

**UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
GENERAL MEETING AGENDA**

April 10th, 7:00 PM

Zoom Conference Call

<https://oklahoma.zoom.us/j/92662526832?pwd=VGuKxz94KVUMqSIbCSpaC4a7Waq9ha.1>

Call to Order

SGA Mission Statement: The mission of the University of Oklahoma Student Government Association is to support the University's advancement by prioritizing student voices at every degree level; to advocate for the holistic development of each student; and to promote civic engagement and community involvement across campus.

GSS 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/content/dam/sga/common/GSS/agendas/2025/3-27-25-GSS-Agenda.pdf>)

Officer Reports:

- Chair:
- Vice-Chair:
- Secretary:

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

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

Student Concerns:

Old Business:

New Business:

- GS25-13 Women's History Month of 2025 (Do Pass)
- GS25-14 Conoco Student Leadership Center Pilot Program Extension Act of 2025 (Do Pass)
- GS25-15 Matin-Toyos Appointment Act (Do Pass)

Special Orders:

- GS25-16 Resolution Recognizing Congress Representative Shrey Kathuria
- Elections

Announcements:

Adjournment

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS

CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CXIII

March 25, 2025

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE

SENATE SESSION GS25

April 10, 2025

CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-113-05

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. GS25-13

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution acknowledging the importance
of the celebration and recognition of Women's History
Month; and providing for distribution.

- Whereas: In 1987, widespread support from the states led U.S. Congress to declare March as National Women's History Month in perpetuity (Pub. L. 100-9), issuing a special Presidential Proclamation yearly¹; and
- Whereas: Women's History month highlights the role of past and present women in reforming society in American history, and a symbol for the continued battle towards gender violence and equality today²; and
- Whereas: Women continue to struggle with institutional discrimination and scarce representation³; and
- Whereas: These problems lead to wage gaps between men and women, limited access to education, gender-based violence, lack of health awareness and research, and other prejudiced issues; and
- Whereas: Women's History Month seeks to commemorate and encourage educational pursuits, awareness, and celebration surrounding the essential role that women have played in American history; and
- Whereas: March 8th is annually recognized as International Women's Day, a globally recognized holiday that seeks to celebrate women's achievements and take steps toward creating a world free of gender bias; and

¹ MacGregor, Molly M. "Why March is National Women's History Month."

<https://nationalwomenshistoryalliance.org/womens-history-month-history/>

² Stern, Majorie. "How To Celebrate National Women's History Month." (1998).

<https://files.eric.ed.gov/fulltext/ED432484.pdf>

³ "Women's History Overview." *Women's History Overview*, LiveYourDream.org,

<https://act.liveyourdream.org/womens-history/>

Whereas: Over 1 in 3 women (35.6%) in the US have experienced rape, physical violence, and/or stalking by an intimate partner in their lifetime⁴; and

Whereas: One in 5 women are sexually assaulted while in college, with 9 out of 10 victims knowing their offender previously; and

Whereas: As of the year of 2022, the University of Oklahoma had a total of 44 reported rape offenses on the university's property⁵; and

Whereas: As of Fall 2023, the University of Oklahoma has a total undergraduate enrollment of 22,046, with a gender distribution of 48.5% male students and 51.5% female students⁶; and

Whereas: The University of Oklahoma has a total graduate enrollment of 7,261, with a gender distribution of 49% male students and 51% female students; and

Whereas: In the 2023 to 2024 school year, women earned about 61% of all degrees and certificates conferred at public higher education institutions, while men earned 39%⁷; and

Whereas: As of the year of 2021, Women made up an estimated 44 percent of the overall workforce, but an estimated 41 percent of managers⁸; and

Whereas: Overall, women earned about \$.82 for every dollar men earned; Hispanic or Latina women earned about \$.58 and Black women earned about \$.63 for every dollar White men earned; and

Whereas: Gender disparity in areas such as Engineering, Aviation, Continuing Education, and Finance is exemplary of the University of Oklahoma's need for Women's History Month recognition and celebration⁹; and

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

⁴ "Domestic Violence Statistics." *National Domestic Violence Hotline*, thehotline.org, <https://www.thehotline.org/stakeholders/domestic-violence-statistics/>

⁵ USNews. "University of Oklahoma Student Life," <https://www.usnews.com/best-colleges/university-of-oklahoma-3184/student-life#footnote-3>

⁷ Wallis, Beth. "Oklahoma higher ed gender gap." *KGOU*, <https://www.kgou.org/education/2024-12-04/oklahoma-higher-ed-gender-gap-widens-women-earn-61-of-college-degrees-certificates>

⁸ "Women in the Workforce." *U.S. Government Accountability Office*, gao.org, <https://www.gao.gov/products/gao-23-106041>

⁹ Pike, Hannah . "OU's Sex Distribution Varies across Colleges despite Efforts for Gender Equality." *OU Daily*, March 24, 2017. https://www.oudaily.com/news/ous-sex-distribution-varies-across-colleges-despite-efforts-for-gender-equality/article_c4322396-10a1-11e7-bbaa-c3fae8ef3bd4.html#:~:text=These%20colleges%20combined%20have%20about

Section 1: Title: This resolution shall be known and may be cited as the “Women’s History Month of 2025”

Section 2: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association acknowledges and celebrates the month of March as Women’s History Month.

Section 3: OU SGA encourages the student body to take advantage of the month of March to learn more about Women’s History and gender disparities to foster a better environment for gender equality to thrive on campus.

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

- President Joseph Harroz
- Vice President for Access and Opportunity Dr. Belinda Hyppolite
- The OU Daily
- The OU Nightly
- African Women’s League
- Getting to the Root
- Women's Health Advocacy
- Women in Finance
- Women in Business Association
- Women in Gaylord
- Women in Engineering

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Co-Sponsor(s): Jacob Schonfield, WAM Committee Chair
Ava Burnett, Arts and Sciences Representative
Alexandra Toyos, Arts and Sciences Representative

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 CXIII

April 8, 2025

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GS25

April 10, 2025

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-113-25
SENATE BILL GS25-14

AS INTRODUCED

An Act creating a Pilot Program for allocating space in the Conoco Student Leadership Center; 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 “Conoco Student Leadership Center Pilot Program Extension Act of 2025.”
- Section 2:** Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to extend the date of the Pilot Program for the 2nd and 3rd floors of the Conoco Student Leadership Center.
- Section 3:** Continuing in Fall 2025, RSOs will reserve times to use spaces on the 2nd and 3rd floors of the Conoco Student Leadership Center. All RSOs registered on Engage can reserve times, and no RSO will be allocated an exclusive, individual space.
- Section 4:** The goal of the Pilot Program has been to optimize student space as well as provide equitable and accessible spaces for students to engage and collaborate with one another. In addition, the Pilot Program will continue to be a free, reservable, multipurpose space to meet the greater RSO community’s needs.
- Section 5:** After the Pilot period, the Space Allocation Committee shall evaluate the utilization of the space. Upon further consideration, the Space Allocation Committee shall continue or discontinue the Program based on student feedback and space usage.
- Section 6:** This act shall become effective when passed in accordance with the SGA Constitution.

Authors: Avery Dunlap, President
Ellie Wolthuis, Chief of Staff

Co-Authors: Hope Rhoads, Congress Chair

Co-Sponsor(s):

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Approved by SGA President:

_____ Date: _____

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS

CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CXI

April 15th, 2025

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE

SENATE SESSION GS25

April 10th, 2025

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-XXX-XX

SENATE BILL GS25-15

AS INTRODUCED

An Act of Legislation appointing Co-Chairs
for the Crimson Leadership Association; 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 “Matin-Toyos Appointment Act”

Section 2: Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be name and appoint Co-Chairs for the Crimson Leadership Association who will serve the entirety of the 2025-2026 academic year.

Section 3: In accordance with the SGACA Title 3, Chapter 6, Section 3, subsections b, the Co-Chairs shall be appointed by the Vice President and the previous year’s Co-Chairs, with approval of the President, and advice and consent from the Legislature.

The following nominees shall be named and appointed to be the CLA Co-Chairs:

- Zaber Matin
- Alexandra Toyos

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

Author(s): Vice President Avery Dunlap

Co-Author(s): Mercer Martin, Crimson Leadership Association Co-Chair
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Approved by SGA President: _____ Date: _____

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION XXXX
Month XX, 2025

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GS25
April 10, 2025

CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-XXX-XX
SENATE RESOLUTION NO. GS25-16

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution recognizing the hard work and leadership of Congress Representative Shrey Kathuria.

- Whereas: Shrey Kathuria has been a Congress Representative since Fall 2021; and
- Whereas: While serving in Congress, Representative Kathuria has authored 14 pieces of legislation; and
- Whereas: Many of these pieces of legislation focus on uplifting different communities and groups across campus and creating a positive environment for all students; and
- Whereas: Representative Kathuria has prioritized making the SGA process more transparent and clearer to new members and his constituency; and
- Whereas: Representative Kathuria has prioritized notifying and informing the student body of SGA decisions and ensuring he is serving the interests of his constituents by maintaining an open line of communication with all students; and
- Whereas: Representative Kathuria has encouraged students to become more involved in SGA and other forms of civic engagement on campus; and
- Whereas: Representative Kathuria has prioritized making his peers feel respected and heard throughout SGA; and

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 “Resolution Recognizing Congress Representative Shrey Kathuria”
- Section 2:** The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association recognizes Congress Representative Shrey Kathuria for his continued hard work and leadership in serving the student body in his role in Congress.
- Section 3:** Copies of this resolution will be sent to:
- President Joseph Harroz Jr. of the University of Oklahoma
 - David Surratt, Vice President of Student Affairs and Dean of Students

- Quy Nguyen, Director of Student Life and Assistant Dean of Students
- OU Daily
- OU Nightly

Author(s): Rin Ferraro, GSS Vice Chair

Co-Author(s):

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Action taken by Congress:

Verified by Chair of Congress: _____ Date: _____

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