

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS

Session CVII

General Body Meeting

7:00 pm, Tuesday, March 22nd, 2022

Dale Hall 218

Call to Order at 7:08 PM

Opening Roll Call 19-7-5

Mission Statement: The mission of the University of Oklahoma Student Government Association Undergraduate Student Congress is to represent the interests of undergraduate students in their pursuit of academic and individual achievement. The Undergraduate Student Congress is committed to building a strong campus community, promoting civic engagement, and enhancing the quality of the undergraduate experience at the University of Oklahoma.

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

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes

Representative Brown seconded by Chair Trautman

Officer Reports -

- **Chair's Report:** EA Chair Lewis and I will be at Washington DC Next week for lobby day, mostly with OSU we will be talking about mostly Oklahoma specific things. As a result of that I will not be able to be here in person next week, most likely over zoom. That will mean that vice chair may run the parliamentary side of the meeting next week. On that note, vice chair may be sick tonight so she can't be with us unfortunately. All the name tags are printed out this week. Everyone here please speak up so that the people on zoom can hear us well, so that we can be sure that the mic picks you up well. If you are unable. We have a CAC chair candidate here tonight so please be respectful about that tonight.
- **Vice Chair's Report:** Absent due to sickness.
- **Secretary's Report:** I hope you all had a great break. To add to the microphone concern, I record the meetings for minutes through the microphone so please try to speak loudly so that everything is picked up, sometimes things will cut out and I had a concern from a Representative recently that I missed what they said during announcements & comments.

Committee Reports-

- **Campus Outreach, Safety, and Concerns:** Cosco has not met the past two weeks, the biggest thing for Cosco right now is coffee with congress, so please support that. I just need all of you guys to push the graphics out and fill out the form in the GroupMe so that I can gauge who plans on attending, if you can't come, please still fill it out for accuracy.
- **Congressional Administration:** Hello! I hope everyone had a restful break! ConAd did not meet but groups did meet to work on their projects. We hope to see all of our bills before the end of the session.
- **External Affairs:** Lobby Day is just around the corner, Tuesday, April 5th. Applications are due tomorrow night, so if you would like to go, please fill out the google form. It's super quick and easy. I

will not be at our EA meeting this Sunday, but Vice-Chair Brown will be chairing the meeting and we went over how to chair so he is well prepared to do that.

We are also going to be working on our Civic Engagement Forum

Currently, we are reaching out to local, and state leaders as well as the director of the Carl Albert Center to ask if they would like to speak at this event. Be on the Lookout for a Civic Engagement Forum resolution to be moving through the body shortly.

If you have any questions about anything, please don't hesitate to reach out, and have a fantastic week!

- **Human Diversity:** We did not meet for the past 2 weeks, we will be meeting this week officially, we will be somewhere in the Conoco, we will also be seeing a bill in our committee meeting and if you're interested in seeing that before next Tuesday let me know and I'll send out the agenda. We are at a really good spot with all of our projects. Ramadan is starting on April 2nd, please be respectful for those breaking their fasts around sunset.
- **Sustainability:** Guess who else didn't meet for two weeks in a row. Everything seems to be coming along really well, I'm hoping that the committee can pick up where we were and close things off. This Sunday we might be doing a trash walk and we are planning to do a PAE Data gathering event at an upcoming softball game this weekend, those are some good opportunities if you're looking for constituent outreach opportunities, you'll be hearing more out of me in other sections announcements.
- **University Policy:** We didn't meet the past 2 weeks; we have some items relating to classroom access and other topics. Also, go to coffee with congress it's going to be cool.
- **Ways and Means:** WAM met this Sunday we say 19 different funding requests, we'll be seeing the bill tonight, we finished primary before spring break, so we'll see that in the coming weeks. Lauren will be here to present primary.

Liaison Reports

- **Chair Harman:** ALD is having their benefit from 12 - 7pm at the tower on campus corner, get that energy midway through the day, also if you are a first-year student who has been accepted into ALD, the invitations close tonight, if you have any questions regarding that, let me know.
- **Chair Lange:** There's a lot of stuff going on with various green organizations on campus, please keep an eye out and engage with the events. Tomorrow kicks off the first event in the SEC Speaker series, we will have Architecture and Urbanism Staff at OU, Dr. Stephanie Pilot and Dr. Angela Person speaking, the event will be in Nielson Hall 170 at 3:30 to 5:00 pm, I'm really excited to see some of you there and from what I've heard their presentation is going to be very interesting and informational.
- **Associate Kathuria:** Tomorrow is the deadline to sign up for OU intramural softball and soccer, I've created a coed soccer team called the Dutchbackers, if anybody wants to join, please reach out to me after our congressional body meeting tonight.

Special Orders

- CAC Chair Candidate Presentation
 - Candidate Francesca Losh
 - SOAR Platform

*On a motion to conduct a special vote of no confidence for Vice-Chair
Representative Perez seconded by Representative Neaves*

*Objection to a special vote of no confidence for Vice-Chair
Representative Stoyak*

*Call for Debate
Representative Michael Williams seconded by Representative Stoyak*

*Motion to recess for the purpose of caucusing for ten minutes
Representative Broadbent seconded by Representative Williams*

Recess ended at 8:08pm

In line for Debate

Authors Explanation (Representative E. Perez): This motion was made due to concerns that the vice chair was not doing the job to the fullest of her capacity or potential, that's the main reason why this motion was made today, so that the people in Proponency can speak more in this issue.

Yielded 1:00 to the Void

Opponency (Chair Lewis): I think that it's extremely disrespectful to vice chair may's hard work that we bought this motion knowing that she wasn't going to be here, I have word that those people were ~~unaware~~ aware that she was not going to be here tonight. I wanted to speak that vice chair may had a flawless performance on her orientation day, and when she came to higher education day, she arguably did way more than I did by taking pictures of everybody and helping me get into contact with other people. We're all humans who make mistakes all the time, but with that responsibility I think that she has done a great job. I also want to point out that she's not continuing to pursue a position in the body, all she wants to do is be an associate, I want you to know that if she is removed from the body through a no confidence vote, she'll be unable to come back. I will not be here next week, but I just want you all to really think about this and if it's the right decision for the body.

Proponency (Representative Dodd): This is in no way trying to defame or trash Sidney or her character, there's a reason why this special motion was bought forward, and I believe that if we vote yes, we won't allow things to be swept under the rug. Voting yes tonight isn't insulting Sidney, we deserve to see why this motion was bought in the body tonight. She is a good friend of mine although I would like to see why this motion was bought up.

Opponency (Chair Lange): I'm an old man in terms of congress so I'll speak frankly, in the three years that I've been here we've seen a lot of things like this, because congress used to not be a friendly place, I'm not a staunch defender of Sidney, but even if this is not to defame her and not to trash on her. This is still not the way to do this, because as people have noticed, three weeks is the turnover for exec. Any wrongs she's done and any concerns I have, the time has passed, if you're worried about her ability moving forward, you should've done this months ago, this is now unnecessary. The action itself is rooted in a needless way of accomplishing something that doesn't need to be done. As someone who does have these shared concerns, I still believe that it is unnecessary, when there is a more pragmatic alternative to this, in a way that doesn't hurt one's character or feelings, not that we need to be all rainbows and flowers. I think you should let this term expire and we can voice these concerns later.

Proponency (Secretary Fawad): Undeniably, Sidney is one of the hardest workers I've met, but that doesn't translate to her performance in Congress though, she holds two jobs and works at the capitol, I have the utmost respect for her. Although there is a point where a precedent cannot be set like this for other Vice-

Chairs. I share an office with there and I'm there pretty often but I haven't seen her at office hours all semester and there a few grievances I have that I would like to bring up in executive session, I feel that we can vote down the motion of 'no-confidencing' Sidney but that should be done next week so that we can go through with this motion to see the entire scope of the issue is. We can look at what the issues we have with the current Vice-Chair are so that going forward we can learn what we need from a Vice-Chair to understand what was done wrong, what was done right, and what we can improve on. I feel that the role of Vice-Chair hasn't been performed the way it should be, and that is with a lot of room for errors, but there is only a certain extent to what the body should put up with.

Opponency (Representative Williams): In response to some adversaries, pose that this won't hurt her reputation or her time in congress, if you think about people who have been impeached, they are ardently not doing their job to represent the people that they are meant to represent. To put people and students into positions where they can promote themselves, expand on their qualities and work with others in an effort of civil engagement four weeks before voting for the next executive session is stripping her of the right to be civically engaged, this is wrong, and again this is a fellow student who works hard. Your complaint, Secretary Fawad that we need to reevaluate the position or just that, if you have issues or problems with the position itself, then it should be taken up with our committees. She might not be the best person for vice-chair, but it will be four weeks before we can reevaluate and appoint someone in that position, again Sidney will have that stripped of her if she is removed from congress.

Proponency (Chair Halsey-Kraus): I'm not speaking to the fact that we should no confidence, but I'm saying that as your parliamentarian, if this vote was raised, it was raised for a reason, with that being said. If you all have concerns about the job or about how she is doing great, that is for the no confidence speeches. Today we are just saying whether we should move on with the motion, that's not for this debate right now, right now we should only debate whether we should even consider this motion and with that I will always be in favor of letting the majority as well as letting the minority speak, with that being said I believe that all voices need to be heard. So, if this vote of no confidence was raised, there must be a reason for it.

Opponency (Associate Kathuria): To those who are on the Proponency, I understand that you might want to hear more stuff regarding Vice Chair May. However, my biggest concern of seeing this is that it would be a great waste of time in our congressional body, I feel like we should be addressing more important issues facing our student body, for example the vaping epidemic, raises in tuition, solving the understaffing crisis, ensuring that students actually have access to food on campus, and improving infrastructure and so much more. There are things much more important to the student body and even considering a vote of no-confidence on Vice-Chair may, we can do better and let's focus on the issues that are actually affecting my constituents.

Proponency (Representative Cappleman): As someone who is fairly new to the body, I don't have the relationship that you all have with Sidney, I can sense that something is being hidden from me and if we don't vote yes on this then it's like turning a blind eye to something I don't know. We are not voting on whether or not she needs to be gone, I believe that we should see why this was bought up and that it was bought up for a reason, it's been reiterated time and time again, but I just feel like something is being hidden and it won't come to the public knowledge.

Opponency (Associate Hicks): We've all seen what happens on the national level, what happens when you try to impeach someone, it tears people apart, it tore our nation apart and it will tear congress apart. Throughout the last several years I've heard several things about how this congress is not functioning or not properly representing the people, our constituents. We are just ignoring the people that we represent; we are not focusing on legislation that will actually benefit our body but rather focusing on our own petty grievances even though the term is almost over, by allowing this no-confidence vote to happen next week and allowing further debate to take place, we are taking up likely another hour or two simply to fight a case that we have

no information about and is speculative, and that is based on personal grievances rather than actual grievances on the job.

Proponency (Representative Nealy): I just wanted to say that lot of you have said that you wanted answers and why this was bought up, and honestly, I feel that same way, I love Sidney and she's a great person. Although I don't know what's, and I want to know that all of us are on the same page and going on to make sure that the duties of the vice president are being fulfilled.

Opponency (Chair Lewis): I hear your concerns about wanting to know what is going on and I think that is valid. However, I don't think that having a vote of no-confidence is the way to go about it because it is hindering her reputation by doing this, as well as it is cruel to put someone through a vote of no-confidence, just to get information and just to see if the vice-chair can do better and what to improve on. This conversation can be had separately when we are not trying to vote someone out of their position, I think that it can be handled completely differently and that it's just a bit cruel.

Proponency (Chair Patton): I think that you guys should vote yes on this motion, because all that it necessarily does is open executive session. We have a lot of discussion about not representing constituents or whether or not Sidney deserves this. First off, doing this doesn't take time away from other bills, I'm saying that and I'm presenting primary funding legislation next week, and I still think that because people have a concern and are bringing it to the table, it deserves to be put out. What happens after that is what happens next week, with doing this and having executive session we can discuss whether someone who is being paid with the student activity fee, and whether she still deserves the position is very important. You can make the decision you want next week, but people who don't have grievances that aren't personal and are job related deserve to be heard in executive session next week. It does not take time away from constituents and most work should be done in committee, and it doesn't take time away from legislation being brought to the floor, all it does is bring the principle of the thing, she is being paid with student money and she will get paid regardless of whether or not she finishes her term, so we aren't taking money out of her pocket. But what it can do is help us hear others and see whether or not you as voters next week thinks she should have her reputation hurt or things that she should have that title taken away from her because of her inability to do the job. You should vote yes so that we can make that decision and to not stop people from furthering this discussion.

Opponency (Associate Kathuria): I want to state this very clearly, I do believe that Vice-Chair May demonstrates that she has the best of the interest of the congressional body and my constituents. Yes, she is a very busy person serving as an intern for Representative Virgin in the House of Representatives. I just want to state this to make it very clear, her job is very challenging, I want you to ask yourself this question, do you think it would be easy for you to accomplish the things that vice chair may has accomplished and to perform her role as a Vice-Chair better. If you believe that Vice-Chair May has best represented the student body, then you should vote no on this motion.

On a motion to move to previous question

Representative Broadbent seconded by representative Dodd

Final vote 22-2-0

Roll Call Vote for the Original Motion.

Final vote 15-8-1

Student Concerns

- **Associate Kathuria:** I want to address concerns regarding lack of campaign time given to candidates, I don't feel like 10 days is enough for us to get our message across in our campaign.

Items to Be Considered

AB-107-07 Auxiliary Allocation 15 Act of 2021 - 2022 (Patton, SGA Budget Committee) (WAM, Do Pass)
Motion to see AB-107-07

Representative Tesfaselassie Seconded by Representative Hale

Authors Explanation(Vice-Chair Papahronis): This is aux 15 there are 19 allocations, if you have any questions let us know.

Yielded 2:50 to questions

- **Associate Hicks:** Can you explain why there are three separate categories for the international advisory committee instead of just one, a
 - **Vice-Chair Papahronis:** The reason it's split in three is because they applied for Aux funding three different times, that is completely legitimate, and they are now receiving funding. As for what the specific numbers of what they're wanting, it was for food, supplies and decorations.
- **Chair Lewis:** How many organizations didn't receive their entire funding request?
 - **Vice-Chair Papahronis:** We'll fully fund everything possible unless if it is against the criteria that we've set.
 - **Chair Patton:** Most organizations don't receive full funds; and the reasoning for that is we want a holistic idea of what they're applying for, we decided an amounts for funding based on the five criteria. There is only one organization that received full funding.
- **Associate Kathuria:** Author, how do you believe the funding for our undergraduate congressional body will benefit ourselves?
 - **Vice-Chair Papahronis:** The reason for that Aux is because congress ran out of money, we needed that Aux money to fund events that happen in spring, that's because of the costs accrued during orientation that exceeded what was allocated in the budget. So those were measures taken in order to fund us and keep us working for the spring.
 - **Chair South:** We requested around \$4,000 total with things that I believe got approved was food for events and lobby day food.

Final Vote 22-0-0 Unanimous

Follow-Up Reports

- **Associate Kathuria:** I had a meeting with the OU health promotions, the very good news is that most of section 1 has been implemented, section 1 part C will need more research, also for section 1 part F they will use OU's data via the national college health assessment which will be implemented On April 4th to April 22nd, we will look to offer vaping and nicotine cessation groups for people to possibly join the peer educator groups.

Items for Future Agenda

- **Representative Broadbent:** I have two pieces of legislation coming soon, one of them is referring to decorum regarding time for voting, questions, and time for debate, I'm currently looking for co-authors for this bill.

Announcements and Comments

- **George:** I encourage everyone to fill out the SGA Outstanding faculty award or staff award nomination, we would really like you to just fill it out so that we can have winners, I sent is as an OUMM so check your emails.
- **Chair Harman:** The mayoral election is coming up on April 5th.

- **Chair Patton:** Remind that primary will be next week, the legislation has been posted on the SGA website all of the applicants' emails will be sent to the legislation directly, if you have questions regarding the legislation ask them before its seen in the body, we had around 180 applications this year which is more than usual, so please email me about it. I'm better at checking my personal email. I'd rather have questions beforehand than for the first time on Tuesday
- **Associate Kathuria:** For my friends out in Tulsa, there will be a general election on April 5th for certain school board districts. I suggest you check out okvoterportal.com to see if there is an upcoming election in your area.
- **Chair Halsey-Kraus:** As my job as Parliamentarian, it is my job to inform the body of Roberts Rules of Order, Parliamentary Procedure, and standard rules. An abstention vote should only be used in a small criteria of votes, most notably when you have a moral, financial, or another conflict of interest that would be impacted by your vote. Your constituents count on you to represent them within the body therefore it is your responsibility to do so with their best intentions in mind. Using an abstention vote in an unwarranted circumstance exploits their vote to entrust you. Please vote to the best of your ability with your district and community in mind.

Final Roll Call 21-7-3

Motion to Adjourn

Representative Williams seconded by representative Trautman

Adjourned at 9:00

Chair: Crispin South
 Vice Chair: Sidney May
 Secretary: Hadi Fawad

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| Session 107 | | |
| Date of Session: | 22-Mar-22 | |
| Name: | Initial | Final |
| AHEDOR, Monica | x | x |
| BARNETT, Ryan | a | a |
| BINGER, Christian | x | x |
| BROADBENT, Taylor | x | x |
| BROWN, Jordan | x | a |
| CANTU, Cole | ex | x |
| CAPPLEMAN, Austin | x | x |
| CHAMAN, Arin | a | a |
| CHENEVEY, Brandon | x | x |
| CHIARIELLO, Clayton | ex | ex |
| DAO, Audrey | x | x |
| DODD, Aiden | a | a |
| GRIFFIN, Weslie | a | a |
| HALE, Eileah | x | x |
| KIRK, Luke | | |
| LANDRY, Amelia | ex | ex |
| MCGOWAN, Parker | | |
| MCPHERSON, David | x | x |
| MYERS, Beckett | a | a |
| NEALY, Tamara | x | x |
| NEAVES, Megan | x | x |
| PAPAHRONIS, Demetri | x | x |
| PAYSON, Olivia | x | x |
| PEREZ, Emiliano | x | x |
| PEREZ, Alondra | ex | x |
| REESE, Nathanael | a | x |
| SEARLES, Dana | x | x |
| STOYAK, Michael | a | a |
| TESFAELASSIE, Robel | x | x |
| TRAUTMAN, Bailey | x | x |
| WILLIAMS, Michael | x | x |
| YANEZ, Becca | ex | ex |
| ZAQOUT, Mahmoud | x | x |
| PRESENT | 19 | 21 |
| ABSENT | 7 | 7 |
| EXCUSED | 5 | 3 |

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| Session 107 | | | | |
| Date of Session: | 15-Feb-22 | | | |
| Name: | AB-107-07 | Vote On No Confidence Vote | Motion to previous question | |
| AHEDOR, Monica | y | n | y | |
| BARNETT, Ryan | | | | |
| BINGER, Christian | y | y | y | |
| BROADBENT, Taylor | y | abs | y | |
| BROWN, Jordan | | n | n | |
| CANTU, Cole | y | y | y | |
| CAPPLEMAN, Austin | y | y | y | |
| CHAMAN, Arin | | | | |
| CHENEVEY, Brandon | y | y | y | |
| CHIARIELLO, Clayton | | | | |
| DAO, Audrey | y | n | y | |
| DODD, Aiden | | y | y | |
| GRIFFIN, Weslie | | | | |
| HALE, Eileah | y | y | y | |
| KIRK, Luke | | | | |
| LANDRY, Amelia | | | | |
| MCGOWAN, Parker | | | | |
| MCPHERSON, David | y | y | y | |
| MYERS, Beckett | | | | |
| NEALY, Tamara | y | y | y | |
| NEAVES, Megan | y | y | y | |
| PAPAHRONIS, Demetri | y | y | y | |
| PAYSON, Olivia | y | n | y | |
| PEREZ, Emiliano | y | y | y | |
| PEREZ, Alondra | y | y | y | |
| REESE, Nathanael | y | y | y | |
| SEARLES, Dana | y | y | y | |
| STOYAK, Michael | | n | y | |
| TESFAELASSIE, Robel | y | y | n | |
| TRAUTMAN, Bailey | y | n | y | |
| WILLIAMS, Michael | y | n | y | |
| YANEZ, Becca | | | | |
| ZAQOUT, Mahmoud | y | n | y | |
| Yes | 22 | 15 | 22 | 0 |
| No | 0 | 8 | 2 | 0 |
| Abstain | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CVII

March 22nd, 2022

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GF20

March 27th, 2022

CONGRESSIONAL BILL AB-107-07
SENATE BILL NO. GF20-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 15 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 |
|--|-------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| Investment Club at the University of Oklahoma | | 320 | | 320 |
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| Lambda Delta Psi | 650 | | | 650 |
| SGA Undergraduate Student Congress | 545 | | | 545 |
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| English Club | 21.99 | | 163.58 | 185.57 |
| International Advisory Committee | 1,950 | | | 1,950 |
| International Advisory Committee | 500 | | | 500 |
| International Advisory Committee | 591.01 | | | 591.01 |
| SGA Student Environmental Coalition | 500 | | | 500 |
| Pre-Optometry Club | 267.9 | | 150 | 417.9 |
| African Student Association | 495 | | | 495 |
| Asian American Student Association | 2,500 | | | 2,500 |
| Alpha Lambda Delta | 50 | | | 50 |
| World Literature Today Student Advisory Board | 33 | | | 33 |
| Oklahoma Intercollegiate Legislature | 650 | | | 650 |
| Dialogues of Contemporary Sociology (DOCS) Workshop | 250 | | | 250 |
| Student Planning Association | 400 | | | 400 |
| Gamma Beta Fraternity | 700 | | | 700 |
| TOTAL: | | | | 10,512.48 |

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: ***Representative Tesfaselassie Seconded By Representative Hale***

Action taken by Student Congress: 22-0-0

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: _____