

Harry Cracknell Office of the President Student Government Association University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma

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Whereas, our student government has encountered challenges in its legislative process and team morale as we work toward improving our efficiency and effectiveness in serving the student body; and

Whereas, we have identified the need for professional external resources and guidance to address these challenges and improve our operations; and

Whereas, the American Student Government Association (ASGA) offers a comprehensive array of resources, training, networking opportunities, and best practices that can help us overcome our current obstacles and foster a more productive and cohesive Senate; and

Whereas, the ASGA membership will provide critical tools that can directly enhance our legislative capabilities, decision-making processes, and overall effectiveness in both the immediate and long term; and

Whereas, there is no other organization that advocates the critical importance of an effective and influential Student Government at every higher education institution in America. There is no other group that exclusively focuses on meeting the unique needs of Student Government officers, members, leaders, and advisors at all types of institutions nationwide. There is no other group that conducts SG-related research and makes this information available to students and advisors.

Whereas, it is imperative that we secure this membership prior to our upcoming Senate retreat, as it will be an essential component of our preparation and will allow us to implement its resources and services without delay;

Now, Therefore, I, Harry Cracknell, President, hereby order the following to be sent to all current members of the USAO Student Government Association, including the Director of Student Life, the Dean of Students, and the University President:

Membership Dues: USAO SGA will allocate \$397 of its funds to acquire an official membership with the American Student Government Association (ASGA) to gain immediate access to its vast variety of tools, resources, and support services. This membership will last exactly one year from the purchase date.

Urgency: The SGA President and Advisors will work to secure this membership no later than Friday, December 20th, 2024, ahead of our Senate retreat scheduled for January 20th, 2025. This timing is critical to ensure that we can immediately utilize the resources and support from ASGA during our retreat to improve our legislative processes and team morale.

Immediate Implementation: During our Senate retreat, we will integrate ASGA's resources into our planning sessions, legislative discussions, and team-building exercises. This will be an important step in ensuring we make significant progress toward our goals of engaging, unifying, and leaving a legacy in our student body.

Maximizing Our Membership: I call upon all Executive Board members and Senators to fully engage with the materials and services provided by ASGA to maximize this membership and work toward the continued success of our Student Government.

By re-establishing ties with the national student government organization, we take a decisive step toward improving our Senate operations, addressing the challenges we have faced, and ensuring that we are well-prepared to serve the student body effectively in the coming term.

Harry Cracknell

USAO SGA President