

# THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



## UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS

Session CVI

General Body Meeting

7:00 pm, Tuesday, October 5, 2021

Dale Hall 211

For virtual attendance option, contact the Secretary of Congress at [CongressSec@ou.edu](mailto:CongressSec@ou.edu) and Zoom information will be provided

**Called to Order at 7:04 p.m. and Opening Roll Call**

**Mission Statement**

**Moment of Silence:** 20 Second Moment of Silence to allow an opportunity for reflection.

**Approval of Minutes**

*Motion to approve the minutes*

*Representative Grebe seconded by Representative Perez*

### **Officer Reports:**

- **Chair's Report:** Hi Everyone! I have a few items I need to discuss with the body. Firstly, I would like to talk about attendance. Thank you to everyone who is here tonight. Since there are so many people attending via Zoom rather than in-person, we will be tweaking the attendance policy. Now, people must email Secretary Taylor with a valid request for the Zoom link. We will be meeting with Dr. Surratt and Dr. Wright regarding COVID-19 policy resolution.
- **Vice Chair's Report:** Hi Everyone! Thank you to all the members who attended orientation. We will be seeing more about committee appointments during announcements and comments.
- **Secretary's Report:** Hi all! Please email me by 5 p.m. the day of the meeting with a valid request for the Zoom link.

### **Committee Reports:**

- **Campus Outreach, Safety, and Concerns:** Hi everyone! Be on the look out for information about our upcoming projects.
- **Congressional Administration:** Hi everyone! The Congressional Administration was at orientation. We meet officially this weekend and saw CB-106-11 and CB-106-12. We gave both bills a recommendation of no recommendation. The committee will not be meeting this weekend due to OU-Texas holiday and game.
- **External Affairs:** Hi all! We have officially set a date for the mayor forum on October 23 at in Gaylord Hall. We will not be meet this weekend because of the OU-Texas holiday and game.
- **Human Diversity:** Hi everyone! Thank you to everyone who came to orientation. In terms of Human Diversity, if you are new members, I will be adding you to our GroupMe. Friendsgiving will be on from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on November 18. The committee will not be meeting this weekend due to OU-Texas holiday and game.
- **Sustainability:** Hi all! We are hoping to do a trash walk this month.

- **University Policy:** Hello everyone! You know how much I love to get up on the stage and be the center of attention. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me. The rumors are true. We will be pushing hard to get an In-N-Out on campus.
- **Ways and Means:** Hi all! We saw AB-105-04 and gave the bill a recommendation of do pass. We are partnering with the International Advisory Committee to host a funding workshop. The event is scheduled for Monday at 5 p.m. in Headington College Private Dining Hall. I will be dropping the graphic in the GroupMe. We hope to make sure the organizations are educated about the funding process.

### **Special Orders**

- Code Club Presentation
- Associate Check-In

### **Student Concerns**

**Kathuria:** I am concerned our university is not the most accessible to students with disabilities.

**Beltz:** I am concerned the content related to intimacy and sexual violence being brought up without a warning during class.

### **Items to Be Considered**

AB-106-04 Auxiliary Allocation 4 Act of 2021-2022 (WAM, Do Pass)

***Motion to see AB-106-04***

***Representative Grebe seconded by Representative Perez***

**Patton:** We saw eight organizations this weekend. We allocated \$3,600 in funding. I have a update on numbers. We have more money on our auxiliary budget than normal due to the pandemic. We are cap ourselves at \$175,000. Currently, we have allocated \$15,000.

CB-106-11 SGA General Counsel Appointment Act of 2021 (ConAd, No Rec)

***Motion to see CB-106-11***

***Representative Perez seconded by Representative Grebe***

**President Farzaneh:** This bill appoints the SGA General Counsel. The appointee was recommended to me by the SGA Vice President, Congress Chair, and Graduate Student Senate Chair. I feel confident in Mr. Hazelrigg and his ability to serve in the role.

**Hazelrigg:** I am Nicholas Hazelrigg, and I am a second-year law student. I am excited about this opportunity to serve in SGA.

**South:** Can you tell us about the role of the General Counsel?

**Hazelrigg:** The role of the General Counsel is to be an independent and unbiased source to deal with internal legal matters. The SGA General Counsel also helps students with grade appeals and accusations of academic misconduct.

**Beltz:** How has your experience as a journalist helped you be an unbiased interpreter of the law?

**Hazelrigg:** When I was a journalist, we ran stories that the university did not want us to run. I learn to not cave into pressure. I also learned that fact is the most important thing when it comes to journalism as well as interpreting laws.

***Motion to extend time for questions by ten minutes***

***Representative Broadbent seconded by Representative Fawad***

**Broadbent:** What do you think the appropriate timeline to issue an opinion and respond to an email?

**Hazelrigg:** I see this position as an important one. I do not want to leave anyone hanging. I will do my best to respond promptly to all inquiries.

**Kathuria:** How will you work to practice integrity?

**Hazelrigg:** My role is to ensure SGA can run as smoothly as possible. I think it is important to be efficient by having integrity.

**Broadbent:** Will you commit to return to Congress to give us suggestions on the new petition rules in the Code Annotated?

**Hazelrigg:** Absolutely.

CB-106-12 SGA Superior Court Appointment Act of 2021 (ConAd, No Rec)

***Motion to see CB-106-12***

***Representative Grebe seconded by Representative Halsey-Kraus***

**President Farzaneh:** This is a bill appointing justices to the Superior Court. I made the appointments based on decisions made with Chair South, Graduate Student Senate Chair Burch, and Chief Justice Hutchinson.

**Kathuria:** Do you promise to do your best to avoid making rulings based on judicial activism?

**Walls:** Yes.

**Gaddis:** Yes.

**Nerius:** Yes.

**Helms:** Yes.

**May:** Would you mind introducing and telling us about yourselves?

**Walls:** My name is Corbin Walls, and I am a sophomore majoring in Public and Nonprofit Administration. I served in the executive cabinet under the Farzaneh-Gray Administration.

**Helms:** I am Luke Helms and I am a third-year law student at the University of Oklahoma. I am interested in medical malpractice and federal healthcare regulations. I worked in politics in between graduating college in Arkansas and attending law school.

**Gaddis:** My name is Clayton Gaddis. I am a third-year law student at the University of Oklahoma. I graduated from Texas A&M University with a political science degree. I currently intern for the Oklahoma Department of Transportation.

**Nerius:** My name is Arden Nerius. I am a third-year law student at OU Law School and will be graduating in December. I am interested in wills, trusts, and estate planning.

**Halsey-Kraus:** If we have a nominee graduating in December, why are we appointing them to serve for around two months?

**President Farzaneh:** We determined based on appointee Nerius's responses that she would serve the Superior Court well.

**Halsey-Kraus:** How many people applied to be a Superior Court Justice.

**President Farzaneh:** There were nine applications. Six people attended the interviews.

***Motion to extend the time for questions by 10 minutes***

***Representative Broadbent seconded by Representative Hale***

**Harman:** What was your interest in applying for this position?

**Walls:** Last year, I was a member of the executive branch. I enjoy what SGA does for the students. I want to serve the students and that's why I applied.

**Broadbent:** Do you take a strict or liberal interpretation of governing documents?

**Helms:** I take a strict interpretation when looking at governing documents.

**Gaddis:** I take a strict interpretation.

**Nerius:** I take a strict interpretation.

**Broadbent:** Have you looked over Superior Court precedents and how will they influence your decisions?

**Nerius:** I tried to look at previous case over the weekend, but the links did not work. I think precedent is an important aspect of legal decisions. However, there are certain instances where a court might step away from previous precedents.

**Gaddis:** I haven't been able to look up past decisions. One thing taught in law school is not to know everything, but how research and interpret the laws. I believe in holding up past decisions if the decisions hold up the constitution.

**Helms:** I will look to precedents to make rulings, but a precedent is not irreversible.

***Motion to extend time for questions by 10 minutes***

***Representative Halsey-Kraus seconded by Representative Hale***

**Hale:** How does a sophomore undergraduate compare to a second- or third-year law student when examining legal documents?

**President Farzaneh:** It is important that we have representation from across campus on the Superior Court. We should have law students and undergraduates. Mr. Walls is an excellent candidate and I feel confident in his ability to serve as a justice.

**Harman:** What was your interest in applying for this position?

**Gaddis:** During my first year at OU, I was able to serve in the Graduate Student Senate. I enjoyed serving the OU community. I think this position will allow me to serve the OU community one last time before I graduate.

**Nerius:** I think the position provides me with an opportunity to serve OU even as a law student.

**Helms:** I am interested in the political process. I want to fill my time with something productive since I do not have many hours left in my degree.

**Broadbent:** Can you elaborate on nominee Walls legal experience?

**President Farzaneh:** Mr. Walls has parliamentary experience. He is working to become a registered parliamentarian. He also has SGA experience.

Motion to suspend the rules and extend time for questions to the end of the list  
Representative Perez seconded by Representative Lange

Session 106	Suspend the Rules
Alcala, Talon	
Angstadt, Kennedy	n
Barnett, Ryan	
Beltz, Katie	n
Broadbent, Taylor	y
Bryant, Maegan	y
Carmona Casado, Ismael	
Chenevey, Brandon	y
Dao, Audrey	y
Dexter, Jack	y
Fawad, Hadi	n
Flaggert, Jayke	
Grebe, Jordan	y
Griffin, Weslie	
Hale, Eileah	y

Halsey-Kraus, Abby	y
Kirk, Luke	
Landry, Amelia	n
Lange, Jake	n
Lary, Emma Grace	
Lynskey, Graeson	n
Mandrell, Brady	
McPherson, David	y
Myers, Beckett	y
Papahronis, Demetri	n
Perez, Emiliano	y
Pipic, Editia	
Poupore, Carson	
Searles, Dana	y
Smith, Kennedy	y
Stoyak, Michael	y
Tesfaselassie, Robel	y
Trautmen, Bailey	n
Yanez, Becca	n
<b>Yes</b>	15
<b>No</b>	9
<b>Abstain</b>	0

Follow-Up Reports

Items for Future Agenda

Announcements and Comments

Final Roll Call

*Motion to adjourn*

*Representative Lange seconded by Representative Halsey-Kraus*

Adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

<b>Session 106</b>	<b>General</b>	<b>Final</b>
Alcala, Talon	abs	abs
Angstadt, Kennedy	x	x
Barnett, Ryan	abs	abs
Beltz, Katie	x	x
Broadbent, Taylor	x	x
Bryant, Maegan	x	x
Carmona Casado, Ismael	ex	ex
Chenevey, Brandon	x	x
Dao, Audrey	x	x
Dexter, Jack	x	x
Fawad, Hadi	abs	x
Flaggert, Jayke	x	abs
Grebe, Jordan	x	x
Griffin, Weslie	abs	abs
Hale, Eileah	x	x
Halsey-Kraus, Abby	x	x
Kirk, Luke	abs	abs
Landry, Amelia	x	x
Lange, Jake	x	x
Lary, Emma Grace	abs	abs
Lynskey, Graeson	x	x
Mandrell, Brady	abs	abs
McPherson, David	x	x
Myers, Beckett	x	abs
Papahronis, Demetri	x	x
Perez, Emiliano	x	x
Pipic, Edita	abs	abs
Poupore, Carson	ex	ex
Searles, Dana	x	x
Smith, Kennedy	x	x
Stoyak, Michael	x	x
Tesfaselassie, Robel	x	x
Trautmen, Bailey	x	x
Yanez, Becca	x	x
<b>Present</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>Absent</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Excused</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>

<b>Session 106</b>	<b>CB-106-12</b>	<b>CB-106-11</b>	<b>AB-106-04</b>
Alcala, Talon			
Angstadt, Kennedy	y	y	y
Barnett, Ryan			
Beltz, Katie	y	y	y
Broadbent, Taylor	y	y	y
Bryant, Maegan	y	y	
Carmona Casado, Ismael			
Chenevey, Brandon	y	y	y
Dao, Audrey	y	y	y
Dexter, Jack	y	y	y
Fawad, Hadi	y	y	y
Flaggert, Jayke			
Grebe, Jordan	y	y	y
Griffin, Weslie			
Hale, Eileah	y	y	y
Halsey-Kraus, Abby	y	y	y
Kirk, Luke			
Landry, Amelia	y	y	y
Lange, Jake	y	y	y
Lary, Emma Grace			
Lynskey, Graeson	y	y	y
Mandrell, Brady			
McPherson, David	y	y	y
Myers, Beckett		y	
Papahronis, Demetri	y	y	y
Perez, Emiliano	y	y	y
Pipic, Edita			
Poupore, Carson			
Searles, Dana	y	y	y
Smith, Kennedy	y	y	y
Stoyak, Michael	y	y	y
Tesfaselassie, Robel	y	y	y
Trautmen, Bailey	y	y	y
Yanez, Becca	y	a	y
<b>Yes</b>	23	23	22
<b>No</b>	0	0	0
<b>Abstain</b>	0	1	0

Chair: Crispin South

Vice Chair: Sidney May  
Secretary: Coy Taylor



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CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CIVI  
October 5th, 2021

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE  
SENATE SESSION GF21  
October 10th, 2021

CONGRESSIONAL BILL AB-106-04  
SENATE BILL NO. GF21-XX

AS INTRODUCED

An act relating to appropriations; providing for short title; stating purpose; appropriating Auxiliary Funding for the 2021-2022 process; stating appropriation guidelines; establishing expiration deadline; directing transfer of unused funds by deadline; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION:

**Section 1:** This act shall be known and may be cited as the “Auxiliary Allocation 4 Act of 2021-2022”

**Section 2:** PURPOSE. The purpose of this act is to appropriate the funds of the University of Oklahoma Student Government Association to the organizations mentioned within.

**Section 3:** APPROPRIATION. The following amounts are hereby allocated to

Organization	Programs, Events & Activities	Capital Investments	Office and General Expenses	Total
Omega Delta Phi Fraternity, Inc.	200			200
Women's Health Advocacy	700			700
Ex-Yugoslav Student Association	261.78			261.78
AME Graduate Student Community	1000			1000
Energy Management Student Association	700			700
American Society for Microbiology Oklahoma Chapter	100			100
Game Developers Association	300		30	330
Alpha Epsilon Delta	330			330
<b>TOTAL:</b>				<b>3,621.78</b>

**Section 4:** All guidelines and provisions in Title 10 of the Code Annotated shall apply to all funds appropriated in this act.

**Section 5:** This fiscal year for the account listed in these sections shall end May 6, 2022

**Section 6:** All unspent money remaining in the accounts listed in Section 3 shall revert to the SGA General Account after May 6, 2022, and the remaining appropriations shall be canceled.

**Section 7:** This act shall become effective when passed in accordance with the SGA Constitution.

Author(s): Lauren Patton, Chair, SGA Budget Committee

Co-Author(s): SGA Budgetary Committee

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:\_\_\_\_\_

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UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS  
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CVI  
October 5, 2021

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE  
SENATE SESSION GF21  
September 26, 2021

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-106-11  
SENATE BILL GF21-08

AS INTRODUCED

An Act of Procedure appointing the SGA General  
Counsel; providing for short title; and providing an  
effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT  
ASSOCIATION:

**Section 1:** Title: This act shall be known and may be cited as the “SGA General Counsel Appointment  
Act of 2021.”

**Section 2:** Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to appoint the SGA General Counsel.

**Section 3:** In accordance with Title 3, Chapter 2, section 7, subsection a, subsubsection i which  
delineates the appointment process for the SGA General Counsel, the following student  
shall thus be appointed:

- Nicholas Hazelrigg

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

Author(s): Tavana Farzaneh, SGA President

Co-Author(s): Crispin South, Undergraduate Congress Chair  
Alex Gray, SGA Vice President  
Claire Burch, GSS Chair

Co-Sponsor(s):

Submitted on a Motion by:

Action taken by Congress:

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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CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-106-12  
SENATE BILL GFXX-XX

AS INTRODUCED

An Act of Procedure appointing SGA Superior Court members; providing for short title, providing for codification, and providing for an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION:

**Section 1:** Title: This act shall be known and may be cited as the “SGA Superior Court Appointment Act of 2021.”

**Section 2:** Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to fill vacancy and appoint student members to the SGA Superior Court.

**Section 3:** In accordance with Title IV, Chapter 2, Section 7b, which delineates the appointment process for students on the court, the following students shall thus be appointed:

- Corbin Walls
- Clayton Gaddis
- Luke Helms
- Arden Nerius

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

Author(s): Tavana Farzaneh, SGA President

Co-Author(s): Crispin South, Chair of the Undergraduate Student Congress  
Claire Burch, Chair of the Graduate Student Senate  
Emily Smith, SGA General Counsel

Co-Sponsor(s): James Hutchinson, Superior Court Chief Justice

Submitted on a Motion by:

Action taken by Congress:

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: \_\_\_\_\_