involved and that involves not splitting people up. Working together will be more efficient with a well-rounded cabinet. The way we look at this cabinet, we want to work together so that we can be more efficient.
- Koneru: What resources do you want to display to the body?
 - Armour: Each committee has something to offer. We looked at voter registration. Each committee has something unique to give to the body and I want us to be able to offer those to students and offer them in an open way.
- Koneru: Can you name specific resources?

- Wolthuis: Voter registration with external affairs, and she really wants to broadcast what committees are doing such as drives in HD, or things that SGA is doing to not only make people involved but make them want to be involved.
- Glasscock: We want students to know what we have and that is her job. She wants to broadcast what we have.
- Coats: You mentioned different social media ideas to spread SGA and other branches, have you considered any non-digital based ideas like flyers?
 - Armour: Yes. I want to look at all ways to communicate with students.
- Rhoads: What do you think is your number one quality that makes you qualified for this position?
 - Armour: I have the drive to learn and am qualified.

On a motion to extend time for questions by five minutes Kathuria seconded by Coats

- Combest: Do you have ideas on how you work with other cabinet members?
 - Armour: Everything we do as a group can be morphed together. Associate Strickland and I have a lot of the same ideas. We have a lot of unique ideas and want to work together.
- Koneru: What ideas were other candidates lacking?
 - Glasscock: I would not say they were lacking, but her experiences put her to a higher standard. It is not docking points on anyone else.
- Landry: We have had an issue with the executive branch social media only portraying the exec branch and their activities, how do you plan to change that approach, so it is not only the executive branch?
 - Armour: I have not noticed that, but I want to work with you. I also think that we should work together and that is important. I want to make the branches more connected.
- Kathuria: Have you considered using TikTok to connect with OU students?
 - Armour: Yes.
- Kathuria: Do you plan on reporting things on the OU SGA website such as resources such as access to Narcan or condoms?
 - Armour: Yes. That was something I was thinking about going into my interview.
- Koneru: Given that you have a journalism background, what communications models would you like to use?
 - Armour: I do not have a great answer. I will use the experience that I have thus far to do this job well.
- Cantrell: How has your journalism major prepared you for this role?
 - Armour: I have taken classes and work at the OU Daily, so these help prepare me for and set me up for success.

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On a motion to see CB-111-06 Coats seconded by Rhoads

- CB-111-06 “SGA Director of the Inclusivity Appointment Act of 2024” (ConAd, Do Pass) (Glasscock/ Mortazavi/Wolthuis)

Authors Explanation:

Mortazavi: Caden's and I's platform was to bridge the gap and be more inclusive. Zoe's biggest characteristic in her application and interview was her call to action. One thing Zoe mentioned was more transparency regarding the DEI Executive Order because we think there is a lot of

confusion about DEI. Just through her application and interview we think she will help all organizations at OU with SGA.

7:16 remaining for questions

- Halsey-Kraus: Will you introduce yourself and any relevant leadership experience you have?
 - Nguyen: I am a junior dual degree in public relations and human relations which I think will help with my communication and call to action when it comes to inclusivity here. I am pre-law. I was the president of the Gamma Phi Beta Psi Chapter. It is a chapter of 400 goals and helped with my leadership experience. I currently am in a student ran agency for Gaylord and I work with a nonprofit. We spread awareness about issues. I was a congress member for two weeks. That set me up for success. I work with an executive proof firm, and I think that will help me bring inclusivity for the university. We work with fortune 500 companies recruiting executives that fall under the DEI standard.
- Robinson: In your ConAd interview you mentioned taking your values and translating them to SGA. Can you expand on that?
 - Nguyen: That was a misspeak on my part. I meant to say SGA values because I think there is a lot we need to consider.
- Cantrell: In your experience leading one of the most diverse sororities on campus, how did this prepare you for this?
 - Nguyen: It prepared me for this because our sorority added a branch of diversity, equity, and inclusion. Not a lot of sororities in the South add this. With these we were able to make education and recruiting plans with international administrators. We were able to pass this out to be transparent and show what we need to do.
- Rhoads: How do you plan on working with other organizations on campus to create a more diverse community?
- Nguyen: I will utilize Engage so much. I will go to as many events, especially multi-cultural events, and I can and ask the hard to ask questions to make everyone feel included.
- Coats: The concept of inclusivity is wide; can you give a concise answer to goals you have?
 - Nguyen: I want to start with validation and making sure people's voices are heard. I think going to meetings and engaging with clubs will promote different activities and events.
- Kathuria: I serve as a representative of the life sciences district. I have heard concerns about accessibility on campus. How will you ensure the campus is accessible?
 - Nguyen: It takes communicating with students who feel their voices are not being heard and also communicating with administration.
- Gilson-Bond: What does BLOOM stand for?
 - Nguyen: B stands for bridging the gap, L stands for leading the SEC, and I am forgetting the rest right now.
- Kathuria: What do you think are the major consequences regarding the DEI executive order are?

- Nguyen: I think there is a lot of fear, and we need to get answers out and communicate. I want to be able to communicate with administrators and cabinet members.

On a motion to extend time for questions by five minutes Kathuria seconded by Coats

- Koneru: Can you talk about your experience with multi-cultural organizations and how that will prepare you?
 - Nguyen: I was not able to work with multicultural organizations with my position in my sorority.
- Koneru: I sent you some events, were you able to direct that information to the president and vice-president for them to go?
 - Nguyen: I passed it along, but we couldn't go.
- Strahan: Are you aware of the light walks and trash walks, and could you use that to find different problems on campus?
 - Nguyen: Yes. I served in congress for two weeks and during my orientation I learned about those things.
- Reynolds: How involved will you be with Divine Nine and multicultural organizations on campus?
 - Nguyen: I think we are going to make a lot of effort to go to every event we can. We have a diverse cabinet. I plan to be very involved. I have a year and I want to hear everything.
- Reynolds: How many applicants of the African American descent or Native American descent applied?
 - Wolthuis: We have some diverse applicants of those races. As we mentioned, they did not present the correct platforms and projects we were looking for and Zoe did. Her plans were attainable.
- Reynolds: I am concerned about showing diversity in our cabinet and am wondering how you feel that no people of color are being shown?
 - Glasscock: It starts with getting people involved. There was not a large number of people who applied. We chose people who wanted to be involved. When we go into a position where we are not being biased, we chose the best applicants not considering race.
 - Wolthuis: We focused on the characters of the individuals.

On a motion to extend time for questions by five minutes Gilson-Bond seconded by Reynolds

- Zainuddin: How do you plan on involving the international community more with SGA?
 - Nguyen: There can be room for collaboration with me and the director of communication. I think it takes interpersonal skills and meeting with the international students.
- Kathuria: As you may know, the DEI Matters Bill did pass in Congress, can you explain your thoughts on this bill and how you would enforce this?
 - Nguyen: I want lucky enough to sit in on hearing you talk about this bill. I think it is a very good framework, and I can incorporate that in many of our practices. Being able to notify people about this bill is where we still are because a lot of people do not know about that.
- Koneru: Is there an IAC liaison?
 - Glasscock: We are working with the IAC to get an international liaison.
- Koneru: Will the Director of Inclusivity work with the IAC liaison and what would those projects be?

- Mortazavi: It starts with working with the IAC. Our nominee has shown interest with working with us, and same with them. We want to make sure to communicate events effectively to the students.
- Kathuria: There will have to be a name change to DEI, do you plan on having conversations with administrators on what to change the name to make sure the name still represents the individuals?
 - Glasscock: President Harroz sent out an email saying that are changing it to the Department of Access and Opportunity. This is now making sure students know what resources are given.
- Awoyemi: Can you reiterate why you do not do bias training?
 - Wolthuis: It is recommend not required. They are not representatives; we pick people who will bring our campaign to life and push our campaign forward. Before coming into the interviews, we discussed and decided if one of us knew someone we would not speak to until the others who did not know them spoke. Every applicant had the same interview questions.

On a motion to suspend the rules to extend time for question by five minutes Kathuria seconded by Coats

8-18-1 Suspension failed

21-5-1 bill does pass

On a motion to see CB-111-07 Cantrell seconded by Duncan

- CB-111-07 “SGA Director of the Interior Appointment Act of 2024” (ConAd, Do Pass) (Glasscock/ Mortazavi/Wolthuis)

Authors Explanation:

Strickland: I’m Carter Strickland. I have been in SGA since my first semester. I was a CLA member and now CLA vice-chair. I was a UCol rep for a whole year. I am now an associate for ConAd. I served with President Firch as a legislative advisor. I am now an associate and planning a 120-person conference for this summer. I am now the SGA Webmaster, and my training finishes March 8th. I am the director of finance and admin for the Its on Us taskforce and I serve on the Publications Board for Student Media.

Mortazavi: During Carter’s application and interview process we saw his attention to detail. As you all may know, Carter has been a big part of SGA, and we feel as though his commitment to Congress will allow more communication between the executive branch and Congress. With this position, we truly see how we can see him everywhere, but due to his passion and love for OU and projects he mentioned we saw him most useful with this position and we look forward to utilizing him in many different ways. Thank you.

6:20 remaining for questions

- Reynolds: The last statement you said you appoint these people, but they do not represent the student body. My understanding is that the executive cabinet does represent the student body. Did you misspeak or am I incorrect?
 - Wolthuis: We are not choosing representatives. We represent people. We want to take what the student body believes and make sure we can execute that. We are not choosing representatives from certain districts.
- Robinson: As interior department nominee, what are you biggest projects you have in mind?

- Strickland: I do want to attend a lot of committee meetings. I want to work on belonging. I think that is the biggest issue. We have tens of thousands of students who are either super involved, do like one thing, or just students. Student involvement plummeted during COVID. I want to make sure people feel that they belong to OU. We want to make sure leadership has the views of students and makes connections to move us forward.
- Koneru: Are you a Capricorn?
 - Strickland: Yes.
- Koneru: I know you want to build connections with RSOs. Since we have over 500 RSO's, how will you build relations and who do you want to target?
 - Strickland: I want to start with multicultural organizations and those with office space in the Conoco. Those are the more populated RSO's, so they have large student engagement.
- Rhoads: How do you think your experience in congress has prepared you for this role?
 - Strickland: Congress is near and dear to my heart. Being able to sit in a room coming up on two years with so many different people's opinions and views is very enlightening to me. Knowing that we all do not come from a singular experience is critical to understanding students. It is about making connections to people.
- Cantrell: How does your possible position tie to the project you are working on with administration regarding the SEC exchange.
 - The role of the Director of Interior is to first advocate for the importance of Student Government to administration and the student body population. Second is to address specific university policies such as parking, wellness, sustainability, etc. Specifically, advocating for the importance of what we do in student government and how we represent over 20,000 students. We, as a four-branch government, can work together towards a common goal that benefits people.

On a motion to extend time for questions by five minutes Cantrell seconded by Kathuria

- Cantrell: When listing committees, you failed to mention ConAd, why did you not mention it?
 - Strickland: ConAd stays in my heart, so I do not have to think about it.
- Cantrell: In your time in ConAd you authored multiply pieces of legislation regarding the Code Annotated, specifically how it pertains to the executive branch, how did that prepare you for this role?
 - Strickland: I have written over ten bills and resolutions whether I wrote it or co-authored it. I have copious amount of bill writing experience so working with the executive branch and knowing what has been frequently updated, I know the responsibilities.
- Koneru: A lot of RSO's get confused by SGA laws, what can you do as a potential director of interior to help RSO's?
 - Strickland: The Code Annotated speaks specifically to RSO's. I am more well versed in the governing branches sections of the code. I will read up with RSO's titles and work with Mary and George who register those organizations and make sure they follow those rules.
- Kathuria: The president brought up addressing the issue of Narcan and dealing with the Fentanyl crisis, how do you plan on addressing the public health problem?

- Strickland: I want to touch on not only physical health, but also mental health. I want to work with Goddard, as well, and Norman and OKC medical centers and have those conversations with executive leader and start those conversations. You cannot get anywhere unless you start there.
- Kathuria: You brought up something about wanting to expand outreach, how do you plan on connecting with director of communications?
 - Strickland: My job would be to advocate for SGA and address university policies. My first part would be tabling and looking and who is tabling and what we're tabling for. I will help with social media. The Web Master position is exclusively updating the website, and yes, I have office hours, but I am a dedicated member.

On a motion to extend time for questions by five minutes Kathuria seconded by Gilson-Bond

- Combest: Are you aware of the research of Donna Nelson who researches Fentanyl on the science side?
 - Strickland: No, but I am glad you told me.
- Gilson-Bond: Before you applied to this position and were campaigning for the BLOOM platform, did you discuss with the authors about running for the Director of Interior.
 - Strickland: No. I had no preconceived notions about this as I am a dedicated member of ConAd.
- Robinson: Was there anything you did to minimize the conflict of interest with someone who was on your campaign team?
 - Glasscock: It starts with having the ability to look at applications and looking at who has knowledge. Carter's resume and experience is like no other. I think we all know this. In every aspect of SGA he is knowledgeable and that is why we wanted him on our campaign team and Cabinet. He got through the application process barely.
 - Wolthuis: Carter has an impressive resume and is a team player who is hard-working, dedicated, and motivated. He speaks for himself and is fantastic.
- Kathuria: A part of the BLOOM platform is leading us to the SEC, how do you plan to do that?
 - Strickland: We do plan to have all universities in SEC attend this conference in the Summer. Mind you, most SGA leaders at SEC schools are elected in the Spring, so we will be able to make connections with those new leaders at these other schools. I also want to reach out to athletics to start reworking student involvement.
- Kathuria: Do you have any ideas regarding traditions you want to bring back to improve attendance at all sports?
 - Strickland: I love going to sporting events. I try to attend as many sporting events as I can. Tennis players can whack a ball like no other, go see them if you can. I do not have any traditions that I want to bring back, in mind personally at the moment. I would love to work with anyone on this.
- Dunn: How do you look so good today?
 - Strickland: Lot of prayer, hard work, and a good eye.

27-0-0

On a motion to see CB-111-08 Coats seconded by Reynolds

- CB-111-08 "SGA Director of the Exterior Appointment Act of 2024" (ConAd, Do Pass) (Glasscock/ Mortazavi/Wolthuis)

Authors Explanation:

Dunlap: I am double majoring in Economics and Public and Nonprofit Administration with a minor in Constitutional studies. I am a sophomore from Edmond.

Wolthuis: We needed someone with a good idea of the state and local knowledge. Overall, we wanted someone who would keep us up to date on the happenings with things going on in the State Capital and things like town hall meetings. Avery fits these needs. Along with numerous internships she has had at the capital, Avery is versatile, motivated, and very experienced through internships. She instantly proposed ideas that are directly in line with our platform. We know she will be a huge asset to us.

7:12 remaining for questions

- Halsey-Kraus: Will you tell us any relevant leader experience?
 - Dunlap: I serve on the HSLC Executive Council as a recruitment member. I am on the executive council for Encounter OU as the treasurer. I am on the leadership team for the Baptist Collegiate Ministry. I am a JLC Scholar. I work for the Oklahoma State Government, and I am an intern for the floor leader, Senator Greg McCortney. I spent the summer in Washington DC with Congressman Frank Lucas from district 3. I was there for 6 weeks and learned a lot.
- Koneru: With BLOOM, there is emphasis about moving to the SEC, using your knowledge with local government, do you know what ways Norman is changing to learn about this?
 - Dunlap: I have not been able to speak to Norman Executives. My plan is to speak to them. I have had an opportunity to speak with Representative Rosecrants, Senator Borren, Representative Jared Deck, and talking to the mayor. I also want to speak with the chamber of commerce. There will be a larger influx of students and visitors, so we want to make sure Norman can handle that.
- Kathuria: What were your thoughts on the DEI Executive Order?
 - Dunlap: It broke my heart, and I am here to look at the students' concerns. I work for you all, so with my position I will advocate for DEI any way I can.
- Kathuria: How will you advocate for DEI and for scholarship programs and organizations like the Trio Center and the Campus Climate Response Team?
 - Dunlap: I work as an intern for the Senate Floor leader. He is the guy who decides what bills go to the floor. He does ask me a lot of questions and asks for my input. I want to bring up not just my experiences, but experiences of others at OU. I am in the room with the people who make a lot of these decisions. The Governor is quite often in my office. I will ask difficult questions to people and not be afraid.
- Coats: Was Director of Exterior your first choice?
 - Dunlap: Yes.
- Bento: How will you make sure that the communication between state and federal decisions is kept open to us as members of SGA.
 - Dunlap: I plan on attending your meetings. I think there has been a big disconnect. I want to make sure I can bridge the gap and be a communicator with people and with the research I have done for years and years and relay that to you all. I subscribed to New York Times emails. I want to give you all the information so you can make informed decisions.
- Gilson-Bond: How do you plan on balancing this position with your other committeemen's?

- Dunlap: I have always been a busy person. I am versatile and can change my role when needed. I work 20 hours a week at the capital, but I am a student first. My commitments to OU come first.
- Kathuria: What are you most looking forward to in terms of advancing the interests of the OU with the local, state, and federal government.
 - Dunlap: I am most excited since I have been involved in politics since my senior year. I think it is important to talk about things with the right people. I want to advocate for a big project which is connecting freshman to the city of Norman. Freshman come very confused, but a lot of freshmen go out of state. I want to bridge that gap and make freshman feel more loved and valued on this campus.

On a motion to extend time for questions by five minutes Kathuria seconded by Coats

- Kathuria: Have you had any chance to have conversations with State legislatures about the name change to OU's DEI and can you elaborate on their thoughts?
 - Dunlap: That is on my agenda. That is my plan for tomorrow.
- Coats: You mention being very busy, can you describe your organization skills and how they fit into your life?
 - Dunlap: Priority is a first issue. People who are too busy do not have priorities. I have a commitment to OU, so this comes first and second comes other things I am involved in.
- Reynolds: How do you feel about protesting Governors Stitts DEI for the Student Body?
 - Glasscock: The students have the ability to protest if they want to. As student leaders, we must give students the chance to protest if they want.
- Combest: Are there any schools of economic thought you want to connect to and how does your experience with economics contribute to your experience to work as the director of exterior?
 - Dunlap: I am not that far into my studies. Using economics, I see it as a study of choices and people and why they do what they do. Using half of my university experience as studying economics, it does involve studying money, but I also think it studies what motivates people. This is not a psychological sense, but understanding what motivates people. I want to look at why legislators are voting the way they are and what makes students for or against those bills. I want to understand that correlation and expand on that.
- Koneru: What projects or ideas do you want to improve upon that the previous director of exterior did not do?
 - Dunlap: The main initiative I would enact would be to ensure that we are heard. I want to make sure they know we respect them, and we are excited to be there and that they respect us. The OU Lobbyist have a good relationship with them, and Joseph Harroz has a good relationship with them. Our relationship is lacking, and we want to support them consistently, and not just during Higher Ed Day or OU Day. We do not just want to support them when they have something they need.

Motion to extend time for questions by five minutes Kathuria seconded by Coats

- Koneru: Do you want to work on voter registration and have town halls?
 - Dunlap: That is one of my big passions. There is a big disconnect with students not from Oklahoma and not knowing if they can vote or how to vote, and education. We want people to know there is a lot they can do online and working with organizations like Oklahoma Votes.

- Kathuria: There has been legislation that has been derogative towards LGBTQ+ community, how do you plan on addressing those concerns to state legislators?
 - Dunlap: It starts with starting a conversation. We are a super Republican state. If you talk with any representatives who are the minority, they will say that it starts with a conversation. We can work towards that change. We might not be able to make that change now, but by talking about it we can possibly open up those ideas.
- Coats: Could you expand on why you are different than the other people in the room?
 - Dunlap: Who you know is saying that person and I are connected. What you know about them is knowing what types of legislation that want to pass. I will speak to people who are educators of the bodies. I will not speak to someone who is known for voting against higher education funding. There were 16 senators who were educators, and most are still there. It is about knowing how to talk to them. When you go to talk to someone, and you do not have a game plan they will not want to talk.
- Koneru: What are your red flags and what should Congress be looking for?
 - Dunlap: One of my weaknesses is that I am detailed oriented, and with a position like this it can be difficult. I am versatile and I would not be in the position that I am in if I was not able to change. Being able to grow and be wrong will help me.
- Kathuria: What do you think is Avery's best strength?
 - Wolthuis: Well-Spoken
 - Glasscock: Team player
 - Mortazavi: Attention to detail.

27-0-0

On a motion to see CB-111-09 Rhoads seconded by Duncan

- CB-111-09 "Session CXI Congressional Administration Committee Chair and Parliamentarian Appointment Act" (Halsey-Kraus/Landry/Berggren)

Authors Explanation:

We saw this bill in committee of the whole.

7:53 remaining for questions

- Strickland: What is your favorite part about being ConAd chair?
 - The gavel. I am deeply passionate about the parts of standard rules and language in sections and subsections of bills. I get very excited to do work with that and proof the language.
- Kathuria: How has Taylor Swift inspired you to take on the role of ConAd chair?
 - I have been a Swifty since 2006. I will say that I have always felt a deep connection to her songs, specifically The Man. As a woman, a position in leadership and authority there are a lot of things that are questioned that women take that would not be questioned if it was a man. I want to leave you with a quote from her song You're On Your Own Kid, "So make the friendship bracelets, take the moment and taste it. You've got no reason to be afraid."
- Kathuria: How do you plan on celebrating if confirmed?
 - Since it is 9:08 on a Tuesday, I plan on a bed rot. I want to get home and zen out. I will be diving into the panhellenic standing rules and rewriting that.

22-0-1

Follow-Up Reports

- Gilson-Bond: We saw the Trash Responsibility Act and it went through GSS perfectly.
- Kathuria: The Graduate Student Senate chose not to see the DEI Matters Bill because they said their external committee needed more time to review. I am hopeful it will pass.

Announcements and Comments

- Ahmadi: UPOL, come here after the meeting.
- Haskins: Light Walk is February 25th. Please sign up.
- Coats: I want to congratulate Chair Cantrell and say I am excited to work with her. I think she will do the job well.
- Cantrell: Thank you to Coats for that comment. I want to compliment him for being an exceptional member. If any of you have friends or family that are juniors or seniors in high school, the department of fraternity and sorority programs and services is hosting Greek Preview Day on March 1st. There is still time to sign up. That event is a program for high school students and their parents to learn more about Greek like at the OU campus including panhellenic, IFC, multi-cultural Greek council, and National Council. This will help make students feel more included for when they decide to come here. Direct any questions to the OU FSPS website.
- Strahan: I want to congratulate everyone who got appointed.
- Anand: I wanted to thank Representative Reynolds for the Cupcakes.
- Kathuria: I know I ask a lot of questions, but I want to tell you that I appreciate those in the body like Cantrell who handles the heat of my questions. I appreciate you for caring for my constituents.
- Landry: The 23rd from 12-3pm the OU Food Pantry is having the Pantry Empowerment Project. The people from OU career services will be there. We will be offering a range of formal wear for interviews, nail polish, makeup, or things like that. If you know anyone who needs that direct them toward that event.
- Cantrell: 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 criterion 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.
- Strahan: The speech was good and concise.

Final Roll Call

Adjourn

On a motion to adjourn Robinson seconded by Keupen

Chair: Abby Halsey-Kraus

Vice-Chair: Amelia Landry

Secretary: Carolyn Berggren

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS

CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CX

February 20th, 2024

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-111-09

AS INTRODUCED

A Congressional Act of Procedure appointing the Congressional Administration Committee Chair and Parliamentarian; 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 Congressional Administration Committee Chair and Parliamentarian Appointment Act.”

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

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

Congressional Administration Committee

Chair and Parliamentarian: Madeline Cantrell

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 Rhoads seconded by Representative Duncan

Action taken by Congress 22-0-1

Verified by Chair: _____ Date: _____

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CXI
February 20, 2024

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GS24
February 29, 2024

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-111-05
SENATE BILL GS24-XX

AS INTRODUCED

An Act of Legislation appointing the SGA Executive Cabinet Director of the Communications Department; providing for short title, providing for codification, and providing for 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 “SGA Director of the Communications Appointment Act of 2024.”
- Section 2:** Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be appointing the SGA Director of the Communications for the Glasscock-Mortazavi Administration.
- Section 3:** In accordance with § Title 3, Chapter 1, Section 5, Subsection C(i) of the SGA Code Annotated, “The President shall appoint Directors with the advice and consent of the Legislative Branch,” the following student shall be appointed as the Director to their respective post:
- Natalie Armour – Director of the Communications
- Section 4:** This act shall become effective when passed in accordance with the SGA Constitution.
- Authors: President Caden Glasscock, Student Government Association
Vice President S. Cyrus Mortazavi, Student Government Association
Ellie Wolthuis, Student Government Association Chief of Staff

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

Action taken by Congress: 24-2-1

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

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GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GS24

February 29, 2024

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-111-06
SENATE BILL GS24-XX

AS INTRODUCED

An Act of Legislation appointing the SGA Executive Cabinet Director of the Inclusivity Department; providing for short title, providing for codification, and providing for 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 “SGA Director of the Inclusivity Appointment Act of 2024.”
- Section 2: Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be appointing the SGA Director of the Inclusivity for the Glasscock-Mortazavi Administration.
- Section 3: In accordance with § Title 3, Chapter 1, Section 5, Subsection C(i) of the SGA Code Annotated, “The President shall appoint Directors with the advice and consent of the Legislative Branch,” the following student shall be appointed as the Director to their respective post:

Zoe Nguyen – Director of the Inclusivity
- Section 4: This act shall become effective when passed in accordance with the SGA Constitution.
- Authors: President Caden Glasscock, Student Government Association
Vice President S. Cyrus Mortazavi, Student Government Association
Ellie Wolthuis, Student Government Association Chief of Staff

Submitted on a Motion by: Representative Coats seconded by Representative Rhoads

Action taken by Congress: 21-5-1

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

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GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GS24
February 29, 2024

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-111-07
SENATE BILL GS24-XX

AS INTRODUCED

An Act of Legislation appointing the SGA Executive Cabinet Director of the Interior Department; providing for short title, providing for codification, and providing for 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 “SGA Director of the Interior Appointment Act of 2024.”
- Section 2: Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be appointing the SGA Director of the Interior for the Glasscock-Mortazavi Administration.
- Section 3: In accordance with § Title 3, Chapter 1, Section 5, Subsection C(i) of the SGA Code Annotated, “The President shall appoint Directors with the advice and consent of the Legislative Branch,” the following student shall be appointed as the Director to their respective post:
- Carter B. Strickland – Director of the Interior
- Section 4: This act shall become effective when passed in accordance with the SGA Constitution.
- Authors: President Caden Glasscock, Student Government Association
Vice President S. Cyrus Mortazavi, Student Government Association
Ellie Wolthuis, Student Government Association Chief of Staff

Submitted on a Motion by: Representative Cantrell Seconded by Representative Duncan

Action taken by Congress: 27-0-0 Unanimous Pass

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
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February 20, 2024

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-111-08
SENATE BILL GS24-XX

AS INTRODUCED

An Act of Legislation appointing the SGA Executive Cabinet Director of the Exterior Department; providing for short title, providing for codification, and providing for 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 “SGA Director of the Exterior Appointment Act of 2024.”
- Section 2: Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be appointing the SGA Director of the Exterior for the Glasscock-Mortazavi Administration.
- Section 3: In accordance with § Title 3, Chapter 1, Section 5, Subsection C(i) of the SGA Code Annotated, “The President shall appoint Directors with the advice and consent of the Legislative Branch,” the following student shall be appointed as the Director to their respective post:
- Avery Dunlap – Director of the Exterior
- Section 4: This act shall become effective when passed in accordance with the SGA Constitution.
- Authors: President Caden Glasscock, Student Government Association
Vice President S. Cyrus Mortazavi, Student Government Association
Ellie Wolthuis, Student Government Association Chief of Staff

Submitted on a Motion by: Representative Coats seconded by Representative Reynolds

Action taken by Congress: 27-0-0 Unanimous Pass

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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7	Baggett	Tabitha		a	a
8	Bento	Marilou		x	x
9	Brown, Jenna	Jenna		ex	ex
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11	Cantrell	Madeline		x	x
12	Cisneros	Brianna		x	x
13	Coats	Noah		x	x
14	Crispino	Antonio		a	a
15	Duncan	Elizabeth		x	x
16	Ellis	Aidan		ex	ex
17	Fisher	Mecca		a	a
18	Gilson Bond	Aaron		x	x
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22	Isias	Lizbeth		x	x
23	Kathuria	Shrey		x	x
24	Keupen	Ben		x	x
25	Lemaster	Brianna		x	x
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27	Nguyen	Zoe		x	a
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29	Oler	Kyle		x	x
30	Reynolds	Michael		x	x
31	Rhoads	Hope		x	x
32	Robinson	Caleb		x	x
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