

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS

Session CXII

General Body Meeting

7:00 pm, Tuesday, August 27th, 2024

Dale 103

Call to Order - 7:05 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.

Approval of Minutes | April 23rd, 2024

On a motion to approve the minutes Strahan seconded by Reynolds

Officer Reports -

- **Chair's Report:** First of all, I hope you all had a great summer and a great first week of classes I am sure you were all busy. This summer we were lucky enough to host the SEC Exchange with our lovely election commissioner Carter Strickland. I got to meet with all of the other Congress chairs from the SEC and learn a lot from them, so I am hoping to implement some of those things to Congress this year. I have also begun compiling pieces of legislation that I thought were great examples so for example the DEI Matters Bill, I put under Human Diversity Legislation examples on Engage. So, if you have any great pieces of legislation that you have written from your committee, please feel free to send those my way so I can put those on Engage for other people to have resources. Also, this week and next week I am going into general education classes, and I am telling them about resources SGA provides like SafeRide and green books as well as asking them to please join SGA. Speaking of that, the common application is closing September 6th, 11:59, tell all of your friends to apply it's never too late to get involved I don't care if they are a junior or senior or a sophomore or a freshman. We want everyone in Congress.
- **Vice Chair's Report:** Hi everyone and welcome to our first meeting of the semester! I'm looking forward to serving as your Vice Chair this session! Please join the new GroupMe if you haven't yet, this is where we'll be sending out important announcements day-to-day so it's very important that you're in it. We have lots of snacks, but if you have any dietary restrictions, please come and let me know so that I can meet all accommodations. If you don't have a nametag or your nametag is incorrect, please let me know and I will have the correct one for you next week. Orientation for new members will be on Sunday, September 15th, so if you were appointed after Spring Orientation and have not yet attended an

Orientation, you must be in attendance. If you aren't a new member, please note that your committee meeting will be right after Orientation that week. My office hours are Mondays and Wednesdays 2-5 and Thursdays 3-5. Please come see me anytime if you need anything, or just want to chat!

- **Secretary's Report:** Hello everyone, welcome back, it is so good to see everyone again. I will be sending a message about my office hours in the, so if you need to speak with me, please do not hesitate to stop by. Also, if you are not going to be able to make a meeting, please be sure to email me at congresssec@ou.edu before 12pm on Tuesdays so I can mark you as excused.

Liaison Reports

Special Orders

On a motion to enter Committee of the Whole Aslam seconded by Duncan

- Committee of the Whole

On a motion to see CB-112-01 Kathuria seconded by Reynolds

- CB-112-01 "Session CXII Committee Chair Appointment Act."
(Rhoads/Houston/Harris)

Authors Explanation:

Hi everyone, if the nominees could please come up to the stage. We are seeing the appointment of all the new committee chairs, we do have a few missing, I know Caleb has a class that runs a little late and I hope everything is ok with Ben. I am going to let them introduce themselves. Hi, I am Aaron Gilson-Bond. I am nominated for SUSTY chair, I have been on SUSTY since I have been in Congress so going on a little over two years now. I am very excited to do that I am a mechanical engineering major, but sometimes I wish I was an environmental science major because I love the environment so much. I have really enjoyed my time, and I hope that I can continue helping SUSTY. Hi guys, I am Jacob Schonfield. I am nominated for the position of WAM chair. I have been in WAM since I started in Congress, which is a little over two years now. I am a history major and that's me. Hello everyone, my name is Aniketh. I am a senior public relations major and I am nominated for the HD committee chair. I've been involved a lot in OU multicultural committees. Some of the projects I have worked on have heavily invested in Human Diversity on this campus, so I am excited to potentially receive this position. Hi everyone, I am Marilou Bento and I am the EA chair nominee. I have been in EA for about a year now and I was chair last semester, so most of y'all remember me. Hi everyone, I am Maddy Cantrell. I am a senior dual political science and journalism major. I am nominated to be chair for the Congressional Administration Committee. I have been on CONAD for longer than I can tell you, I came into this position halfway through last semester, so I would just be returning to that position again. this I just want to say that all of these committee chairs are excellent choices. I have seen their work. I've seen their passion, so I am really excited to see what they will do in the future.

5:34 remaining for questions

- Kathuria- Please direct my question to the nominee Koneru, how are you planning to be working with the DEI to be sure we are expanding the core principles of diversity, equity, and inclusion within student government and within the University of Oklahoma?
 - To answer your question, one of the projects when I spoke to Chair Rhodes is to address the diversity issues on campus, especially after the state's executive order. A lot of our students are concerned about how the program has changed and so one of the projects I worked on last semester was to find out what has changed and to find out more information about how I can improve representation in SGA through multicultural communities. I have talked to many leaders in the multicultural

communities from the Queer association and the former employees at the DEI office to address how we can create more equitable representation in SGA and how to help multicultural organizations.

- Kathuria- Please direct my question to the nominee Koneru, how do you plan on setting up a plan to not have these DEI resources and courses are being removed through the different colleges?
 - I think this is something that needs to be addressed with the administration at OU, since a lot of their decisions are the ones that are impacting these types of actions. I would definitely set up more meetings with the administration who are making these cancellations of course and are taking away these different organizations.
- Strickland- Do you all have any projects that you envision to take on as committee chairs? If so, would you like to share?
 - Cantrell- One of the things I've been working on this summer is redistricting. As you all know the past constitutional amendment took away the requirement of the University College seats, so one of the processes that I've been working on, in addition to spending some time at the SEC Exchange talking to some other schools is how to guarantee that first year students still have representation within the body. That has been my biggest project that I am working on.
 - Bento- Over the past two weeks, I've been working with OK votes and organizing tabling events for national voter registration day. We have a lot of plans to expand on what was happening last year and do a lot more tabling. We have those plans in motion, and you should actually see a sign-up sheet by next week. The other project I've been working on is a civic engagement forum which happens directly after national voter registration day on September 18th and that will be where you can ask questions. I will give you more details about that next week.
 - Koneru- I am also working on some voter registration events, working with underrepresented communities and different student organizations, so with the Queer Association we will probably be having some events probably next month. So, I've also been working with OK Votes to get our voter registration system set up for that event. Also, I called the DEI office, and they usually provide sponsorships for different multicultural organizations so I will follow up with them to see if they can still provide those sponsorships.

On a motion to extend time for questions Kathuria seconded by Reynolds

- Schonfield- WAM will be doing AUX this semester and next. We are also hoping to work on restructuring of the process just to make it more clear for student orgs. How to request funds and get them and to clarify what is and is not allowable.
- Gilson-Bond- A few things that I want to touch on is confetti on campus. Especially with last year, campus beautification that we want to pursue into the SEC. I know that the graduate student senate has been really trying to attack this problem, so I wanted to work with them and want to remedy how much is left on campus. Similar to how we can just pick it up easier working with OU facilities management. Another thing I've been wanting to do is make a way for funding to help student organizations do a green initiative, to help increase their funding they could potentially get if they are using more green and sustainable resources because it tends to be more expensive, so to help with those student organizations. Obviously, a lot more to come, I know that your awesome

Secretary Chloe has an idea too that she has been cooking up also, so lots to come from SUSTY.

- Stickland- Nominee Keupen would you like to share your ideas?
 - COSCO has two projects on the horizon. Right now, it is the start of the fall semester so I would be interested in doing a bike registration drive, so people are aware that they can get their bikes and property registered with OUPD, so that if their bikes are stolen, they will be able to have resources to track them down. Till October we will be really focused on outreach to the general application and election season, so focusing on tabling and making sure people are aware of what's happening in our world that we want people to join and are trying to get people to join. As well as when it comes to elections making sure that people are aware that they have a voice in their student leaders on campus.
- Houston- Nominee Keupen would you like to introduce yourself?
 - Hello everyone, I am the nominee for COSCO. If you don't know who I am my name is Ben Keupen, I am a junior. I worked under Hudson, the previous COSCO chair. I have been the secretary and vice chair. That's basically the gist if you want to know more let me know.

On a motion to give this bill a rec of due Reynolds seconded by Oler

On a motion to see CR-112-01 Aslam seconded by Reynolds

- CR-112-01 "Honoring the 2023 OU Softball Team" (Kathuria)

Authors Explanation:

Hi everybody, my name is Shrey, many of you probably know me very well by now I am a very talkative member within the Student Undergraduate Congress. I use he/him/ his pronouns and I am a senior major in community health on a pre-medical track. More importantly I am a big fan of OU athletics and first off I want to give a special shoutout to my roommates, Wyatt and Clay, for coming and supporting me on this fabulous Tuesday. As you know we are very passionate OU Softball fans, and we got to witness something that has never been done before in the sport of college softball. We won 4th straight national championships. Did I have some moments of doubt that we would be able to pull it off? Absolutely, obviously because we lost a series to Texas, lost a series to Oklahoma State, lost a game to BYU, and lost that 72-game winning streak to Louisiana on some random day in March. But you know what we did, we found a way to win the Big 12 tournament and then now we have the number national seat. We won the regional no problem, we won our super regional no problem and then we were able to get to the college world series and then you know we went out there and we beat Duke, then we go beat UCLA where Tellie plays the game of her life. Then we lose to Florida, but then we came back with that Jayda Coleman solo shot to win the game that was amazing and then got the matchup against Texas. And then in those two games Oklahoma showed who they were to the whole country, and they pulled off what many thought was unthinkable and we ended up winning the national championship and that is something that is so commendable to all of us as OU softball has represented greatness over the last several years. I am sure that OU softball is going to continue being the dominant force as we are now in the Southeastern conference, and I am so glad to be an OU softball fan. Go sooners! Let's cheer on those ladies and let's show up for them next season being loud and proud and energetic and enthusiastic and let's be the best softball fanbase in the state of Oklahoma with the best softball team in the United States of America.

5:33 remaining for questions

- Harris- I just have one Boomer
 - I'll say sooner to that.
- Day- How are you going to go about honoring the softball team?
 - This is actually a tradition that started in the year 2022 when I wrote the honoring the 2022 OU Softball team and when I wrote the Honoring the 2022 OU Women's Gymnastics team for winning the national championships. I believe that this is so important that OU SGA is connecting with the student body in every shape and form and that we are connecting to OU athletes. That we are celebrating the accomplishments of our constituents. Throughout my time in congress, I have believed in the motto called WIN and the W part of WIN is welcome community and the way we welcome community is by ensuring that we are celebrating the accomplishments of all of our constituents and that we are connecting them to our student body to make sure we all know that we are one university. What I am really hopeful for is that President Glasscock and Vice President Mortazavi who co-authored this bill with me, I was actually texting that I was going to write this bill the moment that we won the national championship, but you know is I want us to present these bills formally at an OU sporting event that everyone can be a part of, similar to what we did in the year 2022 because I think it would be a great formal celebration.

On a motion to give this bill a rec of due pass Cantrell seconded by Reynolds

On a motion to exit Committee of the Whole Gilson-Bond seconded by Bento

Student Concern Link

Items to Be Considered

On a motion to see CB-112-01 Harris seconded by Duncan

- CB-112-01 "Session CXII Committee Chair Appointment Act."
(Rhoads/Houston/Harris)

Authors Explanation:

Hello everyone, we saw this in Committee of the Whole. They are going to be hopefully great committee chairs if they are appointed.

7:53 remaining for questions

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On a motion to see CR-112-01 Gilson-Bond seconded by Reynolds

- CR-112-01 "Honoring the 2023 OU Softball Team" (Kathuria)

Authors Explanation:

Guys as you may know I like to talk and tell stories, and I hope that you enjoyed the story that I told to you about the 2024 OU Softball team. If anybody wants to be a co-sponsor on this bill, now is your opportunity and I would also recommend that you email our amazing secretary Chloe Harris.

7:31 remaining for questions

24-0-0

Follow-Up Reports

- Kathuria- Thank you for voting yes on CR-112-01. We are going to get this thing seen in the Graduate Student Senate on Thursday and I am hoping it will pass and then we will get this on President Glasscock's desk, and I am hopeful that it will get signed

Items for Future Agenda

Announcements and Comments

- Coates, Lucas- On behalf of Representative Noah Coates, I am reporting that MOOT court is having their first meeting Thursday at 6pm in Dunham room A128. I believe that it will be catered.
- Bento- I have been asked to pass this down from the OK votes exec team. They are opening an ambassadorship program with OK votes, it is a very low commitment membership. Some stuff that we are going to do included volunteering at tabling efforts, attending one monthly meeting, and we are organizing a debate watch party for September 10th. I know we are also organizing an election night watch party when that comes, I will send a link for anyone that wants to be an ambassador for that. It will be really fun, please come.
- Cantrell- Hi everyone, if you didn't know Jacob Schonfield and I are in OIL he is the Speaker of the House and I am the Speaker Protem of the House, which means we like to recruit people. OIL is the best thing you could ever do and there is so much for you to get involved in, like legislation writing. It is going to be super fun it is 5 days at the capital where you get to spend time sitting in the seats that the representatives sit in. There is multiple different facets of the competition not just the House but the Senate, there is MOOT court competition which is awesome, and it is the best thing I've done for law school prep. There is also a journalism competition, if you are interested, I will drop some more information in the GroupMe.
- George- I just want to echo some things that have been said if you guys are planning to do anything with voter registration, please get in contact with OK votes. It is imperative that you work with them, the reason being is that we don't want students to be responsible for registering, so if we have a centralized area that we can work with, then let's keep it to that. So, if you are planning any registration drives, please contact Paige Martin and her team and they will get you squared away. I am pretty sure their notary will be able to help with mailing and stuff. So please utilize them, no rogue voter registration drives.

Final Roll Call

On a motion to adjourn Strahan seconded by Harris

Adjourn- 7:43 pm

Chair: Hope Rhoads

Vice-Chair: Rylee Houston

Secretary: Chloe Harris

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CXII

August 27, 2024

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-112-01

AS INTRODUCED

A Congressional Act of Procedure appointing committee chairs for Session CXII; providing short title; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS:

Section 1: Title: This act shall be known and may be cited as the “Session CXII Committee Chair Appointment Act.”

Section 2: Purpose: The purpose of this act is inherent in the Title.

Section 3: APPOINTMENT: The following persons shall be appointed to Committee and other positions as follows:

Campus Outreach, Safety, and Concerns:

Chair: Ben Keupen

Congressional Administration:

Chair: Madeline Cantrell

External Affairs:

Chair: Marilou Bento

Human Diversity:

Chair: Aniketh Koneru

Sustainability:

Chair: Aaron Gilson-Bond

University Policy:

Chair: Caleb Robinson

Ways and Means:

Chair: Jacob Schonfield

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

Author(s): Chair Hope Rhoads, Undergraduate Student Congress
Vice Chair Rylee Houston, Undergraduate Student Congress
Secretary Chloe Harris, Undergraduate Student Congress

Submitted on a Motion by:

Action taken by Congress

Verified by Chair: _____ Date: _____

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UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CXII

August 27, 2024

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GS25

August 29, 2024

CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-112-01

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. GF25-XX

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution honoring the OU Softball team
for winning the 2024 national championship.

- Whereas: The OU Softball team has demonstrated excellence on and off the field; and
- Whereas: The OU Softball team finished the season winning fifty-nine games; and
- Whereas: The OU Softball team defeated Texas twice in the championship series for the Women's College World Series by scores of 8-3 and 8-4; and
- Whereas: The OU Softball team now has a total of eight Women's College World Series championships; and
- Whereas: The OU softball team set an NCAA Division 1 softball record by winning 71 straight games across the 2023-24 seasons; and
- Whereas: The OU softball team is now the only NCAA Division 1 softball program to have won 4 consecutive national championships; and
- Whereas: Students across campus gained pride and passion from watching OU Softball; and

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

Section 1: Title: This resolution shall be known and may be cited as the "Honoring the 2024 OU Softball Team"

Section 2: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association congratulates the 2024 OU Softball Team for winning the national championship and demonstrating excellence.

Section 3: Copies of this resolution will be sent to:

- All members of the OU Softball team
- Patty Gasso
- Joe Castiglione

Author(s): Shrey Kathuria, Life Sciences Representative

Co-Author(s): Caden Glasscock, SGA President
Cyrus Mortazavi, SGA Vice President

Co-Sponsor(s):

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: _____

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Beasley	William	x	x		Beasley	Office on the web Frame	/			y
Bento	Marilou	x	x		Bento	Marilou		y	y	y
Bertotti	Hayden	x	x		Bertotti	Hayden		y	y	y
Brown	Jenna	x	x		Brown	Jenna		y	y	y
Calvert	Laura	x	x		Calvert	Laura		y	y	y
Cantrell	Madeline	x	x		Cantrell	Madeline		y	y	y
Coats	Lucas	a	x		Coats	Lucas		y	y	y
Coats	Noah	a	a		Coats	Noah				
Duncan	Elizabeth	x	x		Duncan	Elizabeth		y	y	y
Eaton	Elena	a	a		Eaton	Elena				
Gilson-Bond	Aaron	x	x		Gilson-Bond	Aaron		y	y	y
Harris	Hudson	x	x		Harris	Hudson		y	y	y
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Islas	Lizbeth	a	a		Islas	Lizbeth				
Kathuria	Shrey	x	x		Kathuria	Shrey		y	y	y
Keupen	Ben	a	x		Keupen	Ben		y	y	y
Koneru	Aniketh	x	x		Koneru	Aniketh		y	y	y
Lancaster	Jackson	a	a		Lancaster	Jackson				
Marah	Michael	x	x		Marah	Michael		y	y	y
Martin	Kyle	x	x		Martin	Kyle		y	y	y
Ogle	Pierce	a	x		Ogle	Pierce		y	y	y
Oler	Kyle	x	x		Oler	Kyle		y	y	y
Reynolds	Michael	x	x		Reynolds	Michael		y	y	y
Robinson	Caleb	ex	ex		Robinson	Caleb				
Schonfield	Jacob	x	x		Schonfield	Jacob		y	y	y
Shroeder	Brooklyn		x		Shroeder	Brooklyn		y	y	y
Strahan	Frankie	x	x		Strahan	Frankie		y	y	y
Walker	Cody	x	x		Walker	Cody		y	y	y
Wilson	Jeriah	a	a		Wilson	Jeriah				
Zainuddin	Raeed	a	a		Zainuddin	Raeed				
PRESENT			19	24	Yes			24	24	24
ABSENT			11	7	No			0	0	0
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