University of Central Oklahoma Student Congress

12th Meeting of the Spring Session of the 26th Legislature (Spring 2023)

CB22-201 Author(s): Senator Barry

An act regarding to the UCOSA Statutes exclusion of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee as a standing committee; by amending Title Two/Chapter One/Section 103/Subsection B. WHEREAS, the Diversity and Inclusion Committee plays a crucial and integral role in both Congress and on our campus , and

WHEREAS, equity works in conjunction with diversity and inclusion to ensure equitable solutions and practices are in place for issues and initiatives in the nature of diversity and inclusion.

WHEREAS, our Statutes currently do not reflect the current standing of Diversity Inclusion Committee, as it does not include the Diversity and Inclusion Committee in the Standing Committee Establishment and Duties subsection of Title Two: The Legislative Branch, Chapter One: General, Section 103: Congressional Committees

WHEREAS, it is our duty as the Congressional body to ensure our governing documents are consistent with our procedures and processes and Committee titles accurately reflect their nature and actions, now therefore

BE IT ENACTED BY THE UCO STUDENT ASSOCIATION

Section 1. AMENDMENT. UCOSA Statutes, Title Two/Chapter One/Section 103/Subsection B shall be amended to read as follows:

B. Standing Committee Establishment and Duties

I. The Academic Affairs (AA) Committee shall address academic issues

that affect the university and shall strive to improve the academic quality of

the university. Furthermore, the Academic Affairs Committees hall ensure

that the number of academic seats in the UCO Student Congress accurately

represents the population of each UCO Academic College.

II. The Accountability, Reform, and Transparency (ART) Committee shall

address appointments to the Executive Branch, Legislative Branch, Judicial

Branch, and various auxiliary bodies (including Councils). Furthermore, it

shall investigate UCO procedures and operations and promote accountability

and transparency through reform. This committee shall also address all issues

concerning student organizations, their constitutions, and university policies

that affect them as well as Congressional membership policies in general.

III. The Campus Development (CD) Committee shall address all

non-academic issues concerning the physical development of campus

affecting student life within the university, which includes (but is not limited

to) transportation, parking, housing, green initiatives, sustainability, and

campus security.

IV. The Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Committee shall address any

issues regarding to the matters of diversity, equity, and inclusion of any

student, faculty, or staff matters.

~~IV.~~ V. The Public Relations (PR) Committee shall address issues,

organizations, and institutions either partially or entirely outside the

University of Central Oklahoma, as well as be responsible for

conceptualizing, planning, organizing, and executing the public and alumni

relations for the UCO Student Congress. The Public Relations Committee

shall also be responsible for measuring students’ familiarity with the

UCOSA, and as such it shall hold a poll once each semester to measure how

effectively and efficiently students are being reached throughout the course

of each semester.

~~V.~~ VI. The Ways and Means (WAM) Committee shall address all matters

concerning the expenditure or appropriation of student funds. Furthermore,

the Ways and Means Committee shall advocate for affordable education.

~~VI.~~ VII. The membership of the Internal Affairs (IA) Committee shall

consist of the Chair of the UCO Student Congress, the Vice Chair of the

UCO Student Congress, the Secretary of the UCO Student Congress, and all

chairs of the other standing congressional committees denoted herein. No

member not listed herein shall be considered an active or associate member

of the Internal Affairs Committee. The Internal Affairs Committee shall

concern itself with all matters that should not be seen by another committee

due to the scope or controversiality of a particular issue.

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Reviewing Committee(s): A.R.T.

Committee Recommendation: DO PASS Action Taken by Congress: [ PASSED / FAILED ]

Name of the Chair, Chair of the UCO Student Congress

Date

Name of the President, President of the UCO Student Association

Date

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