University of Central Oklahoma Student Congress

1st Meeting of the Spring Session of the 25th Legislature

CB21-201 Author: Senator Booth

Co-Author: Senator Owens

AS INTRODUCED

An act amending the UCO Student Association Bylaws to enforce active participation of Senators, providing codification, providing an effective date.

WHEREAS, Members of the UCO Student Association are elected by the UCO Student Body to amplify their voices and make change on their behalf, and

WHEREAS, There is no place in the UCO Student Congress for members who do not want to use their position to make a change, and

WHEREAS, The best way to become knowledgeable of parliamentary procedure and Robert’s Rules of Order is to actively participate in the process of proposing legislation, and

WHEREAS, Other Student Government Associations at higher education institutions across the state require Senators propose legislation in order to remain actively involved in the organization, and

WHEREAS, In recent years, the UCO Student Association has been criticized for their inaction in addressing and voicing concerns of students on imperative matters, and

WHEREAS, It is in the best interests of the UCO Student Body for the UCO Student Association to hold its members to a higher standard of accountability and performance, now therefore

BE IT ENACTED BY THE UCO STUDENT ASSOCIATION

Section 1. This Act will be known as the Senator Participation Act.

Section 2. A new section shall be codified in the UCO Student Association Bylaws, Chapter 2, Section VIII to read as follows.

VIII. Each Active Member of the UCO Student Congress must author at least one (1) piece of legislation each annual legislature. Senators who have not authored a piece of legislation by the end of the legislature shall not be eligible to run for re-election.

Section 3. This rule be enforced beginning the Fall Session of the 26th Legislature in Fall 2022.

Reviewing Committee(s): Accountability, Reform, and Transparency

Committee Recommendation: DO PASS

Action Taken by Congress: [ PASSED / FAILED ]

| Joshua Chao, Chair of the UCO Student Congress Date |
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| De Shannon, President of the UCO Student Association Date |

Legislative Override: [ OVERRIDDEN / NOT OVERRIDDEN / POCKET APPROVAL ]