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Chair: Emily Sample
Vice-Chair: Chelsea Brown
Secretary: Kaylee Rains

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CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION No. 950405

AS INTRODUCED

A Congressional Resolution Supporting the Collegiate Housing and Infrastructure Act; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS: The Collegiate Housing and Infrastructure Act eliminates a distinction in existing tax law that would result in allowing tax-exempt charitable and educational organizations to make grants to non-University owned not-for-profit student housing entities that provide collegiate student housing; and

WHEREAS: The Collegiate Housing and Infrastructure Act would make college more affordable at no cost to taxpayers by offering a housing alternative less expensive than University housing; and

WHEREAS: The Collegiate Housing and Infrastructure Act results in safer student housing by encouraging charitable contributions to collegiate housing for installation of life saving equipment such as fire sprinklers, smoke detectors, and alarm systems; and

WHEREAS: Approximately 1,400 University of Oklahoma students live in non-University-owned not-for-profit housing during a collegiate year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS:

Section 1: That the Undergraduate Student Congress reaffirms its support of the Collegiate Housing and Infrastructure Act.

Section 2: Copies of this resolution shall be distributed to:
- The Honorable James Paul Lankford, United States Senator from Oklahoma
- The Honorable James Mountain Inhofe, United States Senator from Oklahoma
- The Honorable James Frederick Bridenstine, United States Representative from Oklahoma
- The Honorable Markwayne Mullin, United States Representative from Oklahoma
- The Honorable Frank Lucas, United States Representative from Oklahoma
- The Honorable Steve Russell, United States Representative from Oklahoma
- The Honorable Thomas Jeffery Cole, United States Representative from Oklahoma

Author(s): Alex Byron, Representative, Undergraduate Student Congress
Co-Author(s):
Co-Sponsor:

Submitted on a Motion by:

Action taken by the Undergraduate Student Congress:

Verified by Chair: ___________________________ Date: ______________
THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION XCV
March 20, 2016

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GS-16
March 20, 2016

CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 950101
SENATE BILL NO. GS16-12

AS INTRODUCED
A Congressional Act establishing the Multicultural Student Organization Survey 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 “Multicultural Student Organization Survey”.

Section 2: Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to establish and distribute this survey to the student body to collect data on multicultural student organizations.

Section 3: This survey is to be distributed through OrgSync, OUMM, SGA Executive Branch social media, Undergraduate Student Congress social media, Graduate Student Senate social media, and large classroom white boards.

Section 4: The Multicultural Student Organization Survey shall read as follows:
The following questions will give you an opportunity to tell us more about your experience with Multicultural Student Organizations on OU's campus.

*Please answer openly and truthfully.*

What is your race/ethnicity?

- [ ] White or Caucasian
- [ ] Black/African American or African
- [ ] Hispanic or Latin American
- [ ] American Indian or Alaskan Native
- [ ] Asian or Asian American
- [ ] Hawaiian Native or Pacific Islander
- [ ] Biracial/Multiracial (Please list all races/ethnicities that you identify with)
  
  
- [ ] I'd prefer not to answer

What is your academic classification?

- [ ] Freshman
- [ ] Sophomore
- [ ] Junior
- [ ] Senior
- [ ] Graduate or PhD Student
How many years have you been on OU's campus?

- less than 1 year
- 1 year
- 2 years
- 3 years
- 4 years
- 5 or more years

On a scale from 0 to 10, how aware of Multicultural Student Organization events are you?

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How do you gain knowledge of Multicultural Student Organization events that happen on campus?
(Please select all that apply)

- Twitter
- Facebook
- Instagram
- OrgSync
- Friends or word of mouth
- Information tables around campus
- Email
- Text
Display This Question:
If On a scale from 0 to 10, how aware of Multicultural Student Organization events are you? 0 Is
Selected  Edit

How do you prefer to be informed of Multicultural Student Organization events?

I feel welcomed when attending Multicultural Student Organization events.

☐ Strongly Agree
☐ Agree
☐ Somewhat agree
☐ Somewhat disagree
☐ Disagree
☐ Strongly disagree

Display This Question:
If On a scale from 0 to 10, how aware of Multicultural Student Organization events are you? 1 Is
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Or On a scale from 0 to 10, how aware of Multicultural Student Organization events are you? 2 Is
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Or On a scale from 0 to 10, how aware of Multicultural Student Organization events are you? 6 Is
Selected  Edit

What do you think Multicultural Student Organizations can do to better inform you of their events?

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How many Multicultural Student Organizations are you involved in?
(Involvement includes membership, Executive member, member at large or event attendee.)

- None
- 1 - 3
- 4 or more

Please list the Multicultural Student Organization(s) you are involved in?
(Please do not use abbreviations)

When I attend Multicultural Student Organization events, I am often approached by members hosting the event.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Somewhat agree
- Somewhat disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
Why are you not involved in any Multicultural Student Organizations on campus?
(Please select all that apply)

☐ I am too busy.
☐ I don’t know how to get involved.
☐ I am uninterested in getting involved.
☐ I don’t feel like I would be accepted or welcomed.
☐ Other

What do you think the purpose of Multicultural Student Organizations is?
(Please enter each response into the box and rank your answers from most to least important. If you would like to add a purpose you can do so in the “other” box below.)

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Any other comments?

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If On a scale from 0 to 10, how aware of Multicultural Student Organization events are you? 0 is
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And How do you prefer to be informed of Multicultural Student Organization events? Text
Response is Displayed Edit

Any other comments?
The UNIVERSITY of OKLAHOMA

The following questions will give you an opportunity to tell us more about your experience with Multicultural Student Organizations on OU's campus.

Please answer openly and truthfully.

What is your race/ethnicity?

- White or Caucasian
- Black/African American or African
- Hispanic or Latin American
- American Indian or Alaskan Native
Section 5: This act shall become effective when passed in accordance with the SGA Constitution.

Author(s): Chelsea Brown, Vice Chair of Undergraduate Student Congress
Morgan Williams, Chair of the Human Diversity Committee

Co-Author(s):

Submitted on a Motion by:

Verified by Chair of Congress: ___________________________ Date:_____

Submitted on a Motion by:

Action taken by Senate:

Verified by Chair of Senate: ___________________________ Date:_____

Approved by SGA President: ___________________________ Date:_____

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AS INTRODUCED

A congressional act amending the Code Annotated to remove language no longer needed, 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 as the “Code Annotated Revision Act #1”.

Section 2: Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to revise the Code Annotated to remove part of a section that is no longer used or applicable.

Section 3: For the purposes of this legislation, deletions shall be marked with a Strikethrough. Additions shall be marked with an underline.

Section 4: AMENDATORY: The following parts are to be amended to Title 3, Chapter 7, and Section 39 of the SGA Code Annotated.

39. Director

There shall be a Director of Student Organizations, responsible for executing the provisions of this act, overseeing and coordinating the Offices in the Department, administering the Mandatory Registered Student Organization Training, and managing and ensuring the execution of the Departmental Purpose.

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

Author(s): Conor Park, Business Representative

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Approved by SGA President: _____________________________ Date: ________
CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 950802
SENATE BILL NO. GF15-16

AS INTRODUCED
An Act designating poll locations for the Spring 2016 General Elections; providing for codification; providing for a short title; and providing for an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT ASSOCIATION:

Section 1: TITLE. This act may be known and shall be cited as the “An Act Amending the Polling Location Act of Spring 2016.”

Section 2: PURPOSE. To designate polling locations for the Spring 2016 General Elections.

Section 3: In accordance with Title VII, Chapter 1, Section 12 of the SGACA, “The number and location of polling places shall be established by an Act of the Legislative Branch,” the following polling locations are established for the Spring 2016 SGA General Elections (March 29 and 30) and reserved for a potential run-off election (April 4):

- Oklahoma Memorial Union
- Dale Hall
- Bizzell Memorial Library, Lower Level 1
- Amicus Café, Law School.

Section 4: This act shall become effective, while in accordance with the SGACA, immediately following passage and approval.

Author(s): Abbey Taylor, Election Board Chair

Co-Authors: Carrie Pavlowsky, Graduate Student Senate Chair,
Emily Sample, Chair of the Undergraduate Student Congress

Submitted on a Motion by:
Verified by Chair of Congress ______________________ Date: ____________

Submitted on a Motion by:
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Verified by Chair of Senate ______________________ Date: ____________

Approved by SGA President: ______________________ Date: ____________

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CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION NO. 950406

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. GF-XX

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution requesting improvement of mental health services on campus, in the state of Oklahoma, and across the United States; and providing for distribution.

Whereas: Mental health issues are prevalent in every environment, including the University of Oklahoma; and

Whereas: The University of Oklahoma has repeatedly expressed their commitment to improving mental health care for students, faculty and staff on campus, yet has only had the funding available to hire one new staff member due to budget cuts and chronic underfunding from the State and Federal Government; and

Whereas: Mental health issues currently affect one in five Americans as well as many Oklahomans which constitutes a nationwide crisis that is vital to public health and safety and requires immediate attention and action; and

Whereas: The University of Oklahoma, as well as the nation as a whole, has a very large veteran population and mental health issues affect thousands of Armed Services veterans, causing 22 veterans to commit suicide per day nationally; and

Whereas: Mental health is a multifaceted issue that requires attention at all governmental levels in order to be addressed.

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

Section 1: The Undergraduate Student Congress, the Graduate Student Senate, and on behalf of the student body of the University of Oklahoma urge the University of Oklahoma Board of
Regents and President David Boren to increase funding for mental health programs at the University and to investigate ways to improve mental health on campus.

Section 2: The above fore mentioned bodies of the University of Oklahoma Student Government Association, and on behalf of the student body respectfully request Governor Fallin and the Oklahoma Legislature increase funding for the University of Oklahoma’s mental health programs and for other statewide mental health initiatives and programs, as well as to take action on the mental health crisis facing Oklahomans every day.

Section 3: The governing bodies of the University of Oklahoma Student Government Association, on behalf of the student body of the University of Oklahoma urge President Barack Obama and the United States Congress to take action to immediately improve mental health funding for mental health programs across the country, as well as revise the Affordable Care Act to include mental health care under required coverage within insurance plans.

Section 4: Copies of this resolution will be sent to:

- President Barack Obama
- Speaker Paul Ryan, Speaker of the House
- Senator Orrin Hatch, President Pro Tempore of the US Senate
- Senator Mitch McConnell, Senate Majority Leader
- Representative Nancy Pelosi, House Minority Leader
- Senator Jim Inhofe
- Senator James Lankford
- United States Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
- Representative Jim Bridenstine
- Representative Markwayne Mullin
- Representative Frank Lucas
- Representative Tom Cole
- Representative Steve Russell
- United States House Energy Subcommittee on Health
- Governor Mary Fallin
- Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives
- President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma Senate
- Oklahoma State Senator John Sparks
- Oklahoma State Senator Rob Standridge
- Oklahoma Senate Health and Human Services Committee
- Oklahoma State Representative Emily Virgin
- Oklahoma State Representative Scott Martin
- Oklahoma State Representative Josh Cockroft
- Oklahoma State Representative Jon Echols
- Oklahoma State Representative Claudia Griffith
- Oklahoma State Representative Chris Kannady

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• Oklahoma State Representative Mark McBride
• Oklahoma State Representative Paul Wesselhoft
• Oklahoma State Representative Bob Cleveland
• Oklahoma House Committee on Public Health
• President David Boren, University of Oklahoma
• University of Oklahoma Board of Regents
• Dr. Scott Miller, Director of the University Counseling Center
• The OU Daily
• The OU Nightly
• The Oklahoman
• The Tulsa World
• The Norman Transcript
• ABC News, KOCO
• Fox News, KFOR
• CBS News, KOKH & KOKI
• NBC News, KWTV & KOTV
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