

**UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION  
GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY AGENDA  
November 13, 2025, 7:00 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:**

- GSS Speaker Series: Youssef Kamal
- GF25-17: “Conference/Research & Creative Exhibition Grant”

**Old Business:**

- GF25-14: “SGA Compensation Alteration Delay Act” (Do Not Pass)

**New Business:**

- GF25-16: “Native American Heritage Month Resolution of 2025” (Do Pass)

**Announcements:**

**Adjournment**

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE

SENATE SESSION GF25

November 13, 2025

SENATE BILL NO. GF25-

AS INTRODUCED

An Act of Procedure approving Conference/Research  
& Creative Exhibition Grant awards  
for the 2025 Fall semester;  
providing for short title; stating purpose; and appropriations.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE:

**Section 1:** The act shall be known and may be cited as an act of procedure approving  
conference/research & creative exhibition grant awards for the 2025 Fall semester.

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

**Section 3: APPROPRIATION.** The Graduate Student Senate shall allot Conference/Research &  
Creative Exhibition Grant awards for the 2025 Fall semester in the following manner:

TYPE	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	DEPARTMENT	AWARD
Conference	Gai	Yizhu	Communication	\$750.00
Conference	Gill	Kanvarbir	Education Psychology	\$750.00
Conference	Shrestha	Reeya	Geography & Environ Sustain	\$750.00
Conference	Chen	Junhua	Geography & Environ Sustain	\$750.00
Conference	Powell	Noah	Anthropology	\$750.00
Conference	Shahid	Maleeha	Communication	\$750.00
Conference	Liu	Siyu	Geography & Environ Sustain	\$750.00
Conference	Amani	Kiana	Indust & Systems Engr	\$747.98
Conference	Lamkin	Bradley	Meteorology	\$750.00
Conference	Basirifard	Milad	Civil Engr and Environmental	\$750.00
Conference	Harger	Garret	Communication	\$648.96
Conference	Crowley	Kiera	Geology and Geophysics	\$562.11
Conference	Davidson	Jaron	Anthropology	\$750.00
Conference	Gupta	Anany	Computer Science	\$750.00
Conference	Mahmoud Elhaj	Dana	Psychology	\$750.00
Conference	Schoolcraft	Marsha	Indust & Systems Engr	\$750.00
Conference	Afroz	Farzana	Geography & Environ Sustain	\$364.00

Conference	Coleman	Lucy	Chemistry and Biochemistry	\$750.00
Conference	Shodunke	Ganiyat	Geology and Geophysics	\$750.00
Conference	Adelua	Mary	Communication	\$600.00
Conference	Akotenou	Segla Bemus Emilien	Economics	\$600.00
Conference	Aljishi	Mohammad	Petroleum and Geological Engr	\$600.00
Conference	Ryu	Junyeol	Economics	\$600.00
Conference	Shashi	Nahian Azad	Economics	\$600.00
Conference	Hassan	Ahmad	Aerospace and Mechanical Engr	\$600.00
Conference	Bennett	Rachel	Indust & Systems Engr	\$600.00
Conference	Choo	Wonoo	Aerospace and Mechanical Engr	\$600.00
Conference	Evans	Madelyn	Communication	\$600.00
Conference	Foskey	Stephen	Meteorology	\$600.00
Conference	Ghanbari Mehrabani	Mojtaba	Biomedical Engineering	\$600.00
Conference	Ghasemkhani	Ahmad	Indust & Systems Engr	\$600.00
Conference	Kochackpour	Fatemeh	Health & Exercise Science	\$600.00
Conference	Momin	Khondhaker Al	Civil Engr and Environmental	\$600.00
Conference	Du	Shuai	Civil Engr and Environmental	\$600.00
Conference	Punchi Hathanalage	Malinda Bimsara	Chemistry and Biochemistry	\$600.00
Conference	Biswas	Dhiman	Physics and Astronomy	\$600.00
Conference	Chapin	Aubrey	Music	\$600.00
Conference	Hale	Madeleine	Anthropology	\$270.00
Conference	Kafle	Arati	Geography & Environ Sustain	\$600.00
Conference	Qu	Xiaochi	Geography & Environ Sustain	\$600.00
Conference	Shayeghi Moghanlou	Afshin	Geography & Environ Sustain	\$600.00
Conference	Shourian	Mahla	Economics	\$600.00
Conference	Ojha	Ashish	Civil Engr and Environmental	\$450.00
Conference	Gigliotti	Andrea	Health & Exercise Science	\$450.00
Conference	Razzaghi	Mohammad Reza	Chem, Biological, and Material	\$450.00
Conference	Shurtliff	Tracey	Sociology	\$450.00
Conference	Arredondo	Eric	Biology	\$450.00
Conference	Black	Cheyenne	Political Science	\$450.00
Conference	Miller	Chuck	Biology	\$243.20
Conference	Manuel	Pedro	Political Science	\$450.00
Conference	Osterhoudt	Noah	Biology	\$450.00
Conference	Tinuoye	Mary	Communication	\$450.00
Conference	Bray	Matthew	Meteorology	\$450.00
Conference	Gustafson	Jaylyn	Anthropology	\$250.00
Conference	Kang	Zhenyu	Geology and Geophysics	\$450.00

Conference	Wang	Yihan	Civil Engr and Environmental	\$450.00
Conference	Nanyanzi	Alice	Indust & Systems Engr	\$450.00
Conference	Mofidi	Ethan	Anthropology	\$450.00
Conference	Naghash	Farima	Psychology	\$450.00
Conference	Talbert	Neil	Communication	\$450.00
Conference	Basiri	Mohammad Amin	Galogly Coll of Engineering	\$450.00
Conference	Konate	Nabe	Petroleum and Geological Engr	\$450.00
Conference	Foster	Kylie	Chem, Biological, and Material	\$450.00
Conference	Masnadi Khiabani	Parisa	Data Science & Analytics	\$450.00
Conference	Odunfa	Emmanuel	Galogly Coll of Engineering	\$450.00
Conference	Dulal	Ramesh	Economics	\$376.74
Conference	Matney	Jacob	Health & Exercise Science	\$450.00
Conference	Tommy	Solomon	Communication	\$450.00
			<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$38,262.99</b>

TYPE	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	DEPARTMENT	AWARD
Research	Bonner	Emily	Sociology	\$750.00
Research	Nampally	Keerthana	Interior Design	\$750.00
Research	Chandra	Subhash	Computer Science	\$750.00
Research	Davidson	Jaron	Anthropology	\$750.00
Research	Hu	Yue	Economics	\$750.00
Research	Aminpour	Sara	Electrical and Computer Engr	\$719.74
Research	Cummings	Caroline	Biology	\$750.00
Research	McHugh	Madeline	Visual Arts	\$600.00
Research	Ebohon	Egbe	Communication	\$600.00
Research	Falahati	Akram	Health & Exercise Science	\$600.00
Research	Jones	Alexis	Political Science	\$600.00
Research	Krug	Andrew	Anthropology	\$600.00
Research	Billingsly	Blue	Visual Arts	\$399.99
Research	Dawkins	Taylor	Music	\$450.00
Research	Abdullah	Muhammad	Petroleum and Geological Engr	\$450.00
Research	Grimmett	Claire	Biology	\$447.77
Research	Davis	Mara	Communication	\$450.00
Research	McLimans	Christopher	Biology	\$450.00
			<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$10,867.50</b>

Total Conference Funds: **\$38,262.99**

Funding 68 out of 104 reviewed applicants.  
Total Research Funds: **\$10,867.50**

Funding 18 out of 28 reviewed applicants.  
**Total Funds Awarded: \$49,130.49**

**Section 4:** All monies will be distributed via payment through the university's accounting system. All awardees will be contacted by Shared Business Services Center in order to be set up to receive awards via check or direct deposit.

Authors: 2025-2026 GSS Ways and Means Committee

Submitted on a motion by:

Action taken by Senate:

Verified by Chair of Senate:

Date:

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS  
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CXIV  
October 21, 2025

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE  
SENATE SESSION GF25  
November 13, 2025

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-114-13  
SENATE BILL NO. GF25-14

AS INTRODUCED

An Act of Legislation amending SGA Code Annotated  
§X.5 to create a provision preventing compensation  
alterations from taking into effect until regular election or  
appointment of certain positions has occurred; providing  
short title; and providing an effective date.

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

Section 1: Title: This act shall be known and may be cited as the “SGA Compensation Alteration Delay Act”

Section 2: Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to update Title X Chapter 5 of the Code Annotated to ensure that any alteration to the compensation of Undergraduate Student Congress officers, Graduate Student Senate officers, or any other elected or appointed committee Chair position shall not go in to effect until a regular election of the respective position shall have occurred. Any alteration to a stipend shall solely be based upon the requirements of the position itself, and the merits of the officer shall not be considered.

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).

Section 4:

Chapter X-5 Salaries And Stipends

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 through the end of their term.
- The SGA President and SGA Vice President shall be compensated monthly with compensation periods beginning January 1st through the end of their term.
- 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.
- The GSS Ways and Means Chair 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, 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 advisor 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: two full-time staff, Associates of General Counsel, General Counsel, Chief of Staff, Election Commissioner, SGA Student Assistants.

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

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

- a. 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.

2. 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.
3. Other Employment. No employee in a 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.
4. Stipend Alteration Delay. Any alteration to a salary/stipend amount, enacted in accordance with the SGA Constitution and Code Annotated, that is applicable to one or more Undergraduate Student Congress officer(s), Graduate Student Senate officer(s), or any other elected or appointed committee Chair position, shall not go into effect until a regular election, or appointment of the respective position has occurred.
  - a. Any alteration to a stipend shall solely be based upon the requirements of the position itself, and the merits of the officer shall not be considered.

Section 5: This act shall become effective when passed in accordance with the SGA Constitution.

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Co-Sponsor(s): Chair Caleb Robinson, Undergraduate Student Congress  
Secretary Michael Wintory, Undergraduate Student Congress  
Hope Rhoads, External Affairs Committee Chair

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

Action taken by Congress: Passed unanimously 35-0-0

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  
November 4, 2025

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE  
SENATE SESSION GF25  
November 13, 2025

CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-114-07  
SENATE RESOLUTION NO. GF25-16

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution acknowledging the month of  
November as Native American Heritage Month; and  
providing for distribution.

- Whereas: Native American Heritage Month is celebrated during the month of November; and
- Whereas: Native American Heritage Month is used to promote and celebrate the cultural identities of Native Americans and Alaskan Natives; and
- Whereas: Native American Heritage Month is also used to educate the public on the challenges Native Tribes and people have faced throughout America's history; and
- Whereas: The United States federal government first recognized Native American Heritage Month in 1990<sup>1</sup>; and
- Whereas: Today about 7.4 million people are registered as Native American or Alaskan Native in the United States<sup>2</sup>; and
- Whereas: In 2023, about 6.79% of the population in Oklahoma were Native American, which equals to 271 thousand people<sup>3</sup>; and
- Whereas: As of 2023 at the University of Oklahoma there were 1,107 or 3.8% students who were registered as Native American<sup>4</sup>; and
- Whereas: The University of Oklahoma resides on the traditional homeland of the Caddo and Wichita nations. As well as being a part of the Apache, Comanche, Kiowa, and Osage nations<sup>5</sup>; and

Whereas:       Suppression, assimilation, and removal of Native Peoples and their culture were official policies by early state and federal settlement laws<sup>6</sup>; therefore

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 “Native American Heritage Month Resolution of 2025.”

**Section 2:**     The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association shall recognize the month of November as Native American Heritage Month.

**Section 3:**     The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association shall recognize and honor the Native American students at The University of Oklahoma in addition to their culture and heritage.

**Section 4:**     The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association shall recognize and honor the University of Oklahoma resides on traditional Native American land.

**Section 5:**     The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association encourages the student body to participate in cultural appreciation events such as those planned by the American Indian Student Association in collaboration with other Native American and Alaskan Native Student Organizations on campus.

**Section 6:**     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
- Quy Nguyen, Director of Student Life Office and Assistant Dean of Students
- Ryan Lee, Coordinator of American Indian Programs and Services
- Tana Fitzpatrick, Director of Native Nations Center
- Alexandra Murray, President, OU American Indian Student Association
- Gianna Sike, Founder and President, OU Osage Club
- Leandra LeForce, OU Indigenous Royalty
- J-T Murray, President, Iota Gamma
- Alayna Johnson, Clan Mom, Gamma Delta Pi
- OU Daily
- OU Nightly
- American Indian Society of Engineers and Scientists

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

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: \_\_\_\_\_