Title: AN ACT ESTABLISHING A UOSA STATEMENT OF ACADEMIC INTEGRITY AND AN HONOR COUNCIL

Section 1: This act shall be known and may be cited as THE PAL RANDHAWA ACADEMIC INTEGRITY ACT OF 2003.

Section 2: PURPOSE

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 the UOSA,

the University of Oklahoma Student Association establishes this agenda for academic integrity, created by students, operated by students, and serving the students of OU and their commitment to academic integrity.

Section 3: STATEMENT OF ACADEMIC INTEGRITY. A UOSA Statement of Academic Integrity is hereby established with General and Particular Exercise forms.

A. GENERAL FORM

1. CONTENT. 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.

2. APPLICATION. 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.

B. PARTICULAR EXERCISE FORM

1. CONTENT. 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.

2. APPLICATION

   a. EXERCISES. The particular exercise form of the UOSA Statement of Academic Integrity shall be signed and turned in with the following academic exercises. The statement shall be printed on the exercise or written by the student.

      i. Tests and quizzes.

      ii. Assignments worth more than five percent (5%) of the student’s grade in the course.

      iii. Any other exercise upon request of the instructor.

      iv. Any other exercise at the discretion of the student.

   b. PREPARED DOCUMENT. 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.

C. INADMISSIBILITY. 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.
Section 4: HONOR COUNCIL. A UOSA Honor Council (“the Council”) shall be established. The Council shall be an organ of the Executive Branch.

A. DUTIES

1. The Council shall implement the provisions of this Act and oversee the application of the UOSA Statement of Academic Integrity.

2. The Council shall promote high standards of academic integrity. Activities toward this end may include but shall not be limited to:
   a. Advocacy for academic integrity in campus fora.
   b. Presentations to students and student groups.
   c. Media and publicity campaigns.
   d. Education of students on the nature and meaning of academic misconduct.

3. Members of the Council shall serve as substitute members of academic misconduct hearings at the request of the various colleges.

B. COMPOSITION

1. MEMBERSHIP. There shall be fifteen (15) voting members of the Council. Unless a member is removed according to item (7) of this subsection or by impeachment, membership shall be for the duration of a member’s membership in the UOSA.

2. 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.

3. INITIAL APPOINTMENT. 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.

4. REPRESENTATION. The Council shall strive to represent all academic fields in filling vacancies.

5. ATTENDANCE. The Council shall set its own attendance requirements.

6. EX OFFICIO MEMBERS. The UOSA President, Chair of Senate, Chair of Congress, Chair of the Senate Academic Affairs Committee, Chair of the Congress Academic Affairs Committee, and General Counsel shall be \textit{ex officio} members of the Council.

7. REMOVAL. Any Council member shall be removed by any of the following procedures:
   b. A two-thirds vote of the Legislature.
   c. At the recommendation of the UOSA President, by a simple majority vote of the Legislature.

8. HIGH OFFICES. Council membership shall not be considered a high office regarding concurrent service.

C. OFFICERS. The Council shall have a Chair and a Vice Chair.

1. DUTIES. The Chair and Vice Chair shall coordinate the activities of the Council, call meetings of the Council, establish agendas for these meetings, and ensure the Council’s compliance with the Oklahoma Open Meetings Act. The Vice Chair shall be responsible for ensuring agendas are posted minutes are kept.

2. TERMS. Officers shall serve one-year terms, beginning at the first meeting of each fall semester and ending at the first meeting of the following fall semester.

3. ELECTION. At the first meeting of each fall semester, the voting members of the Council shall, from their membership, elect separately a Chair and Vice Chair subject to majority approval.

4. VACANCIES. Should the Chair’s position become vacant during the term, the Vice Chair shall become Chair.
Should the Vice Chair’s position become vacant during the term due to a vacancy in the office of Chair or for any other reason, it shall be filled at the earliest possible time through an identical elective process.

D. QUORUM. Quorum for the Council shall consist of a simple 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.

E. 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.

F. FUNDING. The Council shall be eligible to apply for funding from the UOSA Budgetary Procedure.

G. ADVISOR. An appointee of the Provost shall be the advisor of the Council.

Section 5: This act is hereby enacted.

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

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Submitted on a motion by:

Action taken by Congress:

Verified by Chair of Congress:__________________________Date:_______

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Approved by UOSA President:__________________________Date:_______

Approved by University President:__________________________Date:_______

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