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Schedule of Events

Friday:

1:00pm – 2:00pm.....Check-In (RSU Centennial Center)

2:00pm – 3:00pm.....Introduction (RSU Centennial Center Ballroom)

3:00pm – 6:30pm.....Committees (In respective committee rooms)

7:00pm – 8:30pm.....Dinner (RSU Centennial Center Ballroom)

9:30pm – 11:30pm.....Game Night (La Quinta Inn Conference Room)

Saturday:

9:00am.....RSU Starbucks Opens (RSU Centennial Center)

9:30am – 10:00am.....(Doors to Ballroom Open for Congress)

10:00am – 12:00pm.....Congress (RSU Centennial Center Ballroom)

12:00pm – 1:00pm.....Break for Lunch (Provided by OSGA)

1:00pm – 5:00 pm.....Congress (RSU Centennial Center Ballroom)



OSGA Presidents Welcome

Hello Delegates,

Welcome to the 2nd Session of the 36th Congress held at the Rogers State University Claremore Campus. It is my pleasure to represent the students of the State of Oklahoma as the President of the Oklahoma Student Government Association. I am certain that our experiences here will be exciting, challenging, and most certainly memorable.

Students from across the state have gathered here for one purpose, to represent their institution's and their fellow students. Ultimately, we have all gathered together today with one goal, to develop ways to better higher education. Here today we share the responsibility of identifying, promoting, and enhancing the lives of the students we serve. Together we will identify the needs of students, promote the interests of students, and attempt to enhance the overall higher education experience of student in this great state.

It is my hope that everyone will make the most of this experience, and that you will all take your role very seriously. You are all surrounded by students, who like yourself, are seeking to improve every aspect concerning students and the higher education experience in Oklahoma.

Delegates, as someone who has sat in your seats, I want to take a moment to encourage you to truly make the most of these next two days. The time will pass very quickly! Make connections, speak out for what you believe, and most importantly know, understand and embrace the fact that our voice truly does make a difference here today! On behalf of the Oklahoma Student Government Association Board of Directors, Welcome! If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to email me at President@OSGA.org.

Regards,
Andrew T. Hocutt
OSGA President



2016 – 2017 Board of Directors

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Frequently Asked Questions

What is OSGA?

The Oklahoma Student Government Association, commonly referred to as OSGA, is Oklahoma's state student association (SSA). Designed by students, staffed by students, and funded by students, OSGA is a non-partisan, student advocacy association.

How old is OSGA?

Strictly speaking, OSGA was chartered in 1981. However, the origins of OSGA date to sometime during the late 1960s. Because of missing records, no one knows which year in the 60s student body presidents first began meeting to discuss issues common to all students. The first meetings started as informal gatherings. As time progressed, formal and structured meetings and procedures were introduced, and the group adopted the name Council of Student Government Presidents in the early 1970s (a variation of this body still exists within the OSGA structure and meets with the OSGA President regularly). Significant restructuring occurred during the early 1980s. The Council expanded to involve additional student government leaders from every institution in the state, and in 1981, the name Oklahoma Student Government Association was officially adopted along with a new structure and new rules.

Who makes up OSGA?

Individuals - Every student enrolled at a degree-granting institution within Oklahoma has the opportunity to be a member of OSGA.

Associations - Each student association/student government association of degree-granting institutions within Oklahoma recognized by the institution's administration, respectively, as the official representative of the student body has the opportunity to be an affiliated member of OSGA.

Is OSGA a state agency?

No, OSGA is an independent student association. OSGA is recognized by and works closely with the Oklahoma State regents for Higher Education and is delegated responsibilities by Ok. Stat. Title 70 § 3205.5, however, OSGA is neither sponsored by nor receives funding from the state regents.

How is OSGA funded?

Student bodies of degree-granting institutions fund OSGA by paying membership dues.

What is the organizational structure of OSGA?

OSGA is and has always been a "bottom-up" association; that is, an association where the collective voice and will of students drives the direction and policy of OSGA. To ensure this, students have developed a structure similar to student associations/student government associations found at most institutions. It consists of legislative, executive, and judicial branches.



What does OSGA do?

What OSGA does depends on what the majority of students enrolled in degree-granting institutions within Oklahoma desires. Certain mandates have proven they require ongoing attention and have become annual OSGA activities. Some of these are:

- speaking to state legislators about policies that affect students and/or higher education
- co-sponsoring the Oklahoma Student Leadership Retreat
- contributing to Higher Education Day at the state capitol by; attending the event, representing Oklahoma students and voicing the stances they have taken on issues
- working with other higher education stakeholders to lobby the state legislature for sufficient appropriations for higher education
- representing Oklahoma students at state and national events
- researching state, national, and international issues relevant to students and/or higher education in Oklahoma
- serving as a resource for local student associations/student government associations

What has OSGA accomplished in the past?

Here is a list of the most recent short-term initiatives successfully completed by OSGA.

- Protected Student Identity - In 2002, OSGA worked to prevent identity theft among Oklahoma students by asking colleges and universities to stop inappropriately using student social security numbers (e.g., used by faculty when posting grades, on the face of student ID cards). As a result, the Council of Presidents (all OK college/university presidents) unanimously passed a resolution asking all campuses to offer students an alternative student ID number by the completion of the 2003-2004 academic year.
- Fought Credit Card Debt - In 2003, OSGA assisted the Council on Student Affairs in conducting the first ever statewide survey of college student credit card debt. Following the survey, OSGA provided opportunities for students to weigh in on the survey results. These results were presented to the Council on Student Affairs and were used to determine appropriate strategies to reduce credit card debt among Oklahoma students.
- Petitioned for Funding - In 2005, OSGA, in cooperation with the SAB, passed a joint resolution in support of the Higher Education Bond Issue of 2005. Then, working with the
- Council of Presidents and a coalition of other organizations, all groups successfully pushed for passing the \$475 million-dollar bond.
- Represented Students -Every year, OSGA has provided a crucial, continuous student



The OSGA Standing Rules for Conducting Business

CHAPTER ONE

Application, Purpose, Interpretation, Amendment, and Suspension

RULE 1-1 APPLICATION

From the time of their adoption by a majority of the members of congress, the following rules shall be the rules for the conduct of business by the body, except wherein these rules are found to conflict with the Constitution, in which case they shall not be valid, Congressional approval notwithstanding.

RULE 1-2 PURPOSE

The purpose of these rules is as follows:

- A. Provide delegates uniform and easily understood procedures for the conduct of business for congress.
- B. Balance the need to expedite business through acquiescence to the will of the majority with the right of the minority to be heard.

RULE 1-3 INTERPRETATION

The rules shall be interpreted consistent with the purpose herein stated. Interpretation of the rules shall be made by the presiding officer when congress is in session, by the chairman, or in his absence the vice-chairman of a committee, when committee is meeting; and at all other times by the Vice-President of the Oklahoma Student Government Association. Such interpretations shall be final unless an appeal of the ruling is made successfully in the following manner:

- A. Following the ruling by the Presiding Officer or the Chairman, whichever is appropriate, but before other business is transacted by the body, a delegate may appeal the ruling by offering a substitute ruling.
- B. Once a motion to adopt a substitute ruling is made, no other business shall be transacted until the motion is disposed of by the body.

RULE 1-4 AMENDMENT

These rules may be amended upon a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the voting delegates.

RULE 1-5 SUSPENSION

These rules may be suspended upon a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the member of the congress present and voting.



CHAPTER TWO

Members, Voting Delegates, Floor Privileges, Chamber Privileges, Speaking Privileges, Granting Privileges, Restriction, Proxies

RULE 2-1 MEMBERS

For the purpose of these rules a member of congress shall be any individual, delegate or alternate, representing their institution as one of its three (3) voting delegates or alternates, and the OSGA Board of Directors.

RULE 2-2 VOTING MEMBERS

For purposes of these rules a voting member of congress shall be any individual deemed a voting delegate upon registration of their institution and the OSGA Board of Directors. Voting members shall be the only delegates allowed to vote upon final passage of bills/resolutions and the only delegates allowed to vote in elections.

RULE 2-3 FLOOR PRIVILEGES

Floor privileges are hereby defined as the rights of a member to make motions, both main and incidental, and to speak in debate as to the merit of motions, legislation, etc.

RULE 2-4 CHAMBER PRIVILEGES

Chamber privileges are hereby defined as the right of a member or guest to enter into the chamber in which OSGA congress is taking place.

RULE 2-5 SPEAKING PRIVILEGES

Speaking privileges are hereby defined as the right of a member to address the body for any reason deemed necessary by the Presiding Officer.

RULE 2-6 GRANTING PRIVILEGES

Any member may make a motion to grant privileges to any person, and upon a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the body such person shall be accorded such privileges for the remainder of the legislative day. The Presiding Officer may grant Chamber and/or Speaking privileges to any person.

RULE 2-7 PROXIES

A voting member may, from time to time, temporarily transfer their voting rights to an alternate from their institution provided that proxy status shall run for no longer than one (1) legislative day. Proxies shall be performed the day they are to be in effect, unless prior approval is granted by the presiding officer.

CHAPTER THREE

Motion to Cloture, Personal Privilege, Locking Chambers

RULE 3-1 MOTION TO CLOTURE.

The body may, by a sixty (60) percent majority of the members present and voting, end debate, with the last person speaking in opposition and proponency being able to speak on the



measure, and immediately end a filibuster. This motion shall be considered a privileged motion, it shall require a second, and shall be debatable, and may interrupt a speaker.

RULE 3-2 PERSONAL PRIVILEGE.

Personal Privilege will be granted to a member of the only to permit such member to respond to a public attack on rights, integrity, or reputation of a member or upon the congress collectively or any committee of the congress. Remarks made by a member of the body who is granted personal privilege shall be confined to such a response.

RULE 3-3 LOCKING CHAMBERS

Under no circumstances, save for certifiable emergency, shall the doors to the congress chambers be physically locked. At such times that the deems deems it necessary to seal chambers, a member shall remain posted at each entry door until chambers have been unsealed in order to verify any person wishing to enter chambers, and whether or not they have the authority to do so.

CHAPTER FOUR

Committee Procedures

Committees shall meet at such times and places as are specified in the delegate(s) schedule, or as directed by the OSGA Vice-President. All other committees shall meet at such times and places as the Chairman, with the approval of the OSGA Vice- President shall designate. A quorum of the committee is required to be present before the committee can transact business. Any member of the committee may request a quorum call at any time the committee is meeting. A number equal to a majority of the regular members of the committee shall constitute a quorum. The chairman or in his absence the vice-chairman, of the committee, or his designee shall preside at meetings of the committee.

When considering legislation, or conducting other business, the following procedures shall be observed:

1. No person shall address the committee unless he/she is first recognized for that purpose.
2. The author of the legislation or proposal shall be recognized for an explanation.
3. The author may answer questions by members of the committee or other persons recognized by the chairman.
4. The author or members of the committee may submit amendments to the legislation.
5. Amendments and other motions may be adopted by a voice vote.
6. The author of the amendment shall explain his amendment and answer questions by members of the committee, the author, or others; unless the amendment is considered a friendly amendment.
7. The chairman may recognize any person for debate or comment on the proposed legislation or amendment thereto; provided however, the chairman may recognize a motion to limit the amount of time for any such debate or comment.
8. The vote on a recommendation by the committee shall require a majority vote of quorum of the members of the committee for passage.



9. A committee may recommend only four (4) reports to the body on legislation, those being Do Pass, Do Not Pass, Do Fail, or No Recommendation.

CHAPTER FIVE

Committee of the Whole and Reports

RULE 5-1 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Without prior notice, the body may, by motion, upon being approved by a majority of the members of the body present and voting declare itself a Committee of the Whole. At such time the OSGA Vice-President or his designee shall become chairman of the said committee. Rules applicable to other committees shall be applied to the Committee of the Whole, except those relating to notice.

RULE 5-2 REPORTS

Once the Committee of the Whole has reported a bill or resolution to the body then that bill or resolution shall be considered on Third Reading and be voted upon without debate.

CHAPTER SIX

Debate, Extension of Question to the Author, Parliamentary Authority

RULE 6-1 DEBATE

When a question subject to debate is before the body, a motion to limit the time for debate shall be in order, even if debate already has begun. Said motion shall fix the time limits to be allowed for and against the motion. If such a motion is successful, then the Presiding Officer shall cause the time limits to be enforced and shall divide the time equally for each side of the question. If the motion is once rejected on a question being debated, it can only then be adopted with the approval of two-thirds (2/3) of the members.

RULE 6-2 EXTENSION OF QUESTIONS TO THE AUTHOR

Any motion which would extend time, including time which has already elapsed, for questions to the author to exceed seven (7) minutes shall be considered a Suspension of the Rules and require the appropriate two-thirds (2/3) vote.

RULE 6-3 PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Robert(s) Rules of Order Newly Revised (11th ed.) is hereby adopted as the parliamentary authority of this body, questions as to motions shall be answered by this authority.

CHAPTER SEVEN

Open Records Requirement

All official records of the proceedings of the congress and its committees shall be open for public inspection at reasonable times. At no time shall testimony, interviews or final votes be held during a "closed" session of any committee.



Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Student Government Association

History

Since the late 1960s, student body presidents of degree-granting institutions within Oklahoma have met to discuss issues related to higher education and common to all students. In the early 1970s, these leaders formed the Council of Student Government Presidents as a vehicle to voice student concerns on higher education issues. Then, in 1981 the Council expanded to involve additional student government leaders from every institution in the state. This expansion began the Oklahoma Student Government Association.

Today

The Oklahoma Student Government Association, commonly referred to as OSGA, is Oklahoma's state student association (SSA). Designed by students, staffed by students, and funded by students, OSGA is a non-partisan, student advocacy association.

Purpose

Working on behalf of the OSGA Congress, the OSGA Board of Directors oversees the day-to-day activities of OSGA.

Officers

The OSGA Board of Directors contains a president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, communications director, and regional directors. Students are elected to these positions each spring during a Congressional Conference and serve one-year terms.

Responsibilities

As an OSGA officer, you:

- Are required to travel throughout the state of Oklahoma to monthly meetings of the OSGA Board of Directors and other various proceedings related to higher education.
- Are frequently called upon to solve problems or to analyze a particular issue and make recommendations that are understood as representative of all higher education students in Oklahoma.
- Will make frequent trips to the state capitol to discuss pressing issues with legislators and the governor.
- Will serve as a principal advocate and voice for higher education students in Oklahoma, striving to influence the federal agenda, state policy, and public opinion.
- Will complete all tasks and duties specific to the position you receive.



OSGA Officer Application

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: _____

Institution: _____

E-mail: _____

Telephone: _____

Address: _____

Classification: _____ Expected Graduation Date: _____

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer each question in the space provided. Do not leave questions unanswered. If a question is not applicable, write **N.A.** in the space provided.
- Include a list of **past and current** activities **with the Oklahoma Student Government Association**. Explain your history with OSGA.
- Applicants may include a resume outlining extracurricular-activities, work experience, and honors and awards received.
- Incomplete applications will not be considered.

NOTE: Application will be copied, and information requested on the application will be used in connection with the selection of qualified applicants and may be disclosed to qualified reviewers as part of the review process. All materials will be used solely for the purpose of selecting officers.

CERTIFICATION OF ACCURACY OF INFORMATION PROVIDED

I certify, under penalty of law, that the submitted application contains no false or fraudulent representations, statements, or entries.

Signature _____

Date _____



QUESTIONS

Describe your involvement in student government at your institution and at the state level.

Describe any other experiences you may have had that would be relevant to the position you are seeking.

Describe a situation in which you have been asked to speak for others and whether or not your actions were successful in achieving a desirable result.



As an OSGA officer, you are required to travel throughout the state of Oklahoma to meetings of the OSGA Board of Directors and other various proceedings related to higher education. Knowing this, are you able and willing to commit your time and efforts not only to attending meetings but also to going above and beyond this duty in order to ensure positive outcomes for higher education are attained? If yes, explain.

Within any organization, there are those whom are looked to for guidance and who utilize their talents in an outward and visible way, and there are those who are willing to sacrifice recognition and carry out the day-to-day activities of the group. Explain which of the above characteristics best describes you and how you feel your election to the OSGA Board of Directors will benefit both OSGA and all students of Oklahoma.



OSGA Legislation Guide

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“Where there are no laws, or individuals have their own rules and laws, there is the least of real democracy.”

– Gen. Henry Martyn Robert

(Robert’s Rules of Order)

The Oklahoma Student Government Association, commonly abbreviated as OSGA, is a non-partisan student advocacy association that exists to serve as the voice of Oklahoma students. Each academic semester, OSGA brings exceptional student leaders of degree-granting institutions from across the state together so they may discuss and work in partnership for the advancement of Oklahoma Higher Education. By drafting their own pieces of legislation, students are able to express their opinions regarding vital issues facing the Oklahoma Higher Education system to the State Regents and the Oklahoma Legislature.





OSGA Legislation:

Within OSGA there are two (2) forms of legislation that can be used: bills and resolutions. Bills are defined as legislation that establishes OSGA policy. Resolutions are defined as legislation that shall express the will and opinion of the OSGA Congress.

OSGA bills are used to effect change directly to the student organization itself and establish the laws that shall govern OSGA as a student organization. For instance, they should be used to propose new OSGA bylaws or amend existing OSGA bylaws. Bills require an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) by the delegates at an OSGA Congress to pass. Bills may also be used to amend the OSGA Constitution. When an OSGA bill amending the constitution passes by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the OSGA congress, it shall then be considered a proposed constitutional amendment. For a proposed constitutional amendment to take effect and the constitution to be ratified, at least two-thirds (2/3) of all member institutions present at the OSGA Congress, that the amendment was proposed at, must ratify the proposed constitutional amendment within their respective student governments.

Resolutions are the primary form of legislation that will be used within OSGA, because the purpose of OSGA is to allow students to voice their opinions on matters relating to Oklahoma's Higher Education system. The OSGA Congress may pass a resolution by a simple majority vote. When the OSGA Congress passes a resolution, the delegates are recommending that the Oklahoma Regents and the Oklahoma Legislature implement a new idea to address an issue the students believe is relevant to the Oklahoma Higher Education system. OSGA resolutions can recommend any number of things, and they can be simple or complex depending upon the intended purpose of the author. For instance, a delegate could write a resolution urging the Oklahoma Regents and Oklahoma Legislature to develop new and updated laws relating to sexual education. However, a delegate could also write an in-depth resolution that recommends very specific policy changes be made to the Oklahoma Higher Education system regarding sexual assault and sexual violence education for public institutions of higher education. If a delegate's intent is to simply urge a very general idea or change, then they could write a simple resolution doing so (see example on Pg. 4). If a delegate is seeking very specific changes, and they know precisely what they want, then writing a more detailed resolution would be more appropriate. Neither resolution is more correct than the other, but a more detailed resolution does provide the State Regents and the Oklahoma Legislature with more information to work with and will generate more discussion at OSGA Congress.



OSGA Bill Template:

This template should be used to properly format any bills being presented at the 1st Session of the 36th Congress. Words in **Red** indicate areas that are absolutely necessary and should be changed with each legislation. Words in **Blue** indicate what to do if amending the OSGA Constitution or Bylaws. Words in **Green** indicate the addition of laws to the OSGA Constitution or Bylaws.

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OSGA Bill #001

Author(s): **Your Name (Abr. School)**

AS INTRODUCED

An act relating to **what your legislation is about**; providing a short title; amending Article (#), Section (#) (This is only necessary if you are amending a current law); **providing for codification**; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION:

Section 1. This act shall be known as the **“Insert Your Short Title Here”**

Section 2. **AMENDATORY** Article (#), Section (#), is amended to read as follows: Section # Type in the section of the law exactly as it reads right now. Strike out all words that you wish to be removed, and then underline any words that you wish to add in.

OR

Section 2. **NEW LAW** A new section of law to be codified in the OSGA (Constitution/Bylaws) as Article # of Section #, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, to read as follows:

Insert the text that you want to be your new law.

Section 3. This act shall become effective (immediately if amending or codifying within the OSGA Bylaws/ once at least two-thirds (2/3) of member institutions present at congress have ratified the proposed constitutional amendment if amending or codifying within the OSGA Constitution.



OSGA Resolution Template:

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5 OSGA Resolution #001 Author(s): **Your Name (Abr. School)**

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9 A Resolution (**declaring/calling upon/urging**) the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher
10 Education and the Oklahoma State Government to (**short description of idea**).

11 WHEREAS, (**state the problem in one brief sentence**); and

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14 WHEREAS, (describe the scope of the problem cited in the first whereas clause, this clause
15 needs to flow logically from the first); and

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17 WHEREAS, (**explain the impact and harms allowed by the current problem once again, the
18 clause needs to flow in a logical sequence**); now, therefore,

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20 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT
21 ASSOCIATION THAT:

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23 (**State your recommendation for dealing with the problem the resolution should be a clear
24 call for action**); and, be it

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26 FURTHER RESOLVED, That (**an optional additional recommendation;**
27 **if not used, end the previous clause with a period**).

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Spring 2017 OSGA Legislation:

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OSGA Resolution #001

Author: Power (UCO)

AS INTRODUCED

A resolution concerning legislation that is being considered by the Oklahoma State Legislature regarding active shooter drills; providing for distribution.

WHEREAS, The Oklahoma Student Government Association exists to express the unified opinion of the Student Body of the Oklahoma State System of Higher Education, and

WHEREAS, House Bill No. 1317 of the 56th Legislature of the State of Oklahoma, authored by Representative Josh West, would require that each board of education ensures “that a minimum of one active shooter drill is conducted at each public school within the school district each year,” now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Section 1. The Oklahoma Student Government Association commends Representative Josh West for authoring House Bill No. 1317 and fully supports said measure.

Section 2. The Oklahoma Student Government Association requests that the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education adopt a policy similar to that enforced by House Bill No. 1317.

Section 3. This resolution shall be distributed to the following individuals.

Chancellor Glen D. Johnson, Jr., Oklahoma State System of Higher Education
Rep. Josh West, Oklahoma State House of Representatives
Rep. Charles McCall, Speaker of the Oklahoma State House of Representatives
Sen. Mike Schulz, President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate
Mary Fallin, Governor of the State of Oklahoma



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OSGA Resolution #002

Author: Power (UCO)

AS INTRODUCED

A resolution providing an opinion on legislation that the Oklahoma State Legislature is considering concerning firearms on campus; providing for distribution.

WHEREAS, The Oklahoma Student Government Association exists to express the unified opinion of the Student Body of the Oklahoma State System of Higher Education, and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. 43 of the 56th Legislature of the State of Oklahoma removes provisions that currently allow the colleges, universities, and technology centers to notify the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation if some person violates specific laws prohibiting firearms in certain areas of a campus, and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. 380 of the 56th Legislature of the State of Oklahoma both removes provisions prohibiting any person with a handgun license from carrying a handgun onto any college, university, or technology center campus and provides immunity to any state educational institution or private educational institution that has not adopted safety regulations regarding firearms, and

WHEREAS, House Bill No. 1600 of the 56th Legislature of the State of Oklahoma authorizes any person in possession of a valid handgun license to carry a handgun into any college or university property under most circumstances, and

WHEREAS, Students of the Oklahoma State System of Higher Education have the right to thrive in a learning environment free of the anxiety associated with the knowledge that firearms would be in the hands of persons subject to the stresses of the everyday academic and extracurricular environment, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Section 1. The Oklahoma Student Government Association recognizes that while there may be times when and places where firearms are appropriate, Institutions of Higher Learning are not to be considered such places.



1 Section 2. The Oklahoma Student Government Association strongly condemns Senate Bill
2 No. 43, Senate Bill No. 380, and House Bill No. 1600 of the 56th Legislature of the
3 State of Oklahoma, as well as any other bills or resolutions that attempt to
4 compromise the safety of college, university, or technology center campuses by
5 making lax the provisions that restrict the possession of firearms on said campuses.
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7 Section 3. The Oklahoma Student Government Association requests that the authors of the
8 legislation mentioned herein and the authors of similar bills or resolutions cease to
9 author such legislative items and begin to consider other methods of ensuring that
10 campuses remain safe.
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12 Section 4. This resolution shall be distributed to the following individuals.
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14 Chancellor Glen D. Johnson, Jr., Oklahoma State System of Higher Education
15 Sen. Mike Schulz, President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate
16 Rep. Charles McCall, Speaker of the Oklahoma State House of Representatives
17 Mary Fallin, Governor of the State of Oklahoma



Oklahoma Student Government Association
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OSGA Resolution #003

Author: Power (UCO)

AS INTRODUCED

A resolution providing an opinion on legislation that the Oklahoma State Legislature is considering concerning co-ed housing on campus; providing for distribution.

WHEREAS, The Oklahoma Student Government Association exists to express the unified opinion of the Student Body of the Oklahoma State System of Higher Education, and

WHEREAS, House Bill No. 1421 of the 56th Legislature of the State of Oklahoma requires “the board of regents for each institution within the Oklahoma State System of Higher Education” to “adopt a student housing policy that prohibits the establishment and offering of co-ed housing in dormitories, halls or any other type of student housing owned or operated by the institution or which is located on property owned by the institution,” and

WHEREAS, The aforementioned House Bill does not provide for the allocation of funds to compensate for any costs incurred due to the mandatory redistricting of residence halls with respect to gender, and

WHEREAS, The aforementioned House Bill includes an emergency clause which would require the legislation to go into effect immediately after passage and approval and thus might disrupt the activities of students living on campus due to the mandatory eviction of said students, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Section 1. The Oklahoma Student Government Association believes House Bill No. 1421 of the 56th Legislature of the State of Oklahoma represents an outdated and unnecessary concept, and thus the Oklahoma Student Government Association strongly disapproves of the aforementioned legislation.

Section 2. It is the opinion of the Oklahoma Student Government Association that individual institutions should be able to decide whether or not they wish to develop policies regarding the segregation of genders within residence halls on campus.



1 Section 3. The Oklahoma Student Government Association commends legislators for wishing
2 to improve the Oklahoma State System of Higher Education and requests that the
3 authors of the aforementioned legislation and similar legislative items focus on
4 courses of action that better the Oklahoma State System of Higher Education and
5 its member institutions by acting upon modern methods of thought.
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7 Section 4. This resolution shall be distributed to the following individuals.
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9 Chancellor Glen D. Johnson, Jr., Oklahoma State System of Higher Education
10 Sen. Mike Schulz, President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate
11 Rep. Charles McCall, Speaker of the Oklahoma State House of Representatives
12 Mary Fallin, Governor of the State of Oklahoma



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OSGA Resolution #004

Author: Power (UCO)

AS INTRODUCED

An act of procedure concerning the establishment and lifespan of a temporary committee of the Oklahoma Student Government Association; providing an effective date.

WHEREAS, The Oklahoma Student Government Association serves as the organization that represents the whole of all Student Government Associations in the Oklahoma State System of Higher Education, and

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 6 of the Constitution of the Oklahoma Student Government Association denotes that “The OSGA Congress shall have the power to establish all committees, councils, or other subsidiary bodies as necessary to conduct the business of this organization,” and

WHEREAS, The Oklahoma Student Government Association appears to rely on common law and precedence in order to establish the Congressional Officers of the Oklahoma Student Government Association, and

WHEREAS, Several provisions provided for in both the Constitution and Congressional Bylaws of the Oklahoma Student Government Association have not been executed or carried out, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Section 1. The 36th Congress of the Oklahoma Student Government Association hereby establishes the Code Reform Committee, which shall be given the task of drafting new governing documents for the Oklahoma Student Government Association to replace the current governing documents.

Section 2. The Code Reform Committee shall be tasked with presenting the aforementioned during the 1st Session of the 37th Congress of the Oklahoma Student Government Association. Said Congress shall then vote to amend the Oklahoma Student Government Association Bylaws as such.



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- 1 Section 3. The Chair of the Code Reform Committee shall, with the advice of the President of
2 the Oklahoma Student Government Association, appoint students of the Oklahoma
3 State System of Higher Education to serve on the Code Reform Committee.
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- 5 Section 4. The Chair of the Code Reform Committee shall, with the advice of the President of
6 the Oklahoma Student Government Association, choose from the members of the
7 Code Reform Committee a student to serve as the Vice Chair of said committee.
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- 9 Section 5. Delegate Caleb L. Power of the University of Central Oklahoma shall be hereby
10 appointed to serve as the Chair of the Code Reform Committee.
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- 12 Section 6. The Code Reform Committee shall hereby terminate at the close of the 1st Session
13 of the 37th Congress of the Oklahoma Student Government Association, unless a
14 main motion specifying otherwise passes with a majority vote of those present and
15 voting.
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- 17 Section 7. This act shall go into effect immediately after passage



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OSGA Resolution #005

Author: Power (UCO)

AS INTRODUCED

A resolution providing an opinion on legislation that the United States Legislature is considering regarding the United States Department of Education; providing for distribution.

WHEREAS, The Oklahoma Student Government Association exists to express the unified opinion of the Student Body of the Oklahoma State System of Higher Education, and

WHEREAS, Title 20, Chapter 48 of the Code of Laws of the United States of America establishes the United States Department of Education, which was designed to “promote the general welfare of the United States,” “help ensure that education issues receive proper treatment at the Federal level,” and “help enable the Federal Government to coordinate its education activities more effectively” so as to “strengthen the Federal commitment to ensuring access to equal educational opportunity for every individual,” “supplement and complement the efforts of States, the local school systems and other instrumentalities of the States, the private sector, public and private educational institutions, public and private nonprofit educational research institutions, community-based organizations, parents, and students to improve the quality of education,” and

WHEREAS, The United States Department of Education as established by Title 20, Chapter 48 of the Code of Laws of the United States of America has the purpose of improving “the management and efficiency of Federal education activities, especially with respect to the process, procedures, and administrative structures for the dispersal of Federal funds, as well as the reduction of unnecessary and duplicative burdens and constraints, including unnecessary paperwork, on the recipients of Federal funds,” and

WHEREAS, The term “commerce” is defined by Merriam-Webster as “the exchange or buying and selling of commodities on a large scale...” as well as the “interchange of ideas, opinions, or sentiments” and where “commodity” is defined by Merriam-Webster as “an economic good” or “something useful or values,” and thus education is to be considered under the scope of commerce, and



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2 WHEREAS, The establishment of the Department of Education is constitutionally sound in
3 accordance with Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution which
4 specifies that “The Congress shall have Power To lay and collect Taxes, Duties,
5 Imposts and Excises, to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defence and
6 general Welfare of the United States [and] To regulate Commerce with foreign
7 Nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian Tribes,” and
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9 WHEREAS, H.R. 899 of the 115th Congress of the United States of America demands that “the
10 Department of Education shall terminate on December 31, 2018,” and
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12 WHEREAS, The report entitled “The Condition of Education 2015,” provided by the National
13 Center for Education Statistics, notes that “the percentage of first-time, full-time
14 undergraduate students at 4-year degree-granting institutions receiving financial aid
15 increased from 80 percent in 2007-08 to 85 percent in 2012-13,” and
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17 WHEREAS, The report entitled “The Condition of Education 2016,” provided by the National
18 Center for Education Statistics, notes that “in 2013-14, the average annual student
19 loan amount of \$7,100 was 23 percent higher than the average of \$5,700 in 2005-
20 06 (in constant 2014-15 dollars),” and
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22 WHEREAS, H.R. 899 of the 115th Congress of the United States as introduced would terminate
23 the enforcement of all procedures entrusted to the United States Department of
24 Education, including the disbursement of federal funds to low-income students and
25 policies that promote the availability of education to all persons, now therefore
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27 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
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29 Section 1. The Oklahoma Student Government Association reaffirms its commitment to
30 higher education in the State of Oklahoma and in the United States in general and
31 thus it is the opinion of the Oklahoma Student Government Association that the
32 United States Department of Education is necessary to the general welfare of the
33 United States of America and its citizens.
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35 Section 2. The Oklahoma Student Government Association strongly condemns H.R. 899 of
36 the 115th Congress of the United States as well as similar pieces of legislation that
37 would otherwise render the United States Department of Education ineffective or
38 incapable of enforcing policy regarding education.



1 Section 3. The Oklahoma Student Government Association urges Senators and
2 Representatives of the United States of America to fail any legislation that would
3 render the United States Department of Education nonexistent or unable to enforce
4 the policies entrusted to it.

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6 Section 4. This resolution shall be distributed to the following individuals.

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8 Chancellor Glen D. Johnson, Jr., Oklahoma State System of Higher Education
9 Sen. Jim Inhofe, United States Senate
10 Sen. James Lankford, United States Senate
11 Rep. Jim Bridenstine, United States House of Representatives
12 Rep. Markwayne Mullin, United States House of Representatives
13 Rep. Frank Lucas, United States House of Representatives
14 Rep. Tom Cole, United States House of Representatives
15 Rep. Steve Russell, United States House of Representatives



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OSGA Resolution #006

Author: Christian Blacét (OSU)

AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution calling upon the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education and the Oklahoma State Government to enact a policy for every institution of higher education within the state of Oklahoma to include a notation on a student’s transcript whether they were disciplined for/found guilty of/are currently under investigation for any act of sexual assault reportedly committed by said student.

WHEREAS, sexual assault has been, and continues to be, a prominent occurrence on college campus, with latest reports from RAINN (Rape Abuse and Incest National Network), a nationwide sexual assault prevention network which partners with and receives funding from the federal government, stating “11.2% of all students experience rape or sexual assault through physical force, violence, or incapacitation (among all graduate and undergraduate students); among graduate and professional students, 8.8% of females and 2.2% of males experience rape or sexual assault through physical force, violence, or incapacitation; among undergraduate students, 23.1% of females and 5.4% of males experience rape or sexual assault through physical force, violence, or incapacitation; 4.2% of students have experienced stalking since entering college; and

WHEREAS, adequate reporting and documentation of disciplinary action and investigations regarding sexual assault have not sufficiently conveyed said information to other institutions that the student with said record is attempting to transfer to, with AARCO (American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers) stating ninety-five percent of [higher education institutes] indicated that their institution’s academic transcript does not reflect students’ probationary status for behavioral reasons or students’ ineligibility to re-enroll due to minor disciplinary violations and 85 percent indicated that their institution's academic transcript does not reflect students’ ineligibility to re-enroll due to major disciplinary violations.; and

WHEREAS, this lack of notation has posed risks of undisclosed sexual violence, or investigations into claims of such, committed by transfer students as a result of lacking communication between previous institutes and possible future institutes for those who have committed or are being investigated for taking part in a sexual assault (these instances of said “college shopping” has been reported by multiple news agencies across America); and



1 WHEREAS, administration, faculty, staff, and campus police need access to whether an
2 individual has committed, or is under investigation for having committed, sexual
3 assault in order to develop proper tactics, responses, plans, or rehabilitative
4 resources in order to preserve all students safety on college campuses across
5 Oklahoma; now, therefore,
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7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
8 THAT:
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10 Henceforth, all instances of sexual assault reported to or investigated by, and subsequent
11 punitive measures enacted as a result of or the status of the investigation when the
12 individual left the institution, shall be notated upon the individual's transcript in a
13 plain and accessible manner which properly conveys the necessary information of
14 the occurrence; and, be it
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16 FURTHER RESOLVED, That any and all notations of sexual assault may be subject to review
17 by request of the student who is indicated; pending sufficient evidence, criminal
18 charges/investigation, and that information which the institution in questions
19 considers relevant to a revision of the student's transcript; a student may have the
20 notation removed from the individual's transcript; and, be it
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22 FURTHER RESOLVED, that all requests and the subsequent processes shall be determined
23 and investigated by the institution in question and must meet the institutional
24 definition required for revision, which will be laid out by said institution after the
25 implementation of this resolution.
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