

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS  
Session XCIII

General Body Meeting  
7:00 pm, Tuesday, March 24, 2015  
Devon Hall 120

Session XCIII

Roll Call – 7:03

Flag Salute

Approval of Minutes Crisp, sec Rowell

**Chair's Report-** There is a CAC candidate forum tomorrow 7:30 pm in Beaird Lounge tomorrow. Don't forget to vote the 31<sup>st</sup> of March and the 1<sup>st</sup> of April. Session 93 adjourns on April 7<sup>th</sup>, nominations for all officers are the 14<sup>th</sup>, and the 21<sup>st</sup> is the election. You need to talk to those of us in office to find out the duties.

**Vice Chair's Report-** Hope you had a fun and safe Spring Break. Please vote and encourage others to vote, especially your constituents, and we need a true democratic process. An educated electorate is important.

**Secretary's Report-** I hope everyone had a great spring break! We are now on to our final set of office hours! They will be due the 6<sup>th</sup> of April. If you want to attend South Oval Office, that will count for your office hour. You'll hear more during committee reports about that. Also, RSO visits are due by the 31<sup>st</sup>. Don't forget to email me. If you are graduating this May, please find some way to let me know! Your last committee meetings are April 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Committee Reports-**

- **Academic Affairs-**We have been working on advising resolutions which we got finished this break. If you want to see them, please let me know, and I will email them to you.
- **Congressional Administration-**This was the first Sunday that we didn't meet, no report.
- **External Affairs-**No report
- **Problems and Projects-**No report
- **Public Relations-**Shirts came in! They are up front. And quarter zips will be available next week.  
Looney: We are doing south Oval Office, this year we are going to do it with a centralized focus on elections. From 10am-12pm, we will focus on CAC elections. 12-2pm will be Congress elections. If you are up for election, you cannot come. Four shifts, 30 minutes each, six people each.  
Skelton: If you come for one, you get all your office hour. You are telling students why Congress is important. We have a lot of contested seats, get out there and encourage voting.  
Byron: We want this to be impartial, and we just want to focus on more than 5% voter turnout. Talk about what you can do for them. Come at it with an effort to generally remind people about the vote.  
Skelton: I will send out a signup genius. **Monday March 30<sup>th</sup>, 12-2pm in front of Dale Hall!!! This is the day before election. If you are uncontested, you cannot go either. (Six people per shift, 24 people can do it)...**
- **Ways and Means-**We are in the middle of Primary Funding! My committee is great, because they have put in so much extra work for Primary Interviews! Primary will be out in a couple weeks.

## **Liaison Reports**

### **Special Orders**

Chloe Tadlock, Campus Activities Council Chair Candidate

### **Student Concerns**

#### **Old Business**

930110 Mock Congress Act (Bourland) (AA-Do Pass) (EA-No Rec) (ConAd-No Rec) (P&P-Do Pass) (WAM-No Rec) (PR-Do Pass) (Exec-Do Pass)

#### **Skelton, sec Crisp**

Bourland: Basically this is an Act of Procedure, we would have only one mock congress this session. Associates are welcome to attend, but the primary focus will be for the elected members. I think having a medium sized environment to encourage people to get involved is very beneficial. If you are going to be around, you still can choose to keep it going. No harm in trying it out.

### **DEBATE**

#### **Objection to debate carries**

#### **Passed by Roll Call Vote 17-6-11**

930111 An Act Amending Associate Responsibilities (Bourland) (AA-Do Pass) (EA-No Rec) (ConAd-Do Not Pass) (PR-Do Pass) (P&P-Do Pass) (WAM-No Rec) (Exec-Do Pass)

#### **Crisp, sec Skelton**

Bourland: This is another way of preparing associates to get them more involved in duties. I think that if you aren't here at the general meeting, it is difficult to feel involved. It can be any meeting at the discretion of the associate. You only have to attend one a month; you are excused if you cannot attend due to a standing conflict. If they choose to someday be a representative, then their feet are already wet. Again, I don't see any harm in this. I think it just makes us more unified.

Thompson: Do we have any understanding of how many associates attend general meetings as is?

Bourland: I have never counted

Aragon: Four or five

Crisp: With this act, what is the punishment for not attending?

Bourland: An absence, same for if you don't attend.

Hueffed: Who will be in charge of granting the waiver?

Bourland: The secretary

Crisp: What are current associate requirements?

Bourland: Associates currently have to do office hours, constituent service, and attend committee meetings.

Crisp: Would this requirement for them come to one meeting, be implying that they are not getting enough training during orientation and this mock congress?

Bourland: Mock congress is a moot point; we are just trying it out and currently we only have one. I think this retreat was really great, but it is very difficult to learn everything you need to in fifteen minutes.

Aragon: We have had a lot of associates say they would feel more involved being able to talk in the general meeting.

Sample: Would this start immediately, meaning that our associates have to attend either next week's meeting or the seventh?

Bourland: We can talk and work it out. We can't kick out associates with two weeks left anyway, so I don't think that absence will really have an impact.

### **Consent without objection**

#### **Items to Be Considered**

930119 Another Act Expelling Another Representative (Sample) (Exec-Do Pass)

#### **Bourland, sec Carter**

Objection to the main motion-does not pass

Sample: This piece is to expel representative Arlan; he has 7 absences mostly constituent service and office hours. Several have also come from general and committee meetings. He also has a lot of excused absences. He has another semester left which is why we are seeing this now.

Arlan: I understand my responsibilities and I have been working a lot. Being kicked out won't be able to help me at all. I understand why this is coming up. I am working on time management.

Crisp: Would taking time off of Congress be beneficial to you?

Arlan: I do not think so.

Crisp: Can you give a good explanation for why you have accrued so many absences?

Arlan: Working for my dad and school work.

Thompson: How does this change the open seats in the election?

Sample: Petersen thinks we should change the election, to include this vacant. But please don't vote based upon opening a seat.

Tran: If we decide to let you stay, will you be attending more meetings?

Arlan: Yes, this is a big wake-up call for me.

Marhinka: Did you run contested?

Arlan: Yes.

Marhinka: Was that fair?

Arlan: Yes, I think the fact that I won my election in a fair way makes this fair.

Skelton: How do you contribute?

Arlan: I feel like I contribute a lot to my committee meetings, of which I am the Vice Chair.

Scott: Do you have a good understanding of what is expected of you?

Arlan: I think so. There was some confusion, in part because I didn't take the time to learn, but I have cleared it up now. I need to work on getting these things done.

Crisp: How do you feel about taking the spot of other freshmen who wanted a seat?

Arlan: I will be working hard the rest of the year and next semester, I can't comment as to the fairness.

### **Move to Extend Questions to the End of the List Sample, Sec Benjamin**

Crisp: You claim to know that you are going to do better, how do you intend to do so?

Arlan: I'm taking advantage of my phone calendar and will be working on it.

Scott: Are there any other candidates who are in the same position?

Sample: There are a number of people who are in the same position, but they aren't going to be here next semester unless they win election. We talked about it in Exec and decided who to write this for.

Skelton: You mentioned that you were confused, is that why you missed Orientation, and could that have been a factor to your confusion?

Arlan: Yes, and I was working.

Brown: What has changed in your commitment level?

Arlan: This legislation. Came more often than I thought.

Sample: I noticed a change in his commitment after his first warning. There was an influx in his attendance.

Echols: What guarantees can you give us that you will follow through?

Arlan: None other than my word and my promise. Didn't realize how much work school and work would require.

Bourland: Are you going to come to office hours?

Arlan: Yes.

### **Failed by Roll Call Vote 10-15-6**

#### **New Business**

#### **Follow-Up Reports**

#### **Items for Future Agenda**

Crisp: A Resolution Recommending a Standardized Advising Form (AA)

Thompson: Salaries and Stipends Act #2 (ConAd, WAM, Exec)

Thompson: An Act Amending Bylaws (ConAd)

Pae: A Resolution Requesting a Standardized Evaluation Form (AA)

#### **Announcements and Comments**

We are having Delts Dogs with puppies and Snow Cones with a \$5 ticket. All proceeds go to the Junior Diabetes Foundation, and you can purchase a ticket from Johnson, Hughes, Nigh, or any other Delt. It will be this Friday the 27<sup>th</sup>, 3-6 pm!

Johnson: I will be personally offended if you do not play with my dog, who will be there.

Skelton: If your shirt is here, please pick it up. I will otherwise have your shirt, and can get it to you later. Once you are done with puppies, come to Pi Kap's Rave on the 28<sup>th</sup>. Glow sticks and a DJ. We will be busing people from South Oval.

Crisp: Only people 21 and over can go?

Skelton: Everyone is welcome, even not OU students, but they must have a ticket!

Bourland: These drinks, are they standard 7-47 pricing?

Skelton: Yes

Arlan: We are having a Benefit Night for Scandals: Diamond Dawgs and Pickleman's tonight.

Crisp: Connor, can you resend the legislative forum link?

Skelton: I will email the signup for South Oval Office.

Bourland: We usually get food for last/first meeting come talk to me!

**Move to Suspend the Rules and Skip Final Roll Call to Adjourn Sample, sec Johnson  
Final Roll Call**

Chair: Lauren Aragon

Vice-Chair: Connor Bourland

Secretary: Emily Sample

<b>Session 93</b>	<b>General 3-24</b>	930110	930119
Alford, Travis	ex		
Arlan, Jordan	x	y	n
Balangue, Michael	x	y	a
Bellafiore, Robert	x	n	y
Benjamin, Morgan	x	y	n
Berry, Carl	x	n	y
Bourland, Connor	x	y	n
Carter II, Christopher	x	y	n
Cashon, Cari Anne	ex		
Cramm, Matthew	x	a	n
Crisp, Timothy	x	n	y
Droege, Dylan	x	y	y
Echols, Ryan	x	a	y
Elwick, Kara	ex		
Franzese, Jamie	x	a	
Garfinkle, Sarah	abs		
Hasan, Alyass	ex		
Holland, Daniel	x	a	a
Hudson, Todd	x	a	n
Hueffed, Garrett	x	y	y
Hughes, Eric	x	y	n

Johnson, Nathaniel	x	a	n
Kebede, Hawi Burka	x	y	a
Khan, Eihab	abs		
Kirby, Bryan	x	y	a
Marhanka, Liza	x	n	y
Mills, Sydney	x	y	
Molina, Luis	x	a	n
Naberhaus, Bryce	x	a	n
Nigh, Ryan	x	y	y
Owens, Alexandra	x		
Pae, Daniel	x	y	n
Rains, Kaylee	abs	y	a
Park, Conor	x		
Riley, Kendall	x	a	n
Rowell, Anna Marie	x	y	
Sample, Emily	x	n	a
Scott, Cassie	x	y	n
Short, Jamison	x	a	n
Skelton, Emery	x	a	y
Tran, Sydany	x	n	n
Watts, Trevor	abs		
Witt, Alyssa	abs		
Yoo, Jiyoun	x	y	y
<b>Attending</b>			
	35	17	10
<b>Excused</b>			
	4	6	15
<b>Absent</b>			
	5	11	6

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UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS  
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION XCIII

March 24, 2015

CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 930110

AS INTRODUCED

A congressional act establishing the temporary set up of a Mock Congress to help educate members regarding parliamentary procedure; providing for a short title, purpose, and providing an effective date.

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

**Section 1:** Title: This act shall be known and may be cited as the “Mock Congress Act of 2015.”

**Section 2:** Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to provide additional training for Representatives and Associates to make them better equipped to be members of the Undergraduate Student Congress.

**Section 3:** The following rules shall apply:

- i. All Associates shall be required to attend a Mock Congress meeting once a month to be held at 6 PM on a Tuesday of every month that shall be specified by the Vice Chair of Undergraduate Student Congress.
- ii. Any Representatives wishing to gain extra training in parliamentary procedure may also attend Mock Congress.
- iii. The Vice-Chair of Student Congress shall serve as “Chair” of the Mock Congress meeting and the Secretary of the Undergraduate Student Congress shall act as “Secretary” of the Mock Congress.
- iv. The Mock Congress shall be held to the Undergraduate Student Congress Standing Rules of Order.

**Section 4:** This act shall be enacted as an emergency and shall be effective until the end of the semester of spring 2015, when passed in accordance with the SGA Constitution and the SGACA.

Author(s): Connor R. Bourland, Vice Chair of the Undergraduate Student Congress

Co-Author(s): Lauren Aragon, Chair of the Undergraduate Student Congress

Submitted on a Motion by:

Action taken by Congress:

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

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UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS  
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION XCIII

February 22, 2015

CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 930111

AS INTRODUCED

A congressional 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 ASSOCIATION:

**Section 1:** Title: This act shall be known and may be cited as the “Another Associate Responsibilities Act of 2015.”

**Section 2:** Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to provide additional responsibilities and training for associate members to make them better equipped to enter full membership as a Representative during their college careers.

**Section 3:** Section 3.2.5.d.iv shall be amended to read as follows:

iv) All associates, unless they have a previously mentioned longstanding time conflict, will be required to attend one general meeting every month.

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

Author(s): Connor R. Bourland, Undergraduate Student Congress Vice-Chair  
Lauren Aragon, Undergraduate Student Congress Chair

Submitted on a Motion by:

Action taken by Congress:

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

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UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS  
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION XCIII

March 24, 2015

CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 930119

AS INTRODUCED

An act of procedure Expelling Members  
of Congressional Session 93 for excessive  
absences; providing for a short title;  
stating purpose; and providing an effective date.

**Section 1:** Title. This act shall be known as “Another Act Expelling Another Representative.”

**Section 2:** Purpose. The purpose of this act shall be to expel a member for excessive absences. Because Jordan Arlan has accrued excessive unexcused absences and has failed to petition the Executive Committee for an attendance waiver, and as a result has failed to represent his constituents, the membership of the aforementioned is pending expulsion.

**Section 3:** In accordance with the Section 3.3 subsection 2 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. Jordan Arlan

**Section 4:** This act is hereby enacted.

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

Author: Emily Sample, Secretary of Undergraduate Student Congress

Submitted on a motion by:

Action taken by Student Congress:

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