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

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5 Author: *Visual and Performing Arts Senator Mason Alldredge*

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7 Committee: Accessibility

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9 **Accessible Terminology Resolution**

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11 WHEREAS: The Student Association Senate is the representative body for the students of the
12 University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma and the unified voice that affirms
13 students' concerns; and,

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15 WHEREAS: The current accessible parking signs on campus use the outdated terminology of
16 "Handicap" parking; and,

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18 WHEREAS: The term "Handicap" is outdated and can offend people with disabilities as the
19 term focusses on their disability rather than the person themselves; and,

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21 WHEREAS: All people deserve the dignity of being referred to by updated terminology that
22 makes them feel welcome, heard, and comfortable; and,

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24 WHEREAS: Changing the terminology from "Handicap" to "Accessible" ensures that all people
25 requiring accessible parking feel welcome on campus.

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

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30 SECTION 1: The Student Government Association shall urge the University of Science and Arts
31 of Oklahoma to phase out the term "Handicap" on accessible parking signs and
32 instead use "Accessible Parking" or simply just the International Symbol of
33 Access for the terminology on these signs.

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35 SECTION 2: Copies of this act shall be distributed to the following:

36 All Current members of the USAO Government Association (SGA) Senate, all
37 current members of the SGA Executive Council, all current member of the SGA
38 Supreme Court, all current advisors of the SGA, Vice President of Student Life
39 and Enrollment Sheppard McConnell, Vice President of Business and Finance
40 Nick Hathaway, and Coordinator of Student Wellness and Accommodations
41 Rachel Drechsler.

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44 Committee Recommendation: [Do Pass/No Recommendation/Do Fail]

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Harry Cracknell
SGA President

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