

**UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION  
GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY AGENDA  
October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025, 7:30 PM**

**Zoom Conference Call**

<https://oklahoma.zoom.us/j/93772247533?pwd=sBRbHEL3MOD2aTtpaH9URXpz3t1Fcr.1>

**Call to Order**

**Mission Statement:** Graduate Students at the University of Oklahoma have a number of unique concerns and interests requiring a voice separate from the usual instruments that express the will of the faculty and of undergraduates. For this reason, the Graduate Student Senate of the University of Oklahoma Student Government Association was established in 1987 to represent all Graduate Students and to serve their needs.

**Reading and Approval of the Minutes:** (minutes from previous meeting:  
(<https://www.ou.edu/sga/branches/graduate-student-senate/agendas-and-minutes>)

**Officer Reports:**

- Chair:
- Vice-Chair:
- Secretary:

**Committee Reports:** (submit your meeting minutes [here](#))

- Academic Affairs:
- Development & Philanthropy:
- External Affairs:
- Internal Affairs:
- International Student Affairs:
- Public Relations:
- Sustainability:
- Ways and Means:

**Student Concerns:**

**Special Orders:**

- GF25-11: Auxiliary Allocation 2 Act of 2025-2026

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

- GF25-04: Auxiliary Allocation 1 Act of 2025-2026 (Do Pass)
- GF25-05: Honoring Chief Nathaniel Tarver Resolution (Do Pass)
- GF25-06: Impeachment Eligibility Clarification Act of 2025 (Do Pass)
- GF25-07: SGA Executive Office of the President Renaming Act of 2025 (Do Pass)
- GF25-08: SGOS Act of 2025 (Do Pass)
- GF25-09: 2025-2026 SGA Election Commission Staff Appointment Act (Do Pass)
- GF25-10: Hispanic Heritage Month Resolution (Do Pass)

**Announcements:**

## Adjournment

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS

CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CXIV

September 23, 2025

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE

SENATE SESSION GF03

October 3, 2025

CONGRESSIONAL BILL AB-114-01

SENATE BILL NO. GF25-04

AS INTRODUCED

An act relating to appropriations; providing for short title; stating purpose; appropriating Auxiliary Funding for the 2025-2026 process; stating appropriation guidelines; establishing expiration deadline; directing transfer of unused funds by deadline; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION:

**Section 1:** This act shall be known and may be cited as the “Auxiliary Allocation 1 Act of 2025-2026”

**Section 2:** PURPOSE. The purpose of this act is to appropriate the funds of the University of Oklahoma Student Government Association to the organizations mentioned within.

**Section 3:** APPROPRIATION. The following amounts are hereby allocated to

Organization	Programs, Events & Activities	Capital Investments	Office and General Expenses	Total
Crimson Cinema Club	\$500.00			\$500.00
Energy Management Student Association	\$500.00			\$500.00
Getting to the Root	\$200.00			\$200.00
International Security Student Association	\$300.00			\$300.00
Law Students of Texas	\$250.00			\$250.00
OU Skate Club	\$500.00			\$500.00
OU Women's Soccer Club	\$500.00			\$500.00
Psychology Graduate Student Association	\$480.00			\$480.00
Speech Team	\$500.00			\$500.00

Undergraduate Anthropological Society	\$500.00			\$500.00
Women in Business Association	\$180.00			\$180.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>				<b>\$4,410.00</b>

**Section 4:** All guidelines and provisions in Title 10 of the Code Annotated shall apply to all funds appropriated in this act.

**Section 5:** This fiscal year for the account listed in these sections shall end May 8, 2026.

**Section 6:** All unspent money remaining in the accounts listed in Section 3 shall revert to the SGA General Account after May 8, 2026, and the remaining appropriations shall be canceled.

**Section 7:** This act shall become effective when passed in accordance with the SGA Constitution.

Author(s): Jacob Schonfield, Chair, SGA Budgetary Committee

Co-Author(s): SGA Budgetary Committee

Submitted on a Motion by: Representative Hallum seconded by Representative Morgan

Action taken by Congress: Passed unanimously 42-0-0

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

Submitted on a Motion by:

Action taken by Senate:

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

Approved by SGA President: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

CONGRESSIONAL BILL AB-114-02

SENATE BILL NO. GS25-16

AS INTRODUCED

An act relating to appropriations; providing for short title; stating purpose; appropriating Auxiliary Funding for the 2025-2026 process; stating appropriation guidelines; establishing expiration deadline; directing transfer of unused funds by deadline; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION:

**Section 1:** This act shall be known and may be cited as the “Auxiliary Allocation 2 Act of 2025-2026”

**Section 2:** PURPOSE. The purpose of this act is to appropriate the funds of the University of Oklahoma Student Government Association to the organizations mentioned within.

**Section 3:** APPROPRIATION. The following amounts are hereby allocated to

Organization	Programs, Events & Activities	Capital Investments	Office and General Expenses	Total
Afrobeat Dance Club at the University of Oklahoma	\$800.00			\$800.00
Agricultural Law Society	\$100.00			\$100.00
Alpha Sigma Kappa - Women and Gender Minorities in Technical Studies	\$250.00			\$250.00
American Constitution Society	\$200.00			\$200.00
American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics	\$100.00			\$100.00
Asian American Student Association	\$500.00			\$500.00
Asian Americans in Healthcare Association	\$500.00			\$500.00
Baccano Italian Club	\$300.00			\$300.00
Biology Graduate Student Organization	\$400.00			\$400.00
Biomedical Engineering Society Student Chapter	\$200.00			\$200.00
Black Business Network	\$450.00			\$450.00
Black Law Students Association	\$300.00			\$300.00
Black Men's Mental Health Club	\$200.00			\$200.00

Chemical Engineering Graduate Student Society	\$200.00			\$200.00
Cybersecurity Club	\$100.00			\$100.00
Dialogues of Contemporary Sociology (DOCS) Workshop	\$400.00			\$400.00
Disabled Law Students Association	\$300.00			\$300.00
Economics Club	\$200.00			\$200.00
Environmental Science Student Association	\$100.00			\$100.00
Gaylord College Graduate Students Association	\$300.00			\$300.00
Global Brigades	\$250.00			\$250.00
Graduate Philosophical Association	\$500.00			\$500.00
History Graduate Student Association	\$115.00			\$115.00
Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences Student Chapter	\$300.00			\$300.00
Integrity Council	\$250.00			\$250.00
Intellectual Property Society	\$200.00			\$200.00
Law Students for a Free Palestine	\$175.00			\$175.00
Little Hearts Alliance	\$17.67			\$17.67
Oil and Gas, Natural Resources, and Energy Journal	\$100.00			\$100.00
Oil and Gas, Natural Resources, and Energy Law Society	\$50.00			\$50.00
Oklahoma Intercollegiate Legislature	\$500.00			\$500.00
OU College of Law Board of Advocates	\$200.00			\$200.00
OU Design/Build/Fly Club	\$100.00			\$100.00
OU Men's Ultimate Frisbee	\$150.00			\$150.00
Pakistani Student Association	\$260.00			\$260.00
Pre-Law@Price	\$100.00			\$100.00
Public Interest Law Student Association	\$600.00			\$600.00
SGA Executive Branch	\$100.00			\$100.00
Sigma Lambda Beta	\$300.00			\$300.00
Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers	\$100.00			\$100.00
Sooner Competitive Robotics	\$750.00			\$750.00
Student Bar Association	\$50.00			\$50.00
The Oklahoma Group	\$100.00			\$100.00
Women of Power	\$250.00		\$250.00	\$500.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>				\$11,667.67

**Section 4:** All guidelines and provisions in Title 10 of the Code Annotated shall apply to all funds appropriated in this act.

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**Section 6:** All unspent money remaining in the accounts listed in Section 3 shall revert to the SGA General Account after May 8, 2026, and the remaining appropriations shall be canceled.

**Section 7:** This act shall become effective when passed in accordance with the SGA Constitution.

Author(s): Jacob Schonfield, Chair, SGA Budgetary Committee

Co-Author(s): SGA Budgetary Committee

Submitted on a Motion by:

Action taken by Congress:

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

Submitted on a Motion by:

Action taken by Senate:

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

Approved by SGA President: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS

CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CXIV

September 16, 2025

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE

SENATE SESSION GF03

October 3, 2025

CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-114-001

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. GF25-05

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution honoring the University of Oklahoma Police Department Chief Nathaniel Tarver for his years of service to the University and Law Enforcement; providing for short title; and providing for distribution.

- Whereas: Chief Nathaniel Tarver will retire on September 19, 2025, after 46 years of distinguished service in law enforcement since beginning his career in 1979<sup>1</sup>; and
- Whereas: He earned his bachelor's degree in Broadcast Journalism from the University of Oklahoma and a master's degree in criminal justice management from the University of Central Oklahoma; and
- Whereas: He was hired in 1979 by the Moore Police Department as the city's first Black officer, where he developed the public-school liaison officer program and attained the rank of Sergeant; and
- Whereas: He served 26 years at the Oklahoma City Police Department beginning in 1989, with several roles and responsibilities, and retired as Captain in 2015; and
- Whereas: He responded to critical incidents including the Oklahoma City bombing and multiple tornado emergencies during his service with the Oklahoma City Police Department; and
- Whereas: He joined the University of Oklahoma Health Campus (formerly the OU Health Sciences Center) Police Department in 2015 as Deputy Chief of Police and became Chief of Police of this campus in January 2017; and

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<sup>1</sup> McClour, Audrey. "A privilege and an honor: OU Chief of Police to retire after 46 years of law enforcement service." OU Daily. July 22, 2025. [https://www.oudaily.com/news/ou-chief-of-police-retire-service-law-enforcement-department-oupd-nathaniel-tarver/article\\_e90a708e-0ee4-4a55-8011-b7e630a9dfd9.html](https://www.oudaily.com/news/ou-chief-of-police-retire-service-law-enforcement-department-oupd-nathaniel-tarver/article_e90a708e-0ee4-4a55-8011-b7e630a9dfd9.html)



Whereas: He was inducted into the Oklahoma Law Enforcement Hall of Fame in January 2020; and

Whereas: In September 2020 he was named Chief of the University of Oklahoma Police Department, overseeing all three campuses, and appointed Associate Vice President; and

Whereas: He was honored as a Distinguished Alumnus of the Gaylord College of Journalism in December 2022; and

Whereas: He has served with the University of Oklahoma Police Department for 10 years, including five years as Chief of Police for all campuses; and

Whereas: He was honored as a Distinguished alumnus from the Gaylord College of Journalism; and

Whereas: He is inducted in the Oklahoma Law Enforcement Hall of Fame; and

Whereas: He has served OU law enforcement for 10 years; and

Whereas: He has served as OU Chief of Police for 5 years<sup>2</sup>; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION:

- Section 1:** Title: This resolution shall be known and may be cited as the “Honoring Chief Nathaniel Tarver Resolution”.
- Section 2:** The University of Oklahoma Students Government Association (SGA) commends Chief Tarver for his service and leadership and recognizes his positive impact on campus safety and public trust.
- Section 3:** SGA acknowledges Chief Tarver’s commitment to promoting a safe and inclusive campus environment and building relationships with students, administrators, faculty, and staff.
- Section 4:** SGA appreciates Chief Tarver’s role as a role model and mentor for the University of Oklahoma community and his commitment to professionalism and excellence.
- Section 5:** SGA extends its appreciation and best wishes to Chief Tarver as he takes his well-deserved retirement, and we honor his legacy of service and leadership.
- Section 6:** Copies of this resolution will be sent to:
- Chief Nathaniel Tarver, University of Oklahoma Police Department

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<sup>2</sup> Council On Law Enforcement Education & Training. “Chief Nate Tarver.” October 10, 2024.  
<https://oklahoma.gov/cleec/about-cleec/council-advisory-council-members/chief-nate-tarver.html>

- Joseph Harroz Jr., President, University of Oklahoma
- André-Denis Wright, Senior Vice President and Provost, Norman Campus
- Gary Raskob, Senior Vice President and Provost, Health Campus (formerly Health Sciences)
- David A. Surratt, Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students
- Brian Holderread, Vice President for Campus Operations
- Mackenzie Wilfong, Executive Director and Secretary of the Board of Regents
- OU Daily
- OU Nightly

Author(s): Ben Keupen, Associate

Co-Sponsor(s):

Submitted on a motion by: Representative Christiansen seconded by Representative Hicks

Action taken by Congress: Passed unanimously 38-0-0

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

Submitted on a motion by:

Action taken by Senate:

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

Approved by SGA President: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS  
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CXIV

September 16, 2025

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE  
SENATE SESSION GF03

October 3, 2025

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-114-004  
SENATE BILL GF25-06

AS INTRODUCED

An Act of Procedure amending SGA Code Annotated § II.2.9(c) to clarify that the legislature has the right to impeach and remove members of the Executive, Judicial, and Programming branches; providing for short title, providing for codification, and providing for an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION:

**Section 1:** Title: This act shall be known and may be cited as the “Impeachment Eligibility Clarification Act of 2025”.

**Section 2:** Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to clarify that under the SGA Constitution, the Legislative Branch has the right to impeach and remove members of the Executive, Judicial, and Programming branches; updating the Code Annotated to match the Constitution.<sup>3</sup>

**Section 3:** AMENDATORY: The SGA Code Annotated will be amended as follows. For the purposes of this bill all deleted items shall be denoted with a ~~strike through~~.

1. **Impeachment.** The Legislative Branch shall have the right of impeachment and removal within the Executive, Judicial, and Programming branches. The right to impeach should be reserved for those positions which are either popularly elected by the student body, or have the ability to act independent of any other office. No person charged with impeachment shall be convicted without the concurrence of two-thirds (2/3) of the Senate.
  1. **Congress’s Power.** Congress shall have the sole power to bring impeachment charges against the members of the Executive, Judicial, and Programming branches.
  2. **Senate’s Power.** The Senate shall have the sole power to try all impeachments. When the SGA President is tried, the Chief Justice of the SGA Superior Court shall preside over the Senate.
  3. ~~**Persons Not Subject to Impeachment.** Members of the Presidential staff exist only to help the President in their duties and are not impeachable.~~

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<sup>3</sup> *Keupen v. SGA General Counsel (2025)*

1. ~~**Programming Branch General Council.** Members of the Programming branch's general council exist solely to help the Campus Activities Chair in their duties and are not impeachable.~~

**Section 4:** This act shall become effective when passed in accordance with the SGA Constitution.

Author(s): Ben Keupen, Associate

Co-Author(s):

Co-Sponsor(s):

Submitted on a Motion by: Representative Wang seconded by Representative Hawkins

Action taken by Congress: Passed 38-1-0

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

Submitted on a Motion by:

Action taken by Senate

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

Approved by SGA President: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS

CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CXIV

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GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE

SENATE SESSION GF03

October 3, 2025

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-114-005

SENATE BILL GF25-07

AS INTRODUCED

An Act of Legislation changing the name of the SGA Executive Office of the President to the SGA Executive Cabinet; providing for short title, providing for codification, and providing for an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION:

**Section 1:** Title: This act shall be known and may be cited as the “SGA Executive Office of the President Renaming Act of 2025.”

**Section 2:** Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to rename the SGA Executive Office of the President to the SGA Executive Cabinet.

**Section 3:** AMENDATORY: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association’s Code Annotated Title III Chapter 1 Section 5 and Title III Chapter 4 is amended as follows. For the purposes of this bill, all items removed shall be denoted with a ~~strike through~~. All items added shall be denoted with an underline.

**Section 4: Chapter III-1 General Provisions**

**c. ~~The Executive Office of the President~~ The Executive Cabinet.** Led by the President, Vice President, and the Chief of Staff, The Executive Cabinet ~~Office of the President (EOP)~~ shall support the efforts made by its leaders to reflect the continued interests of the student body, SGA, and platforms.

**d. Rulemaking.**

- i. Delegation.** Any properly appointed or established member or unit of the Executive Branch may perform a Presidential duty with the expressed consent and approval of the President, provided said duty is consistent with said member's underlying responsibilities.
- ii. Funding.** The President shall make a budget for the Executive Branch, excluding the Crimson Leadership Association, for submission to the Legislature.
- iii. Removal.** The President may remove any member of ~~EOP~~ the Executive Cabinet at will with notice.<sup>7</sup>

**Chapter III-4 ~~The Executive Office Of The President~~ The Executive Cabinet**

1. **Purpose.** The Executive ~~Office of the President~~ Cabinet is a Department of the Executive Branch. The Executive ~~Office of the President (EOP)~~ Cabinet shall support the President and Vice President.<sup>1</sup>
2. **Chief of Staff.** The overseer of the ~~EOP~~ Executive Cabinet shall be known as the Chief of Staff. The Chief of Staff is the third-highest-ranking member of the Executive Branch. The Chief of Staff shall work with the General Counsel and other appropriate bodies and individuals to ensure compliance of the Executive Branch with the SGA Constitution and SGACA.<sup>2</sup> The Chief of Staff shall oversee the opening and closing of the General Application with the President, Vice President, and Chair of the Undergraduate Student Congress.
3. **~~EOP~~ Staff Executive Cabinet Members.** The ~~EOP~~ members of the Executive Cabinet shall consist of the Chief of Staff, and any other coordinators, assistants, and liaisons deemed necessary by the President and appropriate by the Legislative houses through advice and consent. The duties of ~~EOP~~ the Executive Cabinet should and can reflect the needs of the President and the administration, including but not limited to: special projects, constituent relations, media relations, legislative affairs, academic affairs. The following, but certainly not limited to, positions must be included as part of the ~~EOP~~ Executive Cabinet:
  - A. **Communications Coordinator.** The coordinator will be responsible for promoting the interests, programs, and positions of the OU SGA. The coordinator will chair meetings with the Congress Vice Chair, Senate Public Relations Committee Chair, the CAC Public Relations Coordinator, and the SGA Webmaster to discuss matter pertaining to social media, media relations, photography, tabling, and other means of advertisement and message distribution.
  - B. **International Affairs Coordinator.** The coordinator shall be responsible for voicing the concerns for the international student population overall and take necessary steps to improve the welfare for these students, and the student body overall. The appointment process shall include communication with the International Advisory Committee.

**Section 4:** This act shall become effective when passed in accordance with the SGA Constitution.

Author(s): Ellie Wolthuis, SGA Chief of Staff  
President Avery Dunlap, Student Government Association

Co-Author(s): Chair Caleb Robinson, Undergraduate Student Congress

Submitted on a Motion by: Representative Morgan seconded by Representative Vedra

Action taken by Congress: Passed unanimously 39-0-0

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

Submitted on a Motion by:

Action taken by Senate

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

Approved by SGA President: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS  
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CXIV  
September 16, 2025

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE  
SENATE SESSION GFXX  
October 3, 2025

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-114-008  
SENATE BILL GF25-08

AS INTRODUCED

An Act of Legislation creating “The Office of Student Government and Organization Services” (SGOS); amending Title X Chapter 5 of the Code Annotated; and providing for an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION:

**Section 1:** Title: This act shall be known and may be cited as the “SGOS Act of 2025”

**Section 2:** Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to update Title X Chapter 5 of the Code Annotated to allow more flexibility with regard to the payment of all hourly positions with the SGA.

**Section 3:** AMENDATORY: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association Code Annotated Title X Chapter 5 is amended as follows. For the purposes of this bill, all items removed shall be denoted with a strikethrough (~~strikethrough~~) and all items added shall be denoted with an underline (underline).

**1. Positions Receiving a Salary/Stipend**

Section 1: The following positions shall receive a stipend:

- Campus Activities Council Chair: \$435/month
- Chair of Congress: \$435/month
- Chair of Senate: \$435/month
- Chair of SGA Budgetary Committee: \$350/month
- Secretary of Congress: \$350/month
- Secretary of Senate: \$350/month
- Student Bar Association President: \$350/month
- SGA President: \$520/month
- SGA Vice President: \$435/month

- Vice Chair of Congress: \$350/month
- Vice Chair of Senate: \$350/month
- Graduate Student Senate Ways and Means Chair: \$350/Fall Grant Cycle  
\$350/Spring Grant Cycle

The pay periods of the above positions will be designated as follows:

- Campus Activities Council Chair, Chair of Congress, Chair of Senate, Secretary of Congress, Secretary of Senate, Student Bar Association President, Vice Chair of Congress, and Vice Chair of Senate shall be compensated monthly with compensation periods beginning August 1st and ~~perpetuating monthly until April 30th~~ through the end of their term.
- The SGA President and SGA Vice President shall be compensated monthly with compensation periods beginning ~~December 1st~~ January 1st through the end of their term ~~and perpetuating monthly until November 30th.~~
- The Chair of SGA Budgetary Committee shall be compensated monthly with compensation periods beginning the month of their appointment by the SGA Congress and ending with their term ~~April 30th.~~
- The GSS Ways and Means Chair ~~stipend is to be paid out~~ shall be compensated at the end of October and February, corresponding with the deadlines for the Fall and Spring grant deadlines.
- All SGA officers who receive a stipend or salary shall be eligible to receive compensation at their usual rates of pay during the summer, which shall consist of the months June, July. This pay will be given at the discretion of their staff advisor in Student Affairs Staff, within the parameters of the budget. The SGA officers who receive a stipend shall only be eligible to receive such compensation while executing their official duties in the course of fulfilling their office hours.

Stipends are reflective of the weekly office hour requirement for each position. Stipends are based on performing the appropriate number of weekly office hours, as follows:

- All positions receiving \$520 per month are expected twelve office hours.
- All positions receiving \$435 per month are expected ten office hours.
- All positions receiving \$350 per month are expected eight office hours.

Section 2: The following positions shall receive a salary at a rate determined by their staff adviser in Student Affairs, with the consent of the SGA President, GSS Chair, and Congress Chair. These salaries will come from “The Office of Student Government and Organization Services” (SGOS) which will be allocated to in the salaries and stipends act of their term: SGA Staff Assistant, SGA Budget and Account Representative, OU Student Legal Services Staff Attorney, two full-time staff, Associates of General Counsel, General Counsel, Chief of Staff, Election Commission Staff, Election Commissioner, SGA Student Assistants.

- ~~Associates of General Counsel: \$11.00 x 25 hours/week x 34 weeks~~



- General Counsel: ~~\$12.00 x 25 hours/ week x 48 weeks~~
- Chief of Staff: ~~\$10.00 x 10 hours/week~~

The Chief of Staff shall be appointed by the SGA President following an open application process.

- Election Commission Staff: ~~\$50x5 persons x 2 general elections; plus, if needed, \$20x5 people for any runoff or special election (up to three of the aforementioned)~~
- Election Commissioner: ~~\$500/Spring General Election, \$500/Fall General Election; plus, if needed, \$50 for any runoff or special election (up to three of the aforementioned)~~
- SGA Staff Assistant
- SGA Budget and Account Representative

~~The above positions are selected based upon applications received through the HR website, jobs.ou.edu. Selections are made by the SGA President, SGA Vice President, Congress Chair, Senate Chair, and CAC Chair, as well as their staff supervisor in Student Affairs. Increases in pay are given at the discretion of the aforementioned officials. Additionally, if university wide raises are mandated, the above positions shall receive those increases.~~

- Student Organization Resource Officers: ~~\$10 x 10 hours/week per officers~~
- SGA Graphic Designer/Webmaster: ~~\$10 x 10 hours/ week x 34 weeks~~

~~The above positions are selected based upon applications received through the HR website, jobs.ou.edu. Selections are made by the SGA President, SGA Vice President, Congress Chair, Senate Chair, and CAC Chair.~~

~~The OU SLS Staff Attorney shall be hired according to the policies outlined in Title XI. The staff attorney shall be eligible for benefits at a value of the current fringe benefits rate per OU HR policy.~~

Any position not enumerated above shall not receive a salary/stipend.

- Student Parking Appeals Board Judges.** The Student Parking Appeals Board Judges are appointed ~~at minimum wage~~, but not funded by SGA; the positions are reimbursed through the Parking and Transit Office.
  - SGA Graphic Designer/Webmaster.** ~~The duties of the SGA Graphic Designer/ Webmaster will be to assist the all branches of SGA to create design products, including web graphics, posters, and flyers, and to maintain and update their respective websites as well as any other online content that may be asked of them.~~
- Payment of Stipend.** ~~All stipend positions are prorated during the months of January, May, August, and December. Stipends begin the first day of regular classes and end the last day of~~

~~regular classes for fall, spring, and summer, semesters. Time sheets are required on all hourly positions. Time sheets are not required for monthly stipend positions.~~

3. **Suspension of Stipend.** Any allegation regarding the fulfillment or lack of thereof of an officer's duty (provided there is some support for such allegation) is sufficient to bring that officer before the Student Activity Fee Reserve Committee. It is an issue of fact for the Committee to make their determination whether the officer's stipend should be suspended.
4. **Other Employment.** No employee in an SGA Stipend position shall be employed by the University of Oklahoma in a position that could be considered a conflict of interest. Neither shall they accept any special favors or privileges from any University employee or student or outside source which might in any way compromise their position and responsibilities while in office. This does not intend to include traditional or recognized academic and athletic compensation in the form of scholarships, fellowships, grants, of other similar aid, or employment, which clearly does not represent a conflict of interest. Notification of other employment shall be submitted to the office of the SGA General Counsel prior to elections for purpose of determining a conflict of interest.

**Section 4:** This act shall become effective when passed in accordance with the SGA Constitution.

Author(s): Jacob Schonfield, Chair, SGA Budgetary Committee

Co-Author(s): SGA Budgetary Committee

Submitted on a Motion by:

Action taken by Congress:

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

Submitted on a Motion by:

Action taken by Senate:

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

Approved by SGA President: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS

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September 23, 2025

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE

SENATE SESSION GF03

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CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-114-10

SENATE BILL NO. GF25-09

AS INTRODUCED

An Act of Legislation appointing the 2025-2026 SGA Election Commission Staff; providing for short title, providing for codification, and providing for an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION:

- Section 1:** Title: This act shall be known and may be cited as the “2025-2026 SGA Election Commission Staff Appointment Act.”
- Section 2:** Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to appoint the members of the 2025-2026 Election Commission Staff.
- Section 3:** In accordance with §Title IV Chapter 6, Section 2(a)(ii), the Election Commission shall appoint the Election Commission Staff with the advice and consent of the Legislative Branch. The following SGA Members shall be appointed as Election Commission Staff for the term ending at the end of the Spring 2025 semester:
- Allyson Burwell
  - Milton Chamblee
  - Emma Seager
  - Hannah Smith
  - Kennedy Stewart
- Section 4:** This act shall become effective when passed in accordance with the SGA Constitution.
- Author(s):** Election Commissioner Baylor Savage, Student Government Association  
Chair Kyle Martin, Congressional Administration Committee  
Chief of Staff Ellie Wolthuis, Student Government Association

Submitted on a Motion by: Representative Christiansen seconded by Representative Hicks

Action taken by Congress: Passed unanimously 42-0-0

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

Submitted on a Motion by:

Action taken by Senate

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

Approved by SGA President: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS

CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CXIV

September 23, 2025

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE

SENATE SESSION GF03

October 3, 2025

CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-114-02

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. GF25-10

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution acknowledging the importance  
of the celebration and recognition of Hispanic Heritage  
Month; and providing for distribution.

- Whereas: About 20% of the US population is made up of Hispanics; the largest ethnic minority in the country<sup>4</sup>; and
- Whereas: In 2023, about 12.3% of the population in Oklahoma were Hispanic, amounting to 491K people<sup>5</sup>; and
- Whereas: According to Pew Research Center about 36.2 million Latin Americans were eligible to vote in 2024, compared to 32 million in 2020<sup>6</sup>; and
- Whereas: Approximately 3,800,000 Hispanic students are enrolled in higher education, and enrollment of Hispanic students is expected to exceed 4,300,000 by 2026<sup>7</sup>; and
- Whereas: The path to completion of a degree is far more challenging for Hispanics than non-Hispanics due to cultural differences, citizenship issues, language difficulties and facing discrimination, as well as the lack of resources and guidance available; and
- Whereas: Hispanic students make up about 13.3% of The University of Oklahoma Norman campus as of the Fall 2024 semester<sup>8</sup>; and

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<sup>4</sup> “National Hispanic Heritage Month: 2025.” *U.S. Census Bureau*, 27 August 2025, <https://www.census.gov/newsroom/facts-for-features/2025/hispanic-heritage-month.html>.

<sup>5</sup> Data USA. “Oklahoma.” Data USA, <https://datausa.io/profile/geo/oklahoma>.

<sup>6</sup> Krogstad, Jens Manuel, et al. “Key facts about Hispanic eligible voters in 2024.” *Pew Research Center*, 10 January 2024, <https://www.pewresearch.org/short-reads/2024/01/10/key-facts-about-hispanic-eligible-voters-in-2024/>.

<sup>7</sup> Hispanic Education. “Hispanic Educational Participation.” *Hispanic Education in America*, 5 May 2025., <https://hispanic-education.com/hispanic-educational-participation/>.

<sup>8</sup> OU Institutional Research & Reporting. “Facts at a Glance: Fall 2024 – Norman Campus.” *The University of Oklahoma*, 2025, <https://www.ou.edu/content/dam/irr/docs/Fact%20Book/Mini%20Fact%20Book/Mini%20Factbook%202024%20-%20Final.pdf>.

Whereas: There is a large establishment of Hispanic and Latino registered student organizations on campus, including the Hispanic American Student Association, Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers, Latinos Without Borders, Latinos Unidos, Sigma Lambda Alpha, Kappa Delta Chi, Sigma Lambda Gamma, Phi Iota Alpha, Omega Delta Phi, Sigma Lambda Beta, Latino Medical Student Association Plus, OU InterVarsityLaFe, Latin American Pre-Law Student Association, OU Latin Dance Club, OU Mariachi, and OU Xochiquetzal Ballet Folklorico, and others; and

Whereas: Hispanic students started the Hispanic American Student Association in 1981, reaching 44 years of campus.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS AND THE GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE, CONCURRING THEREIN THAT:

Section 1: Title: This resolution shall be known and may be cited as the “Hispanic Heritage Month Resolution of 2025.”

Section 2: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association will recognize and celebrate the time spanning from September 15th through October 15th as Hispanic Heritage Month acknowledging the heritage and culture of Latinos in the community.

Section 3: OU SGA encourages the student body to participate in cultural appreciation events such as those planned by the Hispanic American Student Association in collaboration with other Hispanic and Latinx Registered Student Organizations on campus.

Section 4: Copies of this resolution will be sent to:

- Joseph Harroz Jr., President, University of Oklahoma
- Dr. David Surratt, Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students
- The University of Oklahoma Board of Regents
- Allison Ruiz, Student Life Coordinator/Community Engagement for HASA
- Quy Nguyen, Director of Student Life Office and Assistant Dean of Students
- Regina Pranin Guillen, Hispanic American Student Association President
- Robert Con Davis, Neustadt Professor & Executive Director of World Literature Today
- The OU Daily
- The OU Nightly

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Co-Author(s): Regina Pranin Guillen, Hispanic American Student Association President

Co-Sponsor(s): Lorelei Radzanowski, Arts and Sciences Representative

Submitted on a motion by: Representative Morgan seconded by Representative Villagran

Action taken in Congress: Passed unanimously 41-0-0

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

Submitted on a motion by:

Action taken by Senate:

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

Approved by SGA President: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_