UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY AGENDA
October 15th, 2026, 7:00 PM

Zoom Conference Call
https://oklahoma.zoom.us/meetings/92159262702/invitations?signature=TEeeKeI2ySV17b3yIIprgvTX5QuDoYm8fQy0WBcOYSs

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:
- **GF26-15:** Indigenous People's Day Resolution of 2026
- **GF26-16:** Auxiliary Allocation 3 Act of 2026-2027

Old Business:

New Business:
- **GF26-13:** World Mental Health Day Resolution *(Do Pass)*
- **GF26-14:** Parking Appeals Board Appointment Act of October 2026 *(Do Pass)*

Announcements:
- Senator Shoutouts

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Adjournment

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THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CXVI
October 13, 2026

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GF26
October 14, 2026

CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-116-07
SENATE RESOLUTION NO. GF26-15

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution acknowledging October 12th as Indigenous Peoples' Day; and providing for distribution.

Whereas: Indigenous Peoples' Day is celebrated on October 12th; and

Whereas: Indigenous Peoples Day is used to promote and celebrate the history and culture of Native Americans; and

Whereas: Indigenous Peoples Day is not an official federal holiday, but there have been efforts across the nation to have this day as a national holiday; and

Whereas: The United States Government first recognized Indigenous Peoples Day in 2021[1]; and

Whereas: This day recognizes the historical trauma caused by colonialism and the enslavement of Indigenous Peoples across the Americas; and

Whereas: Indigenous Peoples Day recognizes and celebrates the native cultures that are still present today after hundreds of years of assimilation and oppression[2]; and

Whereas: Today the United States has approximately 3.1-8.7 million people registered with a tribal nation[3]; and

[1] Little, Becky. "Indigenous Peoples Day." *History.com,* 6, October 2026, https://www.history.com/articles/indigenous-peoples-day-history.
[2] "Unlearning Columbus Day Myths: Celebrating Indigenous People's Day." *National Museum of the American Indian,* 30, October 2020, https://americanindian.si.edu/nk360/informational/columbus-day-myths.
[3] "The Indigenous World 2024: United States of America." *International Work Group for Indigenous Affairs*, 2016, www.iwgia.org/en/

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Whereas: The state of Oklahoma has an estimated population of 566,000 Native Americans[4]; and

Whereas: The University of Oklahoma (Norman campus) has 1,193 Native American students[5]; 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 "Indigenous Peoples Day Resolution of 2026."

Section 2: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association shall recognize October 12th as Indigenous Peoples Day.

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 that 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 the Tipi Setup, Breakfast and Tribal Flag Setup, the Tribal Celebration Walk, Welcome and Opening Prayer, Cedaring Ceremony, Lunch and Learn, Tipi Take Down, Workshops and Stickball game, and the Community Dinner hosted by the American Indian Student Association on October 12th.

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
- Georgia Harjo, President, OU American Indian Student Association
- OU Daily
- OU Nightly

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[4] "Native American Population by State 2026." *World Population Review*, 2024, worldpopulationreview.com/state-rankings/native-american-population.

[5] "Student Populations by Race at Oklahoma Colleges." *College Tuition Compare*, www.collegetuitioncompare.com/amp/statistics/student-population-by-race/?state=OK.

Author(s): Lilith Thompson, Arts and Sciences Representative
Lucy Perez, Associate

Co-Sponsor(s): Lorelai Radzanowski, Human Diversity Chair

Submitted on a motion by: Representative Radzanowski seconded Representative Cox
Action taken by Congress: Passed unanimously 28-0-0
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: _____

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CONGRESSIONAL BILL AB-116-03
SENATE BILL NO. GS26-16

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 3 Act of 2026-2027"

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**
East African Alliance	$140.00			$140.00
Pre-Medical Club	$350.00			$350.00
OU Real Estate Club	$300.00			$300.00
Hispanic American Student Association	$2,300.00			$2,300.00
Christian Grads Fellowship	$150.00			$150.00
Garden of Knowledge Children's Organization	$150.00			$150.00
Caribbean Students Association	$150.00			$150.00
Women in Business Association	$300.00			$300.00

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Sigma Gamma Epsilon	$150.00			$150.00
Psychology Graduate Student Association	$480.00			$480.00
Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences Student Chapter	$150.00			$150.00
Alpha Kappa Delta Phi International Sorority, Inc.	$100.00			$100.00
Health Empowerment and Access through Learning		$150.00		$150.00
Health and Exercise Science Student Association	$300.00			$300.00
Global Brigades	$300.00			$300.00
Price Professional Sales Club		$150.00		$150.00
OU Tennis Club		$300.00	$190.00	$490.00
Little Hearts Alliance	$250.00			$250.00
Oklahoma Weather Lab	$500.00			$500.00
National Association of Black Journalists	$150.00			$150.00
Global Corner	$150.00			$150.00
Dhamaka	$150.00			$150.00
Management Information Systems Student Association	$150.00			$150.00
Norman Rotaract Club	$150.00			$150.00
Baccano Italian Club	$500.00			$500.00
			TOTAL:	$8,130.00

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, 2027.

Section 6: All unspent money remaining in the accounts listed in Section 3 shall revert to the SGA General Account after May 8, 2027 and the remaining appropriations shall be canceled.

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

Author(s): Michael Wintory, 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 CXVI
October 6, 2026

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GF26
October 15, 2026

CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-116-06
SENATE RESOLUTION NO. GF26-13

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution of acknowledgement of the importance and appreciation for World Mental Health Day and providing for distribution.

Whereas: World Mental Health Day, celebrated annually on October 10th, was established in 1992 to promote awareness, advocacy, and education around mental health issues worldwide and has since evolved into a global initiative that supports advancements in mental health services through events and campaigns held across the globe[1]; and.

Whereas: World Mental Health Day is recognized in more than 150 countries, with governments, hospitals, universities, charities, and workplaces coming together each year under a shared theme developed by both the World Federation for Mental Health (WFMH) and the World Health Organization (WHO) to promote mental health awareness and advocacy worldwide[2]; and

Whereas: Oklahoma observes World Mental Health Day to remind Oklahomans of the importance of mental health, with a strong emphasis on suicide prevention, while encouraging community members, employers, and organizations to participate in workshops, events, and discussions that promote awareness, education, and support for mental well-being[3]; and

Whereas: Norman, Oklahoma, recognizes mental health awareness through the Out of the Darkness Norman Walk, an event held annually in the weeks leading up to World Mental Health Day that brings community members together to raise awareness of

mental health, support suicide prevention efforts, and honor those affected by suicide, with this year's walk taking place on September 27th; and

Whereas: Among college students, severe symptoms of depression dropped from 23% in 2022 to 18%[4]; and

Whereas: College students are in the third consecutive year of mental health improvements following the pandemics record-breaking highs; and

Whereas: More than half of college students received professional mental health treatment at some point in grades K-12[5]; and

Whereas: 19.1 percent of Oklahoma high school students said they had seriously considered attempting suicide within the last 12 months[6]; and

Whereas: Despite 3 quarters of college students trusting campus counseling, less than 20% have received treatment on campus[7]; and

Whereas: More than one third of college students report having little to no connection with their residential community.[8]

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS THAT:

Section 1: Title: This resolution shall be known and may be cited as the "World Mental Health Day Resolution."

Section 2: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association recognizes October 10th as World Mental Health Day.

Section 3: Copies of this resolution will be sent to:

- Joseph Harroz Jr, OU President
- Goddard Counseling Center
- Mental Health Counseling Student Association
- OUr Mental Health
- Black Men's Mental Health Club
- OU Daily

- OU Nightly
- Stem in the Sun

Authors: Layla Broeker, Associate
Maddy McMillin, Associate

Co-Sponsor: Lorelai Radzanowski, Human Diversity Chair

Submitted on a motion by: Representative Radzanowski seconded by Representative Cox
Action taken by Congress: Passed unanimously 31-0-0
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: _____

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CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-116-10
SENATE BILL GF26-14

AS INTRODUCED

An Act of Procedure appointing judges to the Student Parking Appeals Board; 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 "Parking Appeals Board Appointment Act of October 2026 ."

Section 2: Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to name and appoint judges for the Student Parking Appeals Board.

Section 3: In accordance with SGACA Title IV, Chapter 4, section 2, "Judges of the Student Parking Appeals Board shall be appointed by the SGA President.
The following shall be Judges on the Parking Appeals Board:

- Jackson Dunham
- Sitara Popal
- Thomas Duncan
- Tegan Richardson
- Blake-Lee Green
- Kaden Williams
- Derek Campbell
- Omar Serje

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

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Authors: Mercer Martin, SGA President
Vignesh Anand, SGA Parking Appeals Board Co-Chief Justice
Mike Ousley, SGA Parking Appeals Board Co-Chief Justice
Henry Christiansen, SGA Chief of Staff

Submitted on a Motion by: Representative Wick seconded by Representative Dlamini
Action taken by Congress: Passed unanimously 31-0-0
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: _____

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