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SENATE SESSION GS-11
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CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 850310
SENATE BILL NO. GS11-17

AS INTRODUCED

An act proposing changes to the UOSA Constitution regarding the Academic Districts of
the UOSA Undergraduate Student Congress; providing short title; providing an effective
date; and updating the Code Annotated upon passage.

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

Section 1: Title: This act shall be known as the Congress Controls Congress Act

Section 2:

UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT ASSOCIATION
CONSTITUTION

(27 June 2007)

ARTICLE I: Name

The name of this organization shall be the University of Oklahoma Student Association (hereinafter referred
to as 'UOSA').

ARTICLE II: Membership

Section 1: Every regularly enrolled student at the University of Oklahoma, Norman campus, shall be a
member of the UOSA.

(1) Students classified as undergraduates may participate in all levels of government, except where explicitly
stated otherwise in this Constitution.

(2) Students classified as graduate students may participate in all levels of government, except where explicitly
stated otherwise in this Constitution.

(3) Students classified as law students may participate in all levels of government, except where explicitly
stated otherwise in this Constitution.

ARTICLE III: Legislative Branch
Section 1: All legislative powers of the UOSA shall be vested in a Legislative Branch which shall consist of an Undergraduate Student Congress (hereinafter referred to as 'Congress') and a Graduate Student Senate (hereinafter referred to as 'Senate').

Section 2:

(1) Representatives of Congress shall be elected on the basis of their academic district. Students will be classified by their most recent declared major except in the case that said student is in the University College as determined by official University records. Vacancies in elected districts shall occur when a representative changes districts; however, representatives of the University College District shall serve for their full term, even upon moving to their declared major’s college.

(2) Representatives shall be elected for a one year term, with elections to be held at least once a year as determined by an act of Congress. Congress shall be divided into sixteen (16) districts. These districts will be apportioned on the basis of academic interests. Congressional districts and their composition will be located in the UOSA Student Congress Bylaws. Changes must be approved by a three fourths (3/4) majority of the total membership of the UOSA Undergraduate Student Congress as outlined in Article III, section 2.5.

Architecture District: Shall consist of all students in the College of Architecture.

Life Science District: Shall consist of all students with declared majors in the following Arts and Sciences Departments: Botany/Microbiology, Health and Exercise Science (including Pre-Health and Exercise Science), and Zoology.

Physical Science District: Shall consist of all students with declared majors in the following Arts and Sciences Departments: Astronomy, Chemistry/Biochemistry, Mathematics, and Physics.

Social Science District: Shall consist of all students with declared majors in the following Arts and Sciences Departments: Anthropology, Economics, Political Science, Psychology, and Social Work (including Pre-Social Work).

Humanities District: Shall consist of all students with the declared majors of Undecided and declared majors in the following Arts and Sciences Departments: Classics and Letters, English, History, Philosophy, Religious Studies, Sociology, and Women’s Studies.

International and Area Studies District: Shall consist of all students with declared majors in the following Arts and Sciences Departments: African American Studies, International and Area Studies, and Native American Studies.

Language District: Shall consist of all students with declared majors in the following Arts and Sciences Departments: Modern Languages.

Communication District: Shall consist of all students with declared majors in the Gaylord College of Journalism and Mass Communication (including Pre-Journalism) and declared majors in the following Arts and Sciences Departments: Communication and Human Relations.

Business District: Shall consist of all students in the Price College of Business.
Education District: Shall consist of all students in the College of Education and all students with declared majors in the following Arts and Sciences Departments: Library and Information Studies.

Engineering District: Shall consist of all students in the College of Engineering.

Arts District: Shall consist of all students in the College of Fine Arts and all students with declared majors in the following Arts and Sciences Departments: Film and Video Studies.

Atmospheric and Geographic Science District: Shall consist of all students in the College of Atmospheric and Geographic Science.

Earth and Energy District: Shall consist of all students in the College of Earth and Energy.

Continuing Education and Liberal Studies District: Shall consist of all students in the College of Continuing Education and the College of Liberal Studies.

University College District: Shall consist of all students in the University College, including pre Health Science Center students, Early Entry Students and Special Students as defined by University College.

(3) Congressional vacancies shall be filled in accordance with the procedures established in the Congress By-Laws and in acts concerning election procedures.

(4) Congress shall elect its officers.

(5) Congress shall consist of forty-eight (48) representatives effective the fiftieth Congress. Each district's proportion of representatives will be decided every two years before the first general election of the year. This apportionment will be calculated by using the most recently available enrollment figures and must be calculated by an act of Congress in a timely fashion. The total number of undergraduates will be divided by forty-eight (48) seats to determine the proportion of students represented by each congressional seat. Then each district's seats are to be allocated in the most equally proportioned manner based on enrollment.

Section 3: This Act shall become effective immediately upon passage in accordance with the University of Oklahoma Student Association Undergraduate Student Congress bylaws and the UOSA Constitution.

Section 4: Upon ratification by the UOSA and approval by the University of Oklahoma Regents, this constitutional change shall be reflected in the UOSA Code Annotated.

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Reviewing Committee: CONAD & Exec

Submitted on a motion by:
Action taken by the Undergraduate Student Congress:
Verified by Congress Chair ________________________________ Date: __________
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Approved by UOSA President: ________________________________ Date: __________