

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS Session CV

General Body Meeting

7:00 pm, Tuesday, February 23, 2021

Physical Science Center Room 201

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Roll Call 7:24pm

Mission Statement

Moment of Silence

Approval of Minutes

Representative Grebe seconded by Representative May

Chair's Report – Good evening, thanks for being here, sorry for the late start. Thank you for your attendance. Thanks for everyone's help on orientation, you made Aelxis' life easier. I appreciate all your hard work. Committee preferences are in, bill tonight for that. Big XII on the Hill is currently happening. Alexis will talk about that. Director of scholarship office having the snowstorm, talked about getting the CASH deadline extended. We weren't able to get it extended again. Scholarship committees were ready to get started. Good to get the one extension in. If anyone still has concerns about CASH or scholarship, reach out to scholarships@ou.edu. Shoutout to Allegra for contacting department chairs and deans after getting reports of professors trying to have class through the snowstorm and made sure those didn't happen. That'd be a big violation of university policy, so thank you Allegra for that. Tonight, if it's not too late, we'll have our mock bill debate for Squirrels Are People Too resolution. Resignations, Representative Elizabeth Worrell has resigned, we will miss her.

Vice Chair's Report – Hi everyone, nice to be in person. First, I think orientation went really well. I hope we went over everything necessary. Thank you committee chairs and vice chairs for helping people feel welcome. If I emailed you with a spreadsheet to meet with me during office hours, let me know so you're prepared for Congress. Associates, we're having election presentation with Joy Nath on March 4. You don't have to attend, but we want to make sure you all are comfortable with the election process. Big XII on the Hill, we had a lot of OU representation there. One more day tomorrow, State Day. We'll have a presentation next week during special orders. Shoutout to Allegra for making graphics for the Instagram with updates. We've added people to PR, shoutout to them. Audrey Dao made primary graphic, share that on IG so orgs know primary is out. Press release to the OU Daily beat reporter. Also, we'll have name tags next week, but Big XII on the Hill and orientation took a lot of time.

Secretary's Report – Hey everyone, good to see you all and I hope you were able to weather the storms well enough last week. First things first, we have an expulsion bill tonight, which I was required to write. I'll go more into detail when we see it, but a bit of housekeeping first. First, we gave this bill a recommendation of no recommendation in exec, because expulsion bills are not things that we like to pass, but we do so because the Bylaws mandate it. Second, if the bill passes and we do indeed expel a member from our body, please do not clap!! This is so important because we hate to see members get expelled even though the procedure has to

exist. I repeat, we do not clap when a member is expelled from the body. Please be mindful of that. Second is constituent service hours. Please, for my own sanity, log your constituent service hours. So far, I have exactly two members in the body who have logged their requirement for the month in the Google form. I do not want to issue 100 absences. Please try to get it done. I've sent out that Google Doc detailing how you complete constituent service hours and some of the opportunities, so please read it and reach out to me if you have any questions. There are many options there that are completely COVID-safe. Since the Kessler Farms project was meant to be this month but was rescheduled due to the storms, I am willing to accept that as *either* your February *or* your March requirement, but not both. Please reach out to me directly if you intend on attending Kessler Farms in order to fulfill your February requirement at CongressSec@ou.edu ASAP so that I do not mark you absent for the month of February.

Committee Reports-

- **Campus Outreach, Safety, and Concerns:** Hello everyone my name is Allegra Shaffer for those who don't know me yet I am the Chair of Campus Outreach, Safety, and Concerns. congratulations to all of the new members who are getting appointed tonight especially the six of you who are joining COSCO! Last night we kicked off our first light walk of the semester and it was such a success, so thank you to the 24 if you showed up. we didn't meet unofficially this weekend so I don't have too many updates other than the suggestion flyers will be printed and then up by the end of this week and a list of alternative studies bases will also be completed this week. That's all for now!
- **Congressional Administration:** Met unofficially this weekend. Continuing to work on projects, including the pay your workers slate. Code Club cut short as we know, but hopefully next week we can get it back in the normal time. Constitutional amendment ballot open, closes tomorrow at 9pm. All regularly enrolled members on the OU campus can vote. It's bitly/SGAVoteYES. Any questions on parliamentary procedure, ask me at any time.
- **External Affairs:** Hi everyone. I'll introduce myself again, Taylor, she/her. EA was one of the few committees who did meet officially. Saw Norman city council congratulations resolution, Poupore presenting. EA now has 27 members, growing every semester. Upcoming events in EA, had to cancel Higher Ed Day due to the storm, but people submitted videos, they were amazing. Higher Ed Day now March 9. March 4 OK Votes panel, asking about first 100 days of presidency. March 12, last day to register for April 6 elections. Tribal elections panel coming up. Runoff for city council is March 8 at 6pm. Check if you're registered in OKC. Continue to vote on all things when they come up. April 20th ask the experts election security, how to know your ballot is counted and secure in Oklahoma.
- **Human Diversity:**
- **Sustainability:** Not a whole lot of news to report. Saturday's meeting was more introductory. March 14 Kessler Farms. Please come. We'd love to have you. Game day trash pickup, baseball and softball instead of football. Campus composting, long battle for that but new options recently. Legislation in the pipeline. Reporting to administration with recommendations for specialized recycling facilities. Next week, we'll have something more concrete to report.
- **University Policy:** Hello Everyone! I apologize for not being there tonight I'm in the middle of Spring Awakening crew. I'd like to give a big thank you to my Vice Chair Max Murdock for stepping in for me both during orientation and during the committee meeting. UPOL has some very exciting things coming up this semester that we're really looking forward to working on. Our biggest projects are going to be working with ConAd to call for a university wide minimum wage increase. In addition, I'm hoping to work closer with COSCO this semester as well as the Interior Department in the executive branch. I hope that everyone enjoyed the few days off school last week and that everyone enjoys Chair South's mock legislation and I can't wait to welcome new committee members soon!
- **Ways and Means:** Sunday meeting went well. Did a mock application so new members could see the process. Primary is due March 5th at 5pm!!!! We are a week and three days away. Make sure you're spreading awareness of the date. If you have an organization that wants to know the basics, send them the slides or have them reach out to me personally.

Liaison Reports

Marvin: PRRSA benefit day last night at Chipotle. If you have friends who haven't eaten yet, raise money for scandals.

Tucker: I am pleased to announce that Write Club this week will consist of our usual open mic followed by a talk from George Lee Jr. on "The History of Black History Month" followed by a Q&A session. The open mic starts at 8:30pm on Thursday and we would really love to have a great turnout for this, so if you're able to come, we'd love to have you!

Broadbent: American Indian Student Association, 5:30-7:30pm this Thursday, it's really fun, please come.

Special Orders

- CAC Spark Presentation: James Thompson

Thompson: My role within Spark is outreach. If you need volunteers for anything, food/water pass out, we have people to fill those volunteer spots. Kids who need service hours and would love to help with your events. You can call me or email me if you need to schedule something.

- Committee of the Whole

Enter COTW

Representative Esmeraldo seconded by Representative Carmona

- o CB-105-12 Session 105 Committee Appointment Act (South)

Representative Garg seconded by Associate Ownby

South: Hello, this is just the appointment bill for putting everyone on their committees. FAs. Add Talon Alcalá and Max Murdock to UPol, move w Davydova to ConAd, remove Elizabeth Worrell.

Hillis: FA moving Davydova from UPol to ConAd?

South: Yes.

Broadbent: FA adding Talon Alcalá and Max Murdock to UPol and striking Elizabeth Worrell from UPol?

South: Yes.

Recommendation of Do Pass

Representative Garg seconded by Representative Poupore

Exit COTW

Representative Griffin seconded by Representative Esmeraldo

Student Concerns

Broadbent: Elevator in Conoco does not come fully to floors. There is a gap.

South: COSCO.

Old Business

Items to Be Considered

CB-105-11 Session 105 Expulsion Act (Tucker) (Exec, No Rec)

Representative Poupore seconded by Representative Tesfaselassie

Tucker: This will remove Chad Cotton, a representative. He has absences in this session and in the last session. He has been contacted numerous times by me and Chairman Lange. Per the bylaws, this will remove him from Congress.

Esmeraldo: What committee was he on?

Tucker: Sustainability.

Griffin: Is there a set amount of absences in the bylaws

Tucker: Yes. Four absences in the Bylaws, that calls for expulsion

Merchant: When can he rejoin?

Tucker: During Session 106 when appointments open up.

Garg: Was he informed?

Tucker: yes, he is on the email list and that is sufficient in the Bylaws.

CR-105-02 2021 City of Norman Election Congratulations Resolution

Representative Poupore seconded by Representative Raymundi Pinheiro

Poupore: I'm Rep Poupore, UCOL. SGA local government liaison from EA. This bill congratulations those who won Norman city council election. Held a panel for them, and we're now congratulating the winners.

Runoff, there will be another forum hopefully. Congrats to the four who won who came to the forum.

Garg: This is only intended to congratulate them for their victory yes, but are you aware of Councilmember Tortorello's proud participation in the US Capitol riot on January 6th?

Poupore: Great concern. Ward 5 Councilmember Tortorello was present in the riots. But this bill is not a political statement. It's for us to congratulate elected officials and form a relationship with them. We saw a similar bill with Joe Biden and Jim Inhofe on it. I'm sure there was division in the body. It's not political, it's to work with these officials. Mayor Clark got dinner with Rarchar Tortorello the other night. Good to congratulate even if we don't agree with him.

Garg: FA removing Councilmember Tortorello's name?

Poupore: No.

Halsey-Kraus: For this to be a resolution there needs to be whereas clauses. Why aren't there whereas clauses?

Poupore: I wasn't aware there needed to be. It's just like the one we saw in Session 104.

Broadbent: FA adding a whereas clause saying whereas student congress held forum for city council candidates?

Poupore: Yes.

Bryant: FA wording in the legislation announcing that we as a Congress body don't support the terrorist action on the Capitol that the councilmember was a part of?

Poupore: No. This isn't the bill designed to say anything about that. It's about congratulating them and forming relationships with them. Statement released, that was the opportunity to make a statement to the public on that. This bill isn't that. We don't want to burn any bridges. City council is nonpartisan. Looking forward to working with them in the future.

CB-105-12 Session 105 Committee Appointment Act (South)

Representative Poupore seconded by Representative Morse

South: Just saw this, appoints people to committee. Please vote for it or committees will be screwed up.

Follow-Up Reports

Marvin: Big XII on the Hill. Yesterday, got groups, met with them, met with counterparts from other universities. Others in charge of legislation, etc. Today, talked with Association for Public and Land Grant Universities. Then, my group talked with Rep. Foxx's staff on college affordability and mental health. Then, OSU and OU delegates met with Rep. Mullin on the same topics. We're meeting with Rep. Inhofe, Cole, Lankford, Hern, and Lucas are all tomorrow.

Broadbent: Last semester, resolution of voter registration. 11 percent increase in voter turnout in the ward OU is in, which is a significant increase. Also, we're doing well with voter registration at OU and civic engagement. Talked with members of OSU, UT, and K State. Voter registration efforts got a lot of praise at that meeting. I'm taking notes at all our meetings. Didn't talk with Rep. Mullin today, but took notes on legislation he seemed to support so we might work with our Congressmen going forward.

Items for Future Agenda

Hillis: Six bills. First, sga should pay a living wage act of 2021. President/VP have other jobs act of 2021 to let them have other on campus jobs. high offices revamp act of 2021, changes high office definition. Next, one that codifies general app in Code Annotated and sets timeline requirements. Next one updates bylaws, conad chair controls general app. Next, unconstitutional now to impeach members, so it would cover committee chairs getting paid for votes of no confidence. Next, pay YOUr workers, calls on OU to pay students a living wage. DM me for more info.

Announcements and Comments

Ownby: Don't forget to vote yes in constitutional amendment, person who wrote it is awesome. Redistricting after this election. It is a beef of a project. I'll be spearheading it, please don't reach out if you have questions.

Redistricting, take all districts and configure them to make sense of our seats in the body. If you want to know more, contact me.

Merchant: Tomorrow night, CAS Student Success Center is having an RSO game night. GEC tabling Friday, love language table from 10-1 Friday. Interested in working with GEC, apps open First week of March. Then, OK delegate for ACLU having advocacy week this week.

Marvin: Primary due March 5 at 5pm!! Hoping that OU Daily puts that out there so student body knows this. I believe Gabriela is here and may need people to speak on the issues from tonight.

Esmeraldo: Society of Women Engineers opened application for future engineers this week.

Tucker: Constituent service hours! Please do them, and come to Kessler Farms. It counts

Final Roll Call

Adjourn

Representative Poupore seconded by Representative Garg

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, Ismael	x
Chenevey, Brandon	x
<i>Cotton, Chad</i>	abs
Dao, Audrey	x
Dobson, Jessica	x
Douglas, Zoe	x
Esmeraldo, Bruno	x
Flaggert, Jayke	abs
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	ex
Lynskey, Graeson	ex
May, Sidney	x
Merchant, Mahak	abs
Miller, Summer	x
Morse, Kyle	x
Papahronis, Demetri	x
Patel, Noshir	x
Poupore, Carson	x
Raymundi Pinheiro, Natalia	x
Rosen, Ashley	x
Sertovic, Aida	abs
Shelton, Jackson	x
Smith, Kennedy	x
Tesfaselassie, Robel	x
Thompson, Faith	x
Present	34
Absent	4
Excused	2

Session 105	CB-105-11	CB-105-12	CR-105-02
Alcala, Talon	y	y	y
Alfaro Sandi, Jafet	y	y	y
Angstadt, Kennedy	y	y	y
Beltz, Katie	y	y	y
Broadbent, Taylor	y	y	y
Bryant, Maegan	y	y	y
Carmona, Ismael	y	y	y
Chenevey, Brandon	y	y	y
<i>Cotton, Chad</i>			
Dao, Audrey	y	y	y
Dobson, Jessica	y	y	y
Douglas, Zoe	y	y	y
Esmeraldo, Bruno	y	y	y
Flaggert, Jayke			
Garg, Nishit	y	y	y
Grebe, Jordan	y	y	y
Griffin, Weslie	y	y	y
Halsey-Kraus, Abby	y	y	y
Hong, Anna	y	y	y
Janes, William "Gunner"	y	y	y
Kerr, Susan	y	y	y
Kevric, Hanna	y	y	y
Koch, Rachel	y	y	y
Lange, Jake	y	y	y
Lewis, Lacey			
Lynskey, Graeson			
May, Sidney	y	y	y
Merchant, Mahak	n	y	y
Miller, Summer			
Morse, Kyle	y	y	y
Papahronis, Demetri	y	y	y

Patel, Noshir	y	y	y
Poupore, Carson	y	y	y
Raymundi Pinheiro, Natalia	y	y	y
Rosen, Ashley	y	y	y
Sertovic, Aida			
Shelton, Jackson	y	y	y
Smith, Kennedy	y	y	y
Tesfaselassie, Robel	y	y	y
Thompson, Faith	y	y	y
	33	34	34
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THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CV

February 23, 2021

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-105-12

AS INTRODUCED

A Congressional Act of Procedure appointing members to committee; 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 105 Committee Appointment Act.”

Section 2: Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to appoint Representatives and Associates to Committees.

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

Campus Outreach Safety and Concerns

Chair: Allegra Shaffer

Sidney May

China McCauley

Linh Dao

Hudson Haskins

Katie Kernal

Kendall Few

Kassidy Kramer

Noshir Patel

Prince Oburoni-Ayeh

Bailey Trautman

Mackenzie Cozort

Emiliano Perez

Congressional Administration

Chair: Foster Hillis

Emily Tucker – *ex officio*

Taylor Moore

Abby Halsey-Kraus

Eileah Hale

Loc Vu

Bailey Ownby

Coy Taylor

Natalia Raymundi Pinheiro

Dasha Davydova

Grace Chesley

Gema De Luna

External Affairs

Chair: Taylor Broadbent

Lacey Lewis

Jayke Flaggert

Jordan Grebe

Kale Kitlowski

Carson Poupore

Rachel Koch

Kiara Kincaid

Gunner Janes

Weslie Griffin

Lexy Weaver

Rami Hassan

Ryan Barrett

Giovanna Giesteria

Marleigh Merrell

Ahmed Abelaziz

Emma Wilson

Joseph Ivester

Pranay Singh

Katie Beltz

Barrett Engler

Bailie Burrhus
Ashley Rosen
Becca Yanez
Emily King
Drew Brown
Dana Searles
Beth Felkner

Human Diversity

Chair: Caitlyn Harman
Ismael Carmona Casado
Nishit Garg
Jessica Dobson
Mahak Merchant
Kennedy Smith
Kennedy Angstadt
Brandon Chenevey
Jessica Bennet
Yaneth Munoz
Aida Sertovic
Megan Neaves
Tryston Ingram

Sustainability

Chair: Jake Lange
Faith Thompson
Susie Kerr
Rylee Houston
Zoe Douglas
Sarah Harder
Samuel Antipov
Lauren McAfee
Peyton Schow
James Swafford
Michaela Reed
Mackenzie Boylson

University Policy

Chair: Graeson Lynskey
Summer Miller
Hanna Kevric
Anna Hong
Maegan Bryant
Aidan Sudler
Robel Tesafelassie
Jafet Alfaro Sandi
Bruno de Medeiros Cartaxo
Esmeraldo
Kate Cruickshank
Talon Alcalá
Max Murdock

Ways and Means

Chair: Lauren Patton
Taylor Smail
Kyle Morse
Demetri Papahronis
Cade Russell
Kendrick Chalfant
Luke Hamilton
John Henry Donnelly
Jackson Shelton

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

Author(s): Crispin South, Chair of the Undergraduate Student Congress

Co-Author(s):

Co-Sponsor(s):

Submitted on a Motion by: Representative Poupore seconded by Representative Morse

Action taken by Congress: 34-0-0

Verified by Chair: _____ Date: _____

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CV

February 23rd, 2021

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-105-11

AS INTRODUCED

A Congressional Act of Procedure Expelling Members
from the body due to excessive absences; 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 105 Expulsion Act”

Section 2: Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to expel members of Congress for excessive unexcused absences. Because Chad Cotton has accrued excessive unexcused absences, the membership of the aforementioned is pending expulsion.

Section 3: In accordance with the Section 3.4, subsection 2, subsection e of the SGA Undergraduate Student Congress Bylaws, “*Upon accruing a fourth absence, the Student Congress Secretary shall prepare an act of procedure to expel any member or committee officer who has accrued excessive unexcused absences.*”

Expulsion Representative Chad Cotton

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

Author(s): Emily Tucker, Secretary of the Undergraduate Student Congress

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

Action taken by Congress: 33-1-0

Verified by Chair: _____ Date: _____

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION 105

February 2, 2021

CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-105-02

AS INTRODUCED

A Congressional Resolution Congratulating the City of
Norman's Elected Officials on Their Election Victories;
and Providing for Distribution.

Whereas: The Undergraduate Student Congress held a forum for Norman City Council candidates.

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

Section 1: Title: This resolution shall be known and may be cited and referenced as the "2021 City of Norman Election Congratulations Resolution."

Section 2: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association formally and cordially congratulates the following Norman City Council officials on their victories in the 2020 City of Norman elections:

- Ward 1 Councilmember Brandi Studley
- Ward 2 Councilmember Matthew McGarry
- Ward 5 Councilmember Rarchar Tortorello
- Ward 7 Councilmember Stephen Tyler Holman

Section 3: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association aims to collaborate with these elected officials in its ongoing effort to serve all students at The University of Oklahoma. It also encourages the officials mentioned in this resolution to view The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association as a direct representation of the needs and concerns of the university's student body.

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

- Ward 1 Councilmember Brandi Studley
- Ward 2 Councilmember Matthew McGarry
- Ward 5 Councilmember Rarchar Tortorello
- Ward 7 Councilmember Stephen Tyler Holman

Author(s): Carson Poupore, University College Representative

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Rachel Koch, Associate

Submitted on a Motion by: Representative Poupore seconded by Representative Raymundi Pinheiro
Action taken by Congress: 34-0-0
Verified by Chair of Congress: _____ Date: _____