

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS

Session CXII

General Body Meeting

7:00 pm, Tuesday, October 15th, 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 L. Coats seconded Fisher

Approval of Minutes | October 8th, 2024

Officer Reports -

- **Chair's Report:** I hope everyone had a good and safe weekend regardless of the outcome of the game. First things first, next week with the Congress meeting, we're going to be hosting the presidential forum because there's one candidate this year, instead of doing something at Michum, where we would traditionally have something that looks like a debate, we're going to be hosting it here. It is going to be around 30 minutes of our meeting time and there's a forum I sent it in the Congress GroupMe today. I can send it to Chloe to attach in the email, but basically each candidate, the President and Vice President are gonna be asked five questions separately about two minutes to answer. So if you have any questions that you have specifically for the President or the Vice President, make sure to put it in that form. Second of all the Homecoming parade is this Friday, we've sent the signup link in the group chat and also Rylee has sent it via email multiple times, but if you want to walk with us in the Homecoming parade, please do the theme is Jurassic park. You can dress up or not dress up, we just love to have you with us. I am going to be dressed as a dinosaur, I think Rylee and Chloe are dressing up. It'll be a lot of fun and it's a good way to get SGA's name on campus. We have a banner, it'll be a grand ole time and then lastly if you guys are sending any emails about Congress or meetings or setting up with people that you are doing for committees, please just cc me at congress@ou.edu. Please do not use my real email, just use congress@ou.edu.
- **Vice Chair's Report:** Hi friends lots of events coming up this month that will count as CSP. Like Hope said the homecoming parade is gonna be Friday, October 18th. We are going to have to meet at 6:30 pm on the East side of the South Oval by Gaylord. Closer to Friday, I will send out more details about what that meeting place looks like. Please do not show up

later than 6:40 because if you show up later than 6:40 they will not let you walk. So please if you are walking, be on time and also please sign up on the form if you want to come with us, so that we can gauge how many people are going. I also signed us up for someone to bring a car, if we wanted to so if anyone has a jeep for Jurassic Park let me know. The signup sheet is in the GroupMe and was also emailed to you like Hope said. This Thursday October 17th from 9am-12 pm we will be having coffee hour with Congress in the Conoco. This will just be time for you guys to come talk to exec, hang out in the Conoco and just have some free coffee and treats, so we would love to see you guys there.

- **Secretary's Report:** Hi guys hope you are all doing well and that you had a nice long weekend. I also hope to see you all at the Coffee Hour with Congress because it will be so fun and its free coffee and pastries, so I better see you all there.

Committee Reports-

- **Campus Outreach, Safety, and Concerns:** COSCO did not meet this past weekend because of OU TEXAS but we are making good progress on our projects.
- **Congressional Administration:** ConAd did not meet this week. I just wanted to remind everyone that I sent the signup for the election tabling in the GroupMe and we still need lots of people to help out over Tuesday and Wednesday and that is a Constituent Service Point. Also, you will get to hang out with some cool people so you should do it. Also, we still need help to set up signs on Monday, we have 26 signs that I would like to get all over campus, so if anyone is available at any point on Monday, please email me, text me, don't send me a GroupMe DM.
- **External Affairs:** EA did not meet officially this weekend, so I don't have any updates on projects at this time. We do still have some upcoming legislation, Free Speech Week Resolution and the Voting Day Resolution. We should be seeing both of those in committee this weekend.
- **Human Diversity:** HD also did not meet this week because of OU Texas. We are just following up on projects that we are working on. We are getting set up with different student organizations and nonprofit organizations.
- **Sustainability:** SUSTY did not meet at all this week for the same reason as everyone else. The only update that I have is this upcoming weekend on Sunday at 1:30 pm is going to be our trash walk. It will be awesome if all of you guys could show it is going to be super fun. It will be in front of McClassen Field House by the fountains in front of the stadium
- **University Policy:** UPOL did not meet this weekend because of OU TEXAS. We are still working on all of our projects, and we will be meeting this upcoming Sunday.
- **Ways and Means:** WAM did not meet.

Liaison Reports

Special Orders

Student Concerns

- **Cantrell-** My student concern is that I almost got ran over by 3 motorized vehicles on campus today. I was walking on South Oval. I was walking over by Dale and I was cutting over by that little section between the two sides of the oval in front of the library and someone was riding their bike very fast and almost crashed in to me. Then I was walking on the other side, almost in front of the union and somebody almost ran over me on a motor scooter. So let's fix that.

7:26 remaining for questions

- **Harris-** Did you yell at them?
 - Unfortunately I did not because I don't wanna cause drama.

- **Kathuria-** Do you believe that there is an adequate number of designated spots for the bikers and those riding scooters across all of the OU's sidewalks?
 - I think that there is an adequate area on majority of the sidewalks. I just don't think that there is always a designation on where they should be, but I also think that people tend to be in a hurry when they are on vehicles like that and that means that they are disregarding pedestrians sometimes and that is something that I think that we should be doing something to raise awareness for because I know that this is not just a problem that I have faced, but that is common enough for people walking all over campus, especially because our campus student body has grown. We are experiencing more congestion on the South Oval and across pedestrian areas on campus, so I think that this is a problem that can continue to grow.
- **Gilson-Bond-** Do you believe that this problem stems from people walking on their cellphone devices as well as were you on your phone while you were walking?
 - I was not on my phone; I was looking at the beautiful statue of our former president and somebody slammed on their brakes as I was trying to figure out how to get across the bike lane without getting ran over. I do think that there is an issue with people using cellphones on South Oval, but also, I do think that this is something that occurs when people aren't looking at cellphones.

Items to Be Considered

Follow-Up Reports

Announcements and Comments

- **Koneru-** This Thursday at 7pm at Catherine Field House. QSA is having Crimson and Queens, our annual drag show. It is one of the biggest drag shows in the state of Oklahoma, all you guys should pull up. I am having my former roommate perform. This is Plasma, she was on RuPaul's Drag Race, I actually don't know her, but I will get to know her. Tickets are 50% off until 10am tomorrow. You get to meet with the queens so pull up!
- **Harris-** EA has an Instagram. I literally just made it so please follow it! It is EA.@ou.

Final Roll Call

On a motion to adjourn Beasley seconded by Wang

Adjourn- 7:15 pm

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Aslam	Syed	x	x
Awoyemi	Ayomide	a	a
Beasley	William	x	x
Bento	Marilou	x	x
Bertotti	Hayden	x	x
Brown	Jenna	ex	ex
Calvert	Laura	x	x
Carter	Lauren	x	x
Cantrell	Madeline	x	x
Coats	Lucas	x	x
Coats	Noah	x	x
Combest	Harley	x	x
Duncan	Elizabeth	x	x
Estrada	Nicole	x	x
Finley	Jael	x	x
Fisher	Mecca	a	x
Gilson-Bond	Aaron	x	x
Harris	Hudson	x	x
Kathuria	Shrey	x	x
Keupen	Ben	x	x
Koneru	Aniketh	x	x
Lapp	Bridget	x	x
Martin	Kyle	x	x
Mitei	Kristen	a	a
Ogle	Pierce	a	x
Oler	Kyle	x	x
Prajapati	Himani	a	x
Reynolds	Michael	ex	ex
Robinson	Caleb	ex	ex
Schonfield	Jacob	x	x
Schroeder	Brooklyn	ex	ex
Strahan	Frankie	a	a
Stubbs	Lauren	ex	ex
Walker	Cody	x	x
Wang	Andy	x	x
Wilson	Jeriah	x	x
PRESENT		25	28
ABSENT		6	3
EXCUSED		5	5