University of Central Oklahoma Student Congress

1st Meeting of the Spring Session of the 26th Legislature

CB22-201 Author: Senator Barry

An act regarding to the UCOSA Statutes; amending gendered language to be gender neutral; providing codification and providing an effective date.

WHEREAS, UCOSA is a place for all Executives, Chairpeople, Senators and constituents to feel safe and heard regardless of gender identity and preferred pronouns, and

WHEREAS, The UCOSA Statutes currently do not reflect the values and reality of UCOSA by unnecessarily using “he or she” and “congressmen and congresswomen”, and

WHEREAS, Gender neutral “they” and “congresspeople” is more depictive, inclusive, and efficient, now therefore

BE IT ENACTED BY THE UCO STUDENT ASSOCIATION

Section 1. This act shall be known as the Gender Inclusive Governing Documents Act.

Section 2. AMENDMENT. UCOSA Statutes Title Six Chapter 2 subsections 1-5, 7-8 shall be amended to read as follows.

§201: The Press Secretary shall be in charge of public relations regarding the Executive Branch. ~~He or she~~ They shall be responsible for keeping the UCO campus aware of UCOSA information through social media and other means. The Press Secretary shall be nominated by the President and confirmed by the UCOSA Student Congress.

§202: The Director of Athletic Affairs shall act as the liaison between the Executive Cabinet and the Athletics department. ~~He or she~~ They shall also coordinate sponsored tailgating. The Director of Athletic Affairs shall be nominated by the President and confirmed by the UCOSA Student Congress.

§203: The Director of Special Projects shall serve as the liaison between the Executive Cabinet and the students for the purpose of student involvement. ~~He or she~~ They shall coordinate various UCOSA campus-wide initiatives as approved by the UCOSA President and UCOSA Student Congress. The Director of Special Projects shall be nominated by the President and confirmed by the UCOSA Student Congress.

§204: The Director of Philanthropy shall serve as the liaison and coordinator for community service and general philanthropic events for the UCOSA Executive Branch. ~~He or she~~ They will coordinate fundraising efforts and sponsorship opportunities to aid in funding UCOSA initiatives. The Director of Philanthropy shall be nominated by the President and confirmed by the UCOSA Student Congress.

§205: The Director of Political Affairs shall serve as the liaison between the UCOSA Executive Branch and the UCOSA Student Congress. ~~He or she~~ They will help develop policy and legislation in concurrence with student ~~congressmen/congresswomen~~ congresspeople and serve as a political advisor to the UCOSA President and Vice President. The Director of Political Affairs shall be appointed by the President.

§207: The Director of Military and Veteran Affairs shall serve as the liaison between the UCOSA Executive Branch and the military and veteran students on campus. ~~He or she~~ They shall advise the President on military and veteran student issues. The Director of Military and Veteran Affairs shall be nominated by the President of the UCOSA and confirmed by the UCO Student Congress.

§208: The Director of International Student Affairs shall serve as a liaison between the UCOSA Executive Branch and international students on campus. ~~He or she~~ They shall advise the President on all international student issues. The Director of International Student Affairs shall be nominated by the President of the UCOSA and confirmed by the UCO Student Congress

The reviewing committee as described below may be recommended by an author, but the final decision up to the discretion of the Chair of Student Congress.

Reviewing Committee(s): Accountability, Reform, Transparency

Committee Recommendation: DO PASS

Action Taken by Congress: [ PASSED / FAILED ]

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| Alexis Howry, Chair of the UCO Student Congress Date |
| Josh Chao, President of the UCO Student Association Date |

Legislative Override: [ OVERRIDDEN / NOT OVERRIDDEN / POCKET APPROVAL