

# THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



## UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS

Session CXI

General Body Meeting

7:30 pm, Tuesday, February 27th, 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 | February 20, 2024

*On a motion to approve the minutes Gilson-Bond seconded by Reynolds*

### Officer Reports -

- **Chair's Report:** My apologies for missing the meeting, and I will update you next week.
- **Vice Chair's Report:** Thank you if you listened to the inspector general. I apologize it went over, but I hope you enjoyed it. Please share your thanks with the Career Center. This weekend I will be tabling with the exec branch for admitted students' day to hopefully get admitted undergraduates interested in SGA. It was brought to my attention that the BIG Event instructions were incorrect. Please fill out the form for the big event and SGA is in a form on the drop-down box.
- **Secretary's Report:** Hey! We will see an expulsion bill tonight. Please make sure to continue to communicate if you cannot make it to a meeting. It is midterm season, so take care of yourselves.

### Committee Reports-

- **Campus Outreach, Safety, and Concerns:** Let me start off by saying that these are Hudson's words, not mine: Hi all! I'm sorry to miss today, but you're in good hands. COSCO met officially this weekend! We had a fantastic light walk, and I want to extend a huge thank you to everyone that attended and helped make campus a safer space. We recorded around 40 lights out across campus that we will report to campus maintenance! Outside of that, we will have a tabling event this month to up bike registration. Aside from that, you're fantastic, COSCO's fantastic, and our vice chair is out of this world.
- **Congressional Administration:** ConAd met officially and discussed projects and did a little mini legislative workshop! I love you all so very much and I hope you've had a great week!

- **External Affairs:** EA met unofficially last Sunday. We discussed our different projects and checked in for the week. On the Town Hall we are organizing in April we did get some responses from different representatives and are now working on getting more to come out. On our Bar Safety project, we are getting into contact with the Campus Corner Council to increase resources available, when it relates to Bar Safety and getting more information on SafeRide posted around with flyers. Our other projects are also moving along but no big updates to report back on yet.
- **Human Diversity:** HD met this weekend and discussed more about our projects.
- **Sustainability:** Susty met this week. We discussed upcoming project ideas.
- **University Policy:** UPOL met officially this weekend and discussed projects as usual. Representative Kathuria, a few members of his class and I will be meeting with the Associate Dean of Students in the College of Arts and Sciences this Friday to discuss issues regarding a professor in the Chemistry Department. A few members of UPOL met with our Open Educational Resources librarian last Friday to discuss promoting the use of OER to other professors as well as providing incentives.
- **Ways and Means:** WAM met and finished the last of aux. Primary closes next week.

### **Liaison Reports**

- Harris, Hudson: I attended Engineering week with the College of Engineering. They had partnerships with companies like Phillips 66, Chevron, OG&E, Valero, and Costco. I was able to present my research projects to high school students. We should have good engineering students in the next couple of years.

### **Special Orders**

*On a motion to enter committee of the whole Cantrell seconded by Oler*

*On a motion to see CR-111-04 Harris, Chloe seconded by Reynolds*

- CR-111-04 “Black History Month Resolution of 2024” (Rhoads/Bento)

### **Authors Explanation:**

Rhoads: February is Black History Month. We have seen bills like this in the past for Hispanic Heritage month and Native American Heritage month. We are a predominately white institution, so it is important we honor all of our students. I think this resolution is a great way to do that. This speaks for itself. We included statistics about the amount of black or African American students at our instituting and how Black History Month was formed.

Bento: We included items about how this affects OU students and included statistics about the students here.

7:04 remaining for questions

- Landry: Would you accept a friendly amendment changing “black or African American people” to Black/ African- American/ Members of the African Diaspora?”
  - Yes.
- Reynolds: Would you accept a friendly amendment adding me as a co-sponsor?
  - Yes.
- Awoyemi: Would you add me as a co-sponsor?
  - Yes.
- Robinson: Would you add myself and Representative Kathuria as co-sponsors?
  - Yes.

*On a motion to give this bill a rec of do pass Harris, Chloe seconded by Donald*

*On a motion to exit committee of the whole Strahan seconded by Gulam*

### **Student Concern Link**

## **Items to Be Considered**

*On a motion to see CB-111-10 Harris, Hudson seconded by Aslam*

- CB-111-10 “Expulsion Bill No. 1” (Exec, No Rec) (Berggren)

### **Authors Explanation:**

I wrote this bill because Lonie Austin has 7 absences, two being general body and 5 from committee meetings. She is an associate. I have emailed her 8 times, and she has not answered. Her UPol committee chair also has reached out to her twice. She has not come to any required meetings this semester. She also did not attend her required orientation.

2:25 remaining for questions

23-0-0

*On a motion to see AB-111-03 Robinson seconded by Reynolds*

- AB-111-03 “Auxiliary Allocation 13 Act of 2023-2024” (WAM, Do Pass) (Gulam)

### **Authors Explanation:**

We allocated \$7086.

7:55 remaining for questions

- Cantrell: What is Super League?
  - You can refer to the Engage page, but they are an intramural soccer team.

23-0-0

*On a motion to see CR-111-04 Gilson-Bond seconded by Oler*

- CR-111-04 “Black History Month Resolution of 2024” (Rhoads/Bento)

### **Authors Explanation:**

Bento: We just saw this.

7:55 remaining for questions

23-0-0

## **Follow-Up Reports**

### **Announcements and Comments**

- Baggett: If you are a woman or non-binary person and interested in politics, I highly recommended coming to Ignite. They are on Mondays at 6:30. It is a non-profit organization meant to uplift women and non-binary people in politics.
- Rhoads: This Friday the GEC is hosting the Queer Art show. It will be from 6-8pm in the Union. You should have received a mass email about it.
- Strahan: Tomorrow at 12pm there will be a march for life for Nex Benedict. If you want more information, I have a code you can scan.
- Reynolds: Congratulations to everyone who got a CSP for today.

## **Final Roll Call**

### **Adjourn**

*On a motion to adjourn Oler seconded by Strahan*

Chair: Abby Halsey-Kraus

Vice-Chair: Amelia Landry

Secretary: Carolyn Berggren

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS  
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CXI

February 27, 2024

CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-111-04

AS INTRODUCED

A Congressional Resolution Recognizing  
the month of February as Black History  
Month; and providing for distribution.

- Whereas: Black History Month is celebrated in the month of February; and
- Whereas: Black History Month was federally established through Congress in 1986 in Public Law<sup>1</sup>; and
- Whereas: The month of February was chosen to honor the birthdays of Frederick Douglas and Abraham Lincoln; and
- Whereas: Black History Month is used to promote the identity, culture, and the contributions of Black/African- American/Members of the African Diaspora people throughout the United States; and
- Whereas: Black History Month is also used to educate the American public on the challenges Black/African-American/Members of the African Diaspora people have faced throughout history and today; and
- Whereas: In Fall 2023, 1516 students or 5.3% of the University of Oklahoma’s Student Body who was enrolled identified as Black and African American students<sup>2</sup>; and
- Whereas: Black/African- American/Members of the African Diaspora students are often underrepresented in higher education; and
- Whereas: Educational institutions have historically been biased or inaccurate on the retelling of American Black History due to systematic discriminatory structures and beliefs; and
- Whereas: The University of Oklahoma promotes Diversity on its campus, meaning that “all individuals and viewpoints are represented and included”; and

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<sup>1</sup> National Archives. “Recognition of Black History Month – Ford in Focus,” February 1, 2024.

<https://ford.blogs.archives.gov/2024/02/01/recognition-of-black-history-month/>.

<sup>2</sup> “University of Oklahoma-Norman Campus.” Data USA. Accessed February 14, 2024.

<https://datausa.io/profile/university/university-of-oklahoma-norman-campus#:~:text=Enrollment%20by%20Race%20%26%20Ethnicity&text=2%2C473%20enrolled%20students-.The%20enrolled%20student%20population%20at%20University%20of%20Oklahoma%2DNorman%20Campus,Hawaïian%20or%20Other%20Pacific%20Islanders.>

Whereas: The University of Oklahoma also promotes Inclusion, meaning that, “all have a sense of belonging in our environment of cultivated respect and care”<sup>3</sup>; and

Whereas: Celebrating Black/African- American/Members of the African Diaspora students and their history recognize the contributions these students have given to The University of Oklahoma and ensuring they are not overlooked; and

Whereas: The recognition of Black History Month brings awareness and discussion on the history of Black/African- American/Members of the African Diaspora Americans, not only at the University of Oklahoma, but also across the nation; and

Whereas: Accurate stories and discussion of Black history and cultures help to reduce stigma, giving the opportunity for more inclusive environments; and

Whereas: Recognizing Black History Month also gives way to recognizing the Black/African- American/Members of the African Diaspora faculty and staff that serve as role models for the community at the University of Oklahoma; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS THAT:

- Section 1:** Title: This resolution shall be known and may be cited as the “Black History Month Resolution of 2024.”
- Section 2:** The University of Oklahoma Undergraduate Student Congress recognizes the month of February as Black History Month.
- Section 3:** The University of Oklahoma Undergraduate Student Congress recognizes and honors the Black/African American/Members of the African Diaspora students at The University of Oklahoma in addition to their culture and heritage.
- Section 4:** The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association Undergraduate Student Congress condemns any laws and policies that previously or currently suppress or harm individuals recognized within this resolution.
- Section 5:** Copies of this resolution will be sent to:
- President Joseph Harroz Jr, University of Oklahoma
  - Angelique Price, Coordinator of the African American Programs and Services
  - Alexandria Jackson, Multicultural Greek Council and National Panhellenic Advisor
  - Gali Perez, President of the Multicultural Greek Council

Author(s): Hope Rhoads, Human Diversity Committee Chair  
Marilou Bento, External Affairs Committee Chair

Co-Sponsor(s):  
Michael Reynolds, Atmospheric and Geographic Science Representative  
Ayo Awoyemi, Business Representative  
Caleb Robinson, University Policy Committee Chair

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<sup>3</sup> www.ou.edu. “Strategic Alignment Plan,” n.d. <https://www.ou.edu/diversity/about/plan#pillars>.

Shrey Kathuria, Life Science Representative

Submitted on a motion by: Representative Gilson-Bond seconded by Representative Oler

Action taken by Congress: 23-0-0 Unanimous Pass

Verified by Chair of Congress: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS  
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CXI

February 27th, 2024

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE  
SENATE SESSION GS24

February 29th, 2024

CONGRESSIONAL BILL AB-110-03  
SENATE BILL NO. GS24-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 13 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
Alpha Lambda Delta	50			50
Club Golf Team	600			600
College Republicans at the University of Oklahoma	100			100
Colombian Student Association	750			750
Lambda Delta Psi			309	309
Lambda Delta Psi	250			250
Lambda Delta Psi	250			250
Multicultural Greek Council	800			800
National Association for the Advancement of Colored People at the University of Oklahoma	600			600
Red Clay Faction	807			807
Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers	800			800
Student Bar Association	1000			1000
Super League	770			770
			<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>7086</b>

**Section 4:** All guidelines and provisions in Title 10 of the Code Annotated shall apply to all funds appropriated in this act.

**Section 5:** This fiscal year for the account listed in these sections shall end May 10, 2024

**Section 6:** All unspent money remaining in the accounts listed in Section 3 shall revert to the SGA General Account after May 10, 2024, and the remaining appropriations shall be canceled.

**Section 7:** This act shall become effective when passed in accordance with the SGA Constitution.

Author(s): Zuyyin Izza Gulam, Chair, SGA Budget Committee

Co-Author(s): SGA Budgetary Committee

Submitted on a motion by: Representative Robinson seconded by Representative Reynolds

Action taken by Student Congress: 23-0-0 Unanimous Pass

Verified by Chair of Student Congress: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Submitted on a motion by:

Action taken by Senate:

Verified by Chair of Senate: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved by SGA President: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS  
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION XCI

February 27, 2024

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-111-10

AS INTRODUCED

A Congressional Act of Procedure expelling a representative from the Congressional Body; 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 “Expulsion Bill No. 1.”

**Section 2:** Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to expel members for excessive unexcused absences. Loni'e Austin has accrued excessive unexcused absences, the membership of the aforementioned is pending expulsion.

**Section 3:** In accordance with Section 3.4, subsection 2, subsection e of the SGA Undergraduate Student Congress Bylaws, “*Upon accruing a forth absence, the Student Congress Secretary shall prepare an act of procedure to expel any member or committee officer who has accrued excessive unexcused absences.*”

Expulsion: Loni'e Austin

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

Author(s): Secretary Carolyn Berggren, Undergraduate Student Congress

Submitted on a Motion by: Representative Harris, Hudson seconded by Aslam

Action taken by Congress: 23-0-0 Unanimous Pass

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

Last	CR-111-04	AB-111-03	CB-111-10	
Anand	y	y	y	
Aslam	y	y	y	
Awoyemi	y	y	y	
Baggett	y	y	y	
Bento	y	y	y	
Brown, Jenna	y	y	y	
Brown, Khi				
Cantrell	y	y	y	
Cisneros				
Coats				
Crispino				
Duncan				
Ellis	y	y	y	
Fisher				
Gilson Bond	y	y	y	
Gulam	y	y	y	
Harris, Chloe	y	y	y	
Harris, Hudson	y	y	y	
Islas	y	y	y	
Kathuria				
Keupen	y	y	y	
Lemaster				
Martin	y	y	y	
Ogle				
Oler	y	y	y	
Reynolds	y	y	y	
Rhoads	y	y	y	
Robinson	y	y	y	
Schonfield	y	y	y	
Strahan	y	y	y	
Wilson	y	y	y	
Zainuddin	y	y	y	
<b>YES</b>	23	23	23	0
<b>NO</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>ABSTAIN</b>	0	0	0	0

Last	27-Feb	
	I	F
Anand	x	x
Aslam	x	x
Awoyemi	x	x
Baggett	x	x
Bento	x	x
Brown, Jenna	x	x
Brown, Khi	ex	ex
Cantrell	x	x
Cisneros	ex	ex
Coats	x	x
Crispino	ex	ex
Duncan	ex	ex
Ellis	x	x
Fisher	ex	ex
Gilson Bond	x	x
Gulam	x	x
Harris, Chloe	x	x
Harris, Hudson	x	x
Islas	x	x
Kathuria	ex	ex
Keupen	x	x
Lemaster	ex	ex
Martin	x	x
Ogle	a	a
Oler	x	x
Reynolds	x	x
Rhoads	x	x
Robinson	x	x
Schonfield	x	x
Strahan	x	x
Wilson	x	x
Zainuddin	x	x
<b>PRESENT</b>	24	24
<b>ABSENT</b>	1	1
<b>EXCUSED</b>	7	7