

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS Session CV

General Body Meeting 7:00 pm, Tuesday, February 9, 2020 Meeting ID: 476 950 0899 Passcode: 08675309

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Roll Call 7:00pm Mission Statement Moment of Silence Approval of Minutes

Representative Grebe seconded by Representative Poupore

Chair's Report – Hope everyone is staying safe in this very cold weather. Welcome to all new members tonight. First full meeting for new reps. I'll try to explain what's happening procedurally. If anyone has a question, please interject or raise hand with on information, parliamentary procedure, directed to Parliamentarian Hillis. If you wouldn't mind putting your title at the beginning of your Zoom name, I'd appreciate that so I can call you by your correct title. Zoom note, keep your camera on if you're recognized to speak and keep it on for the duration of your speech. If you can't, let me know and I can try to accommodate. Also, keep cameras on if you're receiving an answer to a question you asked. Rude to make person answering talk back to the faceless void. Resignations: Marvin from rep seat, Marleigh Merrell from associateship. Farzaneh, Gray, and Kaya want to let you know if you have anything you'd like to discuss, reach out to them directly. Student concern about frats and sororities parties, university is trying to take care of that. Spirited body, but please present yourself and the body professionally. Not like a suit or anything, but treat each other with respect and dignity, even in disagreement. We have several bills tonight, so we need to keep this in mind when we disagree with each other. That's the nature of democracy.

Vice Chair's Report – Hope you are all doing well and safe. Big 12 on the Hill, we're seeing that resolution tonight, it's super lengthy with lots of research, thank you to EA for helping with that. Met with Farzaneh and Spigner, we made a Big 12 Boomer GroupMe. Me, South, Tucker, Farzaneh, Gray, Kaya, Spigner, and Broadbent. 22-24 February. 2 new PR team, Shaffer and Beltz. Having a meeting Thursday 3:15 on Zoom and in the Conoco, anyone's welcome. Expectations for semester. Talked to Gaylord professor, she's going to help us with press releases, etc. Also, resource guide on ENGAGE under documents. Reach out to your constituents through RSOs, big groups easier than individual people. Wanted to make a guide to make it easier to reach out to your constituents. Finally, orientation 11am this Sunday the 14th. End roughly around 5pm for committee meetings. Anyone not a new member, all meetings are at 5pm. That's when everything will be. Sent email with information about orientation plus Zoom link and handbook. If you're not new but want a refresher, let me know so I can assign you to a breakout room. Excited to see our committee chairs' presentations. Use handbook as a resource throughout the semester and use it as a resource. Ask me or chairs questions about orientation. Considering a committee but not sure, reach out to the chairs beforehand. If you didn't go last semester it's required, if you're new it's required.

Secretary's Report – Hi everyone! So last week, I met with all but one of the committee secretaries, and it went great! The last one is this Friday, and I'm very glad I was able to sit down with every one of our lovely secretaries, they work so hard and I'm so happy to be able to work with each and every one of them. Also, you might have already seen in the group chat, but I posted the constituent service hour form as well as a new document that lets you know some of the constituent service opportunities that will be available in February and how to complete them. As it says in the doc, the goal of constituent service is ultimately to connect Congress with our constituents, so let me know if you have an event that you think should count!

- O Campus Outreach, Safety, and Concerns: We met officially this week and saw a few new faces so thank you to those of you who came to COSCO this past Sunday. We assigned a lot of really great projects. Some things we are working on right now are seeing how and if we can restore the Biz's hours back to normal times, a list of study spaces on campus, and we are going to be hanging some suggestion box flyers around campus I the coming weeks. Lastly please don't forget to sign up for the light walk that is taking place on Feb 22 at 7:30 PM! I will drop the link in the chat.
- O Congressional Administration: I'm Foster, he/him. Overview for new members, we look over governing documents and Robert's Rules of Order. CB-105-08, previously failed appointment bill for elections commissioner, 45 minutes of questions, rec of no rec. CB-105-10, chief of staff appointment bill for interim CoS Kaya. Code Club 3:30 Sundays and 6:30 Tuesdays. Starting over next Sunday. People have a lot of interests but timing is an issue. Rep. Halsey-Kraus doing an amazing job organizing that. Any questions about what's happening parli-pro wise, ask me. You can DM me, or you can unmute yourself saying on parliamentary procedure. I'll answer your question. Big questions, you can email me, foster@ou.edu.
- External Affairs: Taylor, she/her. We deal with things outside the university. Higher Ed Day on the 16th, I'll drop a form if you want to go. Getting you lunch, let me know dietary restrictions. Saw in committee CR-105-02, congratulations resolution, tabled until next weekend, seeing that then. CR-105-03, higher ed day, do pass. CR-105-04, big 12 big responsibilities fulfilled, do pass. Open Meetings Act passed extension by supermajority, sent to the governor to sign or not, so we can meet online. Norman City Council meeting, live tweets from Jillian Taylor from the OU Daily. Tonight consent docket unanimously approved by council. Elections, still zero reporting now. Late into the night, updates in the GroupMe. EA won't meet on the 21st to support Susty's Kessler Farms opportunity. They're wonderful.
- O **Human Diversity**: I'm Caitlyn, she/her. HD focuses on diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts. Met this weekend, talked about project updates. Look out for logistics for newsletter, Diversus, so proud of everyone who worked on that. Interested in HD, you'll see me at orientation on Sunday. Won't be meeting on the 21st to support Susty at Kessler Farms.
- Sustainability: I'm Jake, he/him. Trying to get timelines established right now. Working on information for specialty recycling people might like for TerraCycle, implementing that in dorms and other places on campus. Legislation on oil divestment, no later than March 30. Gathering of info for administration regarding lighting on campus, natural light correlated with higher test scores and more sustainable. Campus waste output, plastic waste, no more single use campaign. Campus composting, possible partner. Game day trash pickup related to Red and White Game, changed in form a lot. Conversations with Athletics not especially productive. Other programs for recycling at less popular sporting events for pilot program. Also, Operation Kessler Farms, late morning February 21st. You can take the survey on how many people are coming, dietary restrictions, transportation, waterproof boots, etc so they can get back to us. Told them I'd report by the end of the week. Looking forward to that, great constituent service opportunity.
- O University Policy: I'm Graeson, he/him. Not a whole lot, please fill out Jake's survey and go to Kessler Farms if you can. UPol project heavy. Several other committee collaboration this semester.
- Ways and Means: I'm Lauren, she/her. WAM chair, Budgetary chair too. Funding for SGA, all RSOs. Dates for primary, opens Feb 15, Monday, open for 3 business weeks closes March 5. Strong reminder we don't take late applications. I don't care. If it's late, sorry. Any questions, let me know.

Liaison Reports

Merchant: Free HIV testing earlier today. GEC hopes to have a love language tabling event in February, COVID safe handout, late Valentine's Day event. Student Success Center through CAS game night Feb 24, let me know if RSOs are interested. Next Monday, Crimson Club doughnut pass out in the dorms. Tucker: Write club!!!

Broadbent: Largest constituent groups, OIL meeting, lots of cool things with them. Went to OU History Club meeting, they are working with Engineering Club, Engineering Renaissance Fair Feb 22-26, Chick-Fil-A lunch, McAlister lunch, tropical smoothie day, jason's deli day, Netflix party 8pm, LKOT fire out in Engineering Quad. Lots of free food, please go.

Lynskey: Friday, Spring Awakening, it's a great musical. Pretty mature, rated R, keep that in mind. Streaming it I think.

Special Orders

Student Concerns

Broadbent: After OU Daily article published about sorority in IGC from capitol riots, nothing has been done by that sorority, I'd like that to be followed up on. We haven't heard anything. I'd like them to have a statement about what they're doing moving forward.

South: We can contact them.

Griffin: Icy on campus. Hard to get around, very cold. Online classes Wednesday, but not sure about rest of the week. More transparency from the university to see if we have to stock up.

South: Last I heard, they're monitoring the situation. Haven't heard anything about the rest of the week. I'll update you all and ask higher admin to make info available ASAP.

Carmona: Student told me that some SafeRide drivers don't wear their face masks while driving.

South: George is SafeRide coordinator.

Ahmadi: I'll email airport express. Everything will remain confidential.

Esmeraldo: Engineering buildings after 4pm it's hard to find hand sanitizers, mostly empty.

South: COSCO. Facilities management good to talk to first.

Garg: Campus orgs have to pay to book venues like the Performing Arts Center and the Lloyd Noble and that adds to expenditures. Can university allow campus orgs free access to host events?

South: UPol. Not sure feasibility, but we'll look into it. Remind constituents that if they need to reserve spaces you have to pay for, they should include that expenditure in primary request.

Patton: Correct.

Old Business

<u>CB-104-25 Fall 2020 Special Election for the Academic District Range Amendment Act of 2020 (Ownby/Hillis/Patterson) (ConAd, Do Pass)</u>

Representative Esmeraldo seconded by Representative Merchant

Ownby: Passed last session, but we had to update it to the SGA Elections Commissioner since the old one resigned.

Grebe: Savanah's name still on this?

Ownby: It's good.

Broadbent: When will we vote on this? When will redistricting be?

Ownby: A week from when the legislation is signed. Dates will be put out and officialized. Redistricting has been done for awhile. It will be done ASAP after the election.

Items to Be Considered

<u>CB-105-08 Act Appointing the Spring 2021 SGA Election Commissioner 2.0 (Farzaneh/Gray/Kaya) (ConAd, No Rec)</u>

Representative Grebe seconded by Representative Merchant

Farzaneh: This is the second time for this bill. 4 interviews last week. Nath has SGA experience, which is important. Representative, then associate, in ConAd, and Election Commission in 2020. Experience isn't the only important decision. Nath made it clear he'll support candidates in the process. Role is more than rules, it's being there for candidates in process that's emotionally draining. He will improve and serve in the role. Only applicant who answered about rule of candidate meetings and brought up advice of General Counsel, committed to having 10 office hours a week. Invested in democratic process.

Nath: I'm Joy, he/him. Econ and linguistics. Enrolled in SGA since last semester, rep of social sciences district, associate this semester due to election commission and time conflict. I ran for commissioner because I'm a big believer in democratic processes. One big thing is I want to support candidates because they're running for something, not just brownie points.

Poupore: Last time, questioned about implicit bias training. Did you this time?

Farzaneh: No.

Patton: Talked about programming. If you were already serving on the commission, why didn't you do it before applying during your time on the commission?

Nath: Suggested it, but Chair Nees got the election details late. Bill was seen in GSS very late in the process. Didn't do them because of the strain of time and Chair Nees' resigning.

Broadbent: I asked Nath if he would stay as an associate in Congress for projects, but Constitution says that no Congress member shall serve in high office simultaneously. Will he still be serving in Congress?

Hillis: Election commissioner is a high office of judicial branch.

South: Knowing this will you resign, Nath?

Nath: I thought associate could still be in high office, but if not, then yes.

Poupore: Why didn't you take implicit bias training?

Farzaneh: Not a requirement. I'll stand by that there wasn't bias here. Implicit bias is important.

Patton: Detail about interview process and scoring process?

Farzaneh: Invited Hillis and Taylor for process.

Ext time by 10 minutes

Representative Merchant seconded by Representative Sertovic

Farzaneh: Scale of 1-4 for rating interviewees. Did basic math with it. Numerical process, 2 candidates averaged tied, Nath and Candidate 3. Then did application scores, and Associate Nath had the higher score and other qualifications.

Patton: Went back to review applications. Was that given to Hillis and Taylor?

Farzaneh: Yes.

Poupore: Can you go in on the numbers?

Farzaneh: Not sure that's relevant.

Patton: Hillis, can you speak on your interview process?

Hillis: Taylor and I were given the applications and scoring an hour before the interview process and stayed for interview process and put down final scores. Left the call after. Tie candidates, and members of exec reviewed applications without us on the call.

Broadbent: Did you do candidate most highly ranked by ConAd members?

Farzaneh: Interview scores, no.

Kerr: Who else was a high scoring candidate?

Farzaneh: Isaac Kabrick.

Broadbent: Biggest difference between Isaac and Joy for you?

Farzaneh: Joy had tons of ideas. Also only person interviewed who answered Taylor's question correctly. Isaac said he didn't really have any ideas. I can go through those if relevant. That was deciding factor. Quality of applications, Nath's was exceptional.

Broadbent: Hillis and Taylor, why did you pick Isaac over Joy?

Hillis: I look at position of election commissioner as purely interpretive body. Candidate with best understanding of Constitution and General Council opinions. Joy has understanding, another that went through process has better understanding. I don't think that reciting facts is important. Knowing but also connecting them to big ideas is important. Won't speak for Taylor.

Patton: Hillis and Farzaneh, speak to if Joy is the candidate with most knowledge of the Code?

Farzaneh: Election process is scary, more than just the Code. Supporting candidates is important as well.

Other applicants could've done great, but out of the four Joy was most qualified.

Patton: Did Joy have most knowledge of the Code?

Farzaneh: Not sure how to define that, but confident that he has the sufficient knowledge.

Gray: Another author, I was impressed by Joy's knowledge about the Code. Like Foster said, knowledge isn't only important thing, but it's how you can use it to support candidates with big ideas.

Hillis: Past answer summed my answer up. Other candidate was better at connecting themes.

South: Is he competent?

Farzaneh: Yes.

Gray: Yes, absolutely.

South: Hillis, is the candidate competent?

Hillis: I will not answer that. This is advice and consent and I don't have a vote in the body to advise that they

don't like candidate or consent that they do.

CB-105-10 An Act Appointing the Chief of Staff of the Executive Branch of 2021 (Farzaneh/Gray) (ConAd, No Rec)

Representative Grebe seconded by Representative Sertovic

Farzaneh: Appointing Cricket Kaya as Chief of Staff. She's been working as interim. She's incredible, doing such a good job. I'm very excited to appoint her in this role.

Kaya: I'm Cricket, she/they. I've been part of the campaign for awhile now. It would be an honor to lead those initiatives, thank you for inviting me today.

Lynskey: Hillis, can you explain why rec of no rec?

Hillis: ConAd only gives rec of no rec for appointment bills. It's not our decision to interview the candidate solely, it's up to the body. Only rec of no rec and do fail. We want the body to decide on its own.

Grebe: What has Cricket accomplished so far?

Kaya: I've been preparing for cabinet, helping with applications and interviews, and writing cabinet guide, platform points, letting them know how to talk to people, helping members with compassion. Working to revamp SGA IG so students can go for all things OU. Working hard for collab with other branches to organize before we get started.

CB-105-09 No Spring Break, But Here's an Election Act of 2021 (Hillis/Taylor) (ConAd, Do Pass)

Representative Esmeraldo seconded by Representative Poupore

Taylor: Hi, I'm Coy Taylor, member of ConAd, he/him. No spring break this year, we had an issue with the Code, it's set off spring break and there's no spring break. We looked at date from last year and set it two weeks back. March 29 and 30.

South: What is the Code Annotated?

Taylor: The Code is number 2 in governing documents. Constitution, Code, Bylaws. Code is more in depth than Constitution and outlines rules and procedures. Come to Code Club on Sundays and Tuesdays if you want to learn more.

Harman: How are elections usually set?

Taylor: Normally, Code sets fall election based on 11th academic week. Spring, 2 weeks after spring break. Took decision to look at where spring break was supposed to be and set dates accordingly.

CR-105-03 Higher Education Day Resolution of 2021

(Broadbent/Marvin/Grebe/Rosen/Beltz/Janes/Yanez/Kincaid) (EA, Do Pass)

Representative Griffin seconded by Representative Esmeraldo

Grebe: Introducing agenda for OK State Legislature next Tuesday for Higher Ed Day. Talking points for Board of Regents. Reasons for funding, STEM support, concurrent program, OK Promise, etc. Funds requested halfway through resolution. This resolution is more unofficial this year and we can talk about more issues to college students. Other issues include weaposn on campus, SB about rape kits, LGBTQ+ discrimination, and free speech on campus. I'm not familiar with some parts of this resolution, so I'll yield to them on some points.

Hillis: Why are we not distributing this bill?

Broadbent: Letting new members write legislation, so it was left off accidentally. I can propose the FA to distribute.

Halsey-Kraus: Change things for FA from Hillis?

Grebe: Yes.

Broadbent: FA adding section 10, copies distributed to OU office of gov affairs, president Farzaneh, dept of exterior, house leadership, senate leadership, and governor Stitt?

Grebe: Yes.

CR-105-04 Big XII Big Responsibilities Fulfilled Resolution of 2021

(Marvin/Poupore/Griffin/Barnett/Koch/South) (EA, Do Pass)

Representative Grebe seconded by Representative Griffin

Poupore: This is Big 12 on the Hill legislation. Many co-authors, you can direct questions to any of them.

Broadbent: FA with sponsors?

Esmeraldo: International students, travel ban whereas clause, are there any other international student

clauses?

Poupore: I didn't write that section. Marvin?

Marvin: One thing we wanted to focus on as a concern, last semester there was concern over being deported, and we wanted to make sure international students were protected, they're a great benefit to United States and we want to make sure they're protected while they're here. Making sure that you're essential travellers.

Hillis: A lot of footnotes in the text, but no footnote citations at the bottom of pages.

South: Microsoft Word error, scriveners. Should appear on the text.

Hillis: Why are we sending this to Chair Spigner when his position is events based?

Marvin: Included him because he's coming with us and he will need a copy. Wanted to include Chair Spigner too.

Hillis: Aware that Broadbent is keeping list of sponsors and that Vice Chair Marvin's title is just Vice? Poupore: Aware now.

Follow-Up Reports

Marvin: Big 12 Big Responsibilities Fulfilled Bill passed!

Items for Future Agenda

Announcements and Comments

South: Tucker, thank you for bringing Mocha.

Tucker: She loves being here.

Harman: CASH due 15th. Also 3.5 GPA and 12 credit hours you're eligible for honor society, tomorrow 9 informational. Let me know about Zoom links and Code.

Halsey-Kraus: ConAd with consent of South, Code Club twice a week, Sunday at 3:30 and Tuesdays before Congress at 6:30.

Merchant: Same content, or proceeding?

Hillis: Same info Sundays and Tuesdays. Study up double time, come twice.

Marvin: Orientation this Sunday at 11am on Zoom. Let me know if you haven't received the orientation email. Make sure you're going, especially if you're a new member or didn't go last semester as a new member it's required.

Kerr: OBI Outreach first meeting of semester this week! We make all the blood drives on campus happen. If you want to help, tomorrow 7pm.

Broadbent: Breaking news! Election results! Ward 1, Brandi Studley. Ward 2, Matt McGarry. Ward 3, runoff. Ward 5, Tortorello. Ward 7, Holman. OKC, Ward 1, runoff. OKC Ward 3 runoff. OKC Ward 4, Todd Stone. OKC school board. 100 percent precincts reporting in Norman. One runoff April 6.

South: Not all OKC election results are in yet. Everything is reported in Norman. Thank you, Chair Broadbent, for the updates.

Ahmadi: I appreciate the thoughtful questions for advise and consent. I like the engagement. I want to make sure that my comments never mean I'm disappointed, it's just observations and feedback. If there's anything you're doing that's legally detrimental, I'll tell you. On feedback and process, it's my advice, but I'm open to meeting about it. If you don't agree on certain issues, reach out. Appreciate the thoughtfulness on election process. Things like that that make you a relevant body. SGA is very important. Appointments are the cornerst fone of SGA.

Harman: Free menstrual cup, Access4AllOU. February 15 to sign up. February 22, pickups. Gigantic project

going on across a bunch of different universities. If you know anyone, let them know as well!

South: Thank you all for your attention at this meeting.

Final Roll Call Adjourn 9:01pm Representative Merchant seconded by Representative Griffin

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
Cotton, Chad	abs
Dao, Audrey	abs
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	abs
Janes, William "Gunner"	X
Kerr, Susan	X
Kevric, Hanna	X
Koch, Rachel	X
Lange, Jake	X
Lewis, Lacey	abs
Lynskey, Graeson	X
May, Sidney	X
Merchant, Mahak	X
Miller, Summer	ex
Morse, Kyle	X

Papahronis, Demetri	X
Patel, Noshir	X
Poupore, Carson	X
Raymundi Pinheiro, Natalia	ex
Rosen, Ashley	X
Sertovic, Aida	X
Shelton, Jackson	X
Smith, Kennedy	X
Tesfaselassie, Robel	X
Thompson, Faith	X
Worrell, Elizabeth	X
Present	33
Absent	5
Excused	3

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GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE SENATE SESSION GS21 February 07th, 2021

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-104-25 SENATE BILL NO. GS21-02

AS INTRODUCED

A Congressional Act of Legislation establishing a special election for a Constitutional Amendment; providing for distribution; 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 "Fall 2020 Special Election for the Academic District Range Amendment Act of 2020"
- Section 2: Purpose: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association's (UOSGA)
 Undergraduate Student Congress and Graduate Student Senate passed the "Academic District
 Range Amendment of 2020" (CB-103-30, GS20-22). The amendment was passed by a two-thirds
 (2/3) majority vote of each House of the Legislative Branch in accordance with the Constitution, and now requires a vote by the whole SGA.
- **Section 3**: An election for the "Academic District Range Amendment of 2020" shall be established one (1) academic week after the passing and signing of this bill. Voting for this election shall occur exclusively over Engage on the Tuesday and Wednesday of the week.
- Section 4: This act shall be effective when passed when in accordance with the UOSGA Constitution.
- **Section 5**: Copies of this resolution will be sent to:
 - The SGA Election Commissioner
- Author(s): Bailey Ownby, Congressional Administration Vice Chair Foster Hillis, Congressional Administration Chair Savanah Patterson, Undergraduate Student Congress

Submitted on a motion by: Representative Esmeraldo seconded by Represent Action taken by Congress: 32-0-0	tative Merchant
Verified by Chair of Congress:	_ Date:
Submitted on a motion by: Senator Mallick, seconded by Senator Waterman	

Action taken by Senate: Passed by unanimous consent	
Verified by Chair of Senate:	Date:
Approved by SGA President:	Date:

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GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE SENATE SESSION GS21 February 7, 2021

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-105-08 SENATE BILL GS21-04

Submitted on a Motion by: Action taken by Senate

AS INTRODUCED

An Act of Legislation appointing the Spring 2021 SGA Election Commissioner; providing short title; and providing an effective date.

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

Title: This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Act Appointing the Spring 2021 SGA Section 1: Election Commissioner 2.0." Section 2: Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to appoint the Spring 2021 Election Commissioner following the resignation of the 2020 – 2021 Election Commissioner. Section 3: In accordance with Title IV, Chapter 6, Section 25, which delineates the appointment process for the chair position, the following student shall thus be appointed: Joy Nath Section 4: This act shall become effective when passed in accordance with the SGA Constitution. Tavana Farzaneh, SGA President Author(s): Alex Gray, SGA Vice President Cricket Kaya, SGA Interim Chief of Staff Co-Author(s): Melissa Maxey, Chair of the Graduate Student Senate Crispin South, Chair of the Undergraduate Student Congress Co-Sponsor(s): Submitted on a Motion by: Representative Grebe seconded by Representative Merchant Action taken by Congress 25-6-1 Verified by Chair: _____ Date: ___

Verified by Chair of Senate: ______ Date: _____

Approved by SGA President:	Date:

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CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-105-10 SENATE BILL GSXX-XX/GFXX-XX

Approved by SGA President:

AS INTRODUCED

A Congressional Act of Procedure appointing the Chief of Staff of the Executive Branch; 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 "An Act Appointing the Chief of Staff of the Executive Branch of 2021." Section 2: Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to appoint the Chief of Staff of the Farzaneh-Gray Administration within the Executive Branch. Section 3: In accordance with Title I, Chapter 2, Section 7b, which delineates the appointment process for the Chief of Staff position, the following student shall thus be appointed: • Cricket Kaya Section 4: This act shall become effective when passed in accordance with the SGA Constitution. Tavana Farzaneh, SGA President Author(s): Alex Gray, SGA Vice President Co-Author(s): Crispin South, Undergraduate Student Congress Chair Co-Sponsor(s): Submitted on a Motion by: Representative Grebe seconded by Representative Sertovic Action taken by Congress: 31-0-0 Verified by Chair of Congress: _____Date:_____ Submitted on a Motion by: Action taken by Senate Verified by Chair of Senate:

Date:

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CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-105-09 SENATE BILL NO. GFXX-XX

AS INTRODUCED

A Congressional Act of Legislation providing for a Spring Election Date; 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 "No Spring Break, But Here's an Election Act of 2021."
- Section 2: Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to provide for a Spring Election date, after the OU Administration's cancelation of Spring Break.¹
- Section 3: The date of the Spring General Election shall be on March 29th and March 30th, 2021; due to OU Administration canceling Spring Break for the Spring of 2021 academic calendar², which date is used for the Spring General Election (*Code Annotated* ∫ *Title VI*, *Chapter 2*, *Section 9*, *Subsection B*).
- Section 4: This bill shall allow the Election Commissioner to use March 29th and March 30th, 2021, as the dates of the Spring General Election, and shall use those aforementioned dates for the other timelines as needed in the Code Annotated § Title VI and others.
- **Section 5:** This act shall become effective when passed in accordance with the SGA Constitution.
- **Section 6:** Copies of this bill shall be sent to:
 - Emily Smith, General Council
 - Elections Commissioner, when appointed;
 - Isaac Kabrick, Election Staff Member;
 - Beau Lauffer, Election Staff Member; and
 - Joy Nath, Election Staff Member.
 - OU Daily

Author(s): Chairman Foster Hillis, Congressional Administration Committee; and

¹ "OU Announces Calendar Updates to Fall, Spring Semesters":

https://www.ou.edu/web/news_events/articles/news_2020/ou-announces-calendar-updates-to-fall-spring-semesters

² "OU Academic Calendar", before the cancelation of Spring Break:

https://ou.edu/dam/registrar/docs/2020-2021_academic_calendar_chronological.pdf

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UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS CONGRESSIONAL SESSION 105

February 9th, 2021

CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION: CR-105-03

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A Congressional Resolution Calling for Legislative Change in Higher Education Policy and Policy Relating to College Students in the United States

Whereas: According to a 2019 report sponsored by the State Chamber Research Foundation,

for every dollar of state appropriations invested, the Oklahoma state system of

higher education generates \$9.40 in economic output; and

Whereas: More than half of the jobs on Oklahoma's Critical Occupations list require a college

degree; and

Whereas: A student with a college degree will earn \$1.1 million more over a lifetime than a

high school graduate; and

Whereas: Professions that require degrees in the STEM field, such as engineers, are in high

demand in Oklahoma. Degree and certificate production in critical STEM

disciplines has increased 54% over the last nine years; and

Whereas: The Oklahoma Board of Regents has put forth a budget need proposal for the 2022

fiscal year; and

Whereas: The components of this funding request will further the development of Oklahoma's

workforce, address ongoing operational and campus improvement needs of colleges and universities, and support students through targeted scholarships and

financial aid; and

Whereas: Concurrent enrollment reduces the cost of attending college for students, increases

college graduation rates, shortens the time-to-degree for students, and improves

college-going rates and retention rates; and

Whereas: To fully fund the concurrent enrollment program for high school seniors and

juniors, The Board of Regents is requesting an additional \$4 million investment for

this highly successful program; and

Whereas: The state system of higher education strongly supports the Oklahoma's Promise

scholarship program, which provides funding for approximately 10% of the student

population at the University of Oklahoma³; and

Whereas: Nearly 90% of Oklahoma's Promise graduates stay in Oklahoma and are employed

in Oklahoma after college graduation; and

Whereas: State Regents' data show the service of OneNet, the sole provider of internet

connectivity to state higher education institutions, equates to approximately \$6.4

million annually in systemwide savings; and

Whereas: OneNet provides cost-effective connectivity services to state agencies, K-12

school districts, libraries, career technology campuses, hospitals, and tribal

agencies; and

Whereas: The Endowed Chair Program establishes state funds as a match for private

donations for endowed chairs, distinguished professorships, visiting professorships

and lectureships; and

Whereas: The Board of Regents is requesting approximately \$10.42 million to support the

payment of debt service to cover the \$161 million backlog of accounts awaiting state

matching funds through the Endowed Chair Program; and

Whereas: Higher education's Fiscal Year 2022 budget request is based on four key areas:

a. STEM Workforce Development Initiatives-

³ Oklahoma's Promise 2018-2019 Year End Report

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	\$33,800,000		
	1.	Engineering workforce needs-	\$10,500,000
		Nursing workforce needs-	\$12,000,000
		Expand physician residency slots-	\$7,000,000
	4.	Teacher education shortage needs-	\$2,500,000
	5.	Develop microcredentials and rapid re-employ	ment
		strategies-	\$1,800,000
	b. Operational C	ost Increases-	\$30,800,000
	1.	Systemwide mandatory fixed cost increases-	\$24,000,000
	2.	Deferred maintenance for campus infrastructu	re (Section 13
		Offset)-	\$6,300,000
	3.	STEM Summer Academies-	\$500,000
	c. Financial Aid	and Scholarship Programs-	\$13,800,000
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	2.	Restoration of scholarship programs-	\$7,800,000
		a. National Guard Tuition Waiver progra	m-
		\$2,000,000	
		b. TSEI Program-	\$1,100,000
		c. Oklahoma Tuition Aid Grant-	\$4,700,000
	3.	Adult Degree Completion and Workforce Re-e	•
		Scholarship-	\$2,000,000
	d. Endowed Cha	irs State Matching Funds Debt Service-	\$10,420,000
Whereas:		, college and university presidents have the discr	
	• •	of weapons on campus when the individual circ	umstances
	warrant it; and		

Whereas: semesters

84% of female survivors report being sexually assaulted during their first four

on campus; and

Whereas: Only 12% of college student survivors report the assault to police;⁴ and

Whereas: There are about 7,270 rape kits that have gone untested in the state of Oklahoma snd in

Oklahoma, victims are not granted the right to notice;⁵ and

Whereas: The Oklahoma State Senate Public Safety committee passed SB16 which allows for

⁵ End Rape Backlog (http://www.endthebacklog.org/Oklahoma)

⁴ Know Your IX (https://www.knowyourix.org/issues/statistics/)

the Oklahoma Crime Victims Compensation Board access to written documentation contained in the kits necessary to establish eligibility for resources;⁶ and

Whereas:

Nearly half of all bisexual men and 4 in 10 gay men have experienced a type of sexual violence besides rape in their lifetimes. Additionally, nearly half of all bisexual women and one in eight lesbian women have experienced rape in their lifetimes;⁷ and

Whereas:

In Bostock v Clayton County, GA the Supreme Court ruled that LGBTQ workers ought to be protected on a national level;⁸ and

Whereas:

There is no legislation protecting LGBTQ students in Oklahoma from discrimination;⁹ and

Whereas:

Oklahoma colleges and universities have imposed speech codes on students and student organizations that prohibit their Constitutional right to assemble, speak freely, and invite speakers to their campuses; and

Whereas:

The Foundation for Individual Rights in Education 2020 Rankings for Free Speech on College Campuses ranked Oklahoma schools the lowest among 55 schools across the country;¹⁰ and

- 1. University of Oklahoma at 38th
- 2. Oklahoma State University at 50th

Whereas: Codes made by colleges to "restrict speech in certain areas of campus based on time,

(https://transequality.org/schoolaction)

(https://marketplace.collegepulse.com/img/2020_college_free_speech_rankings.pdf)

⁶ OK SENATE PRESS RELEASE (https://oksenate.gov/press-releases/public-safety-committee-approves-measures-aid-victims-sexual-assault-and-domestic?back=/press-releases)

⁷ Center of American Progress (https://www.americanprogress.org/issues/lgbtq-rights/reports/2014/09/19/97504/a-hidden-crisis/)

⁸ SCOTUS DOCKET (https://www.supremecourt.gov/search.aspx?filename=/docket/docketfiles/html/public/17-1618.html)

⁹ National Center for Trans Equality

¹⁰ College Free Speech Rankings

place, and manner" are broad statements that can easily be used to restrict one's constitutional rights; and

Whereas:

Disdain for controversial student organizations has also led to threats of revoking funding and registration status, based on the ideas organizations hold or the speakers they wish to bring to campus, which is an unconstitutional act;¹³ and

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

- **Section 1:** The Oklahoma State Legislature should adopt the budget need proposal put forth by the Board of Regents for the 2022 fiscal year for funding in higher education; and
- **Section 2:** The Oklahoma State Legislature should invest an additional \$4 million into the concurrent enrollment program; and
- **Section 3:** The Oklahoma State Legislature should maintain its funding to the Oklahoma's Promise scholarship program; and
- **Section 4:** The Oklahoma State Legislature should invest an additional \$10.42 million into the Endowed Chair Program; and
- **Section 5:** The Oklahoma State Legislature should keep current law regarding weapons on campus; and
- **Section 6:** The Oklahoma State Senate should pass SB 16; and
- **Section 7:** The Oklahoma Legislature ought to pass legislation to protect LGBTQ University Students from discrimination on the basis of their sexual or gender identity; and

¹¹ OSU Student Affairs

⁽https://studentaffairs.okstate.edu/free-speech/free-speech-at-osu.html)

¹² OU Student Affairs

⁽https://www.ou.edu/studentaffairs/cert)

¹³ Southeastern Legal Foundation

⁽https://3f4d64d7-11a8-47b8-9438-597462a460c9.usrfiles.com/ugd/3f4d64_e935e5bb25174be983a863e52101fcdf.pdf)

Section 8: The Oklahoma State Legislature should investigate the speech codes of colleges and universities across the state; and The Oklahoma State Legislature should pass legislation further prohibiting colleges Section 9: and universities from barring students and student organizations from practicing their constitutional right to assemble, speak freely, and invite speakers to their campus. Section 10: Copies of this resolution shall be sent to: OU Office of Governmental Affairs President Tavana Farzaneh SGA Department of the Exterior Oklahoma House Leadership Oklahoma Senate Leadership Governor Kevin Stitt Author(s): Representative Taylor Broadbent, Chair of External Affairs, Humanities District Representative Alexis Marvin, Vice Chair, Communications District Representative Jordan Grebe, Social Sciences District Representative Ashley Rosen, University College District Representative Katie Beltz, Communications District Representative Gunner Janes, Social Sciences District Associate Rebecca Yanez Associate Kiara Kincaid Co-Sponsor(s): Foster Hillis, Chair of the Congressional Administration Committee Caitlyn Harman, Chair of Human Diversity Weslie Griffin, University College Representative Eileah Hale, Associate Bailey Ownby, Vice Chair of the Congressional Administration Committee Lauren Patton, SGA Budgetary Chair Abby Halsey-Krauss, University College Representative Crispin South, Chair of the Undergraduate Student Congress Kennedy Smith University College Representative Susie Kerr, Life Sciences Representative Submitted on a motion by: Representative Griffin seconded by Representative Esmeraldo Action taken by Congress: 30-1-0

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CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-105-04

AS INTRODUCED

A Congressional Resolution Addressing Concerns for Federal Legislators; and providing for distribution.

- Whereas: Public universities who receive federal funding are required under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 are required to make all buildings accessible to people with disabilities; and
- Whereas: Universities are to make every effort to provide for people with disabilities when buildings are unable to be structurally rebuilt¹; and
- Whereas: Adult dependents claimed on their parents' 2019 tax returns were excluded from every stimulus bill and ineligible for economic relief²; and
- Whereas: There are 13.5 million adult dependents in the United States, and 54% are college students²; and
- Whereas: An analysis by the People's Policy Project found that 2.3 million adult dependents, despite being in the lowest income category, were not able to receive stimulus checks²; and
- Whereas: Research done in October by AIG Retirement Services and EVERFI indicated 38% of college students are worried they will not have enough money to cover expenses and 40% would not be able to afford a major unexpected expense³; and
- Whereas: The proposed Heroes Act in May 2020 made provisions to include stimulus checks for adult dependents⁴; and
- Whereas: Additionally, the Heroes Act would allow adult dependents to be eligible to receive the original \$500 or \$1200 stimulus checks⁴; and
- Whereas: On Oct. 1, 2020 Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Andrew Wheeler granted a request by Oklahoma Governor J. Kevin Stitt for control of environmental regulations on tribal land on a wide range of issues, including the dumping of hazardous wastes, underground injection control (fracking rights), and the protection of major agricultural polluters⁵; and

- Whereas: On July 9, 2020 the Supreme court reversed its original McGirt v. Oklahoma decision, effectively stating that the United States Federal Government does not have jurisdiction over tribal lands⁶; and
- Whereas: Granting the Environmental Protection Agency control over tribal lands effectively reverses this decision, and threatens the sovereignty of tribal nations⁵; and
- Whereas: The University of Oklahoma is uniquely situated in its location, being surrounded by Chickasaw lands to its south, Creek and Seminole lands to its east, and Choctaw lands to its southeast⁷; and
- Whereas: The University of Oklahoma native student population is 4 times that of the national averages; and
- Whereas: The eligibility requirements for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Programs (SNAP) across the country are far too restrictive for students⁹; and
- Whereas: Food insecurity plagues about 30% of college students currently, and tuition is rising while financial aid is decreasing⁹; and
- Whereas: If the unemployment rate averages 10.5%, and the poverty rate averages 14.4%, then 50 million people would face food insecurity⁹
- Whereas: Student food pantries are far too unavailable for students to access their resources on a reasonable basis⁹; and
- Whereas: Universities and colleges across the nation do not have enough food options for students, and they are generally promoting an unhealthy lifestyle by restricting options⁹; and
- Whereas: International students are not considered essential travelers during the pandemic and were almost deported due to the pandemic; and
- Whereas: International students brought in \$45 billion to the United States economy in 2018 and are beneficial to the economy¹⁰; and
- Whereas: International students have established lives, connections, and jobs in the United States during their time in the country; and
- Whereas: At the University of Oklahoma, there are 18 counselors and 2 psychiatrists in place to serve a student population of roughly 28,000 students¹¹; and
- Whereas: Recent research indicates that 71% of college students have experienced increased stress and anxiety from the Coronavirus pandemic¹²; and
- Whereas: The conclusion drawn from this study highlights that interventions and increased mental health resources are imperative for college students¹²; and
- Whereas: The minimum wage in 2000, adjusted for inflation was \$7.51, while the minimum wage today is \$7.2513; and
- Whereas: The average cost yearly cost of attending a 4-year public university in 2000, adjusted for inflation, was \$13,018 while the cost today is \$21,42214; and

- Whereas: Students are working more hours for less money, taking out more loans, and possessing less disposable income, hurting their personal finances as well as local, state, and national economies; and
- Whereas: Increasing the minimum wage will help to alleviate financial burdens on students; and
- Whereas: Tuition rates at private institutions has risen by 3.3% in 2019-2020. Tuition rates at instate public institutions have risen by 2.6% in 2019-2020. Tuition rates at out-of-state public institutions have risen by 2.5% in 2019-2020¹⁴; and
- Whereas: The changes to Title IX in May 2020 do not serve to protect survivors of sexual assault and do not take into account changes to education during the pandemic¹⁵; and
- Whereas: Changes to the policy included a live hearing that allows for a live-hearing where both parties can cross-examine each other¹⁵; and
- Whereas: This move has the potential to deter survivors from coming forward¹⁵; and
- Whereas: This change also narrowed the definition of sexual assault, and does not cover online forms of sexual harassment¹⁵; and
- Whereas: Given a significant portion of education occurs online, these changes to Title IX do not adequately protect survivors and students and ensure their safety¹⁵.

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 "Big XII on the Hill Lobbying Agenda."
- **Section 2:** The United States Federal Government ought to evaluate the compliance of universities that receive federal funding with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 to ensure that people with disabilities have readily equal access to all buildings on campus.
- **Section 4:** The United States Federal Government shall seek to pass the Heroes Act of 2020, providing for stimulus checks for adult dependents, and in order to ease the financial stress and burden on college students during the Coronavirus pandemic.
- **Section 5:** The United States Federal Government ought to respect the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States in McGirt v. Oklahoma, by stripping the Environmental Protection Agency of any control over tribal lands.
- **Section 6:** The United States Federal Government shall seek to expand SNAP eligibility, increase the operational scope of university food pantries, and promote an increase of foodstuff options at universities and colleges.
- **Section 7:** The United States Federal Government ought to consider international students essential travelers and further protect their ability to reside in the United States to study.
- **Section 8:** The United States Federal Government shall seek to increase funding and resources for mental health resources in order to combat the growing mental health crisis among college students.

Section 9: The United States Federal Government ought to work to make college more affordable and increase the minimum wage, alleviating financial burdens on college students.

Section 10: The United States Federal Government ought to promote equity in education by furthering affirmative action efforts and increasing the number of federal grants and scholarships available to all students.

Section 11: The United States Federal Government shall seek to reverse the May 2020 changes to Title IX policy in an effort to protect survivors of sexual assault and harassment and account for changes in online education delivery.

Section 12: Copies of this resolution will be sent to:

- OU Office of Governmental Affairs
- Director of the OU SGA Department of the Exterior
- Tavana Farzaneh, President of the OU Student Government Association
- Lafonzo Spigner, Chair of Campus Activities Council
- Dr. David Surratt, Vice President and Dean of Students
- Joseph Harroz, Jr. President of the University of Oklahoma
- Senator Jim Inhofe
- Senator James Lankford
- Rep. Kevin Hern, Oklahoma's 1st Congressional District
- Rep. Markwayne Mullin, Oklahoma's 2nd Congressional District
- Rep. Frank Lucas, Oklahoma's 3rd Congressional District
- Rep. Tom Cole, Oklahoma's 4th Congressional District
- Rep. Stephanie Bice, Oklahoma's 5th Congressional District
- Miguel Cardona, Nominee for Secretary of Education
- Rep. Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the House of Representatives
- Rep. Kevin McCarthy, House Minority Leader
- Senator Chuck Schumer, Senate Majority Leader
- Senator Mitch McConnell, Senate Minority Leader
- Kamala D. Harris, Vice President of the United States
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