

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS Session XCIII

General Body Meeting
7:00 pm, Tuesday, March 31, 2015
Devon Hall 120

Session XCIII

Roll Call – 7:05

Flag Salute

Approval of Minutes Skelton, sec Rowell

Chair's Report- We have a guest, Representative Walker, here. He will talk for about twenty minutes. Elections are ongoing for us, vote, tell everyone. Available for voting are CAC chair, Survey, and Congress at elections.ou.edu. This is our second to last Congress meeting of this session. Next week we adjourn and open the new session. The top three executive positions will be up for election. Nominations are April 14, Elections are April 21; please talk to the positions you are interested in. We may have State of SGA on April 21.

Vice Chair's Report- Next Tuesday will be fairly long. We will not have food next week. Please go vote! CAC Chair is contested, vote for yourselves and others. Make sure you vote; that is very important. If you are interested in running for Vice Chair, please don't talk to Emily. She has a lot of stuff to do. I'm in my office for forever on Thursday. Text or email me and we can talk.

Secretary's Report- RSO's are due by this evening at midnight! Please email me! Office hours are due April 6th by 7 pm. I need all legislation, at least the titles, by Wednesday or Thursday morning in order to get those to committee chairs for agendas. If you need any help, or want me to look them over, please just ask; I am available. If you have a bill you want to see, you need to tell Lauren, me, and the committee chair of the committee Lauren refers it to!

Committee Reports-

- **Academic Affairs-**We saw two advising resolutions, they are tabled until Friday at 4pm. Dr. Harper is in support of both.
- **Congressional Administration-**We saw three bills, secretary compensation, State of the SGA Update, and Secretary Bylaws update.
- **External Affairs-**No legislation, but we have been talking about expanding beyond just government and OU Votes, but also into nonprofits and community service.
- **Problems and Projects-**We didn't see any legislation this Sunday, we have 4 or 5 we may see including recycling and green week.
- **Public Relations-**If you didn't get a shirt, I have it. If you picked up a shirt, it may not be yours. Alyass' is missing ☹ We don't see legislation. I'm not going to be PR chair again, if interested, please talk to me.
- **Ways and Means-**We did Primary for 9 hours on Sunday, and we saw Secretary Compensation.

Liaison Reports

Cashon: City Council. We got a grant from Center for OK Governments to get ten vehicles to run on Natural Gas. This grant is \$209,000.

Special Orders

Representative Walker

Student Concerns

Old Business

930307 A Resolution Regarding Diversity (Aragon/Sample)

Skelton, sec Nigh

Sample: We are seeing this again due to multiple amendments. GSS added sections making this more inclusive. Includes discrimination based on age, color, disability, and gender expression/identity.

Witt: Would you say that race and color are not mutually exclusive?

Sample: We asked during Senate and the person who proposed the amendment felt the need for "Color," since it is different from both race and ethnicity.

Bellafiore: What is the difference between gender and gender identity?

Sample: I think the best explanation is that gender means birth, gender identity means how one associates their own identity, and gender expression means how one expresses oneself outwardly.

Consent without objection

Items to Be Considered

930117 Secretary Compensation Act (Naik/Thompson) (Exec-Do Pass) (ConAd-Do Pass) (WAM-No Rec)

Skelton, sec Hasan

Thompson: We are asking that 930117 and 930121 be tabled for one week

Bourland: Why do you want it to be tabled?

Byron: We are trying to pass an additional part at the request of Aragon, and one more piece is incoming which will be seen Friday.

Aragon: Do you or do you not want to table?

Byron: We would like to table, but it is up to you guys who vote.

Bourland: How many work hours does the GSS secretary do per week?

Byron: 6 hours

Bourland: Is that the actual amount or just a guess?

Byron: Actual amount, as Elizabeth, the current GSS Secretary explains.

Bourland: How is that the case if it true that she only has 4 office hours posted?

Byron: She has scheduled 4 office hours, and 2 hours are done at home for minutes

Aragon: Why does she do the minutes at home and not in her office?

Byron: It hasn't always been done that way in the past, and GSS didn't see a need to post all office hours

Aragon: Is it not true that in the past they have been posted, as is appropriate for receiving the stipend?

Ahmadi: Yes, the Office of Student Affairs requires the hours. What each house does specifically is left to each house.

Sample: For clarification, what is the third piece of legislation you've mentioned?

Byron: The third piece is that office hours will be posted in accordance to their stipends and it puts that in the Code Annotated so there is uniformity across the branches. The President gets \$450, as determined by \$9 per hour divided by 4 weeks equals roughly 12 hours. This just codifies that to be unified for all SGA officer positions to be the office hour requirement.

Bourland: Would you accept a friendly amendment returning the GSS Secretary pay to \$ 215?

Byron: No

Cramm: Will the current secretary that several people have mentioned for not having enough office hours still be there?

Sample: Elizabeth mentioned that she would prefer to open the position for someone else, and if no one wishes to run, she will volunteer to do that.

Move to extend questioning by 10 minutes Skelton, sec Bourland

Skelton: What is currently in the Bylaws?

Byron: There is nothing in the Code Annotated, the Congress Bylaws require that office hours be changed accordingly to the stipend, and the GSS Bylaws are silent. The next bill will be updating the Code Annotated to correct that.

Aragon: Have you read the GSS Bylaws?

Byron: Yes, but it has been awhile

Aragon: Are you aware that the GSS Bylaws require the GSS Secretary perform 25 hours of service?

Byron: Yes

Aragon: Are you aware that as per the GSS Chair's definition, the Secretary isn't meeting those service hours?

Byron: Clarify about that definition?

Aragon: The definition includes meetings and office hours?

Byron: Yes

Aragon: Are you aware that the Secretary is only doing 20 now?

Skelton: This is for the future secretaries, not the current ones?

Byron: This is for the future secretaries; we cannot increase it currently for those still in office. Emily does way more than six hours per week. It is impossible to do her job in just six hours a week. This bill increases pay for both secretaries from \$215 to \$265; they are already doing this work, and we want this to be more equitable for that

Skelton: How often Senate meet?

Byron: Every other week

Skelton: Because they meet half as often, is it fair to say she needs to do more work to get the same pay?

Byron: It is hard to compare between branches; they do grants. GSS has different responsibilities. They also have philanthropy work this year. GSS also deserves a pay raise; Elizabeth may not receive that raise, because she may not run. It is a lot harder to fill positions in GSS because it isn't worth it to take the time to do this job. She took the job at the request of a friend. It just isn't worth their time at this rate, and she suspects that it will not be filled when she leaves.

Bourland: These two bodies are not comparable, correct?

Byron: They are not comparable because of responsibilities

Bourland: Since they aren't comparable, and they don't necessarily do the same work, does it make sense to raise both?

Byron: You are only 50% of the legislature, and this has to go through both. The GSS Vice Chair and GSS Secretary share work evenly; their duties are divided in half, and the Secretary gets less than her Vice Chair, but they should be the same

Bourland: Would you accept a friendly amendment to change the GSS Secretary pay back to \$215 and GSS Vice Chair pay to \$215?

Byron: No, but I would accept a friendly amendment also decreasing Congress Vice Chair pay to \$215

Aragon: Are you aware that I was a full time graduate student while I was Congress Secretary?

Byron: Yes, but I don't understand why that is relevant.

Aragon: Your argument is about how graduate students do not want the job

Move to Table Bourland, sec Skelton18 out of 31 Passed and Tabled

930118 State of the SGA and Inauguration Update Act (Aragon/Bourland/Sample) (Exec-No Rec) (ConAd-Do Pass)

Pae, sec Riley

Aragon: When they changed President to the different election time, they did not update the inauguration date. SGA was another meeting, and it was never done in joint session according to the procedure outlined in the Code Annotated. State of the SGA will have the president come and give the update, Congress to ourselves, GSS, and CAC will also give an update at our final meeting. Representatives from all the different branches would be welcome to attend. Another thing is that the CAC chair would still be sworn in by the SGA President, but the GSS Chair and Congress Chair will give the oath to the incoming chairs.

Witt: Would the State of the SGA Address include the Judiciary Superior Court?

Aragon: We could invite them. It isn't included that they have to. They don't really change, so I don't know what they would update.

Consent without Objection

930121 Secretary Responsibilities Act (Thompson) (Exec-Do Pass) (ConAd-Do Pass)

Move to Table 1 for week Bourland, sec Echols 19 out of 31 Passed and Tabled

930308 A Resolution Requesting 125th Anniversary Seals on Diplomas (Bourland) (Exec-Do Pass)

Echols, sec Riley

Bourland: After tabling three times, it is now ready. I have talked to Corbin Wallace. The Graduation Office is working on the design. This resolution just expresses support for a 125th Anniversary Seal on all diplomas in 2015 and throughout the Live On, University Campaign, and to encourage any ideas to get them on diplomas without replacing any existing seals.

Benjamin: Do we have any graphic designing to do?

Bourland: The design is entirely up to them

Benjamin: Where would they be placed?

Bourland: Wherever they want, but I suggested that the 125th Seal go just above the OU Seal, across from the Regent's seal

Consent without objection

New Business

Follow-Up Reports

Bourland: The "We'll Buy it Ourselves Act" failed in the Senate, so a joint committee is needed to compromise. If you know any senators, please find out why they voted like they did. I don't like it failing without an idea why.

Items for Future Agenda

Pae: A Resolution Thanking the Graduating Seniors (Exec)

Pae: A Resolution Thanking the Outgoing Exec (Exec)

Thompson: Stipend and Office Hour Clarification Act (ConAd)

Echols: Freshman Council Act 2015 (ConAd)

Cramm: Primary Funding for Resident Student Organizations (WAM)

Cramm Primary Funding for Administrative Organizations (WAM)

Cramm: Emergency Allocation #12 (WAM)

Watts: An Act Requesting Congressional Initiative Funds for Blue Books for Finals (WAM Chair, P&P)

Watts: An Act Modifying Election Procedures (ConAd)

Watts: A Resolution Thanking Representative Walker and the External Affairs Committee (Exec)

Announcements and Comments

Skelton: I've been in this lawsuit, and I won the case against his father this morning

Byron: If anyone wants to talk about the Secretary bill, please talk to any of us

Byron: A Women's Wage Negotiation Workshop will be April 7th

Watts: For rest of week, Intervarsity is securing loose change to assist women liberated from human trafficking. There is also a Pickleman's benefit night for that as well 5-8

Witt: I work at Goddard, and free STI testing starts in April.

Bourland: I haven't seen all the award lists, but congratulations to Daniel Pae for getting Outstanding Sophomore, Daniel Holland for Outstanding Freshman, and Luis Molina for getting the Letseiser Award

Pae: Montgomery's bill passed the Senate and it going back to the House

Ahmadi: Be supportive of the election board and congratulate them and say thanks

Benjamin: Don't trust anyone tomorrow-APRIL FOOLS...

Move to suspend the rules and adjourn Skelton, sec Johnson

Final Roll Call

Chair: Lauren Aragon

Vice-Chair: Connor Bourland

Secretary: Emily Sample

Session 93	General 3-31
Alford, Travis	x
Arlan, Jordan	abs
Balangue, Michael	x
Bellafiore, Robert	x
Benjamin, Morgan	x
Berry, Carl	x
Bourland, Connor	x
Carter II, Christopher	x
Cashon, Cari Anne	x
Cramm, Matthew	x
Crisp, Timothy	abs
Droege, Dylan	x
Echols, Ryan	x
Elwick, Kara	x
Franzese, Jamie	x
Garfinkle, Sarah	abs
Hasan, Alyass	x
Holland, Daniel	x
Hudson, Todd	ex
Hueffed, Garrett	x
Hughes, Eric	x
Johnson, Nathaniel	x
Kebede, Hawi Burka	x
Khan, Eihab	x
Kirby, Bryan	x
Marhanka, Liza	x
Mills, Sydney	x
Molina, Luis	x
Naberhaus, Bryce	x
Nigh, Ryan	x
Owens, Alexandra	x
Pae, Daniel	x
Rains, Kaylee	x
Park, Conor	x
Riley, Kendall	x
Rowell, Anna Marie	x
Sample, Emily	x
Scott, Cassie	x

Short, Jamison	x
Skelton, Emery	x
Tran, Sydany	x
Watts, Trevor	x
Witt, Alyssa	x
Yoo, Jiyouun	abs
Attending	39
Excused	1
Absent	4

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UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION XCIII
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GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GS-15
April 12, 2015

CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 930117
SENATE BILL NO. GS15-XX

AS INTRODUCED

An act amending Title XII of the SGACA, providing for a short title; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT ASSOCIATION

- Section 1:** This act shall be known and may be cited as the “Secretary Compensation Act”
- Section 2:** The purpose of this act is to increase Secretary pay rates in both Congress and the Graduate Student Senate by the equivalent of 2 hours per week.
- Section 3:** AMENDATORY. The following parts are to be amended to Title XII Chapter 5 of the SGACA:

31. Positions Receiving a Salary/Stipend

Section 1: The following positions shall receive a stipend:

- Campus Activities Council Chair: \$365/month
- Chair of Congress: \$365/month
- Chair of Senate: \$365/month
- Chair of SGA Budgetary Committee: \$265/month
- Secretary of Congress: ~~\$215/month~~ **\$265/month**
- Secretary of Senate: ~~\$215/month~~ **\$265/month**
- Student Bar Association President: \$290/month
- SGA President: \$450/month
- SGA Vice President: \$365/month
- Vice Chair of Congress: \$265/month
- Vice Chair of Senate: \$265/month

- Section 4:** All salaried and stipend positions listed within this section, Section 32, shall be compensated monthly with compensation periods beginning September 1st and perpetuating monthly until April 30th of the same academic year except for the positions of SGA President, SGA Vice President, Chair of Congress, Chair of Senate, Campus Activities Council Chair, and Housing Center Student Association President, which shall terminate employment and compensation May 31st of the same academic year. The SGA President shall be eligible to receive compensation at the aforementioned rate during the summer, which shall consist of the

months June, July, and August. The SGA President shall only be eligible to receive such compensation while executing his/her presidential duties in the course of fulfilling his/her office hours.

Section 5: This act shall become effective, while in accordance with the SGACA, immediately following passage and approval.

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GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GS-15

April 12, 2015

CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 930118
SENATE BILL NO. GS15-XX

AS INTRODUCED

An SGA Code Annotated amendment amending the procedure for State of the SGA and Inauguration; providing for codification; providing for a short title; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION:

Section 1: TITLE: This Amendment shall be known and may be cited as the “State of the SGA and Inauguration Update Act.”

Section 2: Title III, Chapter 2, Section 8a of the SGACA shall be amended to read as follows:

a. State of the SGA Address

~~The SGA President shall convene a joint session of the Undergraduate Student Congress and Graduate Student Senate before the general election.~~ The State of the SGA Address shall be held at the final meeting of the Undergraduate Student Congress before finals week each spring semester to deliver an address concerning the current state of Association. The address shall include, but is not limited to, an outline of the current administration’s accomplishments up to that point. The chairs shall speak on the accomplishments of their branch and the upcoming goals of their respective branches. At this meeting the SGA President shall administer the Oath of Office to the CAC Chair.

Section 3: Title 1, Chapter 6 of the SGACA shall be amended to read as follows:

1. Date

The SGA President and Vice-President shall be inaugurated one week after validation of the presidential election.

~~**2. Joint Session Ceremony**~~

~~For the purposes of inaugurating the new SGA President and Vice-President, the SGA Legislative branch shall meet in joint session. The Chair of Congress and the Chair of Senate shall serve as co-chairs of the inauguration and joint session. The co-chairs of the inauguration will coordinate and conduct the session. They shall set the date for the inauguration as soon as possible with regard to the validation of the presidential election. The co-chairs will be responsible for establishing procedure for the joint session not explicitly laid out in this act. The outgoing Executive Branch shall organize the Inauguration of the new SGA President and Vice-President.~~

3. Oath of President and Vice President

The Chief Justice of the SGA Superior Court will administer the oath of office to the incoming SGA President and Vice-President. If the Chief Justice is unavailable to administer the oath, ~~the Chief Justice the co-chairs~~ shall select another person to do so. The oath shall read as follows: “I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the office of Student Government Association President/Vice-President, and will to the best of my ability, preserve, protect, and uphold the Constitution of the Student Government Association.” After the oath has been administered the President will give an inaugural address.

4. New Executive Officers

~~After the incoming President has given his or her address, the President will swear in the newly elected Executive officers.)—At the election of the Undergraduate Student Congress Chair and Graduate Student Senate Chair, the outgoing Chair shall administer the oath for the newly elected Chair.—The SGA President shall administer the Oath of Office to the newly elected Campus Activities Council Chair at the State of the SGA Address.~~ The oath for these officers shall read as follows: “I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the office for which I have been elected, and will uphold the rules and represent the members of the organization to which I belong to the best of my ability.”

Section 4: Title IV, Chapter 2, Section 36f shall be amended to read as follows:

a. Inauguration

The Chief Justice of the SGA Superior Court will administer the oath of office to the incoming SGA President and Vice-President. If the Chief Justice is unavailable to administer the oath, ~~the co-chairs~~ Chief Justice shall select another person to do so. The oath shall read as follows: “I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the office of Student Government Association President/Vice-President, and will to the best of my ability, preserve, protect, and uphold the Constitution of the Student Government Association.” After the oath has been administered the President will give an inaugural address.

Section 5: Title III, Chapter 1, section 4 shall be amended to read as follows:

1. Inauguration

a. Oath of President and Vice President

The Chief Justice of the SGA Superior Court will administer the oath of office (referenced in Title I, Chapter 6, section 24) to the incoming SGA President and Vice-President. If the Chief Justice is unavailable to administer the oath, ~~the co-chairs~~ Chief Justice shall select another person to do so. After the oath has been administered the President will give an inaugural address.

b. New Executive Officers

~~After the incoming President has given his or her address, the President will swear in the newly elected Executive officers (referenced in Title I, Chapter 6, section 25)—At the election of the Undergraduate Student Congress Chair and Graduate Student Senate Chair, the outgoing Chair shall administer the oath for the newly elected Chair.—The SGA President shall administer the Oath of Office to the newly elected Campus Activities Council Chair at the State of the SGA Address.~~ The oath for these officers shall read as follows: “I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the office for which I have been elected, and will uphold the rules and represent the members of the organization to which I belong to the best of my ability”.

Section 6: Title II, Chapter 1, section 2b shall be amended to read as follows:

~~b. Inauguration~~

~~For the purposes of inaugurating the new SGA President and Vice President, the SGA Legislative branch shall meet in joint session. The Chair of Congress and the Chair of Senate shall serve as co chairs of the inauguration and joint session. The co chairs of the inauguration will coordinate and conduct the session. They shall set the date for the inauguration as soon as possible with regard to the validation of the presidential election. The co chairs will be responsible for establishing procedure for the joint session not explicitly laid out in this Sec.; Title I, Chapter 6; or any governing Act.~~

Section 7: This act shall become effective, while in accordance with the SGACA, immediately following passage and approval.

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THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION XCIII

March 31, 2015

CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 930121

AS INTRODUCED

A congressional act amending the Bylaws, providing for a 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 “Secretary Responsibilities Act.”
- Section 2:** Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to amend the office hours required by the code in order to reflect the stipend increase allotted to the Secretary.
- Section 3:** A strikethrough denotes a deletion of the Bylaws; an underline denotes an addition:
- c) ~~STUDENT CONGRESS SECRETARY~~
 - i) The Secretary is the third-highest ranking officer of Student Congress. The Secretary shall strive to facilitate the execution of Student Congress’ mission.
 - ii) The Secretary shall preside over general meetings and Executive Committee meetings in the absence of the Student Congress Chair and Student Congress Vice-Chair.
 - iii) The Secretary shall be responsible for all records of Student Congress not otherwise specified in these Bylaws.
 - iv) The Secretary shall be responsible for conspicuously posting, in the SGA offices as well as on the SGA Congress website, a printed agenda for each general meeting and each meeting of the Executive Committee.
 - v) The Secretary shall take minutes at general meetings and be responsible for recording, via electronic media, the audio of all general Congress meetings, excluding executive session.
 - vi) The Secretary shall be responsible for recording and reading all submitted amendments to legislation pending before Student Congress.
 - vii) The Secretary shall be responsible for roll calls of Student Congress and for taking roll call votes.
 - viii) The Secretary shall be a voting member of the Congressional Administration standing committee.
 - ix) The Secretary shall keep a record of the terms of districts and offices held by all members.
 - x) The Secretary shall keep a record of all attendance, including general meetings and constituent service. The Secretary shall weekly post this record conspicuously in the SGA offices as well as on the SGA Congress website.
 - xi) The Secretary shall keep a record of all votes cast in general meetings by all representatives. The Secretary shall weekly post conspicuously in the SGA offices as well as on the SGA Congress website a record of all votes cast in general meetings on legislation, amendments to legislation, or elections and on any other questions deemed appropriate by the Secretary or higher-ranking officer of Student Congress.
 - xii) The Secretary shall be ultimately responsible for maintaining and updating all records and documents which are required to be posted on the website of Student Congress.

xiii)The Student Congress Secretary may choose to either post all documents which are required to be posted on the SGA Student Congress website, or forward all said documents to the Student Congress Webmaster, which will in turn, post all said documents on the SGA Student Congress website.

xiv)The Secretary shall have the sole right to author any acts of procedure expelling a member for excessive absences. The Secretary shall do so in a timely manner upon the accrual of excessive absences by a member, as specified elsewhere in these Bylaws.

xv) The Secretary shall be required to complete no less than ~~6~~ 8 hours of “office hours” per week in accordance with the monthly stipend awarded to the position. Should the stipend change, this section shall be amended to reflect the new stipend.

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

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Action taken by Congress:

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GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GS-15

March 8, 2015

CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION NO. 930307

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. GS15-12

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution releasing an official statement regarding recent diversity concerns; and providing for distribution.

Whereas: The University of Oklahoma recognizes the merits and cultural significance of different minority groups on campus; and

Whereas: Every student, regardless of religion, ethnicity, race, sexual orientation, socioeconomic background, origins, gender, age, color, disability, or gender identity and expression, is an equally valuable member and contributor to the Sooner Family; and

Whereas: There are only a few programs aimed at increasing diversity and inclusion in specific departments; and

Whereas: It is currently difficult to accurately determine the reasons behind low retention and graduation rates at the University of Oklahoma; and

Whereas: Some student groups have expressed discontent and concerns regarding the equality of campus; and

Whereas: Student organizations should seek to represent a more collective effort to embrace diversity on campus; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS AND GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN THAT:

Section 1: The Student Government Association Legislative Branch wishes to express that we value and seek to uphold unbiased judgment on the diversity of the student body here at the University of Oklahoma and hopes to continue to strive for the inclusion of all minority groups on campus.

Section 2: The Undergraduate Student Congress and the Graduate Student Senate urge greater transparency reporting regarding enrollment, retention and graduation rates, including but not limited to the categories of ethnicity, race, socioeconomic background, and gender.

Section 3: The University of Oklahoma should strive to have more diversity and inclusion programs similar to the Multicultural Engineering Program in other colleges such as, but not limited to, the College of Atmospheric and Geographic Sciences, the Gaylord College of Journalism

and Mass Communications, Jeannine Rainbolt College of Education, Mewbourne College of Earth and Energy, and the Weitzenhoffer College of Fine Arts.

Section 4: The Student Government Association would like to keep an open dialogue with all minority groups so we can continue to progressively address further concerns.

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

- President David L. Boren
- Kyle Harper, Interim Senior Vice President and Provost
- Clarke Stroud, Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students
- Matt Hamilton, Vice President for Enrollment and Student Financial Services
- Tom Clark, Chairman of the Oklahoma Board of Regents
- Charles W. Graham, Dean of the College of Architecture
- Kelly Damphousse, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences
- Berrien Moore, Dean of the College of Atmospheric and Geographic Sciences
- Thomas Landers, Dean of the College of Engineering
- Suzette Grillot, Dean of the College of International Studies
- James Pappas, Dean of the College of Liberal Studies
- Joe Foote, Dean of the Gaylord College of Journalism and Mass Communication
- David Ray, Dean of the Honors College
- Gregg Garn, Dean of Jeannine Rainbolt College of Education
- Larry Grillot, Mewbourne College of Earth and Energy
- Daniel Pullin, Dean of the Michael F. Price College of Business
- Nicole J. Campbell, Dean of the University College
- Joseph Harroz, Dean of the University of Oklahoma College of Law
- Johnson Ong, Multicultural Greek Council President
- Payne Parker, Interfraternity Council President
- Chris Flix, National Panhellenic Council President
- Breanna Bober, President of the Panhellenic Association
- Isaac Hill, President of the Black Student Association
- Chanh Le, President of the Asian American Student Association
- J. Omar Salas, President of the Hispanic American Student Association
- Marcellus T. Thurman, President of the African American Student Association
- Molly Retherford, President of the Hillel Jewish Student Organization
- Eric Budder, President of the American Indian Student Association
- Ahmad Harb, President of the Arab Student Association
- Kimberly Larson, President of the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer
- Alexis Hall, Member of the OU Unheard Exec
- Samuel Iroanya, Member of the OU Unheard Exec
- Spencer Davis, Member of the OU Unheard Exec
- Meagan Johnson, Member of the OU Unheard Exec
- Keith Logan, Member of the OU Unheard Exec

- Chelsea Davis, Member of the OU Unheard Exec
- AuBriana Busby, Member of the OU Unheard Exec
- Naome Kadira, Member of the OU Unheard Exec
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Submitted on a motion by: Representative Carter, seconded by Representative Benjamin

Action taken by Congress: Consent without Objection

Verified by Chair of Congress: _____ Date: _____

Submitted on a motion by: Senator Bowman, seconded by Senator Pope

Action taken by Senate: Passed by unanimous consent

Verified by Chair of Senate: _____ Date: _____

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THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION XCIII

March 31, 2015

CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION NO. 930308

AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution voicing Congressional Support for the placement of a 125th Anniversary Seal to be placed on all diplomas in 2015, and providing distribution.

- Whereas: The University of Oklahoma is currently celebrating its 125th Anniversary; and
- Whereas: The 125th Anniversary is being celebrated through the “Live On, University” campaign; and
- Whereas: The Graduation Office is currently working on designs for a 125th Anniversary commemorative seal that could be placed on diplomas in 2015 provided the President’s Office and Board of Regents approve the addition.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS THAT:

Section 1: We give our full support to the addition of a special 125th Anniversary seal to be placed on all diplomas awarded from the University of Oklahoma during 2015 or throughout the duration of the “Live On, University” campaign and urge President Boren and the University of Oklahoma Board of Regents to strongly consider any proposals submitted by the Graduation Office.

Section 2: We in no way desire the 125th Anniversary commemorative seal replace any existing seals on diplomas awarded by the University of Oklahoma.

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

- David L. Boren, President of the University of Oklahoma
- Dr. Kyle Harper, Senior Vice President and Provost of the University of Oklahoma
- Becky Heeney, Director of the Graduation Office, University of Oklahoma
- The University of Oklahoma Board of Regents
- *The OU Daily*
- *OU Nightly*

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Action Taken by Congress:

Verified by Chair of Congress: _____ Date: _____