

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS Session CV

General Body Meeting
7:00 pm, Tuesday, March 18, 2021
ZOOM ONLY

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Roll Call 7:02pm

Mission Statement

Moment of Silence

Approval of Minutes

Representative Sertovic seconded by Representative Esmeraldo

Chair's Report – Hi everyone. We have visitors tonight, be on your best behavior. If you're willing to turn on your camera, please do. I will start tonight by saying I'm so sorry for the mistakes on the statement from big exec. I'm personally sorry that something that was meant to help a hurting community was the source of more grief. We're meeting with AASA to see how we can help them better going forward. Next, international student housing over the summer. Announcement on that later this week. Samantha Hepburn from exec branch should be here tonight, rep of the search committee for new cfo or senior vp for finance. Email her what you'd like to see in either one of those positions. I attended exec cabinet meeting last night, any questions, please ask. Reach out to them if you have questions, concerns, or anything else about exec or SGA in general. Tonight there should be someone here, she asked if she could record the meeting to see how virtual meetings work from a journalism class. I'll send a congressional experience form soon to get feedback about your experience form so far. This is a stressful time now, so please take care of yourself, get enough water, sleep. Counseling center is a resource available. Take care of yourselves during this time. Thoughts tonight are with people of Boulder who experienced the shooting there. If anyone was affected by that, my door is open.

Vice Chair's Report - Hey everyone! I hope y'all are doing well. We will be having a Town Hall on Monday March 29th at 6 PM over zoom. It will only last an hour, but if you're interested in being on the panel, just let me know! This is different from the Info Session because it allows the student body to ask us questions. We are hoping to publicize this though a lot beforehand in order to gauge what questions will be asked. We will hopefully have someone from the OU Daily there to moderate the questions, but if not, I will do it. I am sending a google form in an OUMM and publicizing our hashtag #AskOURCongress so people can tweet questions. Once we have graphics, please please please share them! We are continuing our Meet Your Committee Chairs campaign and I think that's doing super well! If you have graphics or a social media campaign you want us to share, please just text or email me and let me know and we can get it worked out. The next thing I have is March Madness! I am super excited because we have had some interesting happenings with the brackets. As of right now, Kyle is leading in points with Crispin and Sam tied for second and Emily and Carson are tied for third. If you want to rack up those points, then submit pictures of you watching the games or donate to the OU Food Pantry for bonus points! If you don't have time or unable to

bring canned goods, you can venmo me and I'll buy some for you to donate and I'll give you bonus points for those. Lastly, I will not be running for re-election for Vice Chair so please come talk to me if you are interested in the position! I will start working on my analysis of different things regarding the position and writing my transition documents this week, so if you're interested to know what that will consist of, just ask! Other than that, just let me know if you need anything.

Secretary's Report – Hi everyone! Hope you're all safe and well. Reminder to get vaccinated! There's a huge vaccination clinic at the Armory this weekend. Please do it, it's free. Associate Taylor and I finished up with the point system, the legislation for which we're seeing tonight. I'm sure Chair Hillis will say more in the ConAd report, but I'll just say I'm very pleased with how it turned out and think that it will encourage involvement within the body. Also, speaking of Chair Hillis, big shoutout to him for doing the minutes during the two bills I have tonight. I know he's not the biggest fan of minutes, but I know he'll do wonderful, so thank you to him! Keep on getting in your constituent service requirements, and be sure to talk to me if you're interested in running for Secretary.

Committee Reports-

- **Campus Outreach, Safety, and Concerns:** We met unofficially this week, I was out of town. Great stuff coming up, stay tuned.
- **Congressional Administration:** Saw three bills, rec of do pass. Affirming language in the code act, flexibility in committee membership act, get your awesome scholarly self involved act of 2021. Submissions for SGA experience form, 25 percent completed it. Also, I'm taking minutes, please speak slowly.
- **External Affairs:** Love is Anti-Violence Resolution, do pass. Tribal voting summit Saturday, success. Thursday at 6:30 forum for Ward 3 with Alison Petrone. Potential Ward 2 debate
- **Human Diversity:** Hi all, HD did meet officially this weekend. I wanted to extend a thank you to all of our guests that came this weekend, it was wonderful to have you. HD saw four bills this weekend, which does not happen often but love when it does. First we saw CR-105-11 Love is Anti-Violence Resolution of 2021 and gave a Rec of Do Pass. Then, we saw CR-105-12 Fight On Norman High Resolution of 2021 and gave a Rec of Do Pass. Following, we tabled CR-105-13 #StopAAPIHate Act of 2021 as the authors are working further with AASA. Finally, we saw CB-105-19 Affirming Language in the Code Annotated Act and gave a Rec of Do Pass. Other HD projects are continuing to be worked on and making great progress. In Announcements and Comments, I will be going over the constituent service opportunity HD has available for everyone. And as always, if you need anything just let me know!
- **Sustainability:** Met officially, welcomed Nic Nair into our committee. Data collection tools for specialized recycling. Athletics recycling project going well, developing commission/taskforce acting as dedicated entity. Waste output, not outcome we wanted with housing and food, not unexpected. More RSO outreach with composting club, working with them and other RSOs. Saw first piece of legislation in 2 years, window walk, do pass. Other things in the works as well.
- **University Policy:** Hello everyone, I'm sorry I couldn't be there this evening. UPOL met unofficially this weekend for project updates. Quick shoutout to Maegan Bryant for her work with students addressing ableist professors and a huge thank you to her for bringing that to our attention last week. Our work on both the policy audit as well as the push for a new mandatory training are well underway, and if anyone has any questions about either of those, feel free to let me know.
- **Ways and Means:** Didn't meet in committee, just primary. Got through a good portion for first run through. If you want to apply for aux, you have to apply by March 30, one last round at the end of April.

Liaison Reports

Brown: Next poli sci club meeting March 31 7:30pm on Zoom, look out for that. Getting op-ed column in the OU Daily regularly submitted by students/professors/third parties. They're wanting trial pieces mock ups, already have a couple from EA, texted Crispin to request one from Congress exec, getting submissions from Big Exec, and anyone in Congress who has a noninflammatory op-ed to submit, be respectful.

Kerr: Oklahoma Blood Institute having Bedlam Blood drive in the armory. Vaccinations also going on in the armory, in walker storm shelter Friday. Vaccination status doesn't affect your ability to donate. Every donation saves three lives.

Tucker: Wednesday 8:30 Jamelia Reed set after open mic!

Merchant: GEC event with Dominique Jackson at 7pm. Hair Love event happening this Friday, excited about it. ACLU of Oklahoma having annual membership awards ceremony, open to the public.

Garg: Serving on search committee for chief human resource officer. Anything you want to see in the next human resource officer let me know. I'm emphasizing diversity policies.

Special Orders

Student Concerns

Poupore: Tragic shooting in Boulder yesterday. Had constituents reaching out that were concerned. Is Congress or SGA going to release a statement? It shouldn't be overlooked. There's a lot of mass shootings, but this was a particularly tragic one for a lot of OU students.

South: I would prefer a resolution since it carries more force. If you're interested in writing that please email me.

Perez: A few constituents said that they saw OSU students get 2 grants of \$1000 each from the CARES Act. Gone to financial aid office and asked if OU has something like that, no insight on that. I don't know what could be done on this, but I thought I'd bring it up.

South: I can look into that.

Janes: People are asking what happened to all the electric scooters on campus. Can't park VEO on campus. OU used to have branded electric scooters, but they're gone.

South: There's something about permissions regarding electric scooters, talk to me later so I can get more info on that.

Old Business

Items to Be Considered

CB-105-19 Affirming Language in the Code Annotated Act of 2021 (Merchant) (HD/ConAd, Do Pass)

Representative Esmeraldo seconded by Representative Tesfaselassie

Merchant: I'm Mahak, I am the Director of Inclusivity. When I first assumed this role, Chief of Staff Kaya informed me that the list of my duties is a little outdated, referencing multicultural groups and LGBTQ+ community. Reached out to LGBTQ+ Advisory Board, this is what we came up with.

Harman: Scrivener's. Rep. Carmona Casado is Finance, not Business.

CB-105-22 Flexibility in Committee Membership Act of 2021 (South) (ConAd, Do Pass)

Representative Esmeraldo seconded by Representative Smith

South: Hi everyone. This bill will remove the process of having to pass a whole bill through Congress to assign committee memberships. Gives chair of Congress flexibility in determining Committee memberships in a timely manner. Flexibility in leaving or changing committee assignments, just a request to the chair and the chair publishes a new list. Advice and consent to the executive committee, meeting with exec and asking the chairs of the committees if it's okay. If no objections, the members can switch committees. Never had a problem in the past of chairs fighting over committee members, so I don't anticipate any issue with this.

Esmeraldo: Will this list be available on ENGAGE?

South: In the past, there's been a PDF to the most recent committee assignment bill on the SGA website on the Congress tab. I would email Mary with the new list and she could publish it no problem, and it'd be publicly available to everyone.

CB-105-23 Get Your Awesome-Scholarly-Self Involved Act of 2021 (Taylor/Tucker) (ConAd, Do Pass)

Representative Poupore, seconded by Representative Sertovic

Taylor: This bill will repeal and replace the constituent services hours framework and turn it into a point system. You will still need to do one hour of service to not get an absence like the old system, if you receive 15 points in one month you will receive a congratulatory resolution.

Tucker: We wrote this to encourage members to get more involved. This movement from a requirement to a point will help the perspective on the system.

Poupore: I read the bill but didn't understand. Is this replacing the constituent service hour system?

Tucker: Yes, this replaces the system. We wanted it to stay the same idea of doing one hour of constituent service, but move it over to a point system.

Poupore: Does any RSO meeting count or does it need to be in your district?

Tucker: So it will be for any RSO meeting, it does not need to be in your district. It's as such because you are still reaching out to SGA Members. If you go to a meeting in your district for Representatives or in your Academic College if you are an Associate, then you get a bonus point because that's your constituents.

Taylor: The meeting needs to be at least one hour long, however. You should also be promoting SGA at those meetings

Halsey-Kraus: Will you accept a friendly amendment to amend a section to add the Governing Documents Test section?

Tucker: Yes!

CR-105-11 Love is Anti-Violence Resolution of 2021 (Tucker/Yanez) (EA/HD, Do Pass) **Representative Broadbent seconded by Representative Griffin.**

Tucker: Hi y'all, this is just a resolution following up to HB 1888 that was going to see the floor in the Oklahoma legislature the other week. That particular bill would have stripped public funds from a long list of institutions if they conducted gender or sexual diversity trainings, with an amendment proposed by the author and later withdrawn that would have forced school staff to out LGBTQ+ kids to their parents, which, if you're unaware, would have had disastrous consequences for LGBTQ+ young people. In this resolution, we condemn that particular bill, we highlight some of the inequities that LGBTQ+ people face, and we call on the Oklahoma legislature to update their bill books to reflect Supreme Court precedent like *Bostock*, which prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity. We also reaffirm our commitment to fighting for the queer community against violence that is not only physical but also legislative and institutional and recognizing the intersectional experiences that LGBTQ+ people go through, as well as commending the Gender and Equality Center for the essential services they provide for all students. This type of legislation that targets the LGBTQ+ community comes up in the Oklahoma legislature every year, so we wanted to address it to make sure we hold our legislature accountable and let them know that we at the university stand for LGBTQ+ rights.

Harman: Since the bill that we saw does not match what we saw on Sunday, scrivener's error & add me as a co-author?

Tucker: Yes.

Broadbent: Will you accept a friendly amendment to add me as a co-author?

Tucker: Yes.

Brown: Will you accept a friendly amendment to add me as a co-sponsor?

Tucker: Yes, and if anyone else would like to sponsor this bill, please email me.

CR-105-12 Fight On Norman High Resolution of 2021 (Beltz/Yanez) (HD, Do Pass) **Representative Broadbent seconded by Representative Poupore**

Beltz: This bill is to congratulate Norman High Girls Basketball Team, to call out the racist language of the sportscaster that used racial slurs when they took a knee, and to call for accountability and holding others accountable, since the other sportscaster in the room didn't say anything about the racist comments.

Esmeraldo: Is hate speech a crime in the US? Where I live it's a crime.

Marvin: Not unless it threatens bodily harm.

CR-105-14 Window Walk Resolution of 2021 (Harder) (Susty, Do Pass)

Chair Lange seconded by Representative Smith

Harder: This is a resolution talking about our upcoming Window Walk and to help provide info on why we do them. It's what classrooms have windows and if they have shades. It can help students, faculty, and staff mentally, academically, and environmentally to have windows.

Lange: Scrivener's changing Chairman to just Chair Lange.

Harder: Yes.

Lange: Someone needed to be removed from co-sponsors.

Harder: That was someone else, this person did want to be a co-sponsor actually.

Follow-Up Reports

Marvin: Representative Bryant's concern about maltreatment and ableist attitudes. Sending it to Angelora of exec branch. She wanted to talk about our different ADA projects, getting people connected to the ADRC, so I'm looping her in on this as well as COSCO and HD chairs. Discussed it going to UPol, but it's more student treatment than policy issue. Trying to further define UPol versus COSCO. I'll let y'all know when I have more info.

Items for Future Agenda

Announcements and Comments

Harman: HD is offering constituent service opportunity. Putting on menstrual and general hygiene product drive, donations going to OU Food Pantry. Includes tampons, pads, toothbrushes, toothpaste, other general hygiene items. Can be travel sized as well. For this to count as constituent service opportunity, you must donate five items. Put your name on the bag so I can write you a thank you note. Boxes to donate outside SGA office door. If you donate, put my name and email on Google Form so you get credit from her. OU Food Pantry in need of these items. Graphic is already posted.

Lange: Constituent service opportunities, trash walk of some kind next month. Friday April 30th, Treefest happening. Sending out sign up form soon. Health Sciences Center series of speakers via Zoom, reach out for more information. Ongoing, City of Norman doing recycling competition, runs through end of the month. Could accrue cash prize for that. Window Walk later this month, Light Walk after that.

Hillis: Thank you everyone for not abstaining this time. SGA General Application Experience Form. If you applied through the general application, please fill out the form, it'll help us a lot. Shout out to Sarah for the Light Walk, this Thursday at 6pm, reach out to her in GroupMe if you have any questions. Also, I took awesome minutes.

Marvin: Posted graphic on Instagram, in the middle of typing out Twitter post too. Follow Congress Twitter and retweet things.

Tucker: New constituent service system we passed tonight only goes into effect when we gavel into Session 106, so the new system is currently still in place.

Final Roll Call

Adjourn

Representative Sertovic seconded by Representative Poupore

Chair: Crispin South

Vice Chair: Alexis Marvin

Secretary: Emily Tucker

Session 105	General
Alcala, Talon	x
Alfaro Sandi, Jafet	x
Angstadt, Kennedy	x
Beltz, Katie	x
Broadbent, Taylor	x
Bryant, Maegan	x
Carmona Casado, Ismael	x
Chenevey, Brandon	x
Dao, Audrey	x
Douglas, Zoe	x
Esmeraldo, Bruno	x
Flaggert, Jayke	x
Garg, Nishit	x
Grebe, Jordan	abs
Griffin, Weslie	x
Halsey-Kraus, Abby	x
Hong, Anna	x
Janes, William "Gunner"	x
Kerr, Susan	x
Kevric, Hanna	x
Koch, Rachel	x
Lange, Jake	x
Lewis, Lacey	x
Lynskey, Graeson	ex
May, Sidney	x
Miller, Summer	x
Morse, Kyle	x
Papahronis, Demetri	x
Patel, Noshir	x
Poupore, Carson	x

Raymundi Pinheiro, Natalia	x
Rosen, Ashley	x
Sertovic, Aida	x
Shelton, Jackson	x
Smith, Kennedy	x
Tesfaselassie, Robel	x
Thompson, Faith	x
Present	35
Absent	1
Excused	1

Session 105	CB-105-19	CB-105-22	CB-105-23	CR-105-11	CR-105-12	CR-105-14
Alcala, Talon	y	y	y	y	y	y
Alfaro Sandi, Jafet	y	y	y	y	y	y
Angstadt, Kennedy	y	y	y	y	y	y
Beltz, Katie	y	y	y	y	y	y
Broadbent, Taylor	y	y	y	y	y	y
Bryant, Maegan	y	y	y	y	y	y
Carmona Casado, Ismael	y	y	y	y	y	y
Chenevey, Brandon	y	y	y	y	y	y
Dao, Audrey	y	y	y	y	y	y
Douglas, Zoe	y	y	y	y	y	y
Esmeraldo, Bruno	y	y	y	y	y	y
Flaggert, Jayke	y	y	y	y	y	y
Garg, Nishit	y	y	y	y	y	y
Grebe, Jordan						
Griffin, Weslie	y	y	y	y	y	y
Halsey-Kraus, Abby	y	y	y	y	y	y
Hong, Anna	y	y	y	y	y	y
Janes, William "Gunner"	y	y	y	y	y	y
Kerr, Susan	y	y	y	y	y	y

Kevric, Hanna	y	y	y	y	y	y
Koch, Rachel	y	y	y	y	y	y
Lange, Jake	y	y	y	y	y	y
Lewis, Lacey	y	y	y	y	y	y
Lynskey, Graeson						
May, Sidney	y	y	y	y	y	y
Miller, Summer	y			y		
Morse, Kyle	y	y	y	y	y	y
Papahronis, Demetri	y	y	y	y	y	y
Patel, Noshir	y	y	y	y	y	y
Poupore, Carson	y	y	y	y	y	y
Raymundi Pinheiro, Natalia	y	y	y	y	y	y
Rosen, Ashley	y	y	y	y	y	y
Sertovic, Aida	y	y	y	y	y	y
Shelton, Jackson	y	y		y	y	
Smith, Kennedy	y	y	y	y	y	y
Tesfaselassie, Robel	y	y	y	y	y	y
Thompson, Faith	y	y	y			y
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CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-105-19
SENATE BILL GSXX-XX

AS INTRODUCED

An Act of Procedure amending the Code Annotated with inclusive language in Title III; 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 “Affirming Language in the Code Annotated Act of 2021.”

Section 2: Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to remove outdated language in the Code Annotated with respect to the roles and responsibilities of the Director of Inclusivity.

Section 3: AMENDATORY: SGA Code Annotated § Title III, Chapter 5, Section 24, Subsection B, paragraph I, is amended as follows. For the purposes of this bill, all items removed shall be denoted with a ~~strikethrough~~. All items added shall be denoted with an underline.

- i. **Department Purpose.** The Department of Inclusivity shall provide assistance, services, and advocacy within the SGA executive branch for underrepresented students on campus. The Department shall address issues that affect international students, students with disabilities, as well as ~~gender and sexual minority issues and multicultural issues~~ marginalized genders and sexualities and issues that uniquely impact multiculturalism. This list is not intended to be restrictive or exhaustive since the immediate needs of students fluctuates. More duties may be delegated to the Department at the discretion of the President.

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

Author(s): Director Mahak Merchant, Department of Inclusivity

Co-Author(s): Chair Jerry Lessley, LGBTQ+ Program Advisory Board
Chairwoman Caitlyn Harman, Human Diversity Committee
Chairman Foster Hillis, Congressional Administration Committee

Co-Sponsor(s): Ismael Carmona Casado, Business Representative

Submitted on a Motion by: Representative Esmeraldo seconded by Representative Tesfaselassie

Action taken by Congress: 35-0-0

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: _____

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS

CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CV

March 23, 2021

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-105-22

AS INTRODUCED

A Congressional Act of Procedure amending committee assignment procedures; 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 “Flexibility in Committee Membership Act of 2021.”

Section 2: Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to amend procedures for assigning committee membership to provide better flexibility in congressional operations.

Section 3: AMENDATORY: The Undergraduate Student Congress Bylaws § Section 7.2, a new subsection four (4) is added is amended as follows. For the purposes of this bill, all deletions are marked by a ~~striketrough~~ and all additions are marked with an underline.

Section 7.2: COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

1. Committee membership shall consist of duly appointed members of Student Congress, officers, and, in the case of the Congressional Administration Committee, the Student Congress Secretary.

2. MEMBERS. Each member of Student Congress shall be appointed to one standing committee.

3. MEMBERSHIP DURATION. Committee members shall remain in a committee until they request to change committees, resign, or are removed. Committee membership shall transcend the end of a session, unless a member requests to change committees.

4. PROCEDURES. Legislation is not needed to establish or amend committee membership, except for each Committee Chair. Membership should be at the advice and consent of the Executive Committee. The Congress Chair must publish a document reflecting the most up to date committee membership.

Section 4: AMENDATORY: The Undergraduate Student Congress Bylaws § Section 5.1, subsection 5 is amended as follows. For the purposes of this bill, all deletions are marked by a ~~striketrough~~ and all additions are marked with an underline.

5. The Chair shall appoint voting members of committees in accordance with Section 7.2 of these bylaws. ~~with the advice and consent of Student Congress.~~

Section 5: This act shall become effective when passed in accordance with the SGA Constitution.

Author(s): Chairman Crispin T. South, Undergraduate Student Congress

Co-Author(s): Chairman Foster Hillis, Congressional Administration Committee

Submitted on a Motion by: Representative Esmeraldo seconded by Representative Smith

Action taken by Congress: 34-0-0

Verified by Chair: _____ Date: _____

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March 23, 2021

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-105-23

AS INTRODUCED

A Congressional Act of Procedure amending the Student Congress Bylaws to increase external involvement among members.

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 “Get Your Awesome-Scholarly-Self Involved Act of 2021.”

Section 2: Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to amend the Student Congress Bylaws to increase involvement among member with their constituents, other Registered Student Organizations, and the greater University of Oklahoma and Norman community.

Section 3: AMENDATORY: Remove all text from Section 4.3.3 of the Student Government Association’s Undergraduate Student Congress Bylaws.

Section 4: AMENDATORY: A new section shall replace Section 4.3.3 of the Student Government Association’s Undergraduate Student Congress Bylaws.

Section 4.3: RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBERSHIP

3. CONGRESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM

a. Definitions:

- i. **Bonus Point** – The equivalence of one (1) point that a member shall receive for attending an activity, event, meeting, or training within their academic district or college.
- ii. **Congressional Involvement Activity** – Any activity, event, meeting, or training that a member attends to connect with the OU Community.
- iii. **Congressional Involvement Requirement** – The requirement for a member to accumulate a minimum of one point during each month that the Student Congress holds a general meeting.
- iv. **Point** – The value per hour that a member spends attending an activity, event, meeting, or training (1:1 equivalence).

b. Each member shall meet the Congressional Involvement Requirement each month that the Student Congress holds a general meeting. Newly elected or appointed members need not meet the Congressional Involvement Requirement during their first month of membership. Members shall submit Congressional Involvement Activities to the Student Congress Secretary.

c. The Congressional Involvement program shall be fulfilled as outlined by the following:

i. Point System:

1. To calculate the point value of a Congressional Involvement Activity, the Congress Secretary shall take the number of hours spent attending an activity and convert the number to points (1). (e.g., Thirty minutes equals 0.5 points, One hour equals 1 point, One hour and thirty minutes equals 1.5 points, Two hours equals 2 points)
 2. The Congress Secretary may only assign point values of whole-number or half-integers.
 3. To receive a bonus point, a Representative must attend an activity within their academic district, and an Associate must attend an activity within their academic college. A member shall receive one (1) bonus point for each unique Registered Student Organization's activity the member attends within their academic district or college.
 4. To calculate the point total for the month, the Congress Secretary shall add up points and bonus points accumulated during the period.
- ii. A List of Congressional Involvement Activities includes but is not limited to:
 1. Meeting of a Registered Student Organization; Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Training; Gender and Equality Center (GEC) Trainings; Code Club; Light Walk; Trash Walk; University-Sponsored Community Service Project; Scoring an 90 Percent or Higher on the Bylaws Test; Oklahoma Votes Sponsored Event.
 - iii. A List of Congressional Involvement Activities does not include:
 1. Congressional General Meeting, a Congressional Committee Meeting, or office hours
- d. Congressional Involvement Requirements include:
- i. Representatives and Associates must accumulate a minimum of one (1) point each month that Congress holds a general meeting. This requirement shall be waived at the discretion of the Congress Secretary.
 - ii. All Congressional Involvement Activities must be submitted via Engage or another online platform with contact information pertaining to the activity. Additionally, members must give a liaison report during a general meeting or submit photographic documentation relating to the activity. The Congress Secretary will then either approve or deny the form if the activity completed satisfies the requirement.
 - iii. Members shall accrue an absence for failure to meet their Congressional Involvement Requirement or submit proper documentation to the Student Congress Secretary by the final day of the month at 11:59 p.m.
- e. Recognition:
- i. The Congress Secretary or Congressional Administration Committee shall draft a resolution, congratulating members who accumulate at least fifteen (15) points after each month.
- f. The following shall be excused from their Congressional Involvement Requirement:
- i. Members of the Ways and Means Committee, during Primary Funding budgetary periods.
 - ii. Members of the Congressional Administration Committee, during the month of the fall interview period.
 - iii. All members following a vote to select the Student Congress Executive Committee.

Section 5: This act shall become effective when passed in accordance with the SGA Constitution after the first meeting of Congressional Session 106 and be nullified at the conclusion of Congressional Session 106.

Author(s): Associate Coy Taylor; and
Secretary Emily Tucker, Undergraduate Student Congress.

Co-Author(s): Chairman Foster Hillis, Congressional Administration Committee;
Vice Chairwoman Bailey Ownby, Congressional Administration Committee;
Associate Taylor Moore; and
Associate Grace Chesley.

Co-Sponsor(s): Associate Eileah Hale; and
Representative Abby Halsey-Kraus, University College.

Submitted on a Motion by: Representative Poupore, seconded by Representative Sertovic

Action taken by Congress: 33-0-0

Verified by Chair of Congress: _____ Date: _____

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CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-105-11
SENATE RESOLUTION NO. **GFXX-XX/GSXX-XX**

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution opposing anti-LGBTQ+ violence and calling on the Oklahoma state legislature to commit to protecting its LGBTQ+ constituents; and providing for distribution.

- Whereas: HB 1888, proposed by Representative Danny Williams of Oklahoma District 28, threatened many essential services and lives at the University of Oklahoma;¹ and
- Whereas: This bill would have banned sexual orientation and gender diversity training funded by public money, effectively stripping funding from the Gender and Equality Center, which provides essential services like OU Advocates, Step In, Speak Out, and LGBTQ+ Aspiring Ally trainings; and
- Whereas: The amendment proposed and later withdrawn by the author of HB 1888 on March 10 to force school staff to inform parents that their child is LGBTQ+ shows extreme disregard for the safety and wellbeing of LGBTQ+ youth; and
- Whereas: HB 1888 would have threatened the physical safety and mental health of LGBTQ+ students, who experience mental health conditions such as depression and anxiety at disproportionate rates compared to their cisgender and heterosexual peers;² and
- Whereas: LGBTQ+ Oklahomans rely on their educational institutions for resources and security; and
- Whereas: At the state level, there are currently no Oklahoma laws preventing discrimination against LGBTQ+ people in higher education institutions; and

¹ Oklahoma Congress, House, *State government, prohibiting certain entities from conducting gender or sexual diversity training or counseling*, HB 1888, 2021 Regular Session, First Reading 1 February 2021, <http://www.oklegislature.gov/BillInfo.aspx?Bill=HB1888&Session=2100>

² National Alliance on Mental Illness. "LGBTQI." *Your Journey: Identity and Cultural Dimensions*. <https://www.nami.org/Your-Journey/Identity-and-Cultural-Dimensions/LGBTQI>

Whereas: The *Bostock v. Clayton County* decision prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity in the workplace;³ and

Whereas: The State of Oklahoma should update its bill books to reflect this precedent; therefore,

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

- Section 1:** Title: This resolution shall be known and may be cited as the “Love is Anti-Violence Resolution of 2021.”
- Section 2:** The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association reaffirms its commitment to fighting for the physical and mental wellness of LGBTQ+ students.
- Section 3:** The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association stands against physical, legislative, and institutional anti-LGBTQ+ violence that threatens their survival and inhibits their ability to succeed both academically and professionally.
- Section 4:** The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association recognizes and commends the essential services provided by the Gender and Equality Center who serves to affirm, educate, and provide LGBTQ+ inclusion spaces on campus, as well as other programs regarding sexual orientation and gender diversity training.
- Section 5:** The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association stands with our LGBTQ+ peers on campus and affirms the inherent value in their identities and intersectional lived experiences.
- Section 6:** The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association calls on the Oklahoma legislature to implement laws that would prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity and reject laws that continue violence against the LGBTQ+ community.
- Section 7:** Copies of this resolution will be sent to:
- The Gender and Equality Center
 - The OU Diversity and Inclusion Center
 - University of Oklahoma Department of Women and Gender Studies
 - The LGBTQ+ Student Alliance
 - Out in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics
 - The Gaylord Ambassadors
 - OU President Joseph Harroz
 - Oklahoma Governor Kevin Stitt
 - Representative Danny Williams of Oklahoma House District 28

³ *Bostock v. Clayton County*, 590 U.S. __ (2020)

- Senator David Bullard of Oklahoma Senate District 6
- Allie Shinn, Executive Director of Freedom Oklahoma
- *The OU Daily*
- *The OU Nightly*

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Action taken by Congress: 34-0-0

Verified by Chair of Congress: _____ Date: _____

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THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-105-12
SENATE RESOLUTION NO. **GXXX-XX/GSXX-XX**

AS INTRODUCED

A resolution supporting the first amendment right to protest,
condemning racism by members of the news media,
and congratulating the Norman High Lady Tigers basketball team.

- Whereas: On Thursday, March 11th, as the national anthem played, the Norman High Lady Tigers took a knee during their Midwest City game to stand with victims of police brutality, to which sportscaster Matt Rowan responded by directing racial slurs and other expletives at the Norman High players; and⁴
- Whereas: The Norman High Lady Tigers knelt as an act of protest against racism and social injustice as they had been all season; and⁵
- Whereas: The following day Rowan released a statement blaming his racist remarks on his blood sugar; and⁶
- Whereas: Eradicating racism in the news media is an ongoing battle that is being spearheaded by colleges of mass communication and media studies; and
- Whereas: It is the responsibility of journalists and broadcasters to hold each other and the institutions they represent accountable when derogatory, racist language is used; therefore

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

- Section 1: This resolution shall be known and may be cited as the “Fight On Norman High Resolution of 2021”

⁴ https://www.normantranscript.com/sports/high_school_sports/high-school-basketball-announcer-directs-racial-slur-at-norman-high-players-blames-blood-sugar/article_7f75230e-834b-11eb-a524-d7f41ae6649e.html

⁵ <https://www.cbsnews.com/video/norman-high-schools-girls-basketball-players-speak-out-against-racist-remarks-made-by-announcer/#x>

⁶ <https://www.readfrontier.org/stories/announcer-who-made-racist-comments-during-basketball-game-says-he-had-spiking-blood-sugar-when-he-used-racial-slur/>

- Section 2: The University of Oklahoma’s Student Government Association supports the Norman High girls’ basketball team’s evocation of their first amendment right to protest.
- Section 3: The University of Oklahoma’s Student Government Association deeply condemns Matt Rowan’s racist remarks about the Norman High basketball team and recognizes that there is no excuse for racism — not even Type 1 Diabetes.
- Section 4: The University of Oklahoma’s Student Government Association congratulates the Lady Tigers on their back-to-back state championship despite such adversity.⁷
- Section 5: The University of Oklahoma’s Student Government Association calls on Gaylord College of Journalism and Mass Communication to reaffirm and prioritize its commitment to fostering future generations of news media professionals who advocate on behalf of the marginalized and who will always speak up against bigotry if perpetuated by their colleagues.
- Section 6: Copies of this Resolution shall be sent to:
- NPS Superintendent Dr. Nick Migliorino
 - Norman High Girls Basketball Coach Frankie Parks
 - Dean Ed Kelley of Gaylord College of Journalism and Mass Communication
 - The Gaylord Ambassadors
 - National Association for Black Journalists at OU
 - BERT
 - The OU Diversity and Inclusion Center
 - NFHS Network
 - OSPN Streaming Network
 - The OU Daily
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⁷ <https://www.koco.com/article/norman-high-girls-basketball-team-wins-6a-state-title-days-after-announcer-makes-racist-comments/35829255#>

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CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-105-14

AS INTRODUCED

A Congressional Resolution regarding window walks;
providing a short title; and providing for distribution.

Whereas: Window Walks will help inform the Undergraduate Student Congress Sustainability Committee and help collect data regarding the buildings on campus that have windows; and

Whereas: The collection of this data is important to create a report and form legislation to advise the University of Oklahoma to utilize natural light through windows; and

Whereas: Natural sunlight can affect students, faculty, and administration in an abundance of positive ways, environmentally⁸, academically⁹, and mentally¹⁰; and

Whereas: Students, Faculty and staff deserve mental and physical health on campus. By completing window walks, The Sustainability Committee can learn which buildings on OU's campus have windows, windows with shades/blinds; and

Whereas: The University of Oklahoma should utilize natural light through windows and minimize the use of artificial lighting through alternative light types; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS THAT:

Section 1: Title: This resolution shall be known and may be cited as the "Window Walk Resolution of 2021."

Section 2: The Sustainability Committee of the Undergraduate Student Congress is encouraged to continue conducting Window Walks in coordination and collaboration with the

⁸ "When to Turn Off Your Lights." Energy.gov. Accessed March 10, 2021. <https://www.energy.gov/energysaver/save-electricity-and-fuel/lighting-choices-save-you-money/when-turn-your-lights>.

⁹ "How Important Is Lighting in a Classroom?" Innova Design Group, January 8, 2018. <https://www.innovadesigngroup.co.uk/news/how-important-is-lighting-in-a-classroom/#:~:text=An%20effective%20classroom%20lighting%20scheme,light%20where%20it%20is%20necessary.&text=Natural%20light%20is%20shown%20to,consideration%20in%20effective%20classroom%20design>.

¹⁰ "The Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine 2017." NobelPrize.org. Accessed March 10, 2021. <https://www.nobelprize.org/prizes/medicine/2017/press-release/>.

Student Environmental Coalition for the purpose of gathering and reporting data regarding natural lighting on campus and its effects on mental health.

Section 3: The University of Oklahoma is encouraged to consider any changes proposed in the forthcoming report on natural lighting on campus.

Section 4: Copies of this resolution will be sent to:

- OU Daily
- OU Nightly
- Dr. David Surratt, Vice President and Dean of Students

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