## UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS Session XCI

General Body Meeting 7:00 pm, Tuesday March 11, 2014 Adams Hall 150

### **Session XCI**

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910305 Carlough's Mark on Campus Act of 2014 (Carlough) (Do pass-Exec)(No rec-ConAd)

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Chair: John Montgomery Vice-Chair: Taylor Petersen Secretary: Lauren Aragon

# UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS CONGRESSIONAL SESSION XCI March 11, 2014

# GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE SESSION GS14 March 9, 2014

CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 910403 SENATE BILL NO. GS14-

### AS INTRODUCED

A Concurring Resolution directing the maintenance of access to affordable higher education at all public institutions in the State of Oklahoma; and providing distribution

Whereas: The State of Oklahoma has decimated higher education spending in the post-Recession

years;

Whereas: The University of Oklahoma has resorted to extraordinary and extensive measures to

minimize excess administration, improve efficiency, and maximize cost cutting;

Whereas: The University of Oklahoma averaged the lowest increase in tuition and fees nationwide at a

statewide public university over the last five years for in-state students;

# NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS AND THE GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN THAT:

Section 1: The Oklahoma Legislature and Governor's Office should take immediate action to restore state funding for the state's institutions of higher education.

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

Mary Fallin, Governor of Oklahoma

- Jeff Hickman, Speaker of the Oklahoma State House of Representatives
- Danny Hilliard
- David Boren, President of the University of Oklahoma
- Clarke Stroud
- Every member of the Oklahoma State Senate
- Every member of the Oklahoma State House of Representatives
- Brian Bingman, President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate

Author: John Montgomery, Chair of the Undergraduate Student Congress

Co-Author(s): Jerry Overton, Chair of the Graduate Student Senate

Co-Sponsor(s): Madeline Grunewald, President Student Government Association

Submitted on a Motion by:	
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# UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS CONGRESSIONAL SESSION XCI March 11, 2014

# GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE SENATE SESSION GS-14 March 9, 2011

CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 910602 SENATE BILL NO. GS14-06

### AS INTRODUCED

An act designating poll locations for the Spring 2014 General Elections; providing for codification; providing for a short title; and providing for an effective date.

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

- Section 1: TITLE. This act may be known and shall be cited as the "Where Do I Vote?" Act
- Section 2: PURPOSE. To designate polling locations for the Spring 2014 General Elections
- Section 3: In accordance with Title VII, Chapter 1, Section 12 of the SGACA, "The number and location of polling places shall be established by an Act of the Legislative Branch," the following polling locations are established for the Spring 2014 SGA General Elections (April 1 and 2):
  - Oklahoma Memorial Union Food Court

<b>Section 4:</b> This act shall become effective, while in accopassage and approval.	rdance with the SGACA, immediately following
Author(s): Avik Mukherjee, Election Board Chair	
Co-Author(s): John Montgomery, Student Congress Chair	
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## UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS CONGRESSIONAL SESSION XCI 11 March 2014

## GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE SENATE SESSION GS-14 9 March 2014

CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 910305 SENATE BILL NO.

### AS INTRODUCED

An act establishing a proposed amendment to succession procedure for the Office of the President and Vice President; providing for short title; and providing for 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 "Carlough's Mark on Campus" Act of 2014.
- **Section 2:** PURPOSE. The purpose of this act shall be to establish a proposed constitutional amendment to create and establish procedures for the line of succession to the office of SGA President and Vice President.
- **Section 3:** For the purpose of this Act, deletions shall be indicated with a strikethrough and additions indicated with an underline.
- **Section 4:** AMENDATORY The SGA Constitution enclosed herein is amended as indicated.
- **Section 5:** The constitutional amendment shall become effective immediately upon passage by the University of Oklahoma Board of Regents, while in compliance with Regents policy and the Constitution of the Student Government Association

Author(s): Andrew Carlough, Undergraduate Student Congress Representative

## Referendum Regarding SGA President and Vice President succession The ballot for the referendum shall read as follows:

The stated purpose of this proposed amendment is to create and establish procedures for the line of succession to the Student Government Association (SGA) President and Vice President and bring the Constitution into compliance with other elements of the elections process. The subsequent sections of the SGA Constitution would be amended to read as follows:

# ARTICLE IV: Executive Branch Section 1:

The executive power of the SGA shall be vested in a Student President. There shall also be a Student Vice President. Their terms shall begin in the spring semester one week after the validation of election. The Student President and Vice President shall be popularly elected together by majority vote of the ballots cast in an election for that purpose. In such a case that no ticket shall receive a majority, the two tickets having receiving the greatest number of votes shall stand in a run-off election no later than one week after the primary election, the ticket receiving a majority being elected.

### Section 2:

- (1) In the case of removal or impeachment of the Student President from office, resignation from office, his or her inability to discharge the powers and duties of the office, or shall otherwise no longer be in compliance with the qualifications for president, those powers and duties the Office of the President shall devolve to the Vice President, including but not limited to the duties, responsibilities, powers, title, and compensation of the SGA President, and consequently creating a vacancy in the Office of the Vice President.
- (2) In the case of the removal or impeachment of the Student Vice President from office, resignation from office, his or her inability to discharge the powers and duties of the office, or no longer fulfill the qualifications to be Vice President, the office shall be filled by Student Presidential appointment with the advice and consent of the Legislative Branch.
- (3) Upon the vacancy of the office of Student Vice President, applications for the office shall be made available by the Student President. The application period shall extend for no less than five school days and shall be advertised in the student newspaper for the duration of the application period.
- (4) Should the vacancy of the office of Student Vice President occur before the fall spring general election, the Vice President appointee shall be placed on the fall spring ballot for approval by the student electorate.
- (5) In the case of the removal or impeachment of both the Student Vice President and the Student President from office, resignation from offices, or his or her inability to discharge the powers and duties of the offices, the Office of the President shall devolve to the Chair of the Undergraduate Student Congress, including but not limited to the duties, responsibilities, powers, and compensation of the SGA President, and consequently leaving a vacancy in the Office of the Vice President to be filled in accordance with Section 2 part 3.
- (6) <u>In the event that the Office of the President becomes vacant as outlined in Section 1 of this Constitution and the Vice President is not qualified to assume the Office of President, then</u>

the Office of the President shall devolve to the Chair of the Undergraduate Student Congress, including but not limited to the duties, responsibilities, powers, and compensation of the SGA President.

(7) An Act of Legislation may establish further procedures for the line of succession beyond that found in this Constitution.

# UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS CONGRESSIONAL SESSION XCI March 11, 2014

#### CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 910402

#### AS INTRODUCED

A Congressional Resolution requesting that the roads on Imhoff Road, between Jenkins Street and Chautauqua Avenue be remodeled.

Whereas: Imhoff Road between Jenkins Street and Chautauqua Avenue is in poor condition; and

Whereas: There have been numerous requests in past years by students, faculty, and visitors to repair

this street; and

Whereas: Imhoff Road is under the purview of the University of Oklahoma since this road is on the

University of Oklahoma campus; and

Whereas: Reconstruction to this road would be beneficial to everyone who drives down Imhoff on a

daily basis, especially commuters who must park at the Lloyd Noble Center as well; and

Whereas: The University of Oklahoma has made plans to begin an Imhoff Road repair initiative.

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

Section 1: The student body of the University of Oklahoma acknowledges that repairs must be made to

Imhoff Road in order to better suit the students, faculty, and visitors who must access that

road every day.

Section 2: The Undergraduate Student Congress of the University of Oklahoma supports the

University of Oklahoma's decision to repair Imhoff Road.

Section 3: Copies of this resolution will be sent to:

David Boren, University President

Nick Hathaway, Executive Vice President and Vice President of Administration and

Finance

Brian Ellis, Director of Facilities Management

Authors: Blessing Ikpa, Humanities Representative

Co-Sponsor: Alexandra Byron, Chair of External Affairs Committee

Submitted on a Motion by:

Action taken by Congress:

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