

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS

Session CXI

General Body Meeting

7:00 pm, Tuesday, April 23, 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 | April 16, 2024

On a motion to approve the minutes Rhoads seconded by Aslam

Officer Reports -

- **Chair's Report:** Hi, Friends. Happy last meeting! For my last few pieces of official business, tonight we have a lot going on. Firstly, during Special Orders, we have senior speeches. Speeches will be limited to a maximum of five minutes. Also, under Special Orders, Big 3 is proud to announce the winner of the Rod Jahromi Award. Finally, elections occur tonight. As soon as a nominee is elected, they will assume their position. Rules for elections will be explained when we get there. Under Items to Be Considered, we are seeing an appointment, changes to both the Bylaws and the Code Annotated, and the pilot program for the Conoco. With that being said, this is my last Chair's Report as Undergraduate Student Congress Chair. I would like to start off by recognizing the impact Congress has had on my undergraduate experience. From the friendships I have built to the personal growth moments, all four years in Congress have significantly shaped my leadership skills. The unique challenges I have faced each semester have taught me about the person I am and the impact I wish to leave, not only on campus but also in every area of life. I think about my impact and hope I have affected the organization and the people within the organization as much as they have me. When I began college, I had no idea the places I would go or where I would end up in four years. I had no idea I would be making University decisions on behalf of the community. I had no idea I would meet the friends I would carry with me forever or the role models I would look up to. Who knew fake government could impact me so significantly? By no means am I saying Congress hasn't kept me up late at night and stressed me out to tears. I am saying the challenges and up hill battles have improved my life for the better and I

wouldn't have it any other way. If you learn anything from me, friends, I want you to learn not only to care about the people around you but also to put in the effort you want to get back. Finally, I want to recognize the people who have made Congress what it is for me. To the Chairs before me, I understand now. I didn't when I started my tenure, but I do now. Specifically, Crispin South, when he told me I would feel every decision I make and carry it with me, you were right. To the former committee chairs, Jake Lange, Caitlyn Harmen, Foster Hillis, Graysen Lynskey, and Bailey Trautman (who later became Vice Chair) who first gave me the confidence to run for Chair oh so many months ago, I carry your lessons and kind words with me. To the former members, specifically Bailey Ownby, Eileah Hale, and Loc Vu for showing me grace and friendship. To my current Exec Committee, each one of you means the world to me and I hope you know how much. To all the members of this body, thank you for trusting me to lead you these past 14 months. To the Big Exec Team, especially my fellow student leaders, I'm glad we got through the rough patches together. And finally, to George, I couldn't have asked for a better advisor and friend. Thank you for letting me constantly bug you and for letting me make mistakes. You've always been a shoulder to lean on, and I hope you know I never take that for granted. The people make Congress what it is to me, and each person I have interacted with in the past four years has affected me, whether as a friend or a lesson. Congress has given me a lot, and I could only hope I have given SGA even a fraction back.

- **Vice Chair's Report:** Reminder to fill out the April constituent service form. For the new people, I made you a nametag. Please return them at the end. I will be taking photos again, so if you are not comfortable being posted let me know. Our April Congress Member of the Month is... Noah Coats! If you are new you should have gotten an email from me last week. Please check that out.
- **Secretary's Report:** Hi everyone! I am so thankful to have been the secretary this year. I have made so many amazing friends and met such amazing people, and I want to say how thankful I am for all of you! If you need anything, please reach out! On that note, if anyone wrote a speech for anything tonight and you want a kiss on the forehead, go ahead and send that speech to me.

Committee Reports-

- **Campus Outreach, Safety, and Concerns:** COSCO did not meet officially this weekend because I did not send out the right agenda. Thanks for everyone who came. Bobbie is about to head home, so I wanted to bring her up.
- **Congressional Administration:** I wanted to say congratulations to all of our new members and I wanted to officially say hi. ConAd met officially this week and we saw four bills. CB-111-22 has been tabled. CB-111-25 and CB-111-26 both received a rec of Do-Pass. On CB-111-21 which is our Superior Court Nomination bill, Nominees Dunn, Edmond, Sweet and Wright all received recs of Do-Pass and Nominee Ridenour was not at ConAd on Sunday so they received a rec of no-rec. Please keep that in mind when we vote tonight. Also, if we could hear that bill first tonight after the voting (depending on the time, Nominees are arriving at 8:30) that would be amazing. We also have opened the associate re-admittance form which will close the Thursday before our first Congress meeting next semester. Otherwise, I just wanted to say how honored I am that I got to serve with all of you this year and I hope you have an amazing summer!

- **External Affairs:** EA met this past Sunday. We generally had a pretty laid-back meeting, but we did get a visit from Avery Dunlap, our current Director of Exterior and she shared with us her project for increasing information for local city resources like car mechanics, hair salons, vets, doctors or other life needs for first year students. If anybody in Congress is originally from Norman, please fill out the survey she sent out regarding this project, it should have been sent out as an OUMM, so please share some of your resources!
Otherwise, we just discussed dates in the Fall Semester that will be coming up quickly September like National Voter Registration Day. I hope everyone is doing well!
- **Human Diversity:** My name is Hope, we met this weekend and closed out our projects. We also looked at projects for next semester. I am so grateful to have been able to serve such a wonderful committee.
- **Sustainability:** Hi everyone! Welcome to my last Committee Report! Susty met officially this weekend and we just wrapped up our ongoing projects and set goals for the summer. We had a very eventful last week--Our Trash Walk was on Sunday and we picked up confetti from senior pictures. We also had our speaker event on environmentalism and intersectionality today, which went well. Thank you to those of you that came to support me in my last every Susty endeavor. I won't get too emotional, but I am so grateful to my committee for making this past year my best year. I have dedicated four years to this committee, two of those as Chair. It is a hard goodbye to make, but it isn't one I make forever. Thank you to my committee exec team. I could not have gotten through this past year without you, so thank you Chloe and Aaron for the being best committee exec in Susty history. Thank you to my fellow committee chairs and exec for being my friends and navigating this position with me. You have supported me and held me up when I struggled, especially when I used to cry about getting no first prefs after Orientation. I especially want to thank Abby for being the best Chair I've had during these past four years. I look forward to potentially serving you all as Vice Chair.
HAGS
- **University Policy:** Hello, all! My name is Caleb Robinson, and I am the Chairman of the University Policy Committee. We met officially, very briefly today to ensure all of our projects were ready to go starting next session. I wanted to thank all of my committee members for making me the Chair that I was able to be as I took over in the middle of session - you guys are the reason I was able to be successful in my position
- **Ways and Means:** We did not meet this weekend.

Liaison Reports

- Cantrell: The Panhellenic Council had their final council meeting. A lot of people showed up.

Special Orders

- Senior Speeches

Haskins: By the way, if there are any problems with this speech and you don't cry, don't blame me. I'm not a speech writer. I'm a professional writer. Oh God, okay. This is gross. Well, hi. My name is Hudson Haskins, and I am graduating. So, this is a fun juxtaposition. This morning, I had an advertising presentation for Skyrizi—the pharmaceutical that keeps you from shitting yourself. Tagline “You can't spell Skyrizi without Rizz.” Good, right? Yeah, I had to try not to laugh presenting it. Now, I've got to try not to cry. Life's funny like that. So, I had this checklist before coming to college. Let me list the key things off for you:

- Join a frat.

- Have an unforgettable hazing memory, like my dad's wooden, fraternity, spanking paddle. Which is a great, great story. But anyways—
- Travel abroad. Nope.
- Have your heart broken. Nah.
- Travel for spring break.
- Get into med school.
- Go to a party. Like, a real party.
- Become president (of the United States?)—I had high ambitions.
- Make friends that you'll never forget.

Now, if you know me, you'd know that list is full of unchecked boxes. Life's funny.

So, I've been here for a minute. My first Congress meeting, I was sworn in over Zoom. And I remember being so excited—excited enough that I called my mom at 8pm just to tell her I'd been accepted into Congress, and I was an associate, and I was going to make friends and make a change because I was an associate in Congress!

I also remember being so disappointed because I didn't immediately make a difference; because I didn't make friends. My roommate was on a sleeping schedule 12 hours different than mine. It was...lonely. So, despite my disappointment, I kept on Zooming in to Congress meetings and zoning out as they dragged on into the night.

I fell asleep in at least a few Zoom meetings—safe to say it was good white noise. But I kept going, and I also diligently attended all my committee meetings, like the good little kid that I was. Never mind the fact that I'd been forced onto COSCO—a superstore that forgot its T—instead of the committee I dreamed of—EA...Sports.

I lost my passion for Congress before I even really started. But one dork consistently attending meetings and keeping his camera on was enough for a promotion, I guess.

I don't remember how I became vice chair, and I don't remember how I became chair.

I do remember that feeling of validation when Secretary Sidney May first called my name in our committee. I remember laughing at Allegra Shaffer and Bailey Trautman mandating we do BuzzFeed princess quizzes but disagreeing with my own results—it gave me Cinderella, when I am so clearly a Jasmine. I remember each light walk, from learning how to talk to people again to loving to learn about everyone I possibly could. I remember every lost Sunday and Tuesday night, loathing the length of each meeting, and now, wishing I could go back and relive each meeting again. I lost my passion for Congress, but I found a reason to stay in everyone around me. Let me say, I've been so incredibly grateful to have Abby to lean back on as Chair. She doesn't have all the answers, we don't have all the answers, but her consistent confidence and competency have kept me invested in an organization that I lost passion for a long time ago.

Thank you, Abby. Look, I can't thank everyone up here. It would take too long, and I only have so many tears. I won't put you all through that. So let me instead tell you...I looked forward to every forty-minute Sunday drive to campus this year, because I was coming to people that always made my week better, no matter what. The same goes for nights like these, where I could—hopefully—make you laugh. And now it's all going away.... The faces you saw yesterday will not be the ones you see tomorrow. I know that. And I miss every single person that brightened my time here because my time started so dark. I may not remember every name, but I'll always remember how they made me feel. So, I've always known our time is fleeting. But it doesn't make it any easier to leave. I've stood up here for two years trying to think of the next thing I could do to make you all laugh. And even if they were pity laughs—which still work to reduce cortisol and lower stress—I appreciated every moment. You don't have to remember

me, my name, my face. But I hope you can remember those brief moments of levity, and I hope you can try to give some of the same back into the world. Life never gives what you expect. So, make the best of it. I did, and I'm happy with where it got me. Thank you.

Koenig: If you do not know me my name is Ezra Koenig. I was the previous HD chair, thanks to Hope for taking over my role. I know I have told this story a thousand time, but this will be the last time you'll hear it. A year and a half ago George asked me to run for a representative seat. I immediately asked the only person I knew in Congress which was Chair Halsey-Kraus and asked her if I should go for it. I don't remember what Abby said, so I will say that she said something sappy. I ran with the intent of doing what I was supposed to be doing and nothing else; however, for those that know me, you know that's not how I role. I can into congress at a weird point in my life. I was a senior wanting to apply to grad school and get out of Oklahoma ready to leave OU behind thinking what more can I do in a year and a half that I have not already done. I did a few things within my time here in Congress and I am very happy with what I did. I now have some final pieces of advice from the world's greatest grandpa before I retire from my role. I want to be the person that George was for me someday. One, it is never too late to make a difference. Many of you have just begun your SGA journey at the last meeting. Some of you are a first-year student, or like me where you came in as a junior or senior. No matter that, you can make a difference in your community. Two, be in touch with the community. While SGA is great, it is not and should not be your entire life. Go experience life outside of the walls of the Conoco. Share tea, eat some pie, touch some grass, and have fellowship with those who you represent. Three, put your well-being first. The reason I stepped down as HD chair and left congress was to take care of myself. To be honest, I was not doing well when I was in congress. There is a lesson in my own story. Dr. Bates read a quote that said, "caring for myself is not self-indulgence, it is self-preservation and that is an act of political warfare." I want you to keep that. You cannot make the world a better place if your own denomination is crumbling. Four, find your community within SGA. I want to thank Carolyn specifically for supporting me running for HD chair and taking me in even when I wanted WAM, and still loving me through it. I appreciate that. You saw my passion. I also wanted to thank Amelia, every person in HD, Rylee, Tucker, Ellie, Hudson, and Annie for being my allies during my time as HD chair. I also want to thank Izza for our gossip sessions. Thank you, Jacob, for being one of my first friends besides Abby and Hudson. You made it worth it. Thank you, George, for being my cheerleader, your guidance does not go unnoticed. You keep me from burning things down. I want to thank two very special people in my life who are now family. Former representative Eileah Hale and Abby Halsey-Kraus. Thank you for supporting me through my gay audacity. I do not know what the future will hold for us, but I will miss us yapping in the Conoco. I know all three of us will do amazing things. Thank you congress for solidifying my decision to go into student affairs and I will take everything I have learned with me to Colorado State University.

Anand: I wanted to let you know that I am graduating. I will not be leaving Norman, so if you want to come to see me, I will be here. I will be going to OU Law in the Fall. We can always meet sometime. Thank you for being such a good friend to me. Thank you to Abby for being a great chair. Thanks to Carolyn for learning how to pronounce my name right. Thank you to Amelia for answering all my questions about Congress during orientation. Thanks to Caleb for being a great UPol chair. Thank you, Shrey, for telling me about Congress during our Ochem class. Thank you to every single one of you for supporting me during this process.

Landry: A lot of you probably think that acceptances come frequently for me, and that because I am so involved now, I must have always been. But when I first applied to Congress my sophomore year, I had heard nothing but rejections. In fact, I applied because I had applied for the mock trial team and didn't get in. I remember being so nervous during my interview because I had come off a string of rejections my entire freshman year and all I wanted was be given a chance. Abby Halsey-Kraus was in the interview room that day, and I like to think that she took a chance on me. My first year wasn't so peachy however, as there was a lot of internal organizational strife coming out of the pandemic. I became the secretary of the sustainability committee because of a coin toss - there is literally a 50% chance that I wouldn't be standing before you today as Vice Chair. But while I enjoyed the work of the committee itself, I still struggled to make friends. Most of you all know me as an s-tier yapper and very extroverted, but I promise you this is a recent development in the last 2 years or so. I buried myself in my work by taking on more of it, thus becoming the secretary for the whole body my junior year. Being on the executive team meant I spent a lot of time with members of Congress, and I am so grateful that it is these same people that became my good friends. Serving as the Vice Chair has only strengthened these bonds and expanded them. I have adored getting to educate our new members and planning fun group opportunities because it means that my job is to learn about you all! But rest assured, I do not consider you all friends because it's my job, but because you all are genuinely so cool. I have absolute faith that you will carry this organization to new heights next year. I am not one to believe that everything happens for a reason, but it is admittedly difficult for me to not divine some greater inspiration from my time in Congress. So many little things had to happen to lead up to where I am, and I do believe that those small steps were very real and very intentional. This may be a "fake" government in the sense that we do not have as much

power to carry out projects as we wish, but the people in this organization are unequivocally real. This is perhaps my biggest piece of advice I can give to our remaining members, as cliché as it is: you are NOT a politician. You do not need to maintain this perfect image to the people you represent and especially not to us. You are allowed to make mistakes! I have found that my sweetest memories with SGA have been when my colleagues have lifted me up and given me encouragement during my lowest lows. Speaking of those colleagues, or as I prefer calling them, friends, I would like to give out some thank yous. Starting with you all, thank you for placing your trust in me and for listening to my silly shenanigans. Thank you for letting me represent you publicly on our social media, and thank you for all of the hard work you've put in this year! I also want to shout out some individuals who are not active members anymore but still shaped my career. To Jake Lange, thank you for encouraging me to run for the executive team. Taylor Broadbent, you have been a huge inspiration to me, not only are you one of the most impressive people I've ever met, but you have such a kind heart. I am thrilled that you are continuing Student Government all the way in Australia. And to Bailey Trautman, I adored sharing an office with you last year. You are a hoot and a holler and gave me large shoes to fill when I became Vice Chair. Oh, and did I mention that I am so so proud of you? And to our advisor George and our office assistant Mary, I am so appreciative of all of the support you've given me. I know you like to say you're here because of us, but I genuinely could not be here without you both. To Izza, I am not quite convinced that you didn't rope all of us into a cult of personality, but I will happily partake. I am so proud of how you turned WAM into a tight-knit group. Marilou, I am sad that I am leaving just as I am getting to know you. You've stepped up into a difficult role with grace and pulled off some impressive work – I look forward to seeing what else you accomplish! Caleb, you are likewise one of the most dedicated members I know, and I could see

it in you from the very beginning in ConAd last year. I didn't think it was possible to find someone who was as much of a nerd about SGA as you are. Oh, and you have excellent taste in music! To Carolyn, we are the only two members at this moment who understand just how hard it is to be the secretary. I have a huge amount of respect for you, between your love for cats, your scholarly intelligence, and your time commitment to us. I will say, though, it is totally unfair that you can type twice as fast as me. Hudson, you are always saying that if there is one thing people should know about you, it's that you are a dad. But you are so much more than a dad. You are a fighter, a comedian, a confidante, and a savant. Of course, it does help that you took part in creating the most gorgeous baby to every grace this Earth. Speaking of Earth, miss Rylee, I am beyond thrilled to see you take on this new role as Vice Chair (hopefully) and can think of no one else better fit for it. I am also very proud of your growth as a committee chair and in keeping susty as one of the best committees (yes I am biased). You've always been a part of my SGA journey, so thank you especially for showing me how to be an ideal congress member. Hope – I will start sobbing if I say anything at length about you because I see so much of myself in you. Between the inextricably weird sense of humor, the effort to always meet and include new people, and the poise with which you carry yourself, I am the #1 Hope Rhoads fangirl. You make me want to buy a proud grandma t-shirt off Facebook. Maddy, I feel similarly about you. You're one of the closest friends I've ever had, and I am convinced that you'd be the maid of honor at my future wedding if you weren't also going to be who I was marrying ugh. Bromance aside, it has been a pleasure watching you blossom into the woman you're becoming and to see you gain more and more confidence. You deserve to be here, and you deserve mountains of love and respect. And last but not least, Abby Halsey-Kraus, what would I do without you? You have been, in my humble opinion, the best Congress chair I have seen during my time in SGA. I wish

I could give you hundreds of medals and trophies for purely the amount of time you have put into this position. But it's not just the quantity of work you've produced, but the quality. You inspire me both to do my best every day, but also to be kind to myself. You are going to change the world, and I hope you also know that you, Abby, deserve the world. Well, I've said my piece. Here's to an informative past, a lively present, and a bright future.

- Rod Jahromi Award Presentation – Hudson Haskins!

On a motion to recess for three minutes Kathuria seconded by Robinson

- Elections
 - Chair

Hope Rhoads nominator -

Noah Coats: I am not a bubbly person... in fact, I can be quite phlegmatic and cynical at times. I often distrust those individuals that could be described as bubbly, for it often seems to be an affectation put on to engender trust and familiarity without actually earning trust. Bubbly can be defined as "outgoing, enthusiastic, and full of positive energy. Hope Rhodes is authentically and candidly bubbly. Representative Rhodes is a woman who genuinely cares about her peers and this university. In the time I have gotten to know Hope I've learned three main things about her: 1. As previously mentioned, she is authentically herself and does not compromise her character or personality 2. She is motivated and passion driven, it is beyond clear to me that she is deeply passionate about her roles in SGA and CLA and gives 100% to all she does 3. On that note, she is passionate about supporting those around her. As human Diversity chair, but also simply as a person, she supports everyone around her and strives to bring out the best in everyone she meets. I know she would make an excellent SGA Chair and would serve this body and this university faithfully through this role. And I HOPE, you would consider Representative Rhoads for SGA Chair.

Rhoads: It is an honor to stand here today before you all as a nominee to be the next chair of the Undergraduate Student Congress. Thankful and lucky do not begin to cover how I feel to be offered this opportunity to potentially serve a wonderful and passionate body. I would like to take this time to discuss my leadership experience, platform, and ideas for the upcoming academic year with all of you. Back in October, after serving as the Vice Chair for the Campus Outreach, Safety, and Concerns committee, I was selected to become the new chair of the Human Diversity committee. Within this new position, I was able to learn skills essential to being a successful chair - including what I think are the most important: being able to work outside the confines of one singular committee. Since October, we have been able to work with many congressional committees, other SGA branches, and outside RSOs and organizations. HD has been transformed from a committee that rarely met quorum into one with stellar attendance. We have seen a large influx of projects and legislation this semester compared to previous sessions. Additionally, as of yesterday, I completed my term as Co-Chair for the Crimson Leadership Organization where I doubled the applicant pool and retained our members throughout the year. This is in stark contrast from the previous year where we lost half of our members. Being CLA Co-Chair allowed me to build strong relationships with the executive branch, University administration and staff, and RSO leaders from across our campus. Today I

am running on the HOPE platform. This stands for: Helping build connections, Optimizing outreach, Passing purposeful legislation, and Engaging the body. We need to build connections with RSOs by engaging and collaborating with them, and the other branches of SGA, to continue to grow our body and the reach of our work. This is critical to the very framework to ensure Congress continues to become more successful. How can we help RSOs find out about the resources SGA has available to provide? As Chair, I would host SGA funding request workshops with the WAM Committee in the Fall and Spring semesters for RSOs, as well as encourage project work with larger groups such as Camp Crimson, It's On Us, the multicultural student associations, and more. The Congress Chair serves as apart of "Big Exec". This is a group made up of the SGA President, VP, CAC Chair, and GSS Chair. My friendships and experiences working with these leaders will allow us to get to work for the entirety of the OU Student Government Association. I would optimize congressional outreach which would include presenting about SGA, general applications, and the campus concern link to multicultural organizations and GenEd classes. This way, Congress can continue to build face-to-face relationships with all students and serve our constituents more effectively. Tabling during election filing at the academic colleges and essential campus buildings will be one of my top priorities. New members can be intimidated at first to get involved or write legislation. I would host optional bill writing workshops so members can get more comfortable with the legislative process and writing good bills. Writing purposeful legislation means taking the time to ensure legislation is impactful and thought out. Committee chairs will be trained on how to help guide their members through the writing process. Examples of excellent legislation from all committees will be compiled and posted online for members to gather information and inspiration from. You can make a difference on this campus. That is why engaging the body is so important right now. Members stay in Congress throughout their time on campus not only because of the work we do, but the friendships they make. Everyone should enjoy their time in the body, that is why I will have an anonymous feedback form readily available at all time so Congress Exec can hear from our members. I would also like to host one-on-ones with new members as they are sworn into Congress. I'd recommend to committee chairs that they meet with new members of the body and that everyone get to know one another outside of the meetings. I will promote not only these bonding activities, but also other events including those from CAC, the Eve of Nations, philanthropic events, and more. This is not only a way to engage our body but engage our campus. To make campus better, we need to be better. I encourage you to not only Hope but vote for a better Congress.

Caleb Robinson nominator:

Bento: Good evening, everyone. Today, I am here to finally nominate and recommend that you all elect Caleb Robinson as Chair of this Undergraduate Student Congress. If there is anything you must know about Caleb, let it be that whatever cause he takes up, he will dedicate himself entirely to pursuing it. Most importantly, he acknowledges that he cannot do this without a TEAM. Through his experience as UPOL Chair and CONAD Vice Chair, he has lived by his platform of ensuring that this body plays a pivotal role in guiding our future - undertaking projects alongside other committees (including my own), working with the Executive Branch, and being willing to add more projects to his agenda for members who aren't even in his committee to work on. After taking control of his committee, he quickly turned it around into a project machine. I personally have seen Caleb run UPOL as one of the most organized committees in Congress and his passion for the issues extends not only to what he believes in but

also in what all his different committee members were working towards. The amount of care and sometimes intense curiosity has driven Caleb to help everyone he is around and streamline the process to his members getting their projects done. I believe he will extend this to all of Congress and be able to give all members the same care and attention to detail I have seen him give to others. This is a busy position, and he has the necessary experience balancing a high project load and has developed crucial connections with administrators. He has placed an emphasis on the different backgrounds and majors of his members, recognizing the importance of a diverse range of voices on important issues impacting our student body. If you are in his committee, you have probably heard him say “we are student leaders, in that order.” He has, since I first became a member of Congress, worked to ensure that his committee and those around him do not feel behind or overwhelmed, and feel supported. I believe, given his experience, unmatched drive, and vision for this body, Caleb is the best fit for this position to continue driving this organization forward, not alone, but as a TEAM.

Robinson: When I first got to congress I looked around and I felt like I did not know what I was doing, but that everyone else did. I knew what I wanted to do, but I did not know how to do it. It took about a month or so for me to submit my application for ConAd vice-chair. It was with the current ConAd Chair Abby Halsey-Kraus where I told her my experience probably was not enough to be in this role. Just a few days later she emailed me back and said that I have the most potential to grow. Those words have stuck with me and I have led by the words ever since. I have instilled those words into my committee, and I know that each and every one of you have that potential. The first thing is, you cannot do that alone, but on the bright side, you do not have to. Everyone here is a part of a team who has the same passions as you. It is important to acknowledge the work you do, but the student body does not get to see that everyday. That is due to us falling short on our transparency. Every student on campus needs to understand the work we do, and if they do that will lead to more seats getting filled. We have heard congress be referred to as “fake government” tonight. That is not true. We need to be intentional and help students understand what we have done, what we do, what we plan on doing, and what students want us to do. We want to ensure that their voices are heard as step one. Number two, we need to ensure we are being transparent with other branches. I talked with President Glasscock and others in the executive branch about if they would be willing to come speak that congress, and that is so important. Transparency transcends branches. Next, we have empowerment. I have heard from some of you that you do not think you have the power to push this body. I want to be sure that you have that ability and establish a committee specifically for recruitment and retention with one member from every district, so you can tailor your approach to each district. Next, we have engagement. Engagement is crucial. We want to be able to work with other RSO’s and committees. We want to work with everyone to ensure that we have fair policies. For engagement, I want to attend 8 different classes within 8 different departments on 8 different days to ensure that students are seeing us and giving you the opportunity to do that within their major. That will help students know that they can join no matter what their major. Next, while we are politically oriented, it is important to understand that we have 14 districts. We often fall short of making sure each district has careers and projects that fit your goals. We often focus on political science or the law path, not mechanical engineering or the business administration paths. I want to make sure that each district has the same career development opportunities. I ask you all to please join me, to let me lead this wonderful team.

Ten minutes remaining for questions

- Kathuria: The issue of diversity, equity, and inclusion is a topic widely discussed. How do you plan on ensuring that DEI is maintained in congress?
 - Robinson: The first thing I want to do is compile a list of multi-cultural organizations and meet with them at the beginning of the semester. It is important that we are acknowledging the needs of students. I want to be able to use these conversations to decide what projects we need people to work on that involve diversity, equity, and inclusion. We want to make sure that RSO's have a voice with what they are doing because they can only do so much on their own. I think legislation can only go far, and I also have connections with legislators so I would love to do lobbying specifically for that. We need to stay engaged with those in the state capital, because administrators can only do so much. We want to lay our agenda with our concerns and ask what we can do for them and what they can do for us. A lot of students are concerned, so we need students in positions of power to address them.
 - Rhoads: I am the human diversity committee chair. Within my platform I talked about meeting with multi-cultural organizations and other RSO's. Diversity is not just race and ethnicities, it is also socioeconomic backgrounds and first-generation students, so meeting with people from these different backgrounds and letting them know that even if they do not want to join SGA that we have a student concern link, so we can hear those diverse voices. We want to keep conversations with administrations on how important we think DEI is.
- Coats, Noah: Both of you have been in prestigious positions in the past, what is it about you specifically as a person makes you suitable for this role?
 - Rhoads: I am an incredibly passionate person. I give 100% to everything I do. I take things too seriously, but I do not see that as a flaw. I am also optimistic. I have an innate ability to connect with people and I am not afraid to tell people hello. I think those qualities make me perfect to be chair.
 - Robinson: I think my drive is the most important thing. My drive can be a little annoying, but that is because when I touch something I chase after it until I get it done. When I start something, I will not stop until i reach the goal i want to achieve. If that goal is the improvement of this body, then that is what i will be consistently achieving. Another thing I think i enjoy bringing to the table is my ability to be strict and follow the rules. Sitting down and talking with people and acknowledge that we have governing documents is important.
- Keupen: I am the current vice-chair of COSCO and I plan to be in COSCO next session. Since you both touched on outreach, what would you like to see from COSCO?
 - Robinson: Something we started with UPol and COSCO is our student survey. We want feedback from students to hear what concerns they are having in a district, house, or dorms. Getting that link, I would love to see COSCO put that out more often as an annual thing. Some parts of the year are where there are not a lot of projects, but getting this project going could help us.
 - Rhoads: We have touched a lot on outreach and inclusion. I would like to table within the colleges for each individual district so the people can learn what representatives are. When I tabled for CAC, people would come up and ask who

these people are and why they matter. Starting to table before we vote would be beneficial.

- Coats, Lucas: How will you as chair better represent the business district, and how will business students play a more important role within congress?
 - Rhoads: For representation within the business district, I have the idea to table within the business college. Also, I want to make those efforts to get to know constituents and presenting to them. I want to tell the business students about what WAM is and try to connect them to our body.
 - Robinson: One of the biggest things I want to hit on is a specific recruitment committee. That would include one member from every district, including the business district, where they will sit down and say what will bring the students in. I just looked and there are 3800 students in our business district, and we had zero business applicants. I would like to sit down with business majors to see what is not working and have the business majors guide our past. I would love to connect with business majors and connect them to the WAM chair and let them know about the process or any input.

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

- Gilson-Bond: One of the superpowers that a chair needs to have is to edit legislation, do either of you have experience editing bills.
 - Robinson: I have been a go-to for helping with legislation for those who need it. I edit the legations for those around me and also help draft legation. I have been an author on 7 pieces of legislation and have been a co-author of five pieces of legislation. I would like to work with our vice-chair to see more legislation in orientation.
 - Rhoads: I do have experience with legislation. HD has had a rise in legislation. To be honest, learning about legislation was a learning curve for me. I would love to teach people how to write and edit legalization and to host bill workshops. Editing legislation was a learning curve for me, I started on a project-based committee, so when I first said I wanted to write a bill, my committee chair said he did not know how to write one. I want to start there and teach people how to write legislation. I can edit now, but I only learned this year. I want to take those steps to make sure committee chairs know how to write legislation.
- Harris: Students who are active their first year are more likely to be active in their furthering years, how do you plan on continuing this?
 - Rhoads: I have had the opportunity to meet with camp crimson and worked on a project to make camp crimson more accessible. We found it was important to promote SGA to these students. A lot of them simply do not know what SGA does, they do not know what the Engage page is or how to work it. Taking the time to table at events that have first-year students who are eager to join. Also, to retain, I would love to host one-on-ones with every new member of the body so they can take the time to get to know their leaders.
 - Robinson: Two things I have discussed recently are tabling better and also getting more CLA members into our body. CLA is a huge organization dedicated to first-year students, but we struggle with getting those students into congress. There are around 40 of them in CLA, but we do not see them all. We want to push them into the body while also expanding their leadership skills. On top of that, when tabling

I noticed we lacked resources. Getting those resources will help connect to students. We also want to be intentional with the students we talk to.

- Strickland: What does the undergraduate student congress do, and how do you advocate for SGA?
 - Robinson: SGA is meant to make students' lives better. Many people do not understand that. People think we are all just a bunch of political science nerds, and while that may be true for me, that is not true for everyone. We want to ensure we have a list of accomplishments we have completed to show students. We want to meet with students and make sure they understand what we do. We want students from different majors to go speak to their classmates so they can see there is more than political science majors.
 - Rhoads: The undergraduate student congress is one of the many branches of SGA. While I have found my home here, I would like to refer to it as the legislative body. We have multiple committees and working parts. We work together to make projects and legislation to recommend to administrators. SGA is so much bigger than just congress. We want to make sure we increase connections with CLA, CAC, and the executive branch. Most of us within student government are passionate. Multiple people sign our bills, and we are all encompassing SGA. It is important that we work with other branches to make things happen.
- Koneru: SGA has quite a few resources to give to RSO's, what further resources could be added to help our RSO's?
 - Rhoads: I think a lot of RSO's struggle with applying for SGA funding. I would love to offer workshops to understand how they get funding and work with RSO's to see what they need from student government.
 - Robinson: There are two things I want to hit heavy on. Primarily it is the accessibility and disability resource center. That is not from us, but I do not think we do a good enough job of promoting it. The ADRC also does not do a good enough job of promoting resources. A lot of RSO's have students who have hearing disabilities or are visually impaired, and they struggle to get students to show up. I would love to work with the ASL club to see if they can help with interpretation and show up to events or getting some ADRC interpreters. Most RSO meetings are not very accessible, so as long as we are ensuring that we are promoting the ADRC, we can give students more access to opportunities.

On a motion to extend time for questions by ten minutes Cantrell seconded by Coats, Noah

- Reynolds: Can you name one or more qualities you like about your candidate?
 - Robinson: When we showed up to our first congress meeting, it was me, hope, and Hudson. Hope was the first person to come up to me and talk to me. Her outgoing bubbly personality that representative coats mentioned. I wish I could be that bubbly. I would die for that personality. Also, your organization, you have so much going on, but you always manage to put your best foot forward.
 - Rhoads: Me and Caleb sat together on the first day. On that day I learned how dedicated he was. As an associate he showed up to every congress meeting. I wished I could be like him. He is extremely dedicated, and I love his ability to write bills. I have seen him go out of his way to help write legislation. He cares a lot and I respect that about him.

- Aslam: It seems there is an epidemic in the undergraduate student congress where people join then very quickly leave, how do you plan to increase retention?
 - Rhoads: I understand the problem of retention. I came in as CLA co-chair and was terrified that I was going to lose students at the amount we lost last year. I learned the importance of connecting with your members, by reaching out and getting to know them, by sending them texts, and having one-on-ones. If they think we do not care about them, they will not want to stay.
 - Robinson: One of the first things I did when I became University Policy chair was I sent out a survey to get to know my members. A lot of them probably viewed this as cheesy, but that was something I valued. I have a google calendar with all of their birthdays. Being intentional with members and ensuring that they feel what their personal needs are, are met. We have a few people who are social, and the rest just sit. I want to get those quiet members to feel comfortable.
- Anand: What are your plans on how you would balance your commitments and schooling?
 - Robinson: I do not plan to be any busier than this position would give me. If you ask Chair Halsey-Kraus, that would be as busy as can be. When I came in my freshman year, I was in a lot of organizations and that made it hard to balance. When I became a committee chair, I learned how to maintain a good work-life balance. We are student leaders in that order. I love to let members know to take time for themselves. Being apart from student government is a duty, but taking care of yourself is also important.
 - Rhoads: In terms of time commitments, I am someone who has a lot. I have served as CLA co-chair, HD committee chair, and exec on my sorority. Next semester I hope to only be Chair. The only other commitment would be being a math tutor/
- Cantrell: What experiences do you have interacting with first-year students and how will you keep them engaged?
 - Rhoads: I have a lot of interactions with first year students. With my role of CLA co-chair, my role was to connect to first year students and learn to connect with them. I got a lot of them to join congress in the first place. What truly keeps people engaged is showing that you care about them.
 - Robinson: We need to connect with students before they start school. We want students to know that we are here for them regardless of what they do. Meeting with students in first-year classes allows us to help them before they know what to do. We see in the real world that when people start voting at 18, they are more likely to be politically engaged for the rest of their lives. We want to help these students get engaged.
- Cantrell: What method are you going to communicate with about transparency and resources offered?
 - Robinson: I want to get out there and start tabling and be intentional. We need to meet with students to let them know what we need to do and want to do. I would like to see a list maintained from our new secretary about what bills we have passed. Tabling in high traffic areas will help us show people what we have done and get feedback on if they think we are doing a good enough job and how we can improve.

- Rhoads: I believe in Congress it's less about transparency and more about awareness. We have open meetings, and our minutes are public. If people truly wanted to know they could find it. I think we need to make people more aware of where they want to attend our meetings. We want students to know we have resources for them and listen to their concerns.
- Cantrell: How will you go about interacting with Greek life and getting them to join our organizations?
 - Rhoads: I am very involved with Greek life because I am in a sorority. I am willing to make the effort to go to chapters and present to them about what SGA does. Most fraternities and sororities are open to people speaking at meetings if the presentations are short. We want to give them resources about what SGA offers. We do not have a lot of Greek life members, but they represent a large part of our student population. Getting those people involved will only do us justice.
 - Robinson: I am not in Greek life, but I know there are quite a few people in this body who are in Greek life. From COSCO, I would like to see some Greek life liaison to have someone presenting to their chapter meetings. It does play an important part in this university, and with joining the SEC this is even more important. I think we should send Greek life members as liaisons to keep that intentionality going.

On a motion to enter executive session Gilson-Bond seconded by Oler

On a motion to exit executive session Reynolds seconded by Aslam

Rhoads elected as chair 15-13-0

- Vice Chair

Rylee Houston's nominator:

Bento: Even though we only have one nominee for Vice Chair tonight I couldn't imagine anyone more suited for the role than Rylee Houston. Rylee also has great experience being in Congress and is always pushing to see results out of her committee projects and her own personal ones. I know she will help continue to motivate the body and help us all achieve success within the body.

Even though I never saw this with my own eyes, before Rylee became SUSTY Chair SUSTY was a very small committee. The work she has done to make it into the powerhouse it is today cannot be understated. Looking back, it would be hard to imagine that today SUSTY is one of the strongest and most interconnected committees in congress but the bonds the SUSTY members have with each other is evident to anybody who attends any of our meetings. I believe she will be able to bring her understanding of building community to the Vice Chair Position and make all of Congress feel more interconnected.

Houston: Hi friends! I am so excited to be running to serve you as Vice Chair. Most of you may know me, but we also have a lot of new faces, so let me start by introducing myself. My name is Rylee Houston and I currently serve as the Chair of the Sustainability Committee. I've been a member of the body for the past four years, and I've been the Chair of Susty for the past two years. My pronouns are she/her and I'm studying dual degrees in Professional Writing and Letters with a minor in Political Science. I'm also on the OU Debate Team, but please do not start an argument with me for fun—I will cry. I've seen a lot during my time in the body, many of

the ups and downs, the epic highs and lows of high school football if you will, and it has inspired me to run for Vice Chair. I've seen the things that previous execs have excelled at that I want to replicate, but I've also seen the things that I want to change. I inherited a committee that has historically always been small and under-involved, but I think I could comfortably say now that Susty is probably the biggest and most consistently engaged it has ever been. I of course don't want to take all of the credit—My committee has worked extremely hard this semester, especially my exec team. But I truly believe that the reason behind this change is simple: fostering a community that is encouraging and uplifting.

That is my primary goal as your future Vice Chair—to make Congress a community that is supportive and fun to be a part of. This goal has impacted every aspect of my platform—ROOT—because I believe that trees need strong roots to grow. If Congress is a tree of interconnected branches, then those roots start with here, with each of you at the individual level. First, as Vice Chair, I want to increase RSO communication. I believe that this is a very important aspect of engagement and success, both for RSO's and for Congress. When we work with RSO's on campus, we are encouraging them and making connections that can help grow our body. It is also important for them to feel supported by SGA. When I was the Vice Chair of Susty, I implemented a liaison role that connected Susty to environmental RSOs, and that was something I continued to hold my Vice Chair responsible for as Chair. As Vice Chair of Congress, I would like to do something similar.

Second, the Vice Chair serves sort of as a public relations role, and they run the Congress Instagram. Currently, Susty is the only committee with an Instagram account or any other form of social media, so I believe that I am well qualified to take on this aspect of the role. I think Vice Chair Landry has done an exceptional job at running our social media and has made a lot of changes that improve our outreach. This is something I would like to continue and expand upon, by doing things like collaborating with other organizations on Instagram. Third, I would like to organize more Congress events outside of meetings. This is something previous Vice Chairs have worked on, but I think that being more consistent about hosting events outside of the body is important for fostering a connected community. Part of the reason engagement gets low in organizations is because new members tend to feel a sense of alienation and disconnect, I know I did when I was new to the body. If I had organized events that allowed me to feel seen and heard aside from my projects, I would have found my love for SGA a lot sooner. Lastly, I believe that we can grow stronger if we work together. I want to create more collaboration and connection within Congress, both to help us grow as a body and as people. Many people, especially my roommates who wish I was at \$2 Tuesday instead of here, often ask me “it's just fake government, why do you care so much?”. The answer, to me, is simple—You guys. When I was new, I felt like nobody cared about me or my role in Congress, especially as an Associate. These past two years as Committee Chair, I have dedicated my time to making sure that no one in my committee ever feels that way, and something that I hope to extend to each member of the body as Vice Chair.

- Gilson-Bond: How do you plan on working with associates who feel disengaged?
 - I was an associate for most of my time here. I know what it is like to be an associate and feel like my voice does not matter. I want to connect with people on a personal level and make them feel like they matter.
- Landry: How did you get so sexy?

- My mom is a MILF.
- Coats, Noah: How do you deal with planning such a widespread event?
 - I think that past vice-chairs have done a very good job with this role. Before this year, the exec committee did not go to orientation. I want to make sure that the committee chairs are working with new members to help make sure they feel welcome and included.
- Kathuria: Congress has changed quite a bit; how do you think congress has changed to be a more friendly environment?
 - I think a big part of how that environment has shifted has been due to the people on exec who reach out to people and connect with people. People like Abby and Amelia who reach out and talk to you. Congress used to be a mean place, but I can say the leaders before me have done a good job with fostering a positive environment. I think that is really important and continuing to reach out to people is important.
- Strickland: What does SGA Undergraduate Student Congress do, and do you intend to do that?
 - SGA takes undergraduate students and sorts them into either representative or associate positions. We then put people on committees to complete work for a specific topic. I plan to go to committee meetings and help in any way I can.
- Kathuria: Do you plan on continuing to show up to committee meetings like the previous vice-chair?
 - Yes. I absolutely enjoy that part of being in congress, and I plan on attending as many meetings as possible.
- Cantrell: How do you plan on organizing your office space?
 - I think the office should help people feel welcome and boost morale. I want people to feel that it is a cozy space and feel welcome.
- Cantrell: How are you planning on using your experience as a Gaylord student and your experience running an Instagram to help with this position?
 - Vice-chair Landry gave me the great idea to create a content calendar in advance. I am chronically online, so I want to repost what other RSO's are doing.

On a motion to enter executive session Cantrell seconded by Kathuria

On a motion to exit executive session Schonfield seconded by Aslam

Rylee Houston elected at vice-chair 19-0-0

- Secretary

Chloe Harris nominator:

Gilson-Bond: Good Evening, today I'm going to be talking about why I believe Chloe is the best fit for this position. I'm not going to do this in a fashion that belittles the other person running because truly I believe everyone in this room deserves to be here today. I want to talk about the 2 years I've known Chloe to demonstrate to you why she would be best for not just you but your constituents. I met Chloe at Camp Crimson and you might be able to say we are pretty tight, we both joined Congress, and although I have never seen myself as a political, or maybe even the best person in the room I was and have always seen the best qualities in her to fit whatever position she believes she can do. Joining sustainability, very quickly she took on the role of being our secretary. She has always done more than just write the minutes. She's helped in various legislation, and projects, and has overall been there for anyone who has sought someone

to talk to. Being in exec doesn't mean just doing the bare minimum for what your job requires it's about being a well-rounded individual to be able to take on any challenge that comes your way. Chloe has consistently done that. For months now she has been meticulously working on being not only the best secretary for you, but making sure she gives you everything you are looking for in someone to sit on this stage and represent the best in student congress. It's hard to encapsulate everything she has done for me and others in 2 minutes but let it be known that the things that she's done for me have made me want to stay here for the remainder of my time at OU. She's continued to let me see the great good that Congress does, and I hope she can do the same for you. So please T.R.E.A.T yourself by voting for Chloe Harris for Secretary.

Harris: Good afternoon, everybody as you may know my name is Chloe Harris, a little about myself I am currently a junior and an English Major on a pre-law track. I am also the current secretary of the Sustainability Committee and was previously a representative in the University College district as well as an associate for a semester. I have been a part of SGA for about 2 years now and can say that there is no organization that I would rather be a part of. SGA has provided me with so many opportunities to make a difference on this beautiful campus and to meet so many amazing people. I have made some of my best and closest friends through this organization and that is a big reason why I want to be Secretary of the General Body. I want to help each and every person find their place in Congress while also continuing to work to make a difference. This brings me to my platform and the initiatives I plan to enact if you choose me as your secretary. The first letter is T for transparency, as congress members who are consistently writing new legislation, it is important for you to be able to have a place where you can view past legislation that we have passed in the body. This is why I will create a shared document that includes the bills and resolutions for you to be able to access at any point. Next is R for regularity coming into the role of secretary in a committee especially as a new member can be a daunting task, I know it was for me, which is why as secretary I want to have monthly meetings with all the committee secretaries, so that I can get to know everyone and help them learn more about their important role that they have taken on in congress. I will also make templates for the minutes for secretaries to follow so that they have something to reference. E is efficiency, I want to continue the work that Carolyn has done for us and build off of her effort. I think it is a very important job to be able to send out the minutes as close to after the meeting has finished as possible so that those who were unable to attend can read through them and know what they missed. My current minutes as the SUSTY secretary position are sent out within 3 hours of the end of our meetings and I will continue to prioritize the minutes being sent out quickly after the general body. The A stands for accountability, you need someone that you can trust and by choosing me you will be doing that. As a previous University College Representative, I have never missed a general body meeting and have consistently stayed for the whole duration. I will not let you down if you choose me and I will continue to show up for every one of you every week. The last T stands for thoroughness, it is important for the secretary to capture as much of what occurred in the meeting as possible so that when those who are not in the body read them they can still understand and see the great work that we do. This is something that I strive to do every week in my own minutes and if you vote for me, I will make sure to make the general body meeting minutes as thorough as I possibly can. I have also met with Carolyn and discussed the responsibilities of Secretary and I truly believe that I am up to the task, and I am very passionate about this role! So, make it easier for you and TREAT yourself by voting for me! Thank you!

Jacob Schonfield nominator:

Duncan: I am nominating Jacob Schonfield for the position of Secretary. Jacob brings a wealth of experience to this role, having served as the secretary for the WAM committee and numerous other organizations, including OIL. His experience with similar administrative roles provides him with a strong foundation of knowledge and skills that will no doubt benefit Congress.

Jacob's ability to efficiently manage long meetings is truly remarkable. He successfully transcribed WAM minutes for a meeting that extended over eleven hours, showing his exceptional dedication and commitment to the secretary's task. His willingness to go the extra mile without complaint are a testament to his professionalism and strong work ethic.

Outside of his organizational roles, Jacob is an outstanding individual. He is consistently kind, compassionate, and always ready to lend a helping hand to those in need. Jacob consistently goes above and beyond in all his endeavors. I have no doubt that his strong organizational skills, adaptability, and genuine passion for serving others make him the ideal candidate for the position of Secretary.

I am confident he will bring fresh perspectives and exceptional leadership to our organization.

Thank you.

Schonfield: I will keep it short. I have a lot of experience with administrative tasks. I am currently the ways and means committee secretary. That is a big task. It takes hours and hours in the Conoco to do this work. I also have acted as the chief clerk in the house and in OIL. I am comfortable with taking votes and I did talk to her today. I am comfortable with taking minutes. I want to give you verbatim minutes the next day. Verbatim minutes are ideal. I can promise you that if you send me an email, I will respond to you within 24 hours. I open them as soon as they pop up. I will always make myself available as body members if you have any questions, comments, or concerns. I can help you whenever necessary.

- Glasscock: Do you like typing?
 - Schonfield: Yes. I have a ton of experience with it. I have a 60wpm typing speed. That is well above average, and I promise to get you verbatim minutes as soon as possible.
 - Harris: I love typing. I find it satisfying I have been working on my words per minute for months now and I am at 68.
- Coats, Noah: What's the longest page count of minutes you have taken?
 - Harris: About 4 pages. Susty minutes are not very long, but they are detailed.
 - Schonfield: I am guessing, but based on what I remember it was 28. I have done verbatim minutes for executive session meetings for OIL, and I have gotten good with verbatim minutes.
- Cousins: What do you think the most important role of secretary is outside of the minutes?
 - Schonfield: I would say the administrative role is the most important. For example, keeping the list of bills. The role of secretary is to be available to you guys.
 - Harris: I think the most important role is being able to hold people accountable and make connections. Trying to get people to show up is reaching out and making those connections.
- Oler: Have either of you read each other's minutes?
 - Harris: Yes, I see them in the Conoco and I love reading the minutes.

- Schonfield: I cannot say I have read susty minutes, but I have read the minutes from Carolyn.
- Kathuria: How do you plan on holding people accountable with absences?
 - Schonfield: Holding people accountable is a fine line. You want to hold people accountable but also make it clear that I do not want to hold you to the flame on your excused or unexcused absences. I want to make sure the policy is clear while also making sure that I understand that people have things that pop up.
 - Harris: I want to connect with people and show them that we care about them. I understand that everyone is busy, so I will work with the students to make sure they can get excused.
- Coats, Lucas: Why are you drawn to the position originally?
 - Harris: Being a committee secretary has drawn me to this originally and I find it relaxing.
 - Schonfield: It is a job and an experience that I enjoy. I would love to be able to bring my expertise to the body. I think I would do a great job and I want to do that for you.
- Cantrell: How familiar are you with asking questions to nominees and making motions?
 - Schonfield: With my position, I do not get to be super involved. I try to be involved in general body meetings, and I have OIL where we do mock government, it is a good practice for Parli Pro and get to practice those things. I have done this for two years now
 - Harris: Being a member of SGA for two years, I have got a lot of experience. I am very engaged in my own committee and also make motions in general body.

On a motion to extend time for questions by ten minutes Gilson-Bond seconded by Aslam

- Coats, Noah: What is your favorite font?
 - Harris: I love Garamond, it is pretty.
 - Schonfield: Georgia Pro is my favorite.
- Gilson-Bond: How many meetings have you missed while being secretary of your committees?
 - Schonfield: I have never missed a WAM meeting. For general body, I have had to miss 3, but I have not missed any prior to that.
 - Harris: I have never missed a general body meeting, within my committee I have missed two unofficial meetings, but i try to attend all of them.
- Carter: Besides administrative or clerical work, what do you want to bring from your positions to the general body?
 - Harris: I want to bring a close-knit group to general body, and I would do this with one-on-one meetings. I want people to feel comfortable asking questions and come to office hours.
 - Schonfield: I think my number one goal would be interacting with members. The thing I really love about WAM is the levity and fun we bring to meetings. I also like to keep things concise, and I would love to see that in general body as well.
- Kathuria: Are you aware of the fact that there were minutes in 2022 that were never posted to the website?
 - Schonfield: I was not aware.
 - Harris: I was not aware, but that is unacceptable.
- Coats, Noah: What is the craziest haircut you have ever had?

- Harris: I dyed my hair blonde.
- Schonfield: My sister is a hairdresser. I went on a trip and my hair was green and red with a money piece that was blonde.

On a motion to enter executive session Aslam seconded by Cantrell

On a motion to exit executive session Aslam seconded by Wilson

Objection Kathuria

19-2-0 Objection fails

Chloe Harris elected as Secretary 15-7-0

Student Concern Link

Items to Be Considered

On a motion to see CB-111-21-A Coats, Noah seconded by Beasley

- CB-111-21-A “April 2024 Superior Court Act 1” (ConAd, Do Pass)
(Glasscock/Burch/Halsey-Kraus/Taylor/Wolthius)

Authors Explanation:

Hi everyone. These are the people that we picked to be on Superior Court. Here is a little bit about them: Catalina Emond is a Junior who is very knowledgeable about law, pre-law society, serves honors college, honors research. Randi Wright was a Former Election commissioner and served on election board for former elections. Knowledge for position. Jack Sweet was a former nominee and couldn't do it because he wasn't at OU for a year. He is a law student and very qualified. Tucker Dunn is maybe one of the most enthusiastic members of the body and wants to bring new energy and ideas to the superior court. He is a prelaw student.

Remaining for questions –7:31

- Kathuria- Could you introduce yourselves, talk about your major and why you are excited to serve on the Superior court?
 - Dunn- Thank you for your question. As ConAd chair, I involved myself with the bylaws and procedures and figured out that I am interested in this area of work.
 - Wright- I am an international studies major, I am part of OIL and Local Action, I have also been an election commissioner.
 - Edmon- Hi I am in the honors college and doing honors research.
 - Sweet- I am a law student here at OU. I was recently accepted into the Law Honor Society.
- Kathuria- What are you looking for in particular, in terms of qualities on the superior court?
 - Glasscock- When it comes to this position it is not just what I want, but what is best for the student body.
- Cantrell- How familiar are you with the governing documents and the superior court?
 - Edmon- I have also reviewed the documents and have a working familiarity with them.
 - Wright- I am very familiar with any governing documents because I was election commissioner.
 - Dunn- I have for my sense become extremely familiar with the governing docs when I was the ConAd chair.
- Robinson- Do you guys have any plans to get people more involved?

- Edmon- Something that I am really interested in implementing a pre-law society on campus to introduce students to what they could be getting involved in to prepare for law school.
- Kathuria- Are any of you interested in doing any outreach events?
 - Glasscock- Yes.

Motion to extend time by 5 minutes Kathuria seconded by Robinson

- Robinson- When you see the word “shall” do you interpret it as must?
 - Sweet- As Must.
 - Edmon- As Must.
 - Wright- As Must.
 - Dunn- As Must.
- Strickland- How do you plan to stay committed to working with the rest of SGA leader?
 - Dunn- I think it's important to note that while we, the superior court, do interact with the law students quite a bit. It would be great to see more of them.
 - Sweet- I think it's important to engage pre-law students. I remember as an undergrad having law students speak with me and it encouraged me to go to law school.
 - Wright- I would like to second that as well, I think that is important.
 - Edmon- I agree.
 - Dunn- I agree.
- Kathuria- Do you believe that minutes should be provided from superior court meetings?
 - Sweet- Yes.
 - Edmon- Yes
 - Wright- Yes
 - Dunn- Yes

20-0-0

On a motion to table CB-111-21-B Indefinitely Beasley seconded Coats, Noah

- CB-111-21-B “April 2024 Superior Court Act 2” (ConAd, No Rec)
Glasscock/Burch/Halsey-Kraus/Taylor/Wolthius)

On a motion to see CB-111-23 Coats, Noah seconded by Bento

- CB-111-23 “Conoco Student Leadership Center Pilot Program Act of 2024.” (Halsey-Kraus, Burch/Tramel/Glasscock/Mortazavi)

Authors Explanation:

Hi everyone so this is something that the exec team has been working on all semester. The second and third floor were known as RSO space and what has been brought up to us by students is that this is something that should be addressed as the space has not been being used properly. Right now, there are about 17/18 offices being used and over 500 RSO’s on campus. What this is basically saying is that this is a pilot program, after a year we will reevaluate the space and determine where to go forward from there. There will be 20 available offices that can be reserved for any RSO.

Remaining for questions- 5:44

- Kathuria- How do you think that the implementation of this policy will be friendly toward all RSO’s on campus?
 - Glasscock- We evaluated through the survey that more RSO’s want the opportunity to use the office space.

- Gilson- Bond- Why not just a semester?
 - o Halsey-Kraus- Yeah so why we decided to make it a year is that initial semester is going to be used to go to be used to spread the word to everybody and that second semester is when we are really going to be able to see any changes.
- Coats, Noah- So you mentioned that the Fall semester will be the spread the word semester by what means do you plan to do that?
 - o Halsey-Kraus- So we have been using Engage quite a bit not only for current office hours, but RSO's to spread the word on the questionnaire. So, we are using Engage for that mechanism to send those mass communication emails as well as OUMM and just word of mouth truthfully.
 - o Glasscock- I would also add on Instagram we have a lot of awareness on Instagram and making sure that we can spread the word through SGA.
- Oler- Can you clarify how long you have been putting this bill together, and when this bill was finalized?
 - o Halsey-Kraus- Conversations about this have been on for a while, the most permanent date I can give you was the first communication we had of this was in September 2023 when RSO's were currently allocated space had to sign a contract saying they would move out. As far as when the questionnaire went out it was the week before Spring Break.
 - o Glasscock- The bill itself over the course of the semester. My term started at the beginning of this semester, so we have been carrying on conversations over the last 3 years.
- Oler- Do you believe that a month and a half of survey feedback is enough for a bill that has been in development for over a year? How is that short period of time to get student responses made up in this bill?
 - o Glasscock- All RSO's that do have allocated space have had until September to move out. I would also say that there are only 17 officeholders and we have been constantly reaching out to them since April and constantly having meetings with them about all of those office spaces, while still reaching out to RSO's and being able to hear their thoughts and concerns about where they would want to end up.

On a motion to extend to time questions for three minutes Gilson-Bond seconded by Robinson

- Gilson-Bond: What was the choice for not adding any data?
 - o Halsey-Kraus- First and foremost this is an act, not a resolution so we actually had this conversation about how to implement that data into the act, but with my knowledge of legislation I decided that an act would be the proper way to do that, which is why I had office hours so that if you had questions about that data you could ask. We didn't feel it made sense for the type of legislation that we wanted to publish. To speak to the data then it has been gathered for 2 years we have been counting out this space for a while, so the data that we had collected showed that the space wasn't being utilized in the way we needed it to be and the questionnaire that we received kind of gave us the reassurance that there was another way we could be using the space that the RSO's wanted to see.
 - o George- I wanted to clarify some things because you guys bring up good questions. I want to dispel this idea that this has been in the works, this hasn't been in the works. Starting 2 years ago we started taking data on Conoco usage

because frankly SGA had not done that, we did not know what usage was like because there was no data and really past leaders at one-point weren't really taking a decision-making process about what we could do to the Conoco. We sent out an agreement in September, just asking people to move out by then because we knew that we needed to at least clean and refresh because a lot of organizations leave stuff. When leadership this year decided to release the application which was due the week before Spring Break and Caden and Cyrus came to my office and were wanting to move with this plan with the other space allocation committee leaders it seemed like this was the time to put this into motion, so instead of putting the application out there the idea was to put the questionnaire out there. So, I just wanted to dispel this idea that this has been in the works and that students weren't notified, administration did not know what the plans were really until Caden and Cyrus came in and there was a consensus among the Space Allocation Committee to move forward with the new plan.

17-0-0

On a motion to see CB-111-25 Bento seconded by Coats, Lucas

- CB-111-25 “Election Schedule Act” (ConAd, Do Pass) (Gilson-Bond)

Authors Explanation:

So, we saw a similar legislation last semester, I will give full transparency that bill did fail at the time but I kind of took that and then made some edits hearing what everyone had to say. I did believe that the purpose of the legislation was good, so I have taken that there was questions about democracy and all these different things, I have been working on this for a few months, Chair Cantrell has been a big part of creating this legislation and created this awesome presentation for you guys too. What this bill is going to do is we are going to number congress seats 1-42 alphabetically then we are going to organize them in an even way for the Fall and Spring elections. The purpose of this bill is to make sure that we have a track and to make sure that seats are in a certain election, that way we know what seats are up for election. If you are currently in Congress and say you ran in Fall 2023, and you are supposed to run in Spring, you would be grandfathered in and you wouldn't have to run until that seat comes out in the next year. Say this district x has 4 seats, seats one and two come up in the fall and seats 3 and 4 come up in the Spring, there are three candidates running for the district, if there is that third candidate and there is a seat open from the previous semester that person can fill that seat automatically as long as they pass a prefer not to vote option. So what this entire piece of legislation is doing is we are having people who filed for election and want to become engaged with this body because they obviously put in the work attending the meetings and they went through the process for an election, this will fill their seats as long as they are still vetted by their district and they pass that prefer not to vote option.

Remaining for questions- 5:00

- Kathuria- Could you continue on with your presentation?
 - o Yes, so we are in the Spring now, there are two people running for the seats in the Spring, say these top two people win their seats, but the third person passes the preferred not to vote option, that seat too will get filled by appointment in the Spring. The goal is that we have a balanced cycle of seats up for the election, so that we have a consistent amount of new people running for offices and new people joining Congress. I know this is confusing, I know this is a lot, we still

have to redistrict the current UCOL seats that are currently not filled so, we felt it wasn't beneficial to make a graphic right now considering work still has to be done. We will probably have a more definitive plan that I can show you all in the Fall once we have done the redistricting I feel that this is an essential part of our process moving these seats around and I genuinely think that this bill provides there to be more seats in Congress, getting new members and really focus on finding those passionate people who really want to be in this organization.

- Duncan- Does the person have to rerun in the Fall if they are appointed in the Spring?
 - o Cantrell- Yes so that seat would only be appointed in that semester, the seat is permanently only going to ever be for in the Fall. No matter what, if you are appointed in the Spring you will need to rerun in the Fall. But you will be a bit more knowledgeable about your district because you have had a bit more time to get to know the body.
- Keupen- Why are we doing this now when we don't know exactly what is going to happen to those University College seats yet, wouldn't it be better just to wait until we know definitely what is going to happen to those seats?
 - o Cantrell- This is a bill that has been in the process for about 2 semesters now, I really want to compliment Aaron for working diligently on this he has genuinely been bugging me constantly to try and get this legislation taken care of. Although it is the Spring, I think that we can do so much to prepare ourselves, considering there is going to be so much legislation that we have to hear for this redistricting process, and I think doing this now will only relieve that stress from the Fall, considering we will have so much going on is beneficial for the body and for SGA as a whole
- Keupen- How do we know that this will actually be useful to the UCOL seats, and we won't have to retroactively repeal this legislation?
 - o Gilson-Bond- There are no longer University College seats anymore whenever they are redistricting. I don't know how seats are allocated but I'm guessing it's by population of that district, a big thing I think the University is trying to do is put people into directly into their college rather than the UCOL, so you will see in the reflection of the University policies with that I believe, because we will have a minimum number of seats to fill. For example, there are way more people going directly into the Life Sciences district so we will allocate seats in accordance with that.
 - o Cantrell- There is no requirement for them to fill 13 seats in the Constitution anymore so this will also give us flexibility to allocating those seats to either the Fall or Spring election and again districts that only have one seat up will still be up in the Fall, there will be an evenish distribution it won't be perfect, just because the Fall election tends to have more people that apply.

On a motion to extend time for questions by 5 minutes Kathuria seconded by Coats, Lucas

- Landry- Can you explain how you will advertise these seats that went unfilled in the Fall for example and now are only up for appointment? How will you make sure that people who are applying for those know that they are applying for an appointed seat and not being elected?
 - o Cantrell- So those seats would be advertised on the Engage board, and also it would be something that the Conad would work diligently to communicate to that

specific district for the kinds of people who would be interested in those seats. I think we can do a good job internally with communicating which seats are needing to be filled and which seats are needing to be filled and which seats are only by appointment. I think that is something we can do through some kind of social media post.

- Landry- If it is a district that has seats that are up for both election and appointment and there are more candidates running than seats available for appointment and election, how would you go about picking who that appointed person. Would there be an interview process, would it be the person with the third most vote? If so, how would you communicate it to them that they haven't won their election but that they are eligible to be appointed?
 - o Gilson-Bond- So it's that second option that you said it's the third most. The reason why we believe that fits best is because then it's directly the people who are voting getting to choose who they want to be elected to that seat, rather than just going to Conad for an appointment bill later. That is how it will be chosen for that, the third most, and then we will communicate to them the same way that they are told that they won.
 - o Cantrell- That would be something that we would communicate with the Election Commissioner because they are going to be the one with access to that specific engage form and then we will be doing our best to publish that prefer not to vote option as well so that there a little bit more accountability. I think that's a conversation we will have with the Election Commissioner going forward.
- Kathuria- How do you believe this bill would help with member retention?
 - o Gilson-Bond- I think Maddie said it best earlier, you are going to be getting people who are most devoted to Congress that are going to be the ones running and I think that is going to directly help member retention. I could it being disincentivizing that you ran in this election and spent money to try and win and then you got nothing for it, even though you got votes you didn't get enough.
 - o Cantrell- I think that its really important to find the people who are the most engaged and the most interested in this body and really finding ways to make them feel welcomed by including them in congress even if they didn't necessarily win their election.

On a call for debate Kathuria

Objection Martin

16-3-0 Objection passes

18-1-0

On a motion to see CB-111-26 Robinson seconded by Dunn

- CB-111-26 “Summer Pay for SGA Leaders Act” (ConAd, Do Pass) (Mortazavi/Wolthuis)

Authors Explanation:

Well first of all thank you for the motion to see this bill next, I am exhausted as I'm sure all of you are. So, basically as you can see on the bill there previously was no ability for SGA employees to get paid over the summer and we felt that was unfair, so we drafted this up and basically it states that all SGA student employees who hold office hours are eligible and potentially able to receive pay over the summer if they get the approval of the SGA faculty. It goes through a process of proving that you will actually be there and will actually be working. Remaining for questions- 6:48

- Harris- Which positions will this include?
 - o Wolthuis- That would include all SGA executive members who currently have an office and receive pay during the school year.
- Cantrell- How essential is the bill to preparing our transition to the SEC?
 - o Wolthuis- I will be the first to tell you that you guys do so much work, I think that being able to have the opportunity to get paid for the work that you do over the summer is important.
- Gilson-Bond- Will people receive the same pay during the summer as the school year?
 - o Wolthuis- Yes.
- Kathuria- Would you accept a friendly amendment to add Glascock as a co-author?
 - o Wolthuis- Yes.
- Martin- Would you accept a friendly amendment to section 3, subsection 1 to remove “and August”
 - o Wolthuis- Yes.
- Oler- Are the salaries of the executive branch voted on by the Congress?
 - o Wolthuis- No.
- Oler- Where are those salaries budgeted by?
 - o Halsey-Kraus- The amount is codified in the code annotated so those positions have already been budgeted for that. Additionally, the chief of staff is hourly not salaried.
- Annad- Are these people expected to have the same office hours over the summer?
 - o Wolthuis- Yes.
- Gilson-Bond- How is the quality of work graded on?
 - o Glasscock- So, this has to be approved by George and he is going to make sure that we are working, and we will not get paid if we are not working. We decided that it would be unfair for only me to be getting paid when other SGA employees were also having to be here running and planning events over the summer.
 - o George- As Abby said the monthly stipend is determined by the Code Annotated, what this is asking for is that only the President, gets paid, I would like to see a little bit more present so I will only allow it with office hours and if the budget allows for it.

20-0-0

Follow-Up Reports

Announcements and Comments

- Coats, Noah- I know you guys want to go home I want to go home too. Real quickly I wanted to announce that Representative Coats and I plan to run for Presidential election next year. So, we will be sending out a google form in the GroupMe if you could fill that out, it is basically asking what you would like to see in a Presidential candidate.
- Houston- Friday at 1:30pm to celebrate Arbor Day, Sarah Ballew and the rest of the facilities and management will be planting a tree outside of Headington. Susty will be there, so please also be in attendance because Sarah does so much, not just for Susty but for our body as a whole.
- Kathuria- To the members of this body staying here all the way till midnight and taking care of the other students here through hard work and dedication. Something that I

admire and to those who ran, congratulations on first off being a candidate because just getting there is a great accomplishment. I am feeling great about the new congress leadership, let's continue working together for this University.

- Landry- I know it's midnight and a lot of you probably don't want me to take a photo with the bags under your eyes, but if you do want to since it's our last meeting or for our newly elected people just come to me afterwards.

Final Roll Call

Adjourn- 11:52

On a motion to Sine Die Wilson seconded by Robinson

Chair: Abby Halsey-Kraus

Vice-Chair: Amelia Landry

Secretary: Carolyn Berggren

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CXI

April 23, 2024

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GS24

April 25, 2024

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-111-21-A
SENATE BILL GS24-XX

AS INTRODUCED

An Act of Legislation appointing justices to the SGA
Superior Court; 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 “April 2024 Superior Court Act.”

Section 2: Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to name and appoint Superior Court justices.

Section 3: In accordance with SGACA Title IV, Chapter 2, section b, subsections iii and iv, Superior Court Justices will be appointed by a majority vote of the panelists [the SGA President, the GSS Chair, the Congress Chair, and the General Counsel]. The Chief Justice of Superior Court is one of the panelists, however they will only vote in the event of the tie.

- Tucker Dunn
- Catalina Emond
- Jack Sweet
- Randi Wright

Section 4: This act shall become effective (1) at the beginning of the Fall 2024 academic semester (2) when passed in accordance with the SGA Constitution.

Authors: President Caden Glasscock
Chairwoman Claire Burch, Graduate Student Senate
Chairwoman Abby Halsey-Kraus, Undergraduate Student Congress
Maddy Taylor, SGA General Counsel
Ellie Wolthuis, SGA Chief of Staff

Co-Author: Vice President S. Cyrus Mortazavi
Carter B. Strickland, SGA Director of the Interior

Submitted on a Motion by: Representative Coats, Noah seconded by Representative Beasley

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: _____

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CXI

April 23, 2024

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GS24

April 25, 2024

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-111-21-B
SENATE BILL GS24-XX

AS INTRODUCED

An Act of Legislation appointing justices to the SGA
Superior Court; 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 “April 2024 Superior Court Act.”

Section 2: Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to name and appoint Superior Court justices.

Section 3: In accordance with SGACA Title IV, Chapter 2, section b, subsections iii and iv, Superior Court Justices will be appointed by a majority vote of the panelists [the SGA President, the GSS Chair, the Congress Chair, and the General Counsel]. The Chief Justice of Superior Court is one of the panelists, however they will only vote in the event of the tie.

- Emmaleigh Ridenour

Section 4: This act shall become effective (1) at the beginning of the Fall 2024 academic semester (2) when passed in accordance with the SGA Constitution.

Authors: President Caden Glasscock
Chairwoman Claire Burch, Graduate Student Senate
Chairwoman Abby Halsey-Kraus, Undergraduate Student Congress
Maddy Taylor, SGA General Counsel
Ellie Wolthuis, SGA Chief of Staff

Co-Author: Vice President S. Cyrus Mortazavi
Carter B. Strickland, SGA Director of the Interior

Submitted on a Motion by:

Action taken by Congress:

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

April 23, 2024

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GS24

April 25, 2024

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-111-23
SENATE BILL GS24-XX

AS INTRODUCED

An Act creating a Pilot Program for allocating space in the Conoco Student Leadership Center; 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 “Conoco Student Leadership Center Pilot Program Act of 2024.”
- Section 2:** Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to create a Pilot Program for allocating space on the 2nd and 3rd floors of the Conoco Student Leadership Center.
- Section 3:** Beginning Fall 2024, RSOs will reserve times to use spaces on the 2nd and 3rd floors of the Conoco Student Leadership Center. All RSOs registered on Engage can reserve times, and no RSO will be allocated an exclusive, individual space.
- Section 4:** The goal of the Pilot Program shall be to optimize student space as well as provide equitable and accessible spaces for students to engage and collaborate with one another. In addition, the Pilot Program shall be a free, reservable, multipurpose space to meet the greater RSO community’s needs.
- Section 5:** After the Pilot period, the Space Allocation Committee shall evaluate the utilization of the space. Upon further consideration, the Space Allocation Committee shall continue or discontinue the program based on student feedback and space usage.
- Section 6:** This act shall become effective when passed in accordance with the SGA Constitution.

Author(s): Chair Abby Halsey-Kraus, Undergraduate Student Congress
Chair Claire Burch, Graduate Student Senate
Chair Katie Tremel, Campus Activities Council
President Caden Glasscock, Student Government Association
Vice President Cyrus Mortavazi, Student Government Association

Submitted on a Motion by: Representative Coats, Noah seconded by Representative Bento
Action taken by Congress: 17-0-0 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
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CXI

April 23, 2024

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-111-25

AS INTRODUCED

An Act of Procedure amending the SGA Undergraduate Student Congress Bylaws to optimize student representation by maintaining a consistent election schedule for each Representative Seat; providing for short title, providing for codification, and providing for 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 “Election Schedule Act.”
- Section 2:** Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to modify the Undergraduate Student Congress Bylaws to reflect that each seat in the Undergraduate Student Congress shall be numbered, and that each seat number shall be elected once yearly on a regular schedule.
- Section 3:** AMENDATORY: The Undergraduate Student Congress Bylaws, Section 3.2 (1) will be amended as follows, with ~~strike through~~ indicating a removed section, and underline indicating added sections:

MEMBERSHIP

1. APPOINTMENT. All members not elected according to the most current provisions of Title VI of the Code Annotated shall be appointed by the following procedure:
 1. The Congressional Administration Committee shall conduct the appointment procedure.
 2. All appointed Representatives shall serve until ~~the end of the current congressional session, with exception for special elections.~~ the next election cycle for their respective seat.
- Section 4:** AMENDATORY: Adding a new section following section 3.2 of The Undergraduate Student Congress Bylaws, will be amended as follows, with a ~~strike through~~ indicating a removed section, and an underline indicating added sections.

2. ELECTIONS

1. Each seat of the Undergraduate Student Congress shall be held on a consistent cycle, with elections held once per year.
2. Each seat shall be numbered from one (1) to forty-eight (48).

3. Records of each seat, by seat number, district, election cycle, and current officeholder shall be maintained by the Undergraduate Student Congress Secretary and shall be transmitted to the Election Commission upon request.
4. Any Act of Procedure concerning the Congressional Administration Committee's regular redistricting, or any irregular redistricting that may occur, should include details about which seats shall be assigned to a given election cycle and should endeavor to maintain a balance between the Spring and Fall cycles.
5. In the case of open seats of the obverse semester is open during the election, this seat will be filled by the next highest voted candidate of the district, until that seat becomes available in the election, unless the candidate votes does not exceed the "prefer not to vote" option.
6. If a seat is not filled in the election or becomes vacant, the vacancy may be filled by appointment until the election for the respective seat.

Section 5: The initial numbering of seats and assignment of election cycles shall be completed by the Undergraduate Student Congress Secretary, sorted primarily by district in alphabetical order, and secondly by last name in alphabetical order. The first half of each district's seats shall be allocated to the Fall election cycle, and the other half shall be allocated to the Spring election cycle. For districts with an odd number of seats, the Fall election cycle will have one (1) seat more than the Spring cycle.

Section 6: This Act will not remove any currently serving representatives. Depending on the number their seat is assigned, they may be required to file for re-election in an opposing cycle to which they were elected initially. Each seat shall begin to comply with this Act upon becoming vacant or at its next election. If a seat would otherwise be up for election in the cycle following this bill's effective date, but this bill would have that seat up for election in the following cycle, the seat should remain vacant or be filled via appointment until the appropriate election cycle to comply with this Act.

Section 7: This bill will go into effect at the conclusion of the Spring 2024 election cycle.

Section 8: The new sections will be renumbered accordingly.

Section 9: This act shall become effective when passed in accordance with the SGA Constitution.

Author(s): Representative Aaron Gilson-Bond, University College Representative

Co-Author(s): Congressional Administration Chair, Madeline Cantrell

Sponsor(s): Representative Chloe Harris, University College Representative

Submitted on a Motion by: Representative Bento seconded by Representative Coats, Lucas

Action taken by Congress: 18-1-0

Verified by Chair of Congress: _____ Date: _____ THE

UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CXI

April 23, 2024

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GS24

April 25, 2024

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-111-26
SENATE BILL GS24-XX

AS INTRODUCED

An Act of Legislation providing pay for SGA leaders in the summer months; 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 “Summer Pay for SGA Leaders Act.”
- Section 2:** Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to allow SGA leaders to receive pay in the summer months, at the discretion of Student Affairs employees.
- Section 3:** AMENDATORY: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association’s Code Annotated Title X Chapter 5 Section 1 is amended as follows. For the purposes of this bill, all items removed shall be denoted with a ~~strike through~~. All items added shall be denoted with an underline.

Section 1:

Campus Activities Council Chair, Chair of Congress, Chair of Senate, Secretary of Congress, Secretary of Senate, Student Bar Association President, Vice Chair of Congress, and Vice Chair of Senate shall be compensated monthly with compensation periods beginning August 1st and perpetuating monthly until April 30th. The SGA President and SGA Vice President shall be compensated monthly with compensation periods beginning December 1st and perpetuating monthly until November 30th. The Chair of SGA Budgetary Committee shall be compensated monthly with compensation periods beginning the month of their appointment by the SGA Congress and ending April 30th.³ ~~The SGA President~~ All SGA officers who receive a stipend or salary shall be eligible to receive compensation at ~~the aforementioned rate~~ their usual rates of pay during the summer, which shall consist of the months June, July, ~~and August~~. This pay will be given at the discretion of Student Affairs Staff, within the parameters of the budget. ~~The SGA President~~ officers who receive a stipend shall only be eligible to receive such compensation while executing their ~~presidential~~ official duties in the course of fulfilling their office hours. The GSS Ways and Means Chair stipend is to be paid out at the end of October and February, corresponding with the deadlines for the Fall and Spring grant deadlines.

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

Authors: Vice President Cyrus Mortazavi, Student Government Association
Ellie Wolthuis, SGA Chief of Staff

Co-Author(s): President Caden Glasscock, Student Government Association

Submitted on a Motion: Representative Robinson seconded by Representative Dunn

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:

	A	B	C	D	E			
1	Last	First		Chair				
2	Anand	Vignech		hr	Caleb= CR			
3	Aslam	Saed		cr	Hope = HR			
4	Awoyemi	Ayomide		cr				
5	Beasley	William		hr				
6	Bento	Marilou		cr				
7	Bertotti	Hayden		cr				
8	Brown	Jenna						
9	Calvert	Laura						
0	Cantrell	Madeline		hr				
1	Coats, Lucas	Noah		hr				
2	Coats, Noah	Noah		hr				
3	Duncan	Elizabeth		hr				
4	Dunn	Tucker		cr				
5	Eaton	Elena						
6	Gilson Bond	Aaron		cr				
7	Harris	Hudson		hr				
8	Ho	Karen						
9	Islas	Lizbeth		hr				
0	Kathuria	Shrey		cr				
1	Keupen	Ben		cr				
2	Koneru	Aniketh		hr				
3	Lancaster	Jackson						
4	Marah	Michael						
5	Martin	Kyle		cr				
6	Ogle	Pierce		hr				
7	Oler	Kyle		cr				
8	Reynolds	Michael		cr				
9	Rhoads	Hope		hr				
0	Robinson	Caleb		cr				
1	Schonfield	Jacob		hr				
2	Scott	Lexie		hr				
3	Shroeder	Brooklyn						
4	Strahan	Frankie		hr				
5	Walker	Cody		cr				
6	Wilson	Jeriah		hr				
7	Zainuddin	Raeed						
8			caleb		13			
9			hope		15			
0					0			
1								

	23-Apr	
Last	I	F
Anand	x	x
Aslam	x	x
Awoyemi	a	a
Beasley	x	x
Bento	x	x
Bertotti	x	x
Brown	ex	ex
Calvert	a	a
Cantrell	x	x
Coats, Lucas	x	x
Coats, Noah	x	x
Duncan	x	x
Dunn	x	a
Eaton	x	a
Gilson Bond	x	x
Harris	x	x
Ho	a	a
Islas	a	a
Kathuria	x	x
Keupen	x	x
Koneru	x	a
Lancaster	ex	ex
Marah	a	a
Martin	x	x
Ogle	x	a
Oler	a	x
Reynolds	ex	a
Rhoads	x	a
Robinson	x	x
Schonfield	x	x
Scott	x	a
Shroeder	ex	ex
Strahan	x	a
Walker	x	x
Wilson	a	x
Zainuddin	ex	ex
PRESENT	24	19
ABSENT	7	13
EXCUSED	5	4

