CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 820309
SENATE BILL NO. GF-35

AS INTRODUCED

An act amending Titles XII and XI of the UOSACA; providing for short title; stating purpose; bringing UOSACA in line with the current aims and goals of the UOSA Integrity Council in conjunction with the office of the Provost; clarifying organizational 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 “Stidham-Sangirardi Academic Integrity Reform” Act of 2009.

Section 2: PURPOSE. The purpose of this act is to amend the UOSACA to allow a more generous timeline that would allow for a more deliberate consideration of budgetary applications.

Section 3: AMENDATORY. Title III, Chapter 7, Section 38 is hereby amended to read as follows:

38. Honor Integrity Council ORGANIZATION. The Honor Integrity Council (See Pal Randhawa Academic Act of 2003) shall be organizationally considered an Office in the Department of Academics.

VICE CHAIR. For purpose of Departmental meetings and organization, the Vice Chair shall be considered a Coordinator in the Department of the Association. LIMITATION. Nothing in this Act shall be construed to change the powers, duties, composition, or procedures of the Honor Integrity Council or the Pal Randhawa Academic Integrity Act of 2003.

Section 4: AMENDATORY. Title XI, Chapter 5, Sections is hereby amended to read as follows:

20. Name There shall be a UOSA Honor Integrity Council which shall be an organ of the Executive Branch. The Pal Randhawa Academic Integrity Act of 2003; Congressional Bill No. 710101 and Senate Bill No. GF03-47; Sec. 4.
21. Purpose The purposes of The Pal Randhawa Academic Integrity Act of 2003, the Stidham-Sangirardi Academic Integrity Reform act, and this chapter include affirming the academic integrity of the students of the University of Oklahoma, aspiring to an environment of integrity created and upheld by the actions and values of students, recognizing the urgency of a commitment to the highest standards of academic integrity, and resolving to make academic integrity a source of pride for the students of UOSA. The University of Oklahoma Student Association established this agenda for academic integrity, created by students, operated by students, and serving the students of the University of Oklahoma and their commitment to academic integrity. The Pal Randhawa Academic Integrity Act of 2003; Congressional Bill No. 710101 and Senate Bill No. GF03-47; Sec. 2.

22. Duties The Council shall implement the provisions of this Act and oversee the application of the UOSA Statement of Academic Integrity. The Council shall promote high standards of academic integrity. Activities toward this end may include but shall not be limited to: advocacy for academic integrity in campus for a, presentations to students and student groups, media and publicity campaigns, education of students on the nature and meaning of academic misconduct. Members of the Council shall serve as substitute members of academic misconduct hearings at the request of the various colleges. The Pal Randhawa Academic Integrity Act of 2003; Congressional Bill No. 710101 and Senate Bill No. GF03-47; Sec. 4(A).

23. Membership Membership in the UOSA Integrity Council is voluntary. The council shall be composed of 23 members. Unless a member is removed according to this subsection or by impeachment, membership shall be a year term. If a member wishes to continue to serve on the Council, he must re-apply, and the second term he shall serve will be limited to only 1 year. Upon a vacancy in a Council seat, the Council shall select a candidate and recommend this candidate to the UOSA President, who shall appoint the candidate to the Council, subject to the advice and consent of the Legislative Branch. The Council shall strive to represent all academic fields disciplines in filling vacancies compiling its membership from each College on the University of Oklahoma, Norman Campus. The UOSA President shall make the initial appointments, subject to the advice and consent of the legislative branch, to the Council based upon an application process. These appointments shall be made no later than the beginning of the Spring semester, 2004. The initial appointment shall consist of six (6) juniors, seven (7) sophomores, and two (2) graduate students. After this initial appointment, only the procedure outlined in §4.B.2 shall be followed. The Pal Randhawa Academic Integrity Act of 2003; Congressional Bill No. 710101 and Senate Bill No. GF03-47; Sec. 4(B).

24. Appointment Upon a vacancy in a Council seat, the Council shall select a candidate and recommend this candidate to the UOSA President, who shall appoint the candidate to the Council, subject to the advice and consent of the Legislative Branch. The Council shall strive to represent all academic fields in filling vacancies. The UOSA President shall make the initial appointments, subject to the advice and consent of the legislative branch, to the Council based upon an application process.
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25. Attendance The Council shall set its own attendance requirements. The Pal Randhawa Academic Integrity Act of 2003; Congressional Bill No. 710101 and Senate Bill No. GF03-47; Sec. 4(B)

26. Quorum Quorum for the Council shall consist of a simple an appropriate majority of the members of the Council. Unoccupied seats of membership shall not count for or against quorum. Ex officio members shall neither count for nor against quorum. The Pal Randhawa Academic Integrity Act of 2003; Congressional Bill No. 710101 and Senate Bill No. GF03-47; Sec. 4(C).

27. Ex Officio Members The UOSA President, Chair of Senate, Chair of Congress, Chair of the Senate Academic Affairs Committee, and Chair of the Congress Academic Affairs Committee, and General Counsel shall be ex officio members of the Council, subject to the same rules and regulations of all Council members per the UOSA Integrity Council Bylaws. The Pal Randhawa Academic Integrity Act of 2003; Congressional Bill No. 710101 and Senate Bill No. GF03-47; Sec. 4(B).

28. 27. Removal Any Council member shall be removed by a vote of a majority of the Council, or two-thirds vote of the Legislature, or at the recommendation of the UOSA President, by a simple majority vote of the Legislature. The Council shall have the power to
modify the membership requirements and the specifics of membership as the need arises. The Pal Randhawa Academic Integrity Act of 2003; Congressional Bill No. 710101 and Senate Bill No. GF03-47; Sec. 4(B).

29. 28. High Offices Council membership shall not be considered a high office regarding concurrent service. The Pal Randhawa Academic Integrity Act of 2003; Congressional Bill No. 710101 and Senate Bill No. GF03-47; Sec. 4(B).

30. 29. Officers The permanent offices in the Honor Integrity Council shall be the Office of the Chair, the Office of the Vice-Chair, the Office of the Secretary, the Office of the Webmaster, the Office of the Treasurer, and the Office of Public Relations, the Office of the Oklahoma Business Ethics Consortium Student Representative, and the office of the Historian. Elections for the offices within the Honor Integrity Council shall take place during the spring semester of every school year. Elections shall be held during the second meeting that new members attend. During this meeting, members who are graduating that year may attend and make recommendations or nominations for offices, but may not vote; voting is reserved for each of the twenty-three representatives. Members wishing to run for an office must state which office they wish to run for, and a simple majority is required for the person to be elected to hold office. In the event that only one person is nominated for a specific office, he or she shall be appointed without vote accepted by acclamation following a voice vote on the matter. The Offices shall be voted on as follows: Webmaster, Public Relations, Treasurer, Secretary, Vice-Chair, Chair. It is during these elections that the previous Chair may nominate a member for a particular office. No member may hold more than 2 offices, and the same person may not hold the Office of the Chair and the Office of the Vice-Chair. The Honor Integrity Council shall have the authority to redefine the duties and officer positions as the need arises. The Pal Randhawa Academic Integrity Act of 2003; Congressional Bill No. 710101 and Senate Bill No. GF03-47; Sec. 4(C); amended by The Honor Council Member Act.

31. 30. Procedure The Council shall establish its own rules of procedure, which shall govern the Council in all cases in which said rules are not inconsistent with higher authority. The Pal Randhawa Academic Integrity Act of 2003; Congressional Bill No. 710101 and Senate Bill No. GF03-47; Sec. 4(E).

32. 31. Funding The Council shall be eligible to apply for funding from the UOSA Budgetary Procedure. The Pal Randhawa Academic Integrity Act of 2003; Congressional Bill No. 710101 and Senate Bill No. GF03-47; Sec. 4(F).

33. 32. Advisor An appointee of the Provost shall be the advisor of the Council. The Pal Randhawa Academic Integrity Act of 2003; Congressional Bill No. 710101 and Senate Bill No. GF03-47; Sec. 4(G).

34. 33. Statement of Academic Integrity
**a. General Form:** The general form of the UOSA Statement of Academic Integrity shall be as follows: On my honor, as a student at the University of Oklahoma, I affirm that will neither give nor receive inappropriate aid in the completion of any academic exercise. I understand that it is my responsibility to comply with the Academic Misconduct Code. The UOSA General Statement of Academic Integrity shall be presented to the student body for signature in the times, locations, and manners as deemed most appropriate by the Council and shall be displayed prominently on campus. *The Pal Randhawa Academic Integrity Act of 2003; Congressional Bill No. 710101 and Senate Bill No. GF03-47; Sec. 3(A).*

**b. Particular Exercise Form** The particular exercise form of the UOSA Statement of Academic Integrity shall be as follows: On my honor I affirm that I have neither given nor received inappropriate aid in the completion of this exercise. The particular exercise form of the UOSA Statement of Academic Integrity shall be signed and turned in with the following academic exercises: Tests and quizzes, Assignments worth more than five percent (5%) of the student’s grade in the course, Any other exercise upon request of the instructor, Any other exercise at the discretion of the student. The statement shall be printed on the exercise or written by the student. A document no larger than one-quarter (1/4) page suitable for photocopying bearing (1) the particular exercise form of the UOSA Statement of Academic Integrity, (2) a place for student signature, and (3) the logo of the UOSA shall be made available to instructors and students for inclusion with academic exercises. It is the intention of the UOSA that a student’s signing or failure to sign shall not in any way be admitted in an academic misconduct hearing. *The Pal Randhawa Academic Integrity Act of 2003; Congressional Bill No. 710101 and Senate Bill No. GF03-47; Sec. 3(B), (C).*

**Section 5:** Any and all references to the UOSA Honor Council shall hereafter reflect the new name of the organization, the UOSA Integrity Council, unless the reference is to title of previous legislation.

**Section 6:** This act shall become effective when passed in accordance with the UOSA Constitution.

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Action taken by Student Congress: Passed by consent, no objection

Verified by Chair of Student Congress: ___________________________ Date:_______

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