University of Central Oklahoma Student Congress

5th Meeting of the Spring Session of the 26th Legislature (2023)

CR22-208 Authors: Senator Barry

An act regarding to the policy development of the issue of preventative measures in relation to sexual misconduct in Greek Life community that disproportionately inflicts sexual violence against members of sororities as opposed to their non Greek-affiliated counterparts to take effect beginning the Fall semester of 2023.

WHEREAS, Sorority members are 74% more likely to experience rape than female students not in a sorority (URGE: Unite for Reproductive and Gender Equity), and

WHEREAS, Fraternity members are three times more likely to commit rape than their collegiate peers who are not affiliated with a Greek organization(University of Minnesota Duluth), and

WHEREAS, Campuses who have implemented sexual assault prevention programs see approx. 17% fewer sexual assaults as opposed to campuses who have not implemented these programs (American Psychiatric Association), and

WHEREAS, The University of Central Oklahoma currently does not mandate sexual assault prevention training for Greek organizations, and

WHEREAS, the University has a unique sexual health resource via the Center for BGLTQ+ Research, and Fraternity and Sorority Life is encouraged to work with the Center to develop a training program for those in Greek Life to be completed on an annual basis.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE UCO STUDENT ASSOCIATION

The University of Central Oklahoma Student Association’s official recommendation is for the University to develop a policy requiring all Greek affiliated organizations to complete sexual assault prevention training.

Section 1. This legislation shall be distributed to the following.

Dr. Andrew Benton, Interim President

Taylor Bradberry, Advisor of Fraternity and Sorority Life

Dr. Lindsey Churchill, the Center for BGLTQ+ Research

Reviewing Committee(s): Campus Development

Committee Recommendation: [ DO PASS / DO FAIL / NO RECOMMENDATION ]

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 ]