UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
Session XCVI

Executive Committee
3:00pm, April 18th, 2016
Conoco Leadership Center

Session XCVI

Call to Order
Roll Call
Approval of Minutes

Reports:
  o Chair-
  o Vice Chair-
  o Secretary-
  o Academic Affairs-
  o Congressional Administration
  o External Affairs
  o Human Diversity
  o Problems and Projects
  o Public Relations
  o Ways and Means
  o Legislative Assistant

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Old Business
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Items to Be Considered
960102 Office Space Allocation Act (Pae)
960401 A Resolution Supporting the Penny Sales Tax (Kierig)
960501 Primary for RSOs (Cramm)
960502 Primary for Admins (Cramm)
960901 A Resolution Recognizing Veteran Alums (Kelling)
960902 A Resolution Congratulating Sports Teams (Owings)
960904 A Resolution Thanking Senior Members for their Service (Rains)
960905 A Resolution Thanking Webmaster Shane Steiner (Rains)
960906 A Resolution Thanking Office Staff (Sample)
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Adjourn

Chair: Emily Sample
Vice-Chair: Chelsea Brown
Secretary: Kaylee Rains
CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 960102
SENATE BILL NO. GS16-XX

AS INTRODUCED
An Act amending the allocation of Conoco Student Leadership Center office and storage space for the 2016-2017 academic year; providing short title; and providing an effective date.

BE ENACTED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT ASSOCIATION:

Section 1: This act shall be known as an Act Amending the 2015-2016 Conoco Center Space Allocation Act.

Section 2: The purpose of this act is inherent in the title.

Section 3: The following organizations shall receive the designated allocations from May 2016 until May 2017.

Section 4: Conoco Center Offices
284 Class Council
286 American Indian Student Association
287 Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, and Friends
288 Our Earth/Students against a Factory Farming Economy
289 Sooners Helping Sooners/Relay for Life
290 SGA Congress Budgetary Committee
291 The Oklahoma Group
292 SORO
293 Rotaract/ConnectU
382 Union Programming Board
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Conoco Center Storage Spaces

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1 Animation Society
2 African Christian Fellowship
3 Relay for Life
4 International Advisory Committee
5 Big Event
6 Hispanic American Student Association
7 Sooners Helping Sooners
8 IFC and Panhellenic
9 India Student Association
10 Alpha Phi Omega
11 Muslim Student Association
12 Campus Activities Council
13 Tau Beta Sigma
14 Global Brigades
15 Sigma Lambda Gamma National Sorority, Inc.
16 Outdoor Club
17 Circle K
18 English Club
19 Student Government Association

Section 4: This act is hereby enacted.

Section 5: This act is shall become effective when passed in accordance with the SGA Constitution.

Author(s): Daniel Pae, SGA President
            Michael Lutter, SGA Vice President
            Emily Sample, SGA Undergraduate Congress Chair Emeritus
            Carrie Pavlowsky, SGA Graduate Senate Chair
            Chloe Tadlock, CAC Chair

Submitted on a Motion by:

Action taken by Student Congress:
Verified by Chair of Student Congress: ___________________________ Date: __________

Submitted on a motion by:

Action taken by Senate:
Verified by Chair of Senate: ___________________________ Date: __________

Approved by SGA President: ___________________________ Date: __________
CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION NO. 960401
SENATE RESOLUTION NO. GS16-23

AS INTRODUCED
A Concurrent Resolution expressing support for the Education Penny Sales Tax Initiative; and providing for distribution.

Whereas: Oklahoma currently ranks 49th in the United States for public support of common education; and

Whereas: Oklahoma fails to attract the quantity of teachers it needs to properly instruct students, as teachers are lured to other states with the promise of substantially higher pay; and

Whereas: Oklahoma’s Public Colleges and Universities have been forced to drastically raise tuition and fees in order to cover the most basic personnel and operating expenses in light of unrelenting cuts in state support; and

Whereas: The Constitution of the State of Oklahoma makes it extraordinarily difficult to increase state revenue without broad popular support; and

Whereas: President Boren, in his role as a private citizen, has demonstrated tremendous leadership by organizing a campaign to increase state revenues through a vote of the people; and

Whereas: Thanks to President Boren’s leadership, The University of Oklahoma has made enormous academic progress, and has become a first tier public research university, recognized for excellence in teaching, research, and service; and

Whereas: Continued cuts to the state budget threaten the University’s ability to continue to improve its programs, attract world class faculty and researchers, and maintain its position as a prominent national research university; and

Whereas: The Education Penny Sales Tax Initiative is the only proposal that raises teacher pay, provides money to higher education to stop tuition increases, and will provide additional funding for career and technical education, and early childhood programs.

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

Section 1: The Graduate Student Senate and Undergraduate Student Congress wholeheartedly support the Education Penny Sales Tax Initiative to improve teacher pay and increase funding to higher and vocational education.

Section 2: The Graduate Student Senate and Undergraduate Student Congress encourage all eligible students to support the Education Penny Sales Tax Initiative with their signature during the petition drive.

Section 3: The Graduate Student Senate and Undergraduate Student Congress encourage all students to register to vote, and to support the Education Penny Sales Tax Initiative with their vote on November 8th, 2016.

Section 4: The Graduate Student Senate and Undergraduate Student Congress believe that the future prosperity of the State of Oklahoma depends on the state’s ability to adequately educate and retain its population.

Section 5: The Graduate Student Senate and Undergraduate Student Congress encourage other student government associations at all of Oklahoma’s Public Colleges and Universities to support similar resolutions.

Copies of this resolution will be sent to:
- David L. Boren, President of The University of Oklahoma
- Mary Fallin, Governor of the State of Oklahoma
- Senator Brian Bingman, President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate
- Representative Jeffrey Hickman, Speaker of the Oklahoma State House
- Joy Hofmeister, State Superintendent of Public Instruction
- President Burns Hargis, President of Oklahoma State University
- Kyle Hilbert, President of the Oklahoma State University Student Government Association
- The Student Government Associations of Oklahoma State University, and the universities governed by the Oklahoma A&M Regents, the constituent universities of the Regional University System of Oklahoma, Cameron University, Rogers State University, Oklahoma Panhandle State University, and the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma.
  - The Norman Transcript
  - The Oklahoman
  - The Oklahoma Gazette
  - The Tulsa World
  - The OU Daily
  - OU Nightly

Author: Andrew Kierig, Graduate Student Senate Senator

Co-Author: Kara Elwick, Chair of the External Affairs Committee

Co-Sponsors: Kimberley Bishop, Director of the Department of Exterior
Vanessa Meraz, Assistant Director of the Department of Exterior

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Stefanie Neumeier, Graduate Student Senate Senator

Submitted on a motion by:  Senator Casey, second by Senator Steinle
Action taken by Senate:    Passed by placard vote
                           Yea – 59, 72, 22, 21, 78, 97, 47, 83, 6, 71, 100, 57, 76, 90, 89, 38, 98, 63, 56, 27, 14, 17, 16, 85, 12, 67, 20, 39, 75, 96, 11, 40, 18, 69, 52, 19, 3, 53, 88, 62, 48, 73, 64, 61, 42, 7, 60, 95
                           Nay – 85, 13, 94, 66, 91    No abstentions

Verified by Chair of Senate: _____________________________ Date: __________
Approved by SGA President: _____________________________ Date: ________
CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION NO. 960901

AS INTRODUCED
A Resolution relating to a distinguished alumni; requesting to declare June 17, 2016 as “Captain Jason T. Taylor Day” at The University of Oklahoma; expressing the appreciation of the University to Captain Taylor for his exemplary military service; and providing for distribution.

Whereas: Captain Jason T. Taylor graduated from The University of Oklahoma, including the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps program, on May 11, 2007 with a Bachelor of Arts degree; and

Whereas: Captain Jason T. Taylor served honorably in the United States Marine Corps from May 31, 1995 to June 17, 2016; and

Whereas: Captain Jason T. Taylor’s service included two tours in Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom from April to November 2009, and November 2010 to June 2011, as well as one tour in Haiti in support of Operation Unified Response from January 2010 to March 2010; and

Whereas: Captain Jason T. Taylor was awarded two Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals and three Navy Commendation Medals during his service; and

Whereas: The University of Oklahoma appreciates Captain Jason T. Taylor’s service to his nation and congratulates him on his retirement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS THAT:

Section 1: The Undergraduate Student Congress requests President David Boren to declare the day of June 17, 2016 as “Captain Jason T. Taylor Day” at The University of Oklahoma.

Section 2: Furthermore, The Undergraduate Student Congress requests the University of Oklahoma Reserve Officer Training Corps to fly an American Flag in honor of Captain Taylor on April 22, 2016, to be presented to him at his retirement in a demonstration of the great thanks of the Students, Faculty and Staff of the University of Oklahoma for his dedication and service to his country.

Section 3: Copies of this resolution will be sent to:
  • President David Boren, University of Oklahoma
  • Vice President Matt Hamilton, University of Oklahoma
  • Captain Jason T. Taylor, USMC
  • University of Oklahoma Military Alumni Association

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Author: Taylor Kelling, Life Science District Representative, U.S. Air Force Veteran

Co-Author: Justin Cook, President, Student Veterans Association, U.S. Navy Veteran

Co-Sponsor:

Submitted on a motion by:
Action taken by Congress:
Verified by Chair of Congress: _____________________________ Date: ______

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CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION NO. 960902

AS INTRODUCED
A Resolution saying “Boomer Sooner,” congratulating OU sports teams; and providing for distribution.

Whereas: OU has 19 Varsity men’s and women’s sports teams, as well as 13 club teams; and

Whereas: OU’s Varsity men’s football team finished the season with an overall record of 11-2 (8-1 within the Big 12), won the Big 12 Championship, and qualified for the College Football Playoff Game at the Orange Bowl; and

Whereas: OU women’s and men’s gymnastics teams are currently both ranked as #1 in the nation and have qualified for their respective NCAA tournaments; and

Whereas: OU’s men’s varsity basketball team finished their season with an overall record of 29-8 (12-6 within the Big 12), won the NCAA West Regional Tournament, and played in the 2016 NCAA Men’s Final Four; and

Whereas: OU’s women’s varsity basketball team finished the season with an overall record of 22-11 (11-7 within the Big 12) and advanced to the second round of the NCAA Women’s Basketball Tournament; and

Whereas: OU’s men’s cross country team qualified for the NCAA Championships, placing 15th, and the women’s team performing incredibly at the Big 12 Championships; and

Whereas: OU’s wrestling team had multiple members qualify for the NCAA nationals; and

Whereas: OU’s baseball and softball teams, as well as the women’s rowing team, have begun their respective seasons, competing extremely well; and

Whereas: OU’s tennis teams have begun Big 12 play; and

Whereas: OU’s women’s volleyball team won the Borderland Invitational; and

Whereas: OU’s track and field teams, as well as golf teams have begun their current seasons.

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Whereas: OU’s curling club team qualified for the College Curling Championship; and
Whereas: OU’s men’s rugby club team qualified for the Varsity Cup Tournament; and
Whereas: OU’s men’s lacrosse club team qualified for the LSA Conference Championship; and
Whereas: OU’s hockey club team qualified for the ACHA National Tournament; and
Whereas: OU’s women’s rugby club team is competing for the RRRC Championship; and
Whereas: OU’s men’s volleyball club team won the SIVA Conference Championship; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS THAT:

Section 1: The Undergraduate Student Congress would like to congratulate all OU student-athletes for their successes this year and thank them for representing the University and the OU student body well in their competitions.

Section 2: Copies of this resolution will be sent to:
- Joe Castiglione, OU Athletic Director
- Bob Stoops, OU Varsity Football Head Coach
- Lon Kruger, OU Varsity Men’s Basketball Head Coach
- Sherri Coale, OU Varsity Women’s Basketball Head Coach
- Pete Hughes, OU Varsity Baseball Head Coach
- Patty Gasso, OU Varsity Softball Head Coach
- Mark Cody, OU Varsity Wrestling Head Coach
- Ryan Hybl, OU Men’s Varsity Golf Head Coach
- Veronique Drouin-Luttrell, OU Women’s Varsity Golf Head Coach
- Mark Williams, OU Men’s Varsity Gymnastics Head Coach
- K.J. Kindler, OU Women’s Varsity Gymnastics Head Coach
- Leann Crain, OU Women’s Varsity Rowing Head Coach
- Matt Porter, OU Women’s Varsity Soccer Head Coach
- John Roddick, OU Men’s Varsity Tennis Head Coach
- David Mullins, OU Women’s Varsity Tennis Head Coach
- Jim VanHooitwegem, OU Varsity Track and Field Head Coach
- Santiago Restrepo, OU Women’s Varsity Volleyball Head Coach
- Rachel Hamilton, President, OU Equestrian Team
- OU Women’s Club Volleyball Team
- Keith Schultz, President OU Men’s Club Volleyball Team
- OU Ultimate Frisbee Club Team
Nathan Berry, President, OU Men’s Club Soccer Team
Rachel Fischer, President, OU Women’s Rugby Club Team
Doug Neubauer, OU Men’s Rugby Club Team Head Coach
Brendan Klein, OU Men’s Lacrosse Club Team Head Coach
Peter Arvanitis, OU Men’s Ice Hockey Club Team Head Coach
Kathleen Fitzgerald, OU Coed Field Hockey Club Team Head Coach
Kyle Levesque, President, OU Badminton Club
Dominic Granello, President, OU Men’s Curling Club Team
OU Cycling Club Team

Authors: Brian Owings, Humanities Representative
Co-Authors: Chase Kovach, Engineering Representative

Submitted on a motion by:
Action taken by Congress:
Verified by Chair of Congress: ________________ Date: __________
CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION NO. 940904

AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution thanking our outgoing seniors for all of their contribution and time dedicated to the Undergraduate Student Congress.

Whereas: These seniors have served as members of the Undergraduate Student Congress within the past four academic years;

Whereas: While serving as members of the Undergraduate Student Congress they strived to attend every meeting, fulfill all of their duties as members of the Undergraduate Student Congress, and have strived to be active in assisting and improving this body; and

Whereas: These seniors have provided superior leadership and service to the University community; and

Whereas: These seniors have served as excellent mentors and friends to many members of this body;

Whereas: These seniors have done a great service to the student body of the University of Oklahoma by serving as representatives of the student body within their Student Government Association and working towards improving the overall student life experience at the University of Oklahoma.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS THAT:

Section 1: The Undergraduate Student Congress does formally thank and congratulate the following seniors for their service, leadership, and commitment to bettering the University of Oklahoma.

- Emily Sample, Chair of the Undergraduate Student Congress, Secretary Emeritus of the Undergraduate Student Congress, Problems and Projects Committee Chair Emeritus
- Matthew Cramm, Ways and Means Chair, International Studies Representative Emeritus
- Alex Byron, Humanities Representative, Congress Vice Chair Emeritus, SGA Student Body President Emeritus
- Cassie Scott, Education District Representative of the Undergraduate Student Congress
- Zeeshan Malik, Associate of the Undergraduate Student Congress
- Timothy Crisp, Representative Emeritus of the Undergraduate Student Congress, Chief of Staff of the Executive Branch

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Section 2: The Undergraduate Congress would like to congratulate these seniors on their success throughout their undergraduate careers, and we support all of their future endeavors as they graduate and move onto a new chapter of their lives.

Section 3: Copies of this resolution will be sent to:
- David Boren, President of the University of Oklahoma
- Daniel Pae, President of the Student Government Association
- Emily Sample, Chair of the Undergraduate Student Congress
- Matthew Cramm, Ways and Means Committee Chairman, Representative Emeritus of the Undergraduate Student Congress
- Alex Byron, Humanities Representative, Congress Vice Chair Emeritus, SGA Student Body President Emeritus
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- Timothy Crisp, Representative Emeritus of the Undergraduate Student Congress
- Dylan Droege, Representative Emeritus of the Undergraduate Student Congress
- OU Daily
- OU Nightly

Authors: Kaylee Rains, Undergraduate Student Congress Secretary
          Jake Mazeitis, Undergraduate Student Congress University District Representative

Co-Author: Chelsea Brown, Undergraduate Student Congress Vice Chair

Submitted on a motion by:
Action taken by Congress:
Verified by Chair of Congress: ___________________________ Date: ________
CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION NO. 960905

AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution thanking Shane Steiner for his service; and providing for distribution.

Whereas: Shane Steiner has served as the SGA Webmaster and Graphic Designer for this school year; and

Whereas: Shane’s services are vital to the efficiency of meetings and the public relations effort of SGA and of the Undergraduate Student Congress.

Whereas: Without Shane’s experience, we would not be able to hold our meetings in accordance with the Oklahoma Open Meetings Act, even working on holidays to make sure we meet that goal.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS THAT:

Section 1: We thank Shane for his service and work ethic this school year while he performed his duties and obligations, including the design of the Undergraduate Student Congress Logo and Meet Your Reps page and posting our agendas and minutes on the website.

Section 2: Copies of this resolution will be sent to:

• Daniel Pae SGA President
• Shane Steiner, SGA Webmaster
• OU Daily
• The OU Nightly

Authors: Kaylee Rains, Undergraduate Student Congress Secretary

Co-Author:

Submitted on a motion by:

Action taken by Congress:

Verified by Chair of Congress: __________________________ Date: _________
CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION NO. 960906

AS INTRODUCED
A Resolution thanking the SGA office staff for their service; and providing for distribution.

Whereas: Debbie Strong, George Ahmadi, and Curt Swanson have served and continue to serve in the SGA Office in various capacities; and

Whereas: Each member of our Office Staff works with students outside Student Government to ensure that our projects and our responsibilities are carried out at our request; and

Whereas: The highest capacity they serve is to be dedicated mentors to all members of the Student Government Association without pay or official recognition for this additional job requirement they willingly accepted; and

Whereas: Debbie, George, and Curt deserve and are owed the thanks and gratitude of the entire SGA, including the Undergraduate Student Congress.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS THAT:

Section 1: We profusely thank Debbie, George, and Curt for their countless hours worked in the service and assistance of all members of SGA and are looking forward to continued collaboration.

Section 2: Copies of this resolution will be sent to:
• David L. Boren, President of the University of Oklahoma
• Clarke Stroud, Dean of Students and Vice President of Student Affairs
• George Ahmadi, SGA Advisor
• Curt Swanson, SGA Account and Budget Representatives
• Debbie Strong, SGA Staff Assistant

Authors: Emily Sample, Undergraduate Student Congress Chair
Chelsea Brown, Undergraduate Student Congress Vice Chair
Kaylee Rains, Undergraduate Student Congress Secretary

Submitted on a motion by:
Action taken by Congress: __________________________ Date: __________
CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION NO. 960907

AS INTRODUCED
A Resolution thanking Tanner Osborne for his service; and providing for distribution.

Whereas: Tanner Osborne has served as the SGA reporter for Session 95; and

Whereas: While reporting on SGA, Tanner attended every meeting of the Undergraduate Student Congress and spent additional hours outside of our meetings interviewing authors and learning our process; and

Whereas: Tanner has done a great service to the student body of the University of Oklahoma by reporting to them on the actions of their Student Government and striving to increase awareness of the Student Government Association.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS THAT:

Section 1: We thank Tanner for his willingness to attend our meetings in their entirety and inform the student body of everything that happens in Congress so that we may be more accountable to our constituents.

Section 2: The Undergraduate Congress would like to request Tanner Osborne maintain his post as our reporter.

Section 3: Copies of this resolution will be sent to:
- Nick Jungman, Director of Student Media
- Joe Mussatto, Editor in Chief OU Daily
- Tanner Osborne, SGA Beat Reporter OU Daily
- OU Daily

Authors: Emily Sample, Undergraduate Student Congress Chair
         Chelsea Brown, Undergraduate Student Congress Vice Chair
         Kaylee Rains, Undergraduate Student Congress Secretary

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Authors: Emily Sample, Undergraduate Student Congress Chair
Chelsea Brown, Undergraduate Student Congress Vice Chair
Kaylee Rains, Undergraduate Student Congress Secretary

Submitted on a motion by: ____________________________
Action taken by Congress: ____________________________
Verified by Chair of Congress: ________________________ Date: __________

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CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION NO. 960908

AS INTRODUCED
A Resolution Thanking and Celebrating the Service of Session 94 and 95’s Executive Officers

Whereas: The Executive Officers of Undergraduate Student Congress Sessions 94 and 95 have provided excellent leadership and service both to the student body of OU and the Undergraduate Student Congress; and

Whereas: These individuals have poured countless hours into running and managing the Undergraduate Student Congress; and

Whereas: These individuals have served as excellent mentors and friends to many members of this body;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS THAT:

Section 1: This Congress does formally congratulate and thank the following individuals for their service and commitment to leading the 94th and 95th Sessions of the Undergraduate Student Congress
• Chair Emily Sample
• Vice-Chair Chelsea Brown
• Secretary Kaylee Rains

Section 2: Copies of this resolution will be sent to:
• The OU Daily
• OU Nightly
• Chair Emily Sample
• Vice-Chair Chelsea Brown
• Secretary Kaylee Rains

Authors: Jake Mazeitis, University College Representative

Submitted on a motion by:
Action taken by Congress: ________________________________ Date: __________