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Title of Legislation: Academic Taskforce Reform Act of 2010

Type of Legislation: Act of Legislation

Section 1: Status Quo

The current academic advisement taskforce has been forgotten. The Associate Provost for Academic Advising, Dr. Joyce Allman, wants to revive this taskforce but receive greater student input.

Section 2: Intent of Legislation

The intent of this legislation is to adhere to the requests made by the Provost's office.

Section 3: Anticipated Harms and Benefits of the new Legislation

This legislation would be beneficial because it is necessary in order to officially request more student input. Without its consideration the Provost’s office would be implementing policy without student contribution.
CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 840102
SENATE BILL NO. GF10-51

AS INTRODUCED
An act relating to academic advising and graduation & retention; amending the UOSACA Title XI, chapter 3 and chapter 10; providing short title; stating purpose; 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 “Academic Taskforce Reform Act of 2010.”

Section 2: PURPOSE. The purpose of this act is to reform the academic taskforces to function more efficiently in the current times. At the request from the Provost’s office, the following changes should be made to effectively address the advising and retention at the University of Oklahoma.

Section 3: AMENDATORY. In accordance with Article III Section 5 (1) of the UOSA Constitution, “The Legislative Branch shall make campus-wide student rules and regulations, and appropriate revenues of the UOSA.” Title XI, Chapter 3 of the UOSACA is hereby amended to read as follows:

Title XI, Chapter 3
UOSA Boards, Committees, & Commissions; Academic Advisement Task Force

11. Name
An Academic Advisement Task Force shall be created. Act Establishing an Academic Advisement Task Force; Congressional Bill No. 350101, Sec. 1.

12. UOSA Academic Advisement Task Force Membership
The task force shall be composed of representatives of each academic college. The deans of each academic college are to appoint at least two (2) students from their respective academic college to represent their college on the task force. Two (2) representatives shall be selected by the Academics Department of the UOSA Executive Branch with approval by the UOSA President. Two (2) representatives shall be selected by the Academic Affairs Committee of the UOSA Undergraduate Student Congress with advise and consent of Congress, three (3) representatives from the Faculty Senate, three (3) representatives from the Employee Executive Council, and three (3) representatives from UOSA selected from each body via the normal procedure. Act Establishing an Academic Advisement Task Force; Congressional Bill No. 350101, Sec. 3

13. Chair
The Task Force shall be headed by a chair who shall be elected by a majority of task force members in attendance. *Act Establishing an Academic Advisement Task Force; Congressional Bill No. 350101, Sec. 4.*

14. Meeting
The Task Force shall meet at least one time each month. *Act Establishing an Academic Advisement Task Force; Congressional Bill No. 350101, Sec. 5.*

15. Responsibilities
The Task Force shall be responsible for hearing and providing solutions to problems and suggestions for improvements in academic advisement system on the Norman Campus. The task force shall use Academic Advisement questionnaires and surveys to gather information. This task force shall devise a policy statement concerning probable solutions to advisement problems. *Act Establishing an Academic Advisement Task Force; Congressional Bill No. 350101, Sec. 6-8.*

16. Advisors
The office of the Associate Provost for Academic Advising shall serve as the advisor to the UOSA Academic Advisement Task Force.

Section 4: AMENDATORY. In accordance with Article III Section 5 (1) of the UOSA Constitution, “The Legislative Branch shall make campus-wide student rules and regulations, and appropriate revenues of the UOSA.” Title XI, Chapter 10, section 69 of the UOSACA is hereby amended to read as follows:

69. Executive Committee
The task force executive committee shall be composed of a total of four (4) five (5) members. One (1) member shall be the Task Force Chair. Two (2) members shall be selected by the UOSA President, with one (1) member from the Department of Academics in the executive branch. The other two (2) members shall be selected by the UOSA Undergraduate Student Congress chair, with one (1) member from the Congressional Academic Affairs Committee.

70. Student Graduation and Retention Task Force Membership
The task force shall be composed of representatives of each academic college. The deans of each academic college are to appoint at least two (2) students from their respective academic college to represent their college on the task force. Two (2) representatives shall be selected by the Academics Department of the UOSA Executive Branch with approval of the UOSA President. Two (2) representatives shall be selected by the Academic Affairs Committee of the UOSA Undergraduate Student Congress with advice and consent of Congress. *Graduation and Retention Initiative Act of 2010; Congressional Bill No. 830307 and Senate Bill No. GS10-24.*

Section 5: The following chapters and sections shall be renumbered accordingly.

Section 6: This Act hereby enacted.

Section 7: This Act supersedes all previous legislation concerning this matter.

Section 8: This Act shall become effective when passed in accordance with the UOSA Constitution.
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