

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS

Session CXI

General Body Meeting

7:00 pm, Tuesday, March 5, 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 27, 2024

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

Officer Reports -

- **Chair's Report:** ConAd did see the UCol amendment and gave it a rec of do pass, which is why we are seeing it in items to be considered. I do not have much. Shoutout to my committee chairs, I was not feeling my best and cancelled my one on ones, so thanks for being adaptable.
- **Vice Chair's Report:** We had Big Event come, you should listen to them and sign up. We have a group for the Big Event, please fill it out if you're interested. Some people were having trouble registering, but we should have a drop-down box that should work. You should sign up for the Food Pantry volunteering which is April 19th from 2-4pm. This past Saturday myself and others from executive branch tabled for admitted students' day. We got a lot of interest from students. If you have ideas for content let me know.
- **Secretary's Report:** Hi! If you are an associate, please scan this QR code.

Committee Reports-

- **Campus Outreach, Safety, and Concerns:** Bobbie will be giving our report. She grunted but you could not hear it. We met this weekend. We reached out to parking to see if we could get updates on parking availability. We have other projects in the works also.
- **Congressional Administration:** ConAd met officially this week. We saw CB-111-11 and gave it a rec of due pass. We assigned projects and will be seeing lots more legislation so be excited for some changes coming! We are reaching out to OU Daily and OU Nightly to promote the Spring Election Ballot and hopefully the referendums. If you all have any questions about our projects, please let me know. I would love to chat. I

hope you all have had a great week so far and that you take some time to do some self-care. Midterms can suck but you all slay so hard.

- **External Affairs:** EA met officially this past Sunday. I want to shout out Jeriah for becoming our new Vice Chair and Landen for becoming our new Secretary. They are both stellar! For Projects We have a Women's History Month Resolution coming, we should hopefully see it in committee this upcoming weekend. We are still in the long process of setting a solid date for our Town Hall with our state representatives and city council members, but we have tentative dates of April 8th and April 11th. That is all the updates I have for now and Happy Super Tuesday!
- **Human Diversity:** HD met this weekend. We are working on a project with Camp Crimson to make it more accessible, we had a meeting with them and it went well. Our SISU drive is still happening. It is a constituent service point. We also have legislation plans to highlight resources for trans and nonbinary students
- **Sustainability:** Our trash walk will be towards the end of the month. We met this weekend.
- **University Policy:** Hey all, UPOL did not meet this weekend, we just did email check-ins because everything is at the same stage right now of waiting on responses from administrators. The only major update I have for you is we added COSCO to our tabling event for what was group therapy but is now promoting Telus. This is tentatively scheduled for late March - likely to change.
- **Ways and Means:** Primary closes March 7th at midnight. If anyone has questions put them in contact with me.

Liaison Reports

Special Orders

Student Concern Link

Items to Be Considered

On a motion to see CB-111-11 Aslam seconded by Gilson-Bond

- CB-111-11 "UCOL Regulation Removal Amendment." (Robinson)

Authors Explanation:

This is a referendum proposal. This is not something that when we pass it, it will go into effect. It will be something that will be on the ballot when students vote. OU is getting rid of University College, and we have a University College district. We need to remove this part of the Constitution because it states University College students, which will not be a thing. This will lay the foundation to make the changes we need to restructure. This change was made by my university administration, not us.

7:01 remaining for questions

- Cantrell: Is it in your opinion that any students apart of the University College will still be a part of the University College and this is just removing the requirement to have University College?
 - Yes. This is removing the regulations.
- Kathuria: Can you explain why this referendum does not have to be out of line?
 - It would be out of line because university college doesn't exist, so the district would be null because we would have nothing to reference.
- Kathuria: Have you begun conversations with the chair of ConAd on where to place students such as planned program, multidisciplinary students, and pre-health students?

- That is a conversation for after this passes. We want to figure out how to address this.
- Day: Do you have a plan to make the transition smooth from moving UCol and making sure people are placed in the right positions?
 - I would like to see people in UCol right now placed into their new district. I do not know if that is the approach they will take, but it is what I would like to see.
- Kathuria: Do you know when University College will be abolished?
 - Either at the end of June or early July.
- Dunn: Is it your opinion that getting rid of university college would lead to better representation because they are not held to one district?
 - Yes. I feel that university college is so oversaturated with new freshmen only being able to run in that district. Spreading them out into different districts would increase competition
- Day: Do you have a recommendation as to how the new freshman will learn their roles in their district?
 - I think that would be accomplished during orientation. That is the goal to make sure they know what is going on in congress and how to do things.

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Follow-Up Reports

- Kathuria: The DEI Matters Act passed in GSS exec and in the graduate student senate with unanimous consent. It has been signed by the president.

Announcements and Comments

- Landry: The Congress Member of the Month is Jacob Schonfield!
- Berggren: On March 23rd, Norman Animal Welfare is hosting Midnight Muttness, where they will be open from 5:30- midnight. All adoptions will be free, and they will have vendors there. It should be super fun, so go check it out.
- Coats: Oo aa up the ra.
- Cantrell: If you have any of my green please give it back, but not until after Vice-Chair Landry gets pictures.
- Kathuria: Last week I was not at last week's meeting because I had to do business for my 21st birthday. I had to live it up on my birthday.
- Houston: Yesterday was Chloe Harris's birthday.

Final Roll Call

Adjourn

On a motion to adjourn Harris, Hudson seconded by Duncan

Chair: Abby Halsey-Kraus

Vice-Chair: Amelia Landry

Secretary: Carolyn Berggren

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CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CXI

March 5, 2024

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GS24
Month DD, 2024

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-111-11
SENATE BILL GS24-XX

AS INTRODUCED

An Act of Legislation establishing a referendum to amend
the University of Oklahoma Student Government
Association Constitution to remove all references to the
University College District; providing for short title; and
providing 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 “UCOL Regulation Removal Amendment.”

Section 2: Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to remove all references to the University College District from the SGA Constitution to align with university restructuring plans.

Section 3: AMENDATORY: The Student Government Association Constitution Article III, Section 2.1 is amended as follows:

~~Representatives of Congress shall be elected on the basis of their academic district. Students will be classified by their most recent declared major except in the case that said student is in the University College as determined by official University records. Vacancies in elected districts shall occur when a representative changes districts; however, representatives of the University College District shall serve for their full term, even upon moving to their declared major's college.~~

Section 4: This referendum will appear on the ballot in the Spring 2024 general election.

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

Author(s): Caleb Robinson, University Policy Committee Chair

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

Action taken by Congress: 18-0-0 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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Anand	x	x
Aslam	x	x
Awoyemi	a	a
Baggett	ex	ex
Bento	x	x
Brown, Jenna	a	a
Brown, Khi	a	a
Cantrell	x	x
Cisneros	x	x
Coats	x	x
Crispino	ex	x
Duncan	x	x
Ellis	ex	ex
Fisher	ex	ex
Gilson Bond	x	x
Gulam	ex	ex
Harris, Chloe	x	x
Harris, Hudson	x	x
Isias	ex	ex
Kathuria	x	x
Keupen	x	x
Lemaster	ex	ex
Martin	x	x
Ogle	x	x
Oler	ex	ex
Reynolds	ex	ex
Rhoads	x	x
Robinson	x	x
Schonfield	ex	ex
Strahan	x	x
Wilson	x	x
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Baggett	
Bento	y
Brown, Jenna	
Brown, Khi	
Cantrell	y
Cisneros	y
Coats	y
Crispino	
Duncan	y
Ellis	
Fisher	
Gilson Bond	y
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Harris, Chloe	y
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Martin	y
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