

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS

Session CXII

General Body Meeting

7:00 pm, Tuesday, September 17th, 2024

Dale 103

Call to Order- 7:01 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 | September 10, 2024

On a motion to approve the minutes Strahan seconded by Duncan

Officer Reports -

- **Chair's Report:** Hello everyone, I hope you had a good weekend and a good start of your week. This weekend we had Orientation which Vice Chair Houston did a great job on I will let her talk about that more. I just want to let all of you know who might be appointed as representatives rather than elected that to stay a representative you will have to file for election this upcoming election filing season which I believe is September 22nd/23rd is when it opens so just be aware of that if you are wanting to a representative. If you an associate and you are wanting to be a representative you can also file for election, then and we will discuss that more when the time gets closer but that is just kind of how that process works. If you are a new member of the body a new associate or a new representative, please see me after the meeting so I can get you sworn in so that you can actually stay a member of Congress.
- **Vice Chair's Report:** Hi everyone! This weekend we had our new member Orientation, went extremely well! Huge thank you to all of you who came, I am so grateful to have such a wonderful turn out! And an even bigger thank you to my lovely committee chairs and exec team who supported me and helped everything flow smoothly! I could not have made it happen without you being so willing to take things off my plate. Some things we went over included membership requirements and expectations, committee presentations, and parli pro! We took a 'What Committee Are You?' personality quiz, got to know each other, and had some lunch! Some big news! If you followed the @oucongress Instagram, I am so sorry, but that account will no longer be active. Instead, I strongly encourage you to follow the @ou_sga Instagram. As of yesterday, all of the branches and SGA accounts have merged into one. Previously, the @ou_sga account was primarily used by the Exec branch, GSS had

their own account, and we had ours, but now they will all be housed on one account. This is so that we can hopefully get more engagement, reach a broader audience, and post more consistently. I will still be in charge of posts for Congress, but I will be doing so on that account. Also, all the nametags are now color-coded according to your committee. You will see a small colored dot on the back, which coordinates with the color assigned to your committee. COSCO is dark pink. ConAd is purple. EA is blue. HD is light pink. Susty is light green. UPol is red. And WAM is dark green. Please be diligent in keeping your nametags with their assigned color and committee when putting them back at the end of the meeting.

- **Secretary's Report:** Hi guys, I just want to give a big shoutout to our Madame Vice Chair Rylee for putting on an exceptional orientation on Sunday. It was a very stressful task, and she managed it beautifully as always. On other news, I sent out all of the invites for the Engage page last Friday. There are just a few people who have not accepted the request yet, so if you guys could look in your email for the invite and accept it that would be amazing. Also, I really want to get to know all of you better and would love for you guys to come chat with me during my office hours. We have really comfy couches, and I will start having candy in there if it entices you guys. Plus, I love having a reason to avoid doing my schoolwork so please drop by!

Committee Reports-

- **Campus Outreach, Safety, and Concerns:** Hey everyone, I hope you all have had a great week so far! Big thank you to Vice-Chair Houston for putting on orientation. It was the best orientation I have been to! COSCO did not meet officially at orientation. We just got to know the new members who were interested in COSCO. We have had 5 new people join COSCO, which literally doubled our committee size, which I am very excited about. Other than that, I am looking for a committee secretary and vice-chair.
- **Congressional Administration:** Hi everyone, ConAd met officially this weekend, and we saw CB-112-04 and CB-112-05. CB-112-04 is an appointment bill for some associates and then CB-112-05 is a redistricting bill so that is changing the way that seats are allocated, and I just encourage all of you to look at that bill before we see that tonight. We gave the appointment bill a recommendation of no recommendation and the redistricting bill a recommendation of due pass. I just wanted to shout out Rylee and Marilou, Rylee awesome job on Orientation it was probably the best that I had ever seen and I just wanted to shout out Marilou and EA for a great voter registration day!
- **External Affairs:** Hello everyone! Today was National Voter Registration Day so we've been out tabling all day! Our tabling was a great success, and we had the best voter registration numbers and absentee ballot submissions this year than we have ever have! Thank you so much to everyone who participated and volunteered. It was so much fun and today would have not been as big as it was without all the support so thank you! This weekend EA also met and got to hang out with a bunch of new members. We mostly went over the finishing details on today and for the Forum, but we also talked about what projects we are interested in tackling next. Finally, tomorrow is also our Civic Engagement Forum, we are no longer accepting question submissions, but I highly encourage all of you to come out and speak with your local leaders. It will start at 7PM in Gaylord Hall in the Auditorium. It will be a great event!
- **Human Diversity:** So, HD met unofficially on Sunday, shoutout to Vice Chair Rylee for doing Qdoba, that was an improvement from last year. We just discussed the voter registration drive. I have some exciting news, a multicultural cultural sorority that we are working with want to extend it beyond their sorority to all of the MGC which is the

Multicultural Greek Life Council, so we have some exciting news there. I am just waiting to hear back from Ok Votes, so we can get venues and dates set up. I am just waiting to hear back from the Black Student Association, the Hispanic American Association, and the Asian American Association, so we have those voting registration drives coming up sometime this month before October 11th. We got some new exciting ideas from new HD members, and we will be doing more collaborations with international community and outreach to different departments on campus and talk to administrators about different policies.

- **Sustainability:** This last Sunday week SUSTY met officially. We didn't discuss much but I've very excited for our next meeting to talk about project ideas and get to know each other better. As everyone else said thank you Vice Chair Houston for putting on an amazing orientation. You truly cannot hear that enough. I will be meeting with Sarah to talk about what the school is doing sustainability-wise to mesh a little better.
- **University Policy:** UPOL met unofficially this weekend. We didn't have a lot to cover we just briefly ran over everyone's project briefs those are making as much progress as I would have hoped them to considering I asked all of you to pretty much do English homework, so I appreciate that. Other than that, all of our projects themselves are also getting along well be on the lookout for a survey at the end of this month or the earliest part of October with COSCO. We are finalizing the questions now and then it will go to Chair Rhodes for review and then we will get it sent out.
- **Ways and Means:** Hi everybody, WAM met officially Friday we saw several AUX, you should see another AUX from me next week. We met officially on Wednesday, and I just walked some of our new potential members through the process of seeing AUX bills.

Liaison Reports

Special Orders

Student Concern Link

Items to Be Considered

On a motion to see CB-112-04 Oler seconded by L. Coats

- CB-112-04 "Session CXII General Application Appointment Act 2." (Rec of no Rec)

Authors Explanation:

Hi everyone, so basically last week we learned that we had accidentally left off a new member as well as some associates who didn't realize they had to reapply and still wanted to be in the body. So now we are seeing another appointment act, they will be doing the oath like everyone else we are just not going to recess for it, they are just going to come to my office and say the oath in front of me before the next meeting, so they are still valid according to the bylaws. They are great candidates; Noah has been in the body and Ty James is a new member.

7:21 remaining for questions

- **Houston-** Would you accept a friendly amendment adding Auna Friant Mitchell and Mercer Martin?
 - Yes.

31-0-0

On a motion to see CB-112-05 Wang seconded by Aslam

- CB-112-05 "Redistricting Act of 2024" (Recommendation of Due Pass)

Authors Explanation:

Hello everybody, so redistricting is required to be done every two years. I did I two years ago when I was a member of ConAd and had what I would call the distinct honor of doing it again, some would call that a task I love redistricting. So, this is the bill that is the result. I had some discussions with George, and we decided to do some pretty hefty restructuring of the academic districts. Instead of

being by discipline this is going to be mostly by college there is a few instances where that isn't the case, this is because we have to meet a constitutional requirement of 14 districts. The major changes are the academic affairs district which now has one seat. The architecture district will remain the same, but it will gain one seat to become two seats. The arts and sciences district is a merging of the life sciences district, physical sciences, social sciences, and humanities districts that will have 15 seats. The atmospheric and geographic sciences will remain the same. The business district will be merging with the Business and then the Finance and Accounting district it will have 10 seats. The Earth and Energy district will have one seat, that is a new district. The education district will be new, it will have 1 seat. The engineering district will remain exactly the same. The exploratory district will be new that will consist of all students who are exploratory, undeclared in the University College. The fine arts district will remain the same. The international and area studies district will remain the same. The journalism and mass communication district is merging, some of the majors that are housed within the college of arts and sciences and then the journalism and mass communication that is all of Gaylord, that will have 3 seats. Professional and continuing studies that is a new district and will have one seat. Then pre-health sciences that is all students on a 2-year pre-health sciences track and that will have 4 seats.

6:10 remaining for questions

- **Coats-** What is the main benefit that you see in merging or separating districts?
 - The biggest issue I had with redistricting both times is the numbers that we get from IRR (the institutional reporting research). They are kind of sketch at best, some of them differ from page to page, so that alone made me question it and then having to go through and make it easier for whoever does redistricting two years from now, instead of having to go in an select major by major because these districts were so shattered, that just makes it such a pain. George has access to a system; he can go through and click the college, and he can get the exact number of students in that college without having to add the students in every major and then try and get that number. It is just so much easier to do this and then eventually I would like to see us go a different route moving away from that, but I am not going to make any promises.
- **Finley-** Does this redistricting mean there will be more representatives or associates?
 - No, we are still stuck at 48 seats this is just the redistribution of the seats.
- **Deidre-** Do you anticipate any issues with representation given that 8 of the 14 districts will only be represented by one seat?
 - No, I think a large number of our districts are appointed districts. So those who want to run will run and those who don't want to run won't run. That is an issue that I think this exec has done a great job of addressing this session, so I don't really see that being a huge issue. I think those who are interested in running are going to run either way.
- **Aslam-** Will you be releasing the excel sheet to show the seats for each college and the how it was distributed?
 - Yes, I will have Secretary Harris send that out with the minutes.
- **Lapp-** How do you choose which districts to consolidate?
 - I know that there was some talk initially about wanting a freshman-oriented district, but there were also some concerns about representation for undecided students. The only reason I had the exploratory district is because there is also business undecided, arts and sciences undecided, and I think those being on the business track or the arts and sciences track belong within that district. But having an exploratory undeclared

within the University College they don't really fit in any other district, and I don't want to force them into a box with arts and sciences students or business students. So I think it's best for them being on their own and then the same thing with pre-health sciences students, they aren't going to be here all four years, they are on a completely different track from everybody else who is here generally 5-6 years depending on how fast you take your major, so those were what I took into account when I decided to split those districts.

- **Carter-** Can you explain the statement in Section 3.1?
 - That is not really a change, that is just supposed to be the path we are on when we do redistricting. That is how it is already in the bylaws. That just lets us know every even numbered year is every two years, so that's where the cycle will fall.
- **Gilson-Bond-** Did the ConAd Chair work with you at all during this process?
 - At the time of doing this, no.
- **Gilson-Bond-** Are you aware that the ConAd Chair shall work with the Congress Chair during this process?
 - No, I was not aware.
- **Carter-** What was your reasoning for moving the film and media majors out of the fine arts district?
 - The film and media majors, I don't understand why, but the spreadsheet that I have there is also a film and media studies major in the arts and sciences, so just for the sake of consistency and trying to avoid the complexities of exactly why we decided to do this by selecting major by major by major, that is the college they are housed and so that is the purpose of them being in the arts and sciences district.
- **Combest-** Have you seen any potential trends in which you district, and did you account for potential population increase or decrease in the redistricting?
 - When I redistrict, I do not calculate based on projected growth in a specific college that is why we do it every two years, so that we can look back and say over the last two years these are the changes we have had since then. I do not want to be the one that messes that up and I think that is honestly more work in general and risk in doing redistricting. As interesting and wonderful as I think that would be. I think that is just a lot more work on the person doing redistricting and I think there is a lot more room for error in having seats that may be under or overrepresented because the trends don't follow what we projected them to.

26-4-0

Follow-Up Reports

Announcements and Comments

- **Rhodes-** If you are not getting the agendas for the meetings, please let me know so I can add you to the email list.

Final Roll Call

On a motion to adjourn Lapp seconded by Robinson

Adjourn- 7:33 pm

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CX
September 17th, 2024

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-112-04

AS INTRODUCED

A Congressional Act of Procedure appointing new
Representatives and Associates in the SGA
Undergraduate Student Congress; 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 General Application Appointment Act 2.”

Section 2: Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to select new Associates and Representatives pursuant to the SGA Congressional Bylaws, Section 3.2.3(a).

Section 3: The following individuals are hereby appointed as Associates in the SGA Undergraduate Student Congress:

Ty James
Noah Brown
Auna Friant Mitchell
Mercer Martin

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

Author(s): Hope Rhoads, Congress Chair

Co-Author(s): Noah Coats, Congressional Administration Vice Chair

Submitted on a Motion by: Representative Oler seconded by L. Coats

Action taken by Congress 31-0-0

Verified by Chair: _____ Date: _____

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CXII

September 17, 2024

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-112-05

AS INTRODUCED

An Act of Procedure amending Section 3 of the Bylaws of the Undergraduate Student Congress, 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 “Redistricting Act of 2024.”
- Section 2:** Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to amend the Undergraduate Student Congress Bylaws to redistribute Congressional seats and reform the existing districts to meet the current needs of the Undergraduate Student Congress.
- Section 3:** AMENDATORY: The Undergraduate Student Congress Bylaws Section 3.1 is amended as follows. New additions shall be denoted by an underline, and deletions shall be denoted by a ~~strikethrough~~.

Section 3.1: STUDENT CONGRESS DISTRICTS

Pursuant to Article III, Section 2 of the SGA Constitution, Student Congress is divided into fourteen (14) districts apportioned on the basis of academic college interest. Changes to these districts must be approved by a three fourths (3/4) majority of the total membership of Congress. In the circumstances that a new major or department is added between redistricting cycles, it shall be the Congress Chair’s responsibility to decide where it will be sorted until the next even number year.

The districts and their compositions are as follows:

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS District: Shall consist of all students in the College of Academic Affairs. This district has one (1) seat.

ARCHITECTURE District: Shall consist of all students in the Gibbs College of Architecture. This district has ~~one (1) seat~~ two (2) seats.

ARTS AND SCIENCES District: Shall consist of all students in the Dodge Family College of Arts and Sciences. This district has fifteen (15) seats.

ATMOSPHERIC AND GEOGRAPHIC SCIENCE District: Shall consist of all students in the College of Atmospheric and Geographic Science, ~~and all students with declared majors in the following Arts and Sciences Departments: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on the Environment Program.~~ This district has one (1) seat.

BUSINESS District: Shall consist of all students ~~with declared majors~~ in the Price College of Business ~~except for Finance and Accounting majors.~~ This district has ~~six (6)~~ ten (10) seats.

EARTH AND ENERGY District: Shall consist of all students in the Mewbourne College of Earth and Energy. This district has one (1) seat.

EDUCATION District: Shall consist of all students in the Jeannine Rainbolt College of Education. This district has one (1) seat.

ENGINEERING District: Shall consist of all students in the Gallogly College of Engineering. This district has six (6) seats.

EXPLORATORY District: Shall consist of all exploratory undeclared students housed within the University College. This district has one (1) seat.

FINE ARTS District: Shall consist of all students in the Weitzenhoffer College of Fine Arts. This district has one (1) seat.

INTERNATIONAL AND AREA STUDIES District: Shall consist of all students in the Boren College of International and Area Studies. This district has one (1) seat.

JOURNALISM AND MASS COMMUNICATION District: Shall consist of all students in the Gaylord College of Journalism and Mass Communication. This district has three (3) seats.

PROFESSIONAL AND CONTINUING STUDIES District: Shall consist of all students in the College of Professional and Continuing Studies. This district has one (1) seat.

PRE-HEALTH SCIENCES District: Shall consist of all students with declared 2-year pre-health sciences majors housed within the University College. This district has four (4) seats.

~~FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING District: Shall consist of all students with declared majors in Finance and Accounting. This district has three (3) seats.~~

~~COMMUNICATION District: Shall consist of all students with the declared majors in the Gaylord College of Journalism and Mass Communication (including pre-Journalism) and declared majors in the following Arts and Sciences Departments: Communication. This district has three (3) seats.~~

~~ENGINEERING AND ENERGY District: Shall consist of all students in the Gallogly College of Engineering and all students in the Mewbourne College of Earth and Energy. This district has six (6) seats.~~

~~FINE ARTS District: Shall consist of all students in the College of Fine Arts and all students with declared majors in the following Arts and Sciences Departments: Film and Media Studies. This district has one (1) seat.~~

~~HUMANITIES District: Shall consist of all students with declared majors in the following Arts and Sciences Departments: African and African American Studies, Anthropology, Classics and Letters, English, Environmental Studies, History, History of Science, Linguistics, Literature, Modern Languages, Native American Studies, Philosophy, Religious Studies, Women's and Gender Studies, Information Studies, and Latinx Studies. This district has two (2) seats.~~

~~INTERNATIONAL AND AREA STUDIES District: Shall consist of all students with declared majors in the College of International and Area Studies. This district has one (1) seat.~~

~~INTERPERSONAL STUDIES District: Shall consist of all students in the College of Education and students with declared majors in the following Arts and Sciences Departments: Human Relations, Social Work (including Pre-Social Work), and all students in the University Outreach College of Continuing Education. This district has one (1) seat.~~

~~LIFE SCIENCE District: Shall consist of all students with declared majors in the following Arts and Sciences Departments: Biological Sciences, Microbiology and Plant Biology, Health and Exercise Science, Biology, Community Health, and Public Health. This district has five (5) seats.~~

~~PHYSICAL SCIENCE District: Shall consist of all students with declared majors in the following Arts and Sciences Departments: Astronomy, Chemistry/Biochemistry, Mathematics, Physics, and the following majors housed within the College of Arts and Sciences: Data Analytics and Applied Sciences. This district has one (1) seat.~~

~~SOCIAL SCIENCE District: Shall consist of all students with declared majors in the College of Professional and Continuing Studies and the following Arts and Sciences Departments: Economics, Political Science, Psychology, and Sociology. This district has five (5) seats.~~

~~UNIVERSITY COLLEGE District: Shall consist of all students in the University College, including second year pre-Health Science Center students, Early Entry Students, and all students with declared majors in the College of Arts and Sciences: Multidisciplinary Studies, Planned Programs, and Arts and Science Undecided. This district has twelve (12) seats.~~

Representatives shall vacate their seat when they become ineligible to run or vote in their district.

Exceptions:

~~Students elected to represent the University College District during their freshman year may retain their seat until the end of their electoral mandate.~~

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

Author(s): Caleb Robinson, Social Sciences District Representative

Submitted on a Motion by: Representative Wang seconded by Representative Aslam

Action taken by Congress: 26-4-0

Verified by Chair of Congress:

Date:

Approved by SGA President:

Date:

17-Sep							
Last	First	Intial	Final	Last	First	CB-112-04	CB-112-05
Aslam	Syed	x	x	Aslam	Syed	y	y
Awoyemi	Ayomide	ex	ex	Awoyemi	Ayomide		
Beasley	William	x	x	Beasley	William	y	y
Bento	Marilou	x	x	Bento	Marilou	y	y
Bertotti	Hayden	x	x	Bertotti	Hayden	y	y
Brown	Jenna	a	x	Brown	Jenna	y	y
Calvert	Laura	x	x	Calvert	Laura	y	y
Carter	Lauren	x	x	Carter	Lauren	y	y
Cantrell	Madeline	x	x	Cantrell	Madeline	y	y
Coats	Lucas	x	x	Coats	Lucas	y	n
Coats	Noah	x	a	Coats	Noah	y	
Combest	Harley	a	x	Combest	Harley	y	y
Duncan	Elizabeth	x	x	Duncan	Elizabeth	y	y
Estrada	Nicole	ex	ex	Estrada	Nicole		
Finley	Jael	x	x	Finley	Jael	y	y
Fisher	Mecca	a	x	Fisher	Mecca	y	y
Gilson-Bond	Aaron	x	x	Gilson-Bond	Aaron	y	n
Harris	Hudson	ex	ex	Harris	Hudson		
Ho	Caren	a	a	Ho	Caren		
Islas	Lizbeth	a	a	Islas	Lizbeth		
Kathuria	Shrey	ex	ex	Kathuria	Shrey		
Keupen	Ben	x	x	Keupen	Ben	y	y
Koneru	Aniketh	x	x	Koneru	Aniketh	y	y
Lapp	Bridget	x	x	Lapp	Bridget	y	y
Marah	Michael	a	x	Marah	Michael	y	y
Martin	Kyle	x	x	Martin	Kyle	y	y
Mitei	Kristen	a	x	Mitei	Kristen	y	y
Ogle	Pierce	a	x	Ogle	Pierce	y	y
Oler	Kyle	x	x	Oler	Kyle	y	n
Prajapati	Himani	a	x	Prajapati	Himani	y	y
Reynolds	Michael	ex	ex	Reynolds	Michael		
Robinson	Caleb	x	x	Robinson	Caleb	y	y
Schonfield	Jacob	x	x	Schonfield	Jacob	y	y
Schroeder	Brooklyn	a	x	Schroeder	Brooklyn	y	y
Strahan	Frankie	x	x	Strahan	Frankie	y	y
Stubbs	Lauren	a	a	Stubbs	Lauren		
Walker	Cody	x	x	Walker	Cody	y	n
Wang	Andy	x	x	Wang	Andy	y	y
Wilson	Jeriah	x	x	Wilson	Jeriah	y	y
PRESENT			23	30	Yes	31	26
ABSENT			11	4	No	0	4
EXCUSED			5	5	Abstain	0	0