

**THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT ASSOCIATION**

**UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS  
SESSION LXXXII CBN:  
4 March 2009**

**GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE  
SENATE BILL NO. GS09-13**

**Title:** A RESOLUTION REQUESTING FOR A REVISION OF THE STUDENT ALCOHOL POLICY TO INCLUDE DRUG ABUSE BE PLACED ON THE BALLOT IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE SPRING UOSA ELECTIONS TO BE HELD ON MARCH 31<sup>ST</sup> AND APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup> 2009

**Whereas:** Current Oklahoma State law prohibits the purchase, distribution, or use of illicit narcotics; and,

**Whereas:** Binge drinking and marijuana abuse are elevated among students who obtain painkillers from peers; and,

**Whereas:** Of the 2,000 students who went to Oklahoma State's Alcohol and Substance Abuse Center for assessments during the past school year, one in five admitted to taking Adderall; and,

**Whereas:** The University of Oklahoma does not have a Student Drug Policy in conjunction with the Student Alcohol Policy; and,

**Whereas:** The University of Oklahoma administration is committed to keeping students safe and law abiding; and,

**Whereas:** The University of Oklahoma Student Association understands this is a controversial issue and before acting would like to know the opinion of the student body.

**THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT:**

**SECTION 1:** The University of Oklahoma Undergraduate Student Congress and the Graduate Student Senate propose that a referendum be placed on the ballot before the University of Oklahoma student body in conjunction with the Spring 2009 UOSA General election on March 31<sup>st</sup> and April 1<sup>st</sup>.

**SECTION 2:** The wording of the referendum will be as attached.

**SECTION 3:** **Copies of this resolution will be sent to:**  
**David L. Boren, President, University of Oklahoma**  
**Clark Stroud, Vice President Student Affairs**  
**Susan Sasso, Associate Vice President, Student Affairs**  
**Nicholas Bender, UOSA General Counsel**  
**Amanda Holloway, UOSA President**

Author of the bill: Rep. Spencer Pittman

Co-Authors of the Bill: Susan Adams-Johnson, Chair of the Graduate Student Senate

Submitted in a motion: motion to vote

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Verified by Chair of Senate: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Submitted in a motion:

Action taken by Congress:

Verified by Congress: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Referendum Regarding  
A Student Drug Policy on The University of Oklahoma Norman Campus**  
The ballot for the referendum shall read as follows:

Student drug abuse is a commonly debated issue on many collegiate campuses. Marijuana and alcohol abuse has decreased in the past decade, whereas prescription abuse (including the abuse from non-prescribed individuals) has increased. A revision of the student code to include a clarified section regarding drug usage, purchasing, or distribution has been brought to the attention of the University of Oklahoma Student Association. Before lobbying for policy changes the University of Oklahoma Student Association would like the opinion of the student body. Which of the following policies would you like to see enacted.

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Which of the following options do you support the most with regards to revising the Student Code on the University of Oklahoma Norman Campus:

- \_\_\_\_\_ A: Conjoin drug and alcohol policies into the student code entitled "Student Alcohol and Drug Policy".
- \_\_\_\_\_ B: Create a separate policy supplemental to "Student Alcohol Policy" entitled "Student Drug Policy".
- \_\_\_\_\_ C: No further changes to the student code on The University of Oklahoma Norman Campus.

A vote for option "A" would support a revision of the student code to include purchasing, usage, or distribution of illegal narcotics in combination with that of the Student Alcohol Policy to create a Student Alcohol and Drug Policy on The University of Oklahoma Norman Campus

A vote for option "B" would support the creation of a supplemental section to the student code entitled "Student Drug Policy," separate from the Student Alcohol Policy, to clarify the offenses of purchasing, using, or distributing illegal narcotics.

A vote for Option "C" would support not further reform to the University of Oklahoma student code except as required by federal law.