

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS

Session CXI

General Body Meeting

7:00 pm, Tuesday, March 12, 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 | March 5, 2024

On a motion to approve the minutes Coats seconded by Harris, Hudson

Officer Reports -

- **Chair's Report:** GSS edited CR-111-07 in committee. It added a couple citations and new tones in language. We can talk about that more in the author's explanation. I authored two pieces of legislation this week. Shout out to everyone who is writing legislation, I have not written it in a year, so it was not fun. I am excited to present as an author and not just appointing people. Vice-Chair Landry is amazing.
- **Vice Chair's Report:** The deadline to sign up for the Big Event is this Friday. It is named Undergraduate Student Congress on the form.
- **Secretary's Report:** Hi everyone! I do not have anything right now. Another friendly reminder to take care of yourself during this stressful point in the semester!

Committee Reports-

- **Campus Outreach, Safety, and Concerns:** COSCO met this weekend. Fun fact, COSCO is a manufacturing brand that makes baby products. Looks like this was meant to be. Aside from that, WE SAW LEGISLATION FROM OUR WONDERFUL CONGRESSIONAL SECRETARY CAROLYN, WHICH WAS SUCH A BIG EVENT BECAUSE COSCO HAS NOT SEEN LEGISLATION IN AT LEAST TWO YEARS. We also hung Concern Link posters and are working to bring puppies to a joint Telus tabling between HD and UPOL.
- **Congressional Administration:** ConAd met officially this week. We saw CB-111-12 and gave it a rec of do pass. We also discussed projects. We are going to be tabling April 2nd and 3rd for the Spring election on South Oval. I am going to send out a sign-up genius for you all to table, this can count as a CSP! We will also need help on Monday April 1st

to set up yard signs and to chalk the South Oval and I will also be sending out a sign up for that.

- **External Affairs:** Hi everyone! EA met officially last week, and we did get to see a bill "Campus Safety Regulation Act of 2024" which we will get to see in a little bit. EA gave the bill a recommendation of Due Pass. We will also be seeing another bill, the Women's History Month Resolution, that we didn't see in EA and saw in HD instead. But two of our EA members, Reece and Himani did write this as their first bill so yay to them! We also did some more project updates.
- **Human Diversity:** HD saw the Womens History Month resolution and gave it a rec of do pass. We are working on the same projects.
- **Sustainability:** Susty met, and everyone was there. Our trash walk will not be on a Sunday because of Spring break and easter, so it will be Tuesday the 26th at 6pm on the South Oval.
- **University Policy:** UPOL met officially this weekend and, unlike seemingly everyone else, we did not see any legislation. We assigned a new project to two of our members who will now be working on incorporating the cost of lab safety materials in the initial cost of taking a course. We are close to setting up a focus group with professors to discuss their use of OER, we are only two professors away from getting that started. We also met with Brittany Stewart to discuss shifting our tabling from group therapy to Telus Health - shoutout Madam Secretary for the resolution today.
- **Ways and Means:** We saw one organization for Aux, and we will prepare for primary after Spring Break.

Liaison Reports

- Cantrell: I visited the Panhellenic Executive Council Meeting on Thursday evening. We discussed the changes to that organization's budget and standing rules. I found that in their bylaws they are supposed to have a liaison that comes to Congress meetings, so I will be working with them on that.
- Kathuria: OU College Dems met last week to discuss training on how to start and observe a protest and avoid getting in trouble with the law. That was very informational.
- Coats: I was at the OU Oklahoma Intercollegiate Legislature meeting. It has been going very well and we have a very good moot court director.
- Berggren: As a liaison I went to a Dodge Family Scholars meeting, which is a club for underrepresented and low-income students at OU. There were about 100 students there and I was able to speak about SGA. We had some people who seemed interested in joining in the Fall.

Special Orders

Student Concern Link

Items to Be Considered

On a motion to see AB-111-04 Rhoads seconded by Duncan

- AB-111-04 "Auxiliary Allocation 14 Act of 2023-2024" (WAM, Do Pass) (Gulam)

Authors Explanation:

We saw one organization and gave them \$700

7:57 remaining for questions

- Robinson: Where are they paying to walk?
 - They will be walking in the OKC marathon.
- Cantrell: Why is there only one organization?

- After we finalized the last aux, we realized we forgot this organization.

21-0-0

On a motion to see CR-111-06 Bento seconded by Wilson

- CR-111-06 “Women’s History Month Resolution of 2024.” (HD, Do Pass)
(Prajapati/Ball)

Authors Explanation:

Ball: This resolution seeks to further the acknowledgment and celebration of women's history in March. Especially for women who are underrepresented or facing adversity on campus such as women in engineering and aviation.

Prajapati: We began this resolution by stating the history of Women’s History Month and then went into statistics about the gender distribution on campus.

7:25 remaining for questions

- Kathuria: Would you accept a friendly ammendment adding me and Meg German as a co-sponsor?
 - Yes.
- Anand: Do you think this will help decrease the disparities between men and women in specific majors?
 - Ball: We do. We think celebrating and acknowledging women's history month will close that gap.

20-0-0

On a motion to see CR-111-05 Robinson seconded by Harris, Chloe

- CR-111-05 “Telus About Mental Health.” (COSCO, Do Pass) (Berggren)

Authors Explanation:

I wrote this resolution because I know as a body, we have been wanting to increase awareness about mental health and the resources that OU provides. Since OU recently launched in partnership with Telus Health, this resolution talks about the prevalence of mental health related concerns at colleges as well as the resources that Telus Health can provide for students. I also wanted to show appreciation to OU and the OU Counseling Center for offering this resource to students.

7:24 remaining for questions

- Kathuria: does this program provide services in Vietnamese?
 - Yes.
- Kathuria: How will students be able to connect with Telus in relation to various mental health care plans?
 - You can contact them, and they can set you up with a plan depending on your need.
- Anand: The resolution mentions that OU students will not be charged for this, does this include part time students as well?
 - Yes.

20-0-0

On a motion to recess for 15 minutes Oler seconded by Coats

On a motion to see CB-111-12 Rhoads seconded by Duncan

- CB-111-12 “Rod Jahromi Award Codification” (ConAd, Do Pass) (Halsey-Kraus)

Authors Explanation:

Spring of 2021 we had a former member of Congress who wanted to donate yearly to the organizations for you to donate to an outstanding student. At the time, the current exec picked the student and gave them money for the 2020-2021 academic year, but then everyone forgot about the award. We have not done it for the past two years, so to regain traction, we are adding it to section 8 of the bylaws. This will outline how the award is awarded. The process is that the Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary will pick an outstanding member vote on the person. This person will be recognized for their efforts and receive the monetary reward.

6:43 remaining for questions

- Schonfield: Are we allowed to know the monetary amount?
 - It is \$400 dollars, but I do not want people to be motivated for the monetary value.
- Coats: Why codify this in the bylaws as opposed to keeping it close to heart?
 - To make it more official. Having this recognition is great, but now we are codifying it so they can be publicly recognized. It is a good faith effort to make sure we are using it.
- Anand: Is the donor aware of this method of selecting the method?
 - To my knowledge he left it at the discretion of the chair, and the chair at the time wanted more people to weigh in on this decision. I agree with the decision and think it will be more fair.
- Kathuria: How will you ensure that future Congress Chairs, Vice-Chairs, and Secretaries are choosing people based on what they have done and not just for their popularity?
 - I think because it is chosen by three people will eliminate the bias. I thought about doing a nomination process, where you all would offer up names and us three would pick from that list. This means everyone would have an influence.
- Kathuria: Would you plan on providing a link for a nomination form for potential recipients when that time comes?
 - I will not say yes because I have not talked with Amelia and Carolyn yet, and this is a decision Big 3 should be making. That is what I would advocate for.
- Haskins: Is the end of the spring semester meaning the last meeting?
 - It is whenever we decide it to be. It could be a very long meeting if we do it the very last meeting, so it would most likely be before then.
- Robinson: Will the evaluation criteria be similar to how exec does congress member of the month?
 - To a certain extent. There will not be as much input from committee chairs, but it will be similar.
- Anand: So, do you first choose a person then the three people will vote, or does each person select one person then all three vote?
 - It depends on the exec at that time. I think there will be some conversation prior to this, which is why I want to see a nomination form. When it comes to majority vote, I said that there will be three people voting so there is not a chance for gridlock. It made the most sense for the three highest ranking officers.

18-0-0

On a motion to see CR-111-07 Wilson seconded by Coats

- CR-111-07 “Campus Safety Resolution of 2024) (EA, Do Pass) (Halsey-Kraus/Griffin)

Authors Explanation:

About this time last year, Congress and all of SGA was made aware of a couple bills in the state legislature hoping to amend campus firearm regulations. We passed a resolution that essentially said we did not want anything to change. The current policy is the University President has discretion when guests come to campus if they can have firearms with them, and we are looking to maintain that policy. We passed this resolution positioning ourselves saying we do not want it to change and that we do not want dangerous things happening. We thought people would feel safer without firearms or weapons. This year, we decided to maintain that position. In that state legislature there are no bills proposing to change campus firearm regulations. We love that state legislatures are listening to our feedback. This is maintaining the position that we do not want campus safety resolutions to change and recognizing state legislatures for keeping campus safe for students. The former EA chair Weslie Griffin did collaborate on this, so shout out to him.

6:00 remaining for questions

- Robinson: Would you accept a friendly amendment changing section four to read “Section 4: Copies of this resolution will be sent to:
 - The University of Oklahoma Board of Regents
 - President Joseph Harroz
 - Dr. David Suratt, Vice President of Student Affairs and Dean of Students
 - OUPD Chief Nathaniel Tarver
 - Representative Rhonda Baker, Oklahoma House Common Education Committee Chair
 - Representative Robert Manger, Oklahoma House Public Safety Committee Chair
 - Senator Darcy Jech, Oklahoma State Senate Public Safety Committee Chair
 - Senator Adam Pugh, Oklahoma State Senate Education Committee Chair”
 - Yes.
- Kathuria: Would you accept a friendly amendment adding to section 4 “Governor Kevin Stitt
 - Lieutenant Governor Matt Pinnell
 - Charles McCall, Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives
 - Greg McCortney, Senate Majority Leader”
 - Yes.

17-1-0

Follow-Up Reports

- Kathuria: Regarding the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion matters bill, I had an interview with OU Daily who will be writing a news story about this. They will be reaching out to a lot of different people.

Announcements and Comments

- Landry: The food pantry is doing a profit share at O’Conns tonight at trivia is at 8:30.
- Haskins: It is hiring season for tour guides. If you want to be the face of OU and love walking and talking, this is the job for you. You can find information online or reach out to me.
- Oler: I hope everyone has a great spring break and rests up.
- Houston: Happy Ramadan.

- Cantrell: OU Health Promotions was distributing Narcan spray to sorority and fraternity houses to help prepare for spring break. If some of your friends are going on a destination spring break trip, be safe and stick together.

Final Roll Call

Adjourn

On a motion to adjourn Harris, Chloe seconded by Strahan

Chair: Abby Halsey-Kraus

Vice-Chair: Amelia Landry

Secretary: Carolyn Berggren

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GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GS24
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CONGRESSIONAL BILL AB-111-04
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 14 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
College of Law Dean’s Walking Club at the University of Oklahoma	700			700
TOTAL:				700

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 Rhoads seconded by Representative Duncan

Action taken by Student Congress: 21-0-0

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 CXI

March 12, 2014

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-111-12

AS INTRODUCED

A Congressional Act of Procedure amending the Congress
Bylaws to implement the Rod Jahromi award as a yearly
gift to an outstanding member of the 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 “Rod Jahromi Award Codification.”

Section 2: Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to add the Rod Jahromi award as a yearly gift to an outstanding member of the body. The member shall be chosen by a majority vote of the Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary of the Undergraduate Student Congress at the end of the Spring semester for which they are elected.

Section 3: AMMENDATORY: The Undergraduate Student Congress Bylaws § Section 8 is amended as follows. New additions shall be denoted by an underline, and deletions shall be denoted by a ~~strike through~~.

Section 8.4: ROD JAHROMI AWARD

1. SELECTION

a. The Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary shall select an outstanding member of the body for the academic year at the end of the Spring semester. The winner shall be chosen by a majority vote of the three officers once per year.

2. ANNOUCEMENT

a. The winner of the Rod Jahromi award shall be announced at the general body meeting following the selection of the recipient. The winner shall be announced in Special Orders.

3. AWARD

a. The monetary award associated with the Rod Jahromi award shall be gifted to the recipient following the announcement.

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

Author(s): Chair Abby Halsey-Kraus, Undergraduate Student Congress

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

Action taken by Congress 18-0-0 Unanimous Pass

Verified by Chair: _____ Date: _____

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CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-111-05
SENATE RESOLUTION NO. GS24-XX

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution supporting the importance of college student's mental health; and providing for distribution.

- Whereas: In 2020–2021, more than 60% of students across the nation met criteria for one or more mental health diagnoses¹; and
- Whereas: Over 40% of people between the ages of 18 and 24 say mental health and emotional stress are significant barriers to attending secondary school ²; and
- Whereas: The percentage of students experiencing mental health problems has increased nearly 50% since 2013³; and
- Whereas: On February 12, 2024, the University of Oklahoma launched a partnership with Telus Health; and
- Whereas: Telus Health is a mental health service that provides access to support 24/7 which includes single sessions, short-term sessions, mental health assessments, and educational resources; and
- Whereas: There is no charge for OU students who sign up for Telus services; and

¹ Lipson, Sarah Ketchen, Sasha Zhou, Sara Abelson, Justin Heinze, Matthew Jirsa, Jasmine Morigney, Akilah Patterson, Meghna Singh, and Daniel Eisenberg. "Trends in College Student Mental Health and Help-Seeking by Race/Ethnicity: Findings from the National Healthy Minds Study, 2013–2021." *Journal of Affective Disorders* 306 (June 2022): 138–47. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jad.2022.03.038>.

² Cleveland Clinic. "Tested: College Students and Mental Health." Cleveland Clinic, December 21, 2023. <https://health.clevelandclinic.org/mental-health-in-college-students>.

³ "Fostering College Student Mental Health and Resilience." *Psychiatry.org - Fostering College Student Mental Health and Resilience*, August 15, 2023. <https://www.psychiatry.org/News-room/APA-Blogs/Fostering-College-Student-Mental-Health-and-Resili#:~:text=Mental%20health%20is%20integral%20to%20student%20success%20and,2021%2C%20according%20to%20the%20National%20College%20Health%20Assessment>.

Whereas: Services are available in languages: English, French (including Canadian French), Mandarin, Cantonese, Spanish; and

Whereas: Telus services are available outside of the United States for students who travel or live outside of the states; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS AND THE GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE, CONCURRING THEREIN THAT:

Section 1: Title: This resolution shall be known and may be cited as the “Telus About Mental Health.”

Section 2: Upon the authorization of this resolution, the University of Oklahoma Student Government Association officially recognizes the University of Oklahoma Counseling Center’s efforts to provide support for student mental health.

Section 3: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association acknowledges the importance of mental health resources for students.

Section 4: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association recognizes that Telus Health will provide accessible care for mental health at OU for students, greatly reducing the barriers to seeking assistance and managing their mental wellbeing effectively.

Section 5: The University of Oklahoma Student Government acknowledges that partnership with Telus Health helps to foster a supportive campus community, encourages proactive self-care practices for students and works to reduce future mental health crises.

Section 6: Copies of this resolution will be sent to:

- William Wayne, Associate Vice President of Student Affairs and Director of Health Services
- Craig Rice, OU Chief of Medical Staff and Medical Doctor
- Scott Miller, University Counseling Center Director
- Brittany Stewart, Clinical Services Director
- Maggie Pool, Clinical Administration Director and Health Promotion Manager
- OU Daily
- OU Nightly

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Co-Sponsor(s): Hudson Haskins, Undergraduate Student Congress Campus, Outreach, Safety, and
Concerns Committee Chair

Submitted on a motion by: Representative Robinson seconded by Representative Harris, Chloe

Action taken by Congress: 20-0-0 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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CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-111-06
SENATE RESOLUTION NO. GS24-XX

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution acknowledging the importance of the celebration and recognition of Women's History Month; and providing for distribution.

Whereas: In 1987, extensive support from the states led to the implementation of a special Presidential Proclamation (L.100-9) that designated the month of March as National Women's History Month⁴; and

Whereas: Women's History month is the outcome of a fundamental movement in American history, and a symbol for the continued battle towards equality for women today⁵; and

Whereas: Women continue to struggle with systematic racism and scarce representation⁶; and

Whereas: These problems lead to wage gaps between men and women, limited access to education, gender-based violence, and other prejudiced issues; and

⁴ Robinson, Cody. "A History of Women's History Month."
<https://mollybrown.org/a-history-of-womens-history-month/>

⁵ Stern, Majorie. "How To Celebrate National Women's History Month." (1998).
<https://files.eric.ed.gov/fulltext/ED432484.pdf>

⁶ "Women's History Overview." *Women's History Overview*, LiveYourDream.org,
https://act.liveyourdream.org/womens-history/?utm_term=what%20is%20womens%20history%20month&utm_campaign=&utm_source=adwords&utm_medium=ppc&hsa_acc=3468286777&hsa_cam=1743277637&hsa_mt=b&hsa_net=adwords&hsa_src=g&hsa_ver=3&hsa_ad=691023489050&hsa_tgt=kwd-299614519814&hsa_grp=159780488398&hsa_kw=what%20is%20womens%20history%20month&gad_source=1&gclid=Cj0KCQIA5-uuBhDzARIsAAa21T9Dx7VxXbsO0NJEjmJ9VUubSvXTTfn7zxWMeBJeGgf5_Eljn0iYUdW0aAm7pEALw_wcB

- Whereas: Women’s History Month seeks to commemorate and encourage educational pursuits, awareness, and celebration surrounding the essential role that women have played in American history; and
- Whereas: March 8th is annually recognized as International Women’s Day, a globally recognized holiday that seeks to celebrate women’s achievements and take steps toward creating a world free of gender bias; and
- Whereas: As of Fall 2022, the University of Oklahoma has a total undergraduate enrollment of 21,294, with a gender distribution of 49% Male students and 51% Female students; and
- Whereas: The University of Oklahoma has a total graduate enrollment of 3,261, with a gender distribution of 48% Male students and 52% Female students⁷; and
- Whereas: The University of Oklahoma was named the Nation’s best employer for women by Forbes in 2023⁸; and
- Whereas: From 2020 to 2021, The University of Oklahoma awarded 564 bachelor’s degrees in engineering, of which approximately 74% were awarded to men and 26% to women⁹; and
- Whereas: As of 2017, the University of Oklahoma only had approximately 17% female students enrolled in both Aviation and Finance¹⁰; and
- Whereas: Gender disparity in areas such as Engineering, Aviation, Continuing Education, and Finance is exemplary of the University of Oklahoma’s need for Women’s History Month recognition and celebration¹¹; and

⁷ USNews. “University of Oklahoma Student Life,” n.d. <https://www.usnews.com/best-colleges/university-of-oklahoma-3184/student-life>.

⁸ [www.ou.edu. “Forbes Names OU the Nation’s No. 1 Employer for Women,” July 26, 2023. https://www.ou.edu/news/articles/2023/july/forbes-names-ou-the-nations-number-1-employer-for-women.](https://www.ou.edu/news/articles/2023/july/forbes-names-ou-the-nations-number-1-employer-for-women)

⁹ [www.collegefactual.com. “The Engineering Major at University of Oklahoma Norman Campus.” Accessed March 6, 2024. https://www.collegefactual.com/colleges/university-of-oklahoma-norman-campus/academic-life/academic-majors/engineering/.](https://www.collegefactual.com/colleges/university-of-oklahoma-norman-campus/academic-life/academic-majors/engineering/)

¹⁰ https://ou.edu/content/dam/irr/docs/Fact%20Book/fact-book-2023/23_5_7_Avia_Demo_Pgm.pdf

¹¹ Pike, Hannah . “OU’s Sex Distribution Varies across Colleges despite Efforts for Gender Equality.” OU Daily, March 24, 2017. https://www.oudaily.com/news/ous-sex-distribution-varies-across-colleges-despite-efforts-for-gender-equality/article_c4322396-10a1-11e7-bbaa-e3fae8ef3bd4.html#:~:text=These%20colleges%20combined%20have%20about.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS AND THE GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE, CONCURRING THEREIN THAT:

Section 1: Title: This resolution shall be known and may be cited as the “Women’s History Month Resolution of 2024.”

Section 2: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association acknowledges and celebrates the month of March as Women’s History Month.

Section 3: OU SGA encourages the student body to use the month of March to learn about Women’s History to foster a better environment for women on campus.

Section 4: Copies of this resolution will be sent to:

- President Joseph Harroz
- Vice President of Diversity and Inclusion Dr. Belinda Hyppolite
- Dr. Erin Simpson, Gender and Equality Center Director, OU Advocates Coordinator & Assistant Dean of Students
- The OU Daily
- The OU Nightly

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Associate Reese Ball

Co-Author(s): Marilou Bento, Chair of External Affairs
Co-Sponsor(s): Shrey Kathuria, Life Sciences Representative
Meg German, SGA Member

Submitted on a motion by: Representative Bento seconded by Representative Wilson
Action taken by Congress: 20-0-0 Unanimous Pass
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Approved by SGA President: _____ Date: _____

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CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-111-07
SENATE RESOLUTION NO. GS24-XX

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution recommending the Oklahoma State Legislature maintain current laws regarding weapons on campus; and providing for distribution.

Whereas: Firearms on campus have a chilling effect on associational freedoms and harm the University's compelling interest in free academic discourse;¹² and

Whereas: Oklahoma has a gun violence death rate of 20.1 per 100,000, with the national average of 14.4 per 100,000 persons;¹³ and

Whereas: Oklahoma has the 13th highest rate of gun violence in the U.S.;¹⁴ and

Whereas: Currently, Oklahoma law allows universities and colleges to make their own rules regarding campus firearm carry;¹⁵ and

Whereas: In the present legislative session, no bills have been introduced to change current regulations regarding weapons on campus, despite efforts in past legislative sessions; and

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS AND THE GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE, CONCURRING THEREIN THAT:

Section 1: Title: This resolution shall be known and may be cited as the "Campus Safety Resolution of 2024."

¹² Shaundra K Lewis, *Crossfire on Compulsory Campus Carry Laws: When the First and Second Amendments Collide*, 102 Iowa L. Rev. 2109 (2017).

¹³ "Gun Laws in Oklahoma," Everytown Research & Policy (Everytown Research & Policy, January 4, 2024), <https://everytownresearch.org/rankings/state/oklahoma/>.

¹⁴ EveryStat, *Gun Violence in Oklahoma*, <https://everystat.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Gun-Violence-in-Oklahoma-1.pdf> (last visited Mar. 9, 2024) (compiling data from the Center for Disease Control Wide-Ranging Online Data for Epidemiologic Research).

¹⁵ Okla. Stat. Ann. tit. 21, § 1277(g) (West 2024); Okla. Stat. Ann. tit. 70 § 5-149.2 (West 2024).

Section 2: The Student Government Association believes campus safety is a priority and any changes to current policy would not only reduce campus safety and endanger lives, but would also pose a significant detriment to the learning environment.

Section 3: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association encourages the state legislature to maintain current law regarding weapons on campus, in which the University President has the discretion to allow non-law enforcement personnel to carry weapons on campus when individual circumstances warrant it.

Section 3: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association strongly opposes any changes to state law regarding weapons on college and university campuses.

Section 4: Copies of this resolution will be sent to:

- The University of Oklahoma Board of Regents
- President Joseph Harroz
- Dr. David Suratt, Vice President of Student Affairs and Dean of Students
- OUPD Chief Nathaniel Tarver
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- Representative Robert Manger, Oklahoma House Public Safety Committee Chair
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Last	AB-111-04	CB-111-12	CR-111-05	CR-111-06	CR-111-07
Anand	y	y	y	y	y
Aslam					
Awoyemi					
Baggett	y	y	y	y	y
Bento	y	y	y	y	y
Brown, Jenna					
Brown, Khi					
Cantrell	y	y	y	y	y
Cisneros	y	y	y	y	y
Coats	y	y	y	y	n
Crispino					
Duncan	y	y	y	y	y
Fisher					
Gilson Bond	y	y	y	y	y
Gulam	y				
Harris, Chloe	y	y	y	y	y
Harris, Hudson	y		y	y	
Islas					
Kathuria	y	y	y	y	y
Keupen					
Lemaster	y	y	y	y	y
Martin	y	y	y	y	y
Ogle	y		y	y	
Oler	y	y	y	y	y
Reynolds					
Rhoads	y	y	y	y	y
Robinson	y	y	y	y	y
Schonfield	y	y	y	y	y
Strahan	y	y	y	y	y
Wilson	y	y	y	y	y
Zainuddin					
YES	21	18	20	20	17
NO	0	0	0	0	1
ABSTAIN	0	0	0	0	0

Last	I	F
Anand	x	x
Aslam	ex	ex
Awoyemi	a	a
Baggett	x	x
Bento	x	x
Brown, Jenna	ex	ex
Brown, Khi	a	a
Cantrell	x	x
Cisneros	x	x
Coats	x	x
Crispino	a	a
Duncan	x	x
Fisher	ex	ex
Gilson Bond	x	x
Gulam	x	ex
Harris, Chloe	x	x
Harris, Hudson	x	ex
Islas	ex	ex
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Lemaster	x	x
Martin	x	x
Ogle	x	ex
Oler	x	x
Reynolds	ex	ex
Rhoads	x	x
Robinson	x	x
Schonfield	x	x
Strahan	x	x
Wilson	x	x
Zainuddin	ex	ex
PRESENT	21	18
ABSENT	3	3
EXCUSED	7	10