

# THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



## UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS Session XCIII

**General Body Meeting**  
7:00 pm, Tuesday, January 20, 2015  
Devon Hall 120

### Session XCIII

**Roll Call – 7:00**

**Flag Salute**

**Approval of Minutes**

**Move to suspend the rules because we have no minutes to approve Bourland, sec Crisp**

**Chair's Report-** Congress Applications are out, you should share the link and encourage people to apply. We have 12 seats available as well as associates. Meet with your committee chair after the meeting. Look over the legislation and see if you were placed. My email is [congress@ou.edu](mailto:congress@ou.edu), and my office hours are Mondays 10am-1pm, Wednesdays 10am-1pm and 3pm-5pm, and Fridays 9am-11am.

**Vice Chair's Report-** No more Capri Sun in my office, because the fridge has been removed. My big job is to run the orientation on Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup> at 2:30 pm, which you must attend!! Please talk to me if you need any accommodations. My email is [congressvc@ou.edu](mailto:congressvc@ou.edu), and my office hours are Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays 12:30pm to 1:30pm, Thursdays 2pm-5pm, and Sunday 4pm-6pm.

**Secretary's Report-** If you are going to be absent, you need to let me know before the meeting on Tuesday. I cannot excuse you if I don't know the reason. If you didn't do your bio by the 18<sup>th</sup>, you received an absence. Attendance will be posted weekly in the Conoco. Remember that you are expected to attend all committee meetings, general meetings, and do your constituent service. Once you reach four absences you can be expelled from the body, and those absences accumulate from all three areas. You need to compile a list of 5 RSO's and email it to me by the 31<sup>st</sup> of January. I will include an example in an email. My email is [congresssec@ou.edu](mailto:congresssec@ou.edu) if you need anything and my office hours are Mondays and Wednesdays 9am-10am and Tuesdays and Thursdays 10:30am-1:00pm and whenever else I am here.

### **Committee Reports-**

- **Academic Affairs-**Happy New Year!! We are a strong body, and I think we made great progress last semester. We have a great opportunity and responsibility to build on that foundation. I look forward to working with all of you, and I encourage you to find an issue you want to tackle so you can work on it this semester.
- **Congressional Administration**
- **External Affairs**
- **Problems and Projects**
- **Public Relations-**I'm Emery. We are going to be doing a lot more this semester. We will meet regularly. Come ask me about any questions you may have.
- **Ways and Means-**I'm Matt. We will be working on Primary Funding this semester, which provides funds to organizations for next year. The Primary Funding Application deadline is February 19<sup>th</sup>, let any RSO's know.

## **Liaison Reports**

### **Special Orders**

#### **Student Concerns**

#### **Old Business**

### **Items to Be Considered**

#### **930301 An Act Amending the Bylaws (Aragon/Sample) (Do Pass-Exec)**

##### **Crisp, sec Elwick**

Aragon: We changed all appointed associates to serve until the end of the school year, unless elected to a representative seat, quit, or are kicked out. We wrote in the ability to downgrade those who can't come Tuesday to associates. We changed Constitution to Code Annotated, because that wasn't in the Constitution. Simplified wording. ConAd is exempt from constituent service after an interview period, and retreat changed to orientation. Chair will no longer be required to compile a bill book because that isn't their job. We included a restriction for nominating someone to the same elected officer seat you are running for. We got rid of delegates to committee. Committee attendance goes to vice chair, and there is no compilation of committee legislation. We made the removal of committee officers immediate. We changed vacancies in committee chair to be with advice and consent of student congress as a whole. We don't register committee meetings with the county clerk. We reordered the legislation numbering, which will be an immediate change. Finally, discharge petitions are gone.

Crisp: How does ending associates at odd-numbered session impact districting?

Aragon: This doesn't impact districting because Associates do not represent the district they belong, they represent the whole undergraduate student population at large.

##### **Consent w/o Objection**

#### **930805 An Act Appointing Session 93 Committee Officers (Do Pass-Exec)**

##### **Bourland, sec Crisp**

Aragon: We opened up committee chair applications, and emailed them to everybody on our lists. We received ten. One was sent in an hour late, which we did not accept because we had already booked interviews. Also, one applicant dropped because she felt she could not meet the time requirement. We felt that Ryan Nigh was the best choice for ConAd, Kara Elwick was the best choice for EA, and Chelsea Brown was the best choice for P&P.

Searcey: What is the one thing you want to do this semester in your committees?

Elwick: I want to get my committee more involved and work on writing more legislation that will benefit the whole student body.

Brown: I want to see more legislation passed and see bigger projects. We did a great job last semester, but I want to see even more done.

Nigh: I want to uphold the rules and integrity of our body. Obviously, apportionment and appointments will be a main focus.

Skelton: On a scale of 1-10, how familiar are you with Bylaws?

Nigh: I know I should be very familiar, and I've read the Bylaws several times. I would say about a 7 right now.

Brown: I've also looked at the Bylaws a few times to become more familiar with them; I would say a 6 or 7.

Elwick: I think I'm as familiar as you can be. I've read them a few times, but I think you learn best through practice.

Pae: What is one interesting fact about yourself?

Elwick: I've broken both ankles doing the same thing, but two years apart.

Brown: I enjoy arguments and debating, which not a lot of people actually enjoy. They do it, but they don't always enjoy it.

Nigh: I can't whistle which isn't interesting. I've seen every episode of Seinfeld.

##### **Consent w/o objection**

#### **930806 An Act Appointing Committee Membership for Session 93 (Do Pass-Exec)**

##### **Pae, sec Crisp**

Aragon: Now that we have chairs, we need members. Everyone who submitted their bios got their 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> choices, but if we didn't receive their bios, we placed them where we wanted them. Of those who were

members last semester that didn't fill out a bio, we left them where they were. I know some of the committees seem really small right now, but they will get bigger after appointments.

### **Consent w/o objection**

### **New Business**

### **Follow-Up Reports**

Bourland: We passed the Sportsmanship Resolution (930501\*) last semester by consent without objection. The GSS substantially voted it down, so it failed. At this point it wouldn't be timely to try again, but I think that us unanimously backing it meant a lot, thank you so much for that. But now it is basketball season! If you are ever curious about the score, it is posted in the Vice Chair and Secretary's office on our whiteboard.

### **Items for Future Agenda**

Cramm: Emergency Allocation #1 (WAM)

Aragon: Appointing Reps and Associates (ConAd)

Aragon: Another Act Appointing Committee Membership (ConAd)

Sample: A Resolution Requesting Emergency Protocols on OU's Website (P&P)

### **Announcements and Comments**

Cramm: If you are in my committee come see me after the meeting.

Searcey: When are secretary office hours?

Sample: Mondays and Wednesdays from 9-10, and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:30 to 1:00.

Searcey: What time is orientation?

Bourland: It begins at 2:30 on Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup>.

Aragon: State of the Union at 8!

Crisp: How long is orientation?

Bourland: We should be done by 5:30, we will eat food from 5-6. You should be okay to leave at 5:15. It's mandatory!

Crisp: Where will orientation be?

Bourland: We will be roaming a little bit. It will mostly be on the third floor of the Conoco. The other locations will be sent out in an email.

Benjamin: We are setting up a carpool to go to a Social Justice workshop in New Orleans in the French Quarter right before Mardi Gras (around February 17<sup>th</sup>), which will be paid for by university. Talk to me if you are interested in attending.

George: Higher Ed day is February 10<sup>th</sup>, we usually don't have great congress showing. We want to see more. This is a time when we meet at the state capitol and meet representatives to advocate and express our opinions about potential state funding cuts to universities. This is not really lobbying. It's really important because it is about funding, especially since tuition keeps going up. You can make your own meetings with your representatives, but we will schedule some meetings. We will have a bus and provide lunch; you'll be gone from 8:30-4:00. At 2:00, we will meet the governor, lieutenant governor, and the leaders of both houses. If you have any questions, come talk to me. We are also hiring for SORO; Congress allocates funds for students to provide this service to RSO's. It is on our website [www.ou.edu/jobs](http://www.ou.edu/jobs), anyone can apply. I will close it on Friday. Please apply ASAP.

Bourland: All of EA should go to Higher Ed day.

Benjamin: Can anyone, even those outside of SGA go?

George: Of course. We usually have some EA members, some Office of Exterior members. It's an all day affair. Former Congress Chair John Montgomery will be there. It is going to be Tuesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>. I can send in requests for dismissal, but whether or not you will be excused is up to your professors' discretion.

Sample: I will count Higher Ed as constituent service.

Bourland: Beverages After Congress will continue. Every Tuesday after our Congress meetings we will be at Chimy's. Regardless of age or personal preferences you are welcome to join us; they cater to all clientele. Also, you can GET \$2 QUESO.

### **Final Roll Call**

**Move to suspend the rules and bypass Final Roll Call to Adjourn Bourland sec Riley**

Chair: Lauren Aragon  
 Vice-Chair: Connor Bourland  
 Secretary: Emily Sample

<b>Session 93</b>	<b>General 1-20</b>
Akinwande, Kennedie	abs
Alford, Travis	x
Arlan, Jordan	x
Balangué, Michael	x
Bellafiore, Robert	x
Benjamin, Morgan	x
Berry, Carl	x
Bevilacqua, Benjamin	abs
Bourland, Connor	x
Cramm, Matthew	x
Crisp, Timothy	x
Droege, Dylan	x
Echols, Ryan	ex
Elwick, Kara	x
Franzese, Jamie	x
Gillespie, Taylor	abs
Hoover, Matthew	abs
Hudson, Todd	x
Kadiku, Hafeez	abs
Kebede, Hawi Burka	x
Khan, Eihab	x
Kirby, Bryan	x
Mills, Sydney	x
Molina, Luis	x
Naberhaus, Bryce	x
Nigh, Ryan	x
Owens, Alexandra	ex
Pae, Daniel	x
Park, Conor	x
Riley, Kendall	x
Rowell, Anna Marie	x
Sample, Emily	x
Scott, Cassie	x
Searcey, Patrick	x
Short, Jamison	x

Watts, Trevor	abs
<b>Attending</b>	28
<b>Excused</b>	2
<b>Absent</b>	6

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS

CONGRESSIONAL SESSION XCII

January 20, 2015

CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 930301

AS INTRODUCED

An act amending the Student Congress Bylaws;  
providing short title; providing for codification; 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 “An Act Amending the Bylaws.”

**Section 2:** For the purpose of this Act, deletions shall be indicated with a ~~striketrough~~ and additions indicated with an underline.

**Section 3:** Sections 3.2, 4.1, 6.2, 6.3, 6.4, 7.1, 7.2, and 8.1 of the Bylaws shall be amended to read as follows in the provided addendum:

**Section 4:** This act shall become effective at the start of Session 93 of the Undergraduate Student Congress.

Author(s): Lauren Aragon, Undergraduate Student Congress Chair  
Emily Sample, Undergraduate Student Congress Secretary

Co-Author(s): Connor R. Bourland, Undergraduate Student Congress Vice Chair  
Daniel Pae, Academic Affairs Committee Chair  
Emery Skelton, Public Relations Committee Chair  
Matthew Cramm, Ways and Means Committee Chair

Submitted on a Motion by:

Action taken by Congress:

Verified by Chair of Congress: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS  
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION XCIII

January 20, 2015

CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 930805

AS INTRODUCED

An act of procedure appointing committee officers  
for Session 93; providing short title; and providing for  
an effective date.

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

**Section 1:** This Act shall be known and may be cited as “An Act of Procedure Appointing  
Committee Officers for SGA Student Congress Session 93.”

**Section 2:** PURPOSE. The Purpose of this Act is inherent in the Title.

**Section 3:** APPOINTMENT. The Following Persons shall be appointed to Committees and  
other positions as follows:

**Academic**

**Affairs**

Daniel Pae – Chair

**Problems and Projects**

Chelsea Brown– Chair

**Congressional Administration**

Ryan Nigh– Chair

**Public Relations**

Emery Skelton – Chair

**External Affairs**

Kara Elwick– Chair

**Ways and Means**

Matthew Cramm– Chair

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

**Author:** Lauren Aragon, Chair of the Undergraduate Student Congress

**Co-Author(s):** Connor R. Bourland, Vice-Chair of the Undergraduate Student Congress  
Emily Sample, Secretary of the Undergraduate Student Congress

Submitted on a motion by:

Action taken by Congress:

Verified by Chair: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS  
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION XCIII

January 20, 2015

CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 930806

AS INTRODUCED

An act of procedure amending committee membership for Student Congress Session 93; providing short title; and providing an effective date.

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

**Section 1:** This Act shall be known and may be cited as “An Act of Procedure Appointing Committee Membership for SGA Student Congress Session 93”

**Section 2:** APPOINTMENT. The Following Persons shall be appointed to committees:

**Academic Affairs**

Daniel Pae – Chair  
Hafeez Kadiku  
Kendall Riley  
Robert Bellafiore  
Timothy Crisp  
Carl Berry  
Michael Balangué

**Congressional Administration**

Ryan Nigh – Chair  
Emily Sample – *ex officio*  
Luis Molina  
Benjamin Bevilacqua  
Travis Alford  
Trevor Watts

**External Affairs**

Kara Elwick – Chair  
Taylor Gillespie  
Jordan Arlan  
Alexandra Owens

**Problems and Projects**

Chelsea Brown – Chair  
Cassie Scott  
Patrick Searcey  
Dylan Droege  
Bryan Kirby  
Anna Marie Rowell  
Sydney Mills  
Kennedie Akinwande  
Jamie Franzese  
Conor Park

**Public Relations**

Emery Skelton – Chair  
Morgan Benjamin  
Todd Hudson  
Matthew Hoover  
Hawi Burka Kebede  
Jamison Short

**Ways and Means**

Matthew Cramm – Chair  
Bryce Naberhaus  
Ryan Echols  
Eihab Khan

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Submitted on a Motion by:

Action taken by Congress:

Verified by Chair: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_