

**THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
Session XCII**

**General Body Meeting
7:00 pm, Tuesday April 15, 2014
Adams Hall 150**

Session XCII

**Roll Call -
Flag Salute
Approval of Minutes
Chair's Report-
Vice Chair's Report-
Secretary's Report-
Committee Reports-**

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920301 Here We Go Again Bylaws Amendments (Aragon) (No rec-exec)

920302 An Act Updating Sooner Freshman Council General Provisions (Epting) (Do pass- exec)

920501 A Resolution Requesting D2L Course Access Changes (Sample) (Do pass- exec)

920503 A Resolution Thanking the Congress Exec (Bourland) (Do pass- exec)

920504 A Resolution Thanking the Graduating Seniors (Bourland) (Do pass- exec)

920505 Pastoral Dreamer Resolution (Bourland) (No rec-exec)

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Final Roll Call

Chair: John Montgomery

Vice-Chair: Taylor Petersen

Secretary: Lauren Aragon

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CONGRESSIONAL SESSION XCII

April 15, 2014

CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 920301

AS INTRODUCED

An act amending the Student Congress Bylaws; providing short title; providing for codification; 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 “Here We Go Again Bylaws Amendments”.

Section 2: For the purpose of this Act, deletions shall be indicated with a ~~striketrough~~ and additions indicated with an underline.

Section 3: AMENDATORY The SGA Undergraduate Student Congress Bylaws enclosed herein are amended as indicated.

Section 4: This act shall become effective at the beginning of the semester of Fall 2014.

Author(s): Lauren Aragon, Social Sciences Representative

Co-Author(s):

Co-Sponsor(s):

Submitted on a motion by:

Action taken by Congress:

Verified by Chair of Congress: _____ Date: _____

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GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GF-13

April X, 2014

CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 920302

SENATE BILL NO. GF

AS INTRODUCED

An act amending the SGA Code Annotated to update SFC General Provisions; providing for codification; providing for a short title; and providing for an effective date

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

Section 1: TITLE. This amendment shall be cited and known as the “SFC General Provisions Update” of 2014

Section 2: PURPOSE. To amend the SGACA to update General Provisions regarding the Sooner Freshman Council

Section 3: Title XIII Chapter 1 of the SGACA shall be amended to read as follows:

4. Chair and Vice Chairs / Student Advisors

There shall be two (2) Chairs who share equal power as Co-Chairs of the SGA Sooner Freshman Council to lead the council for one academic year beginning with their legislative confirmation. These positions shall be selective by a panel made up of the following positions or their designees: The newly elected SGA President and Vice President, Chair of the SGA Undergraduate Student Congress, and Chair of the SGA Campus Activities Council. The nominees must then be confirmed with advice and consent of the Legislative Branch in order to officially serve. In the event of a vacancy of one of the Co-Chairs, the SGA Vice President shall serve as a Co-Chair during the interim. In the event of a vacancy of another Co-Chair, the Vice Chair of the SGA

Undergraduate Student Congress and then the Vice Chair of the SGA Campus Activities Council shall serve as a Co-Chair during the interim.

Section 4: This act shall become effective, while in accordance with the SGACA, immediately following passage.

Author(s): Matt Epting, SGA President | Sarah Campbell, SGA Vice President

Co-Author(s): Representative Ozair Naqvi, Life Sciences Representative

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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CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION NO. 920501

AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution encouraging the change of Desire to Learn course access dates; and providing distribution.

- Whereas: Professors expect students to be prepared for their courses; and
Whereas: The official course access date on Desire to Learn is at midnight the first day of classes; and

Whereas: This does not allow for students to appropriately prepare for their courses; and

Whereas: Many faculty members do not realize they have the power to change this date;

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

Section 1: The Center for Teaching Excellence and OUIT shall promote and encourage professors to change the default course access date setting to allow courses to open the Friday before classes begin to allow students the opportunity to prepare.

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

- David Boren, President of the University of Oklahoma
- Nancy L. Mergler, Senior Vice President and Provost of the University of Oklahoma
- Kyle Haper, Senior Vice Provost of the University of Oklahoma
- Edgar O'Rear, Chair of the University of Oklahoma Faculty Senate
- Charles W. Graham, Dean of the College of Architecture
- Kelly Damphousse, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences
- Berrien Moore, Dean of the College of Atmospheric and Geographic Sciences
- Thomas Landers, Dean of the College of Engineering
- Suzette Grillot, Dean of the College of International Studies
- James Pappas, Dean of the College of Liberal Studies
- Joe Foote, Dean of the Gaylord College of Journalism and Mass Communication
- David Ray, Dean of the Honors College
- Gregg Garn, Jeannine Rainbolt College of Education
- Larry Grillot, Mewbourne College of Earth and Energy
- Daniel Pullin, Dean of the Michael F. Price College of Business
- Nicole J. Campbell, Dean of the University College
- Nancy L. Mergler, Senior Vice President and Provost of the University of Oklahoma
- Loretta Early, Chief Information Officer at the University of Oklahoma

- Chris Kobza, Information Technology Manager in IT Community Experience
- Michelle Crowe, D2L Administrator
- Mark Morvant, Academic Director of The Center for Teaching Excellence
- Robert Kelly Jr., Assistant to the Provost for Technology Initiatives

Authors: Emily Sample, Physical Sciences District Representative

Co-Sponsor: Lauren Aragon, Social Sciences District Representative

Submitted on a motion by:

Action taken by Congress:

Verified by Chair of Congress: _____ Date: _____

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CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION NO. 920503

AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution thanking the outgoing Congress Exec for their service to Student Congress over the last year; and providing distribution.

Whereas: Leading Congress requires hours of hard work, determination, a seemingly insurmountable level of patience, and a passion for serving students; and

Whereas: The current Congress Exec is vacating their respective positions; and

Whereas: Undergraduate Student Congress could not operate without the invaluable service and leadership from its Executive members.

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

Section 1: The Undergraduate Student Congress offers its deepest gratitude and thanks to Chair John Montgomery, Vice-Chair Taylor Petersen, and Secretary Lauren Aragon for their service and leadership over the past year.

Section 2: Copies of this resolution shall be sent to:
David L. Boren, President of the University of Oklahoma
Chair John Montgomery
Vice-Chair Taylor Petersen
Secretary Lauren Aragon

Authors: Connor R. Bourland, Fine Arts Representative

Submitted on a motion by:

Action taken by Congress:

Verified by Chair of Congress: _____ Date: _____

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CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION NO. 920504

AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution thanking the graduating members of Congress for their service to Student Congress over the years; and providing distribution.

Whereas: The end of the another year, semester, and session are currently at hand; and

Whereas: There are many Representatives graduating from the University who will no longer be able to serve in Undergraduate Student Congress; and

Whereas: The leadership and guidance of these graduating Representatives has proved invaluable during their senior year in Congress.

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

Section 1: The Undergraduate Student Congress offers its deepest gratitude and thanks to Chair John Montgomery, Representative Scott Kookan, Representative Jessica Scott, Representative Anna Przebinda, Representative Andrew Carlough, Representative Stephen Ross, and Representative Will Berry for their leadership, wisdom, and mentorship over their years in Congress.

Section 2: Copies of this resolution shall be sent to:
David L. Boren, President of the University of Oklahoma
Chair John Montgomery, Undergraduate Student Congress
Representative Scott Kookan, Undergraduate Student Congress
Representative Anna Przebinda, Undergraduate Student Congress
Representative Andrew Carlough, Undergraduate Student Congress
Representative Will Berry, Undergraduate Student Congress
Representative Jessica Scott, Undergraduate Student Congress
Representative Stephen Ross, Undergraduate Student Congress

Authors: Connor R. Bourland, Fine Arts Representative

Submitted on a motion by:

Action taken by Congress:

Verified by Chair of Congress: _____ Date: _____

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CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION NO. 920505

AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution requesting that the Pastoral Dreamer statue be placed back in front of Jacobson Hall; and providing distribution.

- Whereas: The Pastoral Dreamer stature currently resides between Fred Jones Jr. Art Center and Holmberg Hall; and
- Whereas: The statue previously resided in front of Jacobson Hall; and
- Whereas: The Pastoral Dreamer is an idyllic symbol for University Recruitment, the possibilities that await anyone who walks on the University of Oklahoma campus, and the hope of future growth; and
- Whereas: The students who work in Jacobson Hall as Tour Guides for the University wish for the statue to be placed back in front of Jacobson Hall to represent the idea of Recruitment and future possibilities; and
- Whereas: The statue would be seen by more people in front of Jacobson than it would in its current home.

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

- Section 1:** The Pastoral Dreamer statue should be placed back in front of Jacobson Hall.
- Section 2:** Please see Addendum A the letter from the University of Oklahoma Tour Guides to President David Boren.
- Section 3:** Copies of this resolution shall be sent to:
David L. Boren, President of the University of Oklahoma

Authors: Connor R. Bourland, Fine Arts Representative

Submitted on a motion by:

Action taken by Congress:

Verified by Chair of Congress: _____ Date: _____

April 9, 2014

President David L. Boren
University of Oklahoma
Evans Hall Room 110
660 Parrington Oval
Norman, Oklahoma 73019

Dear President and Mrs. Molly Shi Boren:

As tour guides of the University of Oklahoma, we have a passion for this university and everything that it represents. Every day, we give tours to prospective families and we love to tell stories about the campus, including its history and its unique aspects. One of those unique aspects is the many forms of artwork scattered throughout campus, in particular, "The Pastoral Dreamer." We understand that this sculpture belongs in front of the Donald W. Reynolds Performing Arts Center, however, as ambassadors of the university, we strongly believe that "The Pastoral Dreamer" should be moved back in front of Jacobson Hall.

After doing some research about the sculpture and its history, we found that the purpose of the statue is to bring a feeling of peace to the viewer. We found a quote by the sculptor of the statue, David Phelps in which he said, "I wanted people to identify with that kind of feeling of being at ease and being able to relax and feel at peace with yourself and the world." This is such a wonderful message being sent to viewers of the statue and we think that if the statue were in front of Jacobson, more people would be able to receive this message.

We believe this statue is a great representation of the university. This campus is our home and we all feel at such peace here. If "The Pastoral Dreamer" were to be moved back to Jacobson Hall, its message can transcend to not only the thousands of current students that pass by Jacobson Hall every day, but also the thousands of prospective students that come to the Visitor's Center. We want nothing more than for prospective families to see what a home the University of Oklahoma is and seeing a statue that represents our main purpose as tour guides and employees of the university, is very important to us.

All the tour guides hope that you are able to understand our perspective that "The Pastoral Dreamer" would enhance the university experience for our future Sooners and their families. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Boomer Sooner!

University of Oklahoma Tour Guides