University of Central Oklahoma Student Congress

9th Meeting of the Fall Session of the 26th Legislature

CR22-105     Authors: Senator Booth

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AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution urging the University of Central Oklahoma to implement on-campus housing assistance for single parents with minor children.

WHEREAS, Single parent families are at high risk of financial hardship which can affect psychological well being, and

WHEREAS, On-campus housing for single parents can help to remove one of the largest financial barriers to education that single parents face, and minimize time constraints.

WHEREAS,    Approximately five million children in the US aged five and under live in a single parent

household. 28.9% of single-mother households live below the poverty level. Just 31percent of single mothers ages 25 and older held a bachelor's degree or higher, compared with 54 percent of comparable married mothers, and

WHEREAS, The average person with a bachelor’s degree makes 84 percent more in their life than those with just a high school diploma, and

WHEREAS, Removing financial barriers to education can also improve mental health of student parents, and

WHEREAS, The Langston University is the only university in Oklahoma who has implemented housing assistance for single mothers allowing expanded education possibilities for those unable to receive residency. This implementation to the University of Central Oklahoma will expand our inclusive community allowing more opportunities,   and

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE UCO STUDENT ASSOCIATION

Section 1. The University of Central Oklahoma shall implement on-campus housing assistance in the University Commons for single parents with minor children. Housing shall withhold rooms to be reserved exclusively by single parents during the returning student timeframe, with unreserved rooms becoming available for non-parent students to reserve once the Freshman and New Resident application opens in the Spring.

Section 2. This legislation shall be distributed to the following.

Patti Neuhold-Ravikumar, President of the University of Central Oklahoma

Dr. Alyssa Provencio, Faculty Senate President

Scott Monetti, Director of Housing & Dining

Adri Edwards-Johnson, Staff Senate President

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

Committee Recommendation:                                                                                       DO PASS

Action Taken by Congress: [ PASSED / FAILED ]

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| Beyonce Hammond, Chair of the UCO Student Congress Date  |
| Joshua Chao, President of the UCO Student Association Date |

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