

**The Student Association of the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma**

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**A Resolution Urging the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma Administration to Permit Students and Staff to Attend Outdoor Sporting Events Under Necessary Guidance**

**WHEREAS:** USAO has successfully mitigated the spread of Covid-19 through a series of changes and regulations designed to keep students safe. These changes, which have been objectively effective in keeping students safe still allow for students to gather in classrooms, hold in-person meetings, visit dorms and apartments so long as they live in the same residence, and even eat maskless in the cafeteria, all of which present a higher risk to the health of students in this pandemic than attending outdoor sporting events.

**WHEREAS:** The isolation forced onto students, however necessary, has caused a severe mental health crisis nationwide. Young adults kept in isolation have been found to have joined dangerous online communities, engage in unhealthy social behaviors, and develop worse eating habits as a result of declining mental health. Though students shouldn't be able to sit close together, attending a sporting event, given the opportunity provides some sort of escape from torturous monotony and deters students from engaging in behaviors detrimental to an already-declining mental health.

**WHEREAS:** The natural ventilation and constant redistribution of air outdoors makes it a significantly safer space than some of those which students are currently allowed to occupy indoors which, given the University's success in containing Covid-19, indicates that USAO students have consistently taken the initiative to keep their fellow students and professors safe and will likely continue to do so with continued guidance and restrictions.

**WHEREAS:** Ticket sales from outdoor sporting events have the potential to increase revenue for the University, increasing their means to obtain supplies such as masks to keep us safe, provide tools to help students cope with the stress brought about by the last year, or to simply help the University financially.

**NOW THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED BY THE STUDENT ASSOCIATION 19 SENATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND ARTS OF OKLAHOMA THAT:**

38 **SECTION 1:** Students and staff be permitted to, given that they've purchased a valid ticket,  
39 attend university sporting events that are played outdoors so long as they follow mask  
40 mandates and social distancing guidelines determined by USAO administration.  
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42 **SECTION 2:** Copies of this act shall be distributed to the following: All current members of the  
43 USAO Student Government Association (SGA) Senate, all current members of the SGA  
44 Executive Council, all current members of the SGA Supreme Court, and all current  
45 advisors of the SGA.

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