

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
Session CV

General Body Meeting

7:00 pm, Tuesday, March 9, 2021

Physical Science Center Room 201

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Roll Call 7:04pm

Mission Statement

Moment of Silence

Approval of Minutes

Representative Grebe seconded by Representative Tesfaselassie

Chair's Report - Good evening everyone. Thank you all for being here, and I'd like to extend a special welcome to our guests today! So members, please remember to remain respectful at all times. Since our last meeting, Representative Merchant has resigned to fulfill the duties of Director of Inclusivity. Representative Merchant was one of my very first friends in congress, and while I'm sad to see her leave congress, I know she will do excellent work in the Executive Branch. In other news, I am currently working on legislation to reform how SGA handles student petitions, so if anyone wants specific details on that or wants to work with me on that project, please contact me so we can get together and work on it! Also, here are some tentative dates for the rest of this semester. Barring some disruption, the final meeting of Session 105 will be on April 13th. Immediately after that meeting concludes, we will gavel into Session 106 on the same night. During that first meeting of Session 106 on April 13th, there will be nominations for Exec positions of Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary. The following week, on April 20th, we will hold the elections for those positions. If anyone is interested in running for those positions, please contact me, Vice-Chair Marvin, or Secretary Tucker. Another important set of dates to remember is April 6th and 7th, this is when elections are being held! If you are a newly appointed Representative, you must run in this election to retain your seat. Finally, the position of EA Chair is now vacant, and I will be opening the application form on the Engage Page immediately after this meeting ends. That application will close Friday at 5 pm, and interviews will be held Saturday at 9 am. I know that was a lot of information to throw at you, but I've emailed all of this to Emily so it should be in the minutes verbatim. And as always, if anyone has any questions, please feel free to contact me and I'd be happy to discuss.

Vice Chair's Report - Hello everyone! It's good to see you all today. I do have a couple of announcements. Shoutout to Katie Beltz for her great social media work today with Higher Ed Day! I know she went to a lot of meetings and managed to post about it today so great work Katie. The Elections Presentation went well! The slides and audio have been emailed to everyone so if you want to look back at that information. Some PR projects we have going on are committee chair and exec interviews to be shouted out on our Instagram. Eileah and Coy are doing a wonderful job on those and I'm super excited to see how those turn out. I'm working with Katie Beltz and Gabriela Tumani on doing an informational session and town hall this month. The tentative dates are March 17th and March 26th respectively. If you are interested in being on the panel

for either of these two events, please let Katie or me know. Associates, don't forget we have Trivia Night at 6:30 next Thursday, March 18th! Please sign up on the google form I sent out in the GroupMe. I do want to pursue the March Madness bracket competition. I will send an email with a blank bracket and the rules/point system later on. Selection is Sunday March 14th so you will have from that point until Wednesday the 17th to email me your bracket if you want to participate because the first game is on the 18th. Don't forget to take pictures at your constituent service hours to be featured on the Instagram!! Just be sure you're wearing a mask. Please let me know if you have any questions or need anything from me!

Secretary's Report – Hi everyone! Today, I went to Higher Education Day with the OU delegation, and we had some really productive conversations on Higher Ed, which I'm sure you'll hear more about in the External Affairs report. Also, this is just a general reminder to get vaccinated! I'm not sure if there are any slots left on the OCCC Sign Up Genius that I posted in the GroupMe, but if anyone does not have a way there and would like a ride, please let me know! I'll be available after 10:30 and I'd be more than happy to make the drive with you! Also, this week during my office hours I'll be updating the constituent service hour Google Doc for the month, so once that's done, I hope to have it out by Friday in the chat so you can start getting those rolling in for the month of March. Finally, I would like to just announce now that I will not be running for reelection, so if you are interested in running for Secretary, please let me know! I'd really like to speak with you about this position, as it's a great way to get involved in Congress exec and really understand the inner workings of Congress. So please let me know if you're interested in running!

Committee Reports-

- **Campus Outreach, Safety, and Concerns:** COSCO met this week, great progress on our projects. Library hours project has died seeing as interest has been down for those hours. Congrats to Sidney May on her project.
- **Congressional Administration:** Redistricting, rec of do pass. VC Ownby presenting more info during special orders. Also, welcome to Interim Chair of EA Jayke Flaggert. If you have questions about rules, let me know. On the back of your nametag there's a thing explaining parl pro rules.
- **External Affairs:** Hi, I'm Jayke, interim chair for a bit. Higher Ed Day, productive conversations today with about 25 meetings, thanks for everyone on PR. Talked about concurrent education and OK Promise. Any questions, ask me. EA saw two resolutions, suggesting failure of two bills passing the House soon. Issues with the title on one, may be set back. Forum for Ward 3 on March 25th, Alison Petrone. OKC Ward 3 Runoff, typing up an op-ed on that issue. OU lawsuit about the Holocaust art, if you want updates on that, let me know.
- **Human Diversity:** Didn't meet this weekend but all members have projects. We'll have some service opportunities with exec projects. If you need anything, let me know.
- **Sustainability:** Plugging along with projects. Gameday trash pickup has turned into a consistent volunteer effort to promote recycling and hoping we can expand to other sports in the next several years. Meeting with Angelora, possibility of a taskforce to work on that. Be on the lookout for that, maybe some volunteers so constituent service opportunities. Social media projects coming soon. Window walk slated for later this month, 25th. Report on that. Before, we'll see a resolution advocating for the university to heed those recommendations to change their behavior in accordance with those suggestions. Still looking at campus composting, Housing and Food wasn't interested in pursuing that, so we're now looking into other strategies. Reports for specialty recycling, hopefully we'll see the survey results and then a resolution. Kessler! Sunday! Please come! Any questions, please let me know.
- **University Policy:** Saw 2 pieces of legislation, rec of do pass. Encourages vaccinations and mask wearing. One congratulates OU community and tribal nations for their vaccination effort. Any questions, let me know.
- **Ways and Means:** Reminder that primary is due this Friday at 5pm. If you applied last year, you should've gotten an email for COVID impact form, but anyone can fill it out. If org can't spend money as planned due to COVID fill this out so we know to take that into consideration. Please feel free to reach out to me.

Liaison Reports

Tucker: Write Club, on Wednesday this time at 8:30pm on Zoom!

Special Orders

- Presentation on CB-105-17 The Redistricting Act of 2021

Ownby: Redistricting presentation. Hopefully you've looked over this. Main changes, architecture remaining 1, atmospheric 1 seat, business now 4, finance now 4, communication same, Earth and Energy lost a seat, now 1, engineering same, fine arts 2 seats to 1 seat now. Humanities and Language district are merging. Combined 1 and 3 to make 4 Humanities seats.

Tesfaselassie: How is redistricting decided?

Ownby: We take the most current enrollment stats and calculate each district in the Bylaws, 500-1 representation.

Kerr: The two merged districts, they didn't take a seat away, what was the purpose of that?

Ownby: Language is small, less than 200 people. Humanities district, within all the degree plans, and all those require some amount of language. Thought it best to give broader rep to language district and allow Humanities majors to represent language in those classes. We do have a language rep now, but that's usually a rare occurrence.

Thompson: Why was Earth and Energy reduced to 1?

Ownby: 219 total students, using 500-1 ratio, having 2 is overrepresentation.

Lange: Architecture had over 600 students last time I checked, so why is it just 1?

Ownby: 407 students. Freshmen get taken out of that calculation.

Hong: I'm the Language Representative. When was the last time this seat was filled?

Ownby: I believe it was a year and a half ago with Hunter Stack, he resigned a little bit into around 103.

Another person came in and resigned quickly. Talking with other ConAd chairs, they've told the same story. District that struggles to maintain a representative.

Rosen: Will language majors be hindered in elections because of greater competition for Humanities seats?

Ownby: I don't think so. Humanities is full of a wide variety of degree programs. There are a lot of majors making up the total number so we're all in the same boat. I don't think this will hinder representation, it will actually increase it.

Grebe: Why can't we change UCOL?

Ownby: They have to equal $\frac{1}{4}$ of the representation. Unless we change that with an amendment, we can't mess with that.

Marvin: Have you looked into communications district and if it falls into same thing as Gaylord?

Ownby: I haven't. I don't know a lot about how they compare or differ.

Marvin: When I was running it was difficult to campaign because it's slightly different. Gaylord does a lot with Journalism, where other parts of Communication District are on other parts of campus.

May: Do you see Language majors with having an issue getting someone elected with the low number of constituents?

Ownby: No. There are many majors in Humanities and they don't have that problem. There are 3 seats with fewer numbers, but they're more spread out across campus. Humanities majors have language requirements as well.

Garg: How do you draw the line between Physical and Life Sciences? It can be hard to differentiate with hybrid majors.

Ownby: I'm not in STEM realm. Biology versus chemistry. I don't know science very well, lol. Hard to get the totality of every major in 16 districts. Grouping people who are similar enough sometimes happens.

Sertovic: Why is IAS just one seat? There are lots of people in that district.

Ownby: They have 209 students in their district. Per the 500-1 rule, we left them at 1 seat.

Student Concerns

Weaver: Talking about this with Associate King and Rep. Beltz. On Elm, behind mail office. Not sure if that's on campus. There's not a single street light on that street, so when you're walking back to campus at night, it's really dark and you can't see a lot around you.

South: EA.

Poupore: Talking with students today, phase 3 vaccine. I felt like the email for that was a little late today. I looked at it, and by the time the email came there weren't any vaccines available.

South: I think there was an earlier email. Not sure if it was missed or spam. We should be getting more doses in the near future. For the time being, I can refer that to UPol, but not a whole lot we can do now.

Weaver: Maybe there could be a day explaining what it means to lobby, not just an SGA issue, but could be open to students as a whole, maybe someone could run us through that.

South: Excellent idea. EA, y'all can work with exec on that.

South: It's astronomically hot in Physical Science Center Room 201. COSCO. Don't have to do a lot, I'm just complaining. I apologize for those of you here in person. I tried to find the thermostat. I couldn't find one.

Lynksey: Pictures on social media of members of Congress at the US Capitol not wearing masks. We should be setting a good example.

South: We'll take care of that. COSCO. Wear your dang masks people.

Old Business

Items to Be Considered

AB-105-03 Auxiliary Allocation 12 Act of 2020-2021 (Patton) (WAM, Do Pass)

Representative Poupore seconded by Representative Halsey-Kraus

Patton: Aux 12. Primary is due Friday at 5. Questions, let me know.

Harman: Describe what United World is?

Patton: International organization promoting international awareness. They organize some of the international food events on campus.

Hong: FA lowercase the A in alpha?

South: Scriveners.

Poupore: Rundown on why funds are being allocated why they are?

Patton: 5 things we look at, biggest one fiscal history, range for if they're doing well increase, poorly decrease. Because one of the orgs had good fiscal, they got a bigger amount because they didn't receive primary from last year.

CR-105-06 Mask up 2.0 Resolution (Lynskey) (UPol, Do Pass)

Representative Poupore seconded by Representative Grebe

Lynskey: We're encouraging people to keep wearing masks get vaccinated, social distancing, keep policies in place.

Hillis: Saw something similar to this last semester. Did it get sent out by OUMM?

South: No, posted on website.

Hillis: Why are we sending this to the TX governor?

Lynskey: I mentioned him by name, would've been impolite to not send a copy.

Poupore: Co-author scriveners.

Grebe: Sending this to Greg Abbott, should we send this to OK state government?

Lynskey: Yes, FA adding names for distribution.

Grebe: FA adding OK governor Kevin Stitt?

Lynskey: Yes.

Tucker: FA co-sponsor?

Lynskey: Yes.

CR-105-09 Vaccination Appreciation Resolution (UPol, Do Pass)

Representative Garg seconded by Representative Tesfaselassie

Lynskey: Other legislation in UPol, tribal nations and OU Community congrats on vaccination efforts.

Grebe: How have tribal nations been a crucial partner in vaccinations?

South: Tribal nations have been able to vaccinate people early. My tribe has been vaccinating all tribal members phase 1, 2, and 3. Also distributing in rural OK and have been extremely helpful statewide.

CB-105-17 The Redistricting Act of 2021 (Ownby) (ConAd, Do Pass)

Representative Halsey-Kraus seconded by Representative Esmeraldo

Ownby: This is redistricting. ConAd looks at all our districts making sure our districts align with enrollment. A few changes, major one is merger of Humanities and Language District, felt it would be more representation for Language students.

Grebe: Confident that this distribution is as fair as it can be?

Ownby: I do. I gave the opportunity for people to provide comments and suggestions.

Cozort: How will this improve language major representation?

Ownby: In Humanities District, every degree program requires foreign language, so those individuals are side by side with the language majors. They'll be able to provide representation for both the majors as well as those taking those classes as their line of study.

South: Do you know how many constituents in Language District are double majored in Humanities?

Ownby: I did a lot of research on that but I couldn't find an answer.

CR-105-07 Fail HB 1888 Resolution of 2021 (Beltz/Yanez) (EA, Do Pass)

Representative Esmeraldo seconded by Representative Poupore

Yanez: We have to send this back to committee. This House bill's title got struck. We have to send it back to committee because of that. If someone could make that motion, I'd deeply appreciate that.

Ownby: Was the title the only thing that changed?

Yanez: The House Bill being seen has not hit the floor yet.

Motion to Refer to External Affairs Committee

Representative Grebe seconded by Representative Poupore

CR-105-08 Fail HB 2215 Resolution of 2021 (Beltz/Yanez) (EA, Do Pass)

Representative Tesfaselassie seconded by Representative Raymundi Pinheiro

Beltz: Two main reasons I'm bringing this forward. First, we want to protect First Amendment right to protest. As Communication representative representing journalists, First Amendment rights represent the Communications District. We want to fail this which gives a legal defense to those who run over rioters. Second, rioting has recently been defined and redefined and it can't not be abused. It prevents justice for injured protesters.

Flaggert: Due to the bill being on the floor, would you accept FA adding a specification stating 'as it reads,' so that it is reflective of how we see the bill right now, just in case if there are changes making the bill more workable, we're not having this bill go out saying we don't like a bill that we might actually agree with?

Beltz: Yes.

Brown: Definition of civil disobedience in the first whereas clause, refusal to comply with certain laws. FA to replace civil disobedience with peaceful political protest?

Beltz: Yes.

Carmona: FA co-sponsor?

Beltz: Yes.

Janes: Language of the bill, under the belief that motor vehicle operator was under threat. Why is it immoral to defend oneself?

Beltz: My concern with HB2215 is that it expands legal defense. It's immoral to give leeway for the court to justify running over protestors. That's what's immoral, to backpedal and say it's defense.

Sertovic: FA co-sponsor?

South: President Farzaneh, VP Gray, and Chief of Staff Kaya, would you like to be co-sponsors?

Gray: I'll get back to you shortly.

Kerr: FA co-sponsor

Beltz: Yes.

Janes: Is it illegal to block traffic on a major intersection or street?

Broadbent: Yes. It's also illegal to run over protestors.

Garg: State exact language in the House Bill for more clarity?

Extend time for 5 minutes

Representative Grebe seconded by Representative Garg

Motion to Recess for 5 minutes 8:22pm
Representative Garg seconded by Representative Grebe

Janes: After everyone's had the chance to read the bill, recently, one of the main instances of this was in Tulsa. A family was in a truck, horse trailer attached. Family was surrounded and threatened to be killed.

South: Do you have a question?

Janes: Why are we saying it's immoral to protect your life?

Beltz: It's immoral to expand this legal defense. That's the issue. We have self defense laws. Expanding it to enable abuse. Using it to run over people protesting is immoral.

Kincaid: In Section 2 of the House Bill, it states that a motor vehicle operator unintentionally running people over would be protected. This language says intentional. Why are we considering something different?

Yanez: When you see someone in front of your car, there's no way to accidentally run them over. There's no way this can be unintentional when you can clearly see them in front of your car in a protest.

South: FA adding President Farzaneh, VP Gray, and Chief of Staff Kaya and myself as co-sponsor?

Lewis: FA made in committee striking unintentional language.

Extend time 10 minutes
Representative Grebe seconded by Representative Tesfaselassie

Janes: How do existing self defense laws protect drivers when they believe their life is in danger from a protest?

Beltz: Existing self defense laws, you can make a claim it was under self defense, we don't need another provision.

Garg: Has any attempt been made to define reasonable and unintentional interaction between motor vehicle operators and protestors?

Broadbent: To my knowledge, the language is being left ambiguous and vague on purpose. When the bill hits the floor, we'll have more answers. I can't tell you whether they will in the future to do that. Flaggert made an amendment to say as the bill reads currently. Right now, we don't know the answer.

Tucker: FA co-sponsor?

Beltz: Yes.

Garg: FA co-sponsor?

Beltz: Yes.

Lynskey: FA co-sponsor?

Beltz: Yes.

Follow-Up Reports

Lynskey: Hi everyone, student concerns last week about university COVID restrictions. Sat down with Dr. Bratzler to get context for fall decision. He told us that spring will stay the same regardless. Based on models, we'll be back to 100 percent capacity safely by August. US has seen less than 1000 deaths a day for two days now. Not good, but better. They haven't talked about requiring student vaccinations. Interesting modeling showing that mask mandates put in by Mayor Clark has helped to limit spread. He's said it's possible that based on each positive COVID test, there are between 4 and 5 additional people that are positive and never get tested, especially in college towns where populations are younger, and so more people have gotten it, so we're closer to something like herd immunity.

Marvin: Approval of communications director for exec. I met with her and Cricket about social media to rebrand OU SGA to be more specific about what each branch of government does. Excited to be working with her on PR.

Broadbent: House Legislation. HB 1888 is likely dead in the water, quote from rep. We likely won't see that resolution in the body unless we need to. Title being struck, whole bill being changed. Significant change to the bill. Spoke with Rep. Hilbert, VC of Appropriations. Budget is getting increase, not decrease, because donations to universities must be matched up to 25 percent by the state government. Third, me and Associate

Barnett were in the chamber when a bill about oil divestment was brought up in the House. The bill passed today prevents any university from divesting or boycotting oil.

Items for Future Agenda

Marvin: Resolution thanking everyone for Big 12 on the Hill.

Patton: 2 primary bills.

Harman: Might have HD bill, working on it.

Announcements and Comments

Marvin: Return your nametags, please! Sign up if you're going to be in person, because I won't print a nametag unless you've signed up.

Hillis: As my job as parliamentarian, it is my job to inform the body of parliamentary procedure. Abstention vote should only be used when you have an ethical reason to not vote. Abstention for no particular reason is unrepresentative of your constituents.

Harman: HD has newsletter! Two links, one recs for books and podcasts and music. Second pictures of OU. Please submit! I will cry if you don't.

Lange: Recycling competition with city of Norman now, four weeks. Cash prizes, gift cards to local businesses. Article in local newspapers.

Kerr: OU College Dems movie night soon!

Final Roll Call

Adjourn 8:54pm

Representative Poupore and Representative Esmeraldo

Chair: Crispin South

Vice Chair: Alexis Marvin

Secretary: Emily Tucker

Session 105	General
Alcala, Talon	x
Alfaro Sandi, Jafet	x
Angstadt, Kennedy	ex
Beltz, Katie	x
Broadbent, Taylor	x
Bryant, Maegan	x
Carmona, Ismael	x
Chenevey, Brandon	x
Dao, Audrey	x
Douglas, Zoe	x
Esmeraldo, Bruno	x
Flaggert, Jayke	x
Garg, Nishit	x
Grebe, Jordan	x

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	x
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	36
Absent	0
Excused	1

Session 105	AB-105-03	CB-105-17	CR-105-06	CR-105-07 (refer to EA)	CR-105-08	CR-105-09	ext time CR-105-08
Alcala, Talon	y	y	n	y	n	n	y
Alfaro Sandi, Jafet	y	y	y	y	y	y	n

Angstadt, Kennedy							
Beltz, Katie	y	y	y	y	y	y	y
Broadbent, Taylor	y	y	y	y	y	y	n
Bryant, Maegan	y	y	y	y	y	y	y
Carmona, Ismael	y	y	y	y	y	y	n
Chenevey, Brandon	y	y	y	y	y	y	y
Dao, Audrey	y	y	y	y	y	y	n
Douglas, Zoe	y	y	y	y	y	y	n
Esmeraldo, Bruno	y	y	y	y	y	y	n
Flaggert, Jayke	y	y	y	y	y	y	y
Garg, Nishit	y	y	y	y	y	y	y
Grebe, Jordan	y	y	y	y	y	y	y
Griffin, Weslie							
Halsey-Kraus, Abby	y	y	y	y	y	y	y
Hong, Anna	y	y	y	y	y	y	n
Janes, William "Gunner"	y	y	n	y	n	y	y
Kerr, Susan	y	y	y	y	y	y	y
Kevric, Hanna	y	y	y	y	y	y	n
Koch, Rachel	y	y	y	y	y	y	n
Lange, Jake	y	y	y	y	y	y	n
Lewis, Lacey	y	y	y	y	y	y	y
Lynskey, Graeson	y	y	y	y	y	y	n
May, Sidney	y	y	y	y	y	y	n
Miller, Summer							
Morse, Kyle	y	y	y	y	y	y	y
Papahronis, Demetri	y	y	y	y	y	y	y
Patel, Noshir	y	y	y	y	y	y	n
Poupore, Carson	y	y	y	y	y	y	y
Raymundi Pinheiro, Natalia	y	y	y	y	y	y	a
Rosen, Ashley	y	y	y	y	y	y	y
Sertovic, Aida	y	y	y	y	y	y	n
Shelton, Jackson	y	y	y	y	y	y	n

Smith, Kennedy	y	y	y	y	y	y	n
Tesfaselassie, Robel	y	y	y	y	y	y	y
Thompson, Faith	y	n	y	y	y	y	y
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March 7th, 2021

CONGRESSIONAL BILL AB-105-03
SENATE BILL NO. GF20-XX

AS INTRODUCED

An act relating to appropriations; providing for short title; stating purpose; appropriating Auxiliary Funding for the 2020-2021 process; stating appropriation guidelines; establishing expiration deadline; directing transfer of unused funds by deadline; and providing an effective date.

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

Section 1: This act shall be known and may be cited as the “Auxiliary Allocation 12 Act of 2020-2021”

Section 2: PURPOSE. The purpose of this act is to appropriate the funds of the University of Oklahoma Student Government Association to the organizations mentioned within.

Section 3: APPROPRIATION. The following amounts are hereby allocated to

Organization	Programs, Events & Activities	Capital Investments	Office and General Expenses	Total
The United World	200			200
alpha Kappa Delta Phi	1860			1860
TOTAL:				2,060

Section 4: All guidelines and provisions in Title 10 of the Code Annotated shall apply to all funds appropriated in this act.

Section 5: This fiscal year for the account listed in these sections shall end May 7, 2021

Section 6: All unspent money remaining in the accounts listed in Section 3 shall revert to the SGA General Account after May 7, 2021, and the remaining appropriations shall be canceled.

Section 7: This act shall become effective when passed in accordance with the SGA Constitution.

Author(s): Lauren Patton, Chair, SGA Budget Committee

Co-Author(s): SGA Budgetary Committee

Submitted on a motion by: Representative Poupore seconded by Representative Halsey-Kraus

Action taken by Student Congress: 34-0-0

Verified by Chair of Student 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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GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
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CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-105-06
SENATE RESOLUTION NO. **GFXX-XX/GSXX-XX**

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution encouraging the OU community to remain vigilant in the fight against COVID-19 by masking up and receiving a vaccine; providing a short title; and providing for distribution.

- Whereas: The COVID-19 pandemic has adversely affected the life of OU students; and
- Whereas: As of March 2, 2021, over 500,000 Americans have been lost to COVID-19 with over 28 million being infected¹; and
- Whereas: The continued use of face masks has been shown to reduce the spread of COVID-19²; and
- Whereas: The Centers for Disease Control recommends maintaining mask use and social distancing even as case numbers continue to decline³; and
- Whereas: A large portion of students attending OU are from Texas; and
- Whereas: Texas Governor Greg Abbott recently announced his plan to lift the mask mandate in Texas effective March 10th; and
- Whereas: The State of Oklahoma has never adopted a formal mask mandate, however citizens of Norman as well as students at the University have been advised to wear masks in accordance with local and university policy; therefore

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

¹ <https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/us-map>

² <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/more/masking-science-sars-cov2.html>

³ <https://www.npr.org/sections/coronavirus-live-updates/2021/02/26/971832372/a-very-concerning-shift-cdc-head-warns-of-recent-uptick-in-covid-19-cases>

Section 1: Title: This resolution shall be known and may be cited as the “Mask up 2.0 Resolution”

Section 2: Every Member of the OU Community is encouraged to continue practicing healthy hygiene by wearing a mask and maintaining social distancing when necessary. Members of the OU Community who travel out of state and do not follow CDC guidance on hygiene, masking, and social distancing are encouraged to fill out the OU COVID-19 Screening and Reporting Tool to determine if they need to self-isolate or quarantine before returning to campus.

Section 3: Every Member of the OU Community is encouraged, when they are able, to receive one of the approved vaccinations.

Section 4: The University of Oklahoma is strongly encouraged to institute new policy designed to protect students from those traveling to and from regions without comparable COVID-19 prevention and mitigation policy. The University of Oklahoma is encouraged to maintain the current policy on hygiene, masking, and social distancing, in accordance with CDC guidance, until a suitable amount of the population has been vaccinated.

Section 5: Copies of this resolution will be sent to:

- OU President Joseph Harroz Jr.
- OU Chief COVID Officer, Dr. Dale Bratzler
- Oklahoma Governor Kevin Stitt
- Texas Governor Greg Abbott
- OU Daily
- OU Nightly
- All OU Students

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THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CV

March 9, 2021

CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-105-09

AS INTRODUCED

A Congressional Resolution congratulating those who have been influential in vaccinating the OU community; providing a short title; and providing for distribution.

Whereas: Receiving a vaccine helps to limit the severity of COVID-19 cases⁴; and

Whereas: On Monday February 22nd, OU Norman Regional Hospital, IMMY Labs, and the Cleveland County Health Department vaccinated approximately 10,000 people with their first dose of the COVID-19 Vaccine; and

Whereas: Tribal Nations have been a crucial partner in vaccination efforts across the state of Oklahoma; therefore

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

Section 1: The OU Undergraduate Student Congress formally congratulates the joined efforts of IMMY Labs, the Cleveland County Health Department, and the OU Norman Regional Hospital in their vaccination event last month.

Section 2: The OU Undergraduate Student Congress formally thanks Oklahoma tribal nations for their vaccination efforts across the state.

Section 3: The OU Undergraduate Student Congress encourages all members of the OU community to get vaccinated once their phase opens and encourages The University of Oklahoma to continue with its vaccine distribution plan.

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

- President Joseph Harroz, Jr.
- Leaders of all 39 Federally Recognized Tribes in the State of Oklahoma
- OU Chief COVID Officer Dr. Dale Bratzler
- IMMY Labs
- Cleveland County Public Health Department
- OU Daily
- OU Nightly
- All OU Students

⁴ <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/vaccine-benefits.html#:~:text=Based%20on%20what%20we%20know,get%20COVID%2D19.>

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Co-Sponsor(s):

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AS INTRODUCED

A Congressional Act of Procedure amending districts per reapportionment, providing for a short title, providing for codification, 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 “The Redistricting Act of 2021.”

Section 2: Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to reapportion districts in accordance with the SGA Constitution § Article III, Section 2, Subsection 2.

Section 3: AMENDATORY: The following section should amend the University of Oklahoma Student Government Association Undergraduate Student Congress’ Bylaws § Section 4.1, Subsection 2. An underline shall be used to add text; a ~~strike through~~ shall be used to remove text.

- a. ARCHITECTURE District: Shall consist of all students in the College of Architecture. This district has one (1) seat.
- b. 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.
- c. 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 three seats.~~ This district has four (4) seats.
- d. FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING District: Shall consist of all students with declared majors in Finance and Accounting. ~~This district has three seats.~~ This district has four (4) seats.
- e. 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.
- f. EARTH AND ENERGY District: Shall consist of all students in the Mewbourne College of Earth and Energy. ~~This district has two seats.~~ This district has one (1) seat.
- g. INTERPERSONAL STUDIES District: Shall consist of all students in the College of Education and all 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.
- h. ENGINEERING District: Shall consist of all students in the Gallogly College of Engineering. This district has five (5) seats.

- i. 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 two seats.~~ This district has one (1) seat.
- j. 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, History, History of Science, Linguistics, Literature, Modern Languages, Native American Studies, Philosophy, Religious Studies, Women’s and Gender Studies, and Information Studies. ~~This district has three seats.~~ This district has four (4) seats.
- k. INTERNATIONAL STUDIES District: Shall consist of all students with declared majors in the College of International Studies. This district has one (1) seat.
- ~~l. LANGUAGE District: Shall consist of all students with declared majors in the following Arts and Sciences Departments: Modern Languages, Literature, and Linguistics. This district has one seat.~~
- m. LIFE SCIENCE District: Shall consist of all students with declared majors in the following Arts and Sciences Departments: Microbiology and Plant Biology, Health and Exercise Science, Biology, and Public Health. This district has four (4) seats.
- n. PHYSICAL SCIENCE District: Shall consist of all students with declared majors in the following Arts and Sciences Departments: Astronomy, Chemistry/Biochemistry, Mathematics, and Physics. This district has two (2) seats.
- o. SOCIAL SCIENCE District: Shall consist of all students with declared majors in the following Arts and Sciences Departments: Economics, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology, and The College of Liberal Studies. This district has four (4) seats.
- p. 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 following Arts and Sciences Departments: Multidisciplinary Studies. This district has twelve (12) seats.

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

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THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS

CONGRESSIONAL SESSION 105

March 9, 2021

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CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-105-08
SENATE RESOLUTION NO. GFXX-XX/GSXX-XX

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution calling for the Oklahoma State Legislature to Fail HB 2215 as it currently reads: An Act relating to crimes and punishments; amending 21 O.S. 2011, Section 1320.2, which relates to the crime of incitement to riot; expanding the scope of prohibited acts; providing an exemption from civil or criminal liability for motor vehicle operators under certain circumstances; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.; and providing for distribution.

- Whereas: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association believes that human beings should be allowed to participate in peaceful political protest and still have their right to life and due process preserved; and
- Whereas: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association asserts that intentional causation of bodily injury with the use of a vehicle is immoral.
- Whereas: The Oklahoma State Legislature has presented a bill violating these self-evident rights.

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 “Fail HB 2215 Resolution of 2021.”
- Section 2:** The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association asserts that all people have the right to life and due process.
- Section 3:** The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association recommends the Oklahoma State Legislature Fail HB 2215.
- Section 4:** Copies of this resolution will be sent to:
- Joseph Harroz, President, The University of Oklahoma

- Dr. David Surratt, Vice President of Student Affairs, The University of Oklahoma
- John Woods, Director of Governmental Affairs, The University of Oklahoma
- Quy Nguyen, Director of Student Life, The University of Oklahoma
- Representative West, Majority Leader, Oklahoma State House
- Representative Emily Virgin, Minority Leader, Oklahoma State House
- Speaker of the House of Representatives Charles McCall, Oklahoma State House
- President Pro Tempore Greg Treat, Oklahoma State Senate
- Governor Kevin Stitt, Oklahoma Governor

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Submitted on a motion by: Representative Tesfaselassie seconded by Representative Raymundi Pinheiro

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THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS

CONGRESSIONAL SESSION 105

March 9, 2021

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CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-105-07

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. GFXX-XX/GSXX-XX

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution calling for the Oklahoma State Legislature to Fail HB 1888: An Act relating to state government; prohibiting certain entities from conducting gender or sexual diversity training or counseling;

Whereas: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association firmly believes that all students at the University of Oklahoma should be able to participate in gender or sexual diversity training; and

Whereas: The Gender and Equality Center provides excellent training on the topics of gender and sexual diversity; and

Whereas: The Oklahoma State Legislature, without regard for the safety or benefits to students, has presented a bill calling for the banning of gender and sexual diversity training at public institutions; therefore

Whereas: The Fiscal Analysis published in the Bill Summary concluded that “To the extent such activities currently occur, and costs may have been associated there may be nominal savings”, indicating little financial benefit.

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 “Fail HB 1888 Resolution of 2021.”

Section 2: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association recommends that the Oklahoma State Legislature fail HB 1888.

Section 3: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association supports and will continue to support all gender and sexual diversity training programs conducted by the Gender and Equality Center.

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

- Joseph Harroz, President, The University of Oklahoma
- Dr. David Surratt, Vice President of Student Affairs, The University of Oklahoma
- John Woods, Director of Governmental Affairs, The University of Oklahoma
- Quy Nguyen, Director of Student Life, The University of Oklahoma
- Erin Simpson, Director of the Gender and Equality Center
- Representative West, Majority Leader, Oklahoma State House
- Representative Emily Virgin, Minority Leader, Oklahoma State House
- Speaker of the House of Representatives Charles McCall, Oklahoma State House
- President Pro Tempore Greg Treat, Oklahoma State Senate
- Governor Kevin Stitt, Oklahoma Governor

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Submitted on a motion by:

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