

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS

Session CXII

General Body Meeting

7:00 pm, Tuesday, October 1st, 2024

Dale 103

Call to Order- 7:00 pm

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.

On a motion to approve the minutes Aslam seconded by Reynolds

Approval of Minutes | September 24th, 2024

Officer Reports -

- **Chair's Report:** Hi everyone, I hope you are having a good week so far. Today is our first general body meeting of the month. We are going to have a very special guest speaker with us today. Jeffrey Harp will discuss more about himself when we get there that'll be in special orders. But I just ask that when he is speaking, we close our laptops and get off our phones and give them the full attention that he deserves.
- **Vice Chair's Report:** Hi everyone, I hope you all have a great week. You guys did not need a constituent service point for the month of September, but if you did one at the end of the month, we we'll count it towards the month of October. Here the QR code for the CSP link you can also find it on Engage under Congress. It says October Constituent Service point submission and I'll send the link in the GroupMe as well I have signed SGA up to walk in the SGA parade. It is going to be October 18th starting at 7:30 pm and if you guys want to sign up to walk with us, I'll send out the form. I'm hoping that the other branches of SGA will also have people walking with us, so I think it'll be super fun, and it can count as your CSP. Lastly, I have Carter Strickland to talk to us about a constituent service opportunity. Hi everyone, there is a lot more new people here than when I was in the body, I am Carter Strickland I'm the current director of interior for the executive branch and a webmaster for SGA. If you don't know OU food pantry has partnered with UT outposts to raise food pantry items to donate and we are in a competition with UT, aka, Red River, and that winner will be announced at the game next weekend, but donations are due Saturday so if you want a fun easy philanthropic service point you just need to bring 5 cans into the Conoco or find Rylee, or Chloe, or any of your Congress Chairman and we will donate them to the food pantry. If you have any questions, please contact Rylee or me, my email is on the website.

- **Secretary's Report:** Hi guys it is great to see so many people tonight. If you are an associate, please scan this QR code and fill out the form so that I can mark you as present. Also, I have resent out Engage page requests this afternoon, if you have not already, please go into your email and accept the request so that our Engage page is accurate. If you don't, I will be sad so please do it. And, as I have said before, Rylee and I would love to get to know you guys more, so much so that I even bought candy for everyone, so please don't hesitate to come talk to us during our office hours. We are not scary, I promise!

Committee Reports-

- **Campus Outreach, Safety, and Concerns:** Hey Everyone! Thank you all who came to the light walk! COSCO met on Sunday, where we discussed projects like putting information about Tellus on syllabi, an Outreach survey to send out at the end of the year, the campus concern link, parking, sending out a newsletter, and nutrition transparency.
- **Congressional Administration:** ConAd met officially this weekend, and we saw CB-112-09 and gave the bill a recommendation of No Rec. We are currently going through and doing a governing docs revision so keep an eye out for that! We are also working on a candidate survey with the election commission. Also, if anyone has a cowbell or other noise maker, please email me at conad@ou.edu Thank y'all!
- **External Affairs:** Hi everyone EA met officially this past Sunday and got started on a bunch of projects and started solidifying all of our plans for what we're going to be doing this semester. The biggest thing we talked about is that we discussed a bill that we will be seeing this upcoming weekend in our committee, which is a bill that outlines a survey that we want to send out, that regards medical marijuana students on campus and the way that they're impacted by policies on federal level. We're doing that because there's a good chance that marijuana will be rescheduled federally pending the DA hearing scheduled for December 2nd. In preparing for this we want to know the general attitudes of the students on campus, so we might see how the policy might of might not change, pending rescheduling and what we should do. We also looked at some of our other projects including our freedom of speech week resolution. A project addressing the unhouse crisis in Norman, some projects related to advocacy for public education and some legislation for voting day as well. That is really all that EA discussed, but I would also like to mention that OkVotes is hosting a Vice-Presidential debate watch party tonight and I recommend that all of you go. Don't be at home watching it by yourself, sad and alone, be with people and friends it is so much more fun. The last presidential debate party was a lot of fun there were a ton of people. It was really exciting, great energy in the room honestly, so if you didn't get to go, you missed out, but you have a chance to go tonight.
- **Human Diversity:** HD met unofficially on Friday. Some of the projects that we discussed were having a tabling event for massive violence month just to show some awareness and promote that in collaboration with the women's resource center in Norman. Another project idea we have it to have a big involvement fair or a national festival with love to RSO's so we will be talking to one of the members on the executive branch to talk about that. Then setting up an LGBTQ mentorship program we will see which department is open to doing that. The potluck we usually team up with the international advisory committee so that is still in progress and then I will follow up about the voter registration drive with HASA and VSA we might switch it from a voter registration drive to be some other projects that would still promote voter registration and another idea was to create a survey to understand student attitudes toward current policy changes on campus and also a celebration for day of the dead.

- **Sustainability:** For SUSTY we met officially this last weekend and discussed project ideas and updates to include reusable containers, plastic bag recycling, and anti-confetti signage. We also scheduled a trash walk for October 20th at 1:30pm, I know that the amazing Kayla Hynes was trying to get some CLA people there, hopefully we can have a huge and potentially the biggest turnout for a trash walk ever. We also have a secretary now, Joe Roppolo. So that is awesome he stepped up to the plate right there.
- **University Policy:** Hey y'all so UPOL met officially this weekend, and we gave our project reports. Some of the projects we talked about were AI and Academic Integrity along with student wages. Caleb finished with Vice Chair interviews, and he wanted to thank everyone who applied as we had many great applicants. Caleb announced me as the new Vice Chair, and I want to appreciate him for it.
- **Ways and Means:** Hi everybody, WAM met officially on Friday we discussed ways that the committee could better communicate with RSO's and possibly changes to the code regarding finances.

Liaison Reports

Special Orders

- Guest Speaker Jeffrey Harp
- Congress Member of The Month
 - Hudson Harris

Student Concern Link

Items to Be Considered

On a motion to see CB-112-09 Oler seconded by Finley

- CB-112-09 “2024-2025 SGA Election Commission Staff Appointment Act” (Rec of No Rec) (*Savage/Rboads/Wolthuis*)

Authors Explanation:

Hi guys my name is Baylor Savage, you guys should know me by now. I'm the election commissioner. So, if you guys are not aware the election commission is actually made up of myself, the commissioner, a non-voting member of ConAd to serve as a representative with Congress and also 4 members of the election commission staff, typically it is up to 5 but I wanted it to be 4 so that I can be the tie breaking vote if necessary. Really what they do is they vote on stuff, they keep everything in line and they just help you find out a lot. It was me, Chief of Staff Ellie, and Madame Chair that all looked through and were really impressed by everything and I'll let Ellie talk a little bit more about the applicant. Every single one of these applicants brings something completely different to the table, which is something that commissioner Baylor Savage was really looking for. He wanted different perspectives because he wanted it to be a well-rounded commission. You do not want to be one minded, you want it to be very diverse and so all of these applicants brought something new to the table and I would love to it if they could introduce themselves quickly. Hi everybody my name is Hannah Smith, I am a chemical bioscience major, I am a sophomore at OU. I was on the commission last year, so I am pretty familiar with the code annotated. I am a student athlete as well. My name is Hanna Cole, I am a sophomore who is studying economics and accounting on a pre-law track, I was also on the commission last year and am really excited to get started once again, hopefully. My name is Leslie Hudspeth I am a sophomore here. I am a business management major on the pre-law track and this would be my first year being involved with SGA, and I'm really excited to learn everything about it. I am Sophia Conduff. I am a political science major also on the pre-law track and this is also my first year on SGA and on the election commission staff. Real quick, the first thing we are going to do is ask to see an amendment to add Sophia Conduff and remove Avery Lyday. Basically, we had somebody who decided they no longer

wanted to be a part of the commission and Sophia was an excellent applicant. She was definitely our next in line. She's really deserving to be here.

5:45 remaining for questions

- **Secretary Harris-** Would you accept a friendly amendment to remove Avery Lyday and add Sophia Conduff?
 - Yes.
- **Wang-** Were there any specific traits you saw in them that you think made them up for this task?
 - Yeah absolutely, something I looked in all of them was not necessarily a knowledge coming into the role. I don't think it's really fair to believe that everyone that's trying to join SGA even for the first time is going to know anything about SGA. Something that I looked for is willingness to learn. I actually told them already that we're going to have a boot camp and go through all of the rules, kind of get them up to speed. But also, a willingness to tell me know if they believe something is wrong or if we are voting off the wrong way a willingness to stand up for that and really tell us why.
- **Finley-** What exactly are some of the jobs the election staff does?
 - Two of the big things we do is we mostly do some investigative stuff, so financial reports all have to be done for the campaigns. What we do is we look at those and we make sure the numbers line up and stuff like that. Another big thing we do is if there is any notification of infractions or rule breaking, if it comes to that level where I feel like it needs to be escalated and brought to them, they actually vote on it and they decide whether it is an infraction and if it is then how many points, we should put on it. I am out of the process almost entirely they are the ones that do that.

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Follow-Up Reports

Announcements and Comments

- **Secretary Harris-** If you are an associate and came in late, please come see me so I can mark you as present.

Final Roll Call

On a motion to adjourn Oler seconded by Straban

Adjourn- 7:40 pm

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CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CXII

October 1st, 2024

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GSXX/GFXX
Month DD, YYYY

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-112-09
SENATE BILL GSXX-XX

AS INTRODUCED

An Act of Legislation appointing the 2024-2025 Election
Commission Staff; 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 “2024-2025 SGA Election
Commission Staff Appointment Act.”

Section 2: Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to appoint the members of the 2024-2025 Election
Commission Staff.

Section 3: In accordance with §Title IV Chapter 6 Section 2(a)(ii), the Election Commissioner shall
appoint the Election Commission Staff with the advice and consent of the Legislative
Branch. The following SGA Members shall be appointed as Election Commission Staff for
the term ending at the end of the Spring 2025 semester:

- Hanna Cole
- Sophia Conduff
- Lesley Hudspeth
- Hannah Smith

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

Author(s): Baylor Savage, SGA Election Commissioner
Hope Rhoads, Undergraduate Student Congress Chair
Ellie Wolthuis, SGA Chief of Staff

Submitted on a Motion by: Representative Oler seconded by Representative Finley

Action taken by Congress: 30-0-0

Verified by Chair of Congress: _____ Date: _____

Submitted on a Motion by:

Action taken by Senate

Verified by Chair of Senate: _____ Date: _____

Approved by SGA President: _____ Date: _____

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Last	First	Intial	Final	Last	First		CB-112-09
Aslam	Syed	x	x	Aslam	Syed		y
Awoyemi	Ayomide	a	x	Awoyemi	Ayomide		y
Beasley	William	x	x	Beasley	William		y
Bento	Marilou	x	x	Bento	Marilou		y
Bertotti	Hayden	x	x	Bertotti	Hayden		y
Brown	Jenna	x	x	Brown	Jenna		y
Calvert	Laura	ex	ex	Calvert	Laura		
Carter	Lauren	x	x	Carter	Lauren		y
Cantrell	Madeline	x	x	Cantrell	Madeline		y
Coats	Lucas	ex	ex	Coats	Lucas		
Coats	Noah	ex	ex	Coats	Noah		
Combest	Harley	x	x	Combest	Harley		y
Duncan	Elizabeth	x	x	Duncan	Elizabeth		y
Estrada	Nicole	x	x	Estrada	Nicole		y
Finley	Jael	x	x	Finley	Jael		y
Fisher	Mecca	a	x	Fisher	Mecca		y
Gilson-Bond	Aaron	a	x	Gilson-Bond	Aaron		y
Harris	Hudson	x	x	Harris	Hudson		y
Kathuria	Shrey	ex	ex	Kathuria	Shrey		
Keupen	Ben	x	x	Keupen	Ben		y
Koneru	Aniketh	x	x	Koneru	Aniketh		y
Lapp	Bridget	x	x	Lapp	Bridget		y
Marah	Michael	a	a	Marah	Michael		
Martin	Kyle	x	x	Martin	Kyle		y
Mitei	Kristen	a	x	Mitei	Kristen		y
Ogle	Pierce	a	x	Ogle	Pierce		y
Oler	Kyle	x	x	Oler	Kyle		y
Prajapati	Himani	a	x	Prajapati	Himani		y
Reynolds	Michael	x	x	Reynolds	Michael		y
Robinson	Caleb	ex	ex	Robinson	Caleb		
Schonfield	Jacob	x	x	Schonfield	Jacob		y
Schroeder	Brooklyn	a	x	Schroeder	Brooklyn		y
Strahan	Frankie	x	x	Strahan	Frankie		y
Stubbs	Lauren	x	x	Stubbs	Lauren		y
Walker	Cody	x	x	Walker	Cody		y
Wang	Andy	x	x	Wang	Andy		y
Wilson	Jeriah	ex	ex	Wilson	Jeriah		
PRESENT			23	30	Yes		30
ABSENT			8	1	No		0
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