WHEREAS: Oklahoma Senate Bill 1491 would prohibit non-U.S. citizens from being able to pay in-state tuition at Oklahoma colleges and universities;

WHEREAS: Non-U.S. citizens include students who have obtained permanent residency, those under the protection of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), and immigrant students working toward residency, many of whom have spent most of their lives in the state and have graduated from an Oklahoma high school;

WHEREAS: Oklahoma Senate Bill 1491 would result in numerous non-U.S. citizens dropping out of the higher education system, especially the University of Oklahoma, due to the financial strain of having to pay out-of-state tuition;

WHEREAS: International faculty and staff at the University of Oklahoma would be directly affected by SB1491 since their children, who are often also non-citizens, would not be allowed to pay in-state tuition;

WHEREAS: The passage of Oklahoma Senate Bill 1491 would significantly and adversely affect the enrollment of non-U.S. citizen students at the University of Oklahoma—students who have otherwise fulfilled all other current residency requirements;

WHEREAS: The University of Oklahoma, as well as other universities across the state, benefits substantially from enabling the enrollment of immigrant students in their schools through their academic achievements, cultural contributions, community involvement, and economic returns;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS AND THE GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN THAT:
Section 1: The student body of the University of Oklahoma opposes Oklahoma Senate Bill 1491, as it excludes an entire category of students from having feasible access to higher education.

Section 2: Hence, we urge the Oklahoma State Legislature not to consider SB1491.

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

- David Boren, University President
- Clarke Stroud, University Vice President for Student Affairs & Dean of Students
- Danny Hilliard, University Vice President of Government Relations
- John Sparks, Oklahoma State Senator, Author of Senate Bill 1491
- Brian Bingman, President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate
- Mary Fallin, Governor of Oklahoma

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Co-Sponsor: Madeline Grunewald, President; John Montgomery, Chair; Taylor Petersen, Vice Chair; Lauren Aragon, Secretary; Nina Sichterman, Graduate Student Senator

Submitted on a motion by:

Action taken by Congress:

Verified by Chair of Congress: ____________________________ Date: __________

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Verified by Chair of Senate: ____________________________ Date: _______

Approved by SGA President: ____________________________ Date: _______