

**UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION  
GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY AGENDA  
February 12, 2026, 7:00 PM**

**Zoom Conference Call**

<https://oklahoma.zoom.us/j/93772247533?pwd=sBRbHEL3MOD2aTipaH9URXpz3t1Fcr.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:**

- Cybersecurity Engagement Survey
- OU Athletics/Women's Gymnastics

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

- **GS26-04:** SGA Transparency in Compensation Adjustments Act (Do Pass)

**Announcements:**

**Adjournment**

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS  
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CXV  
February 3, 2026

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE  
SENATE SESSION GS26  
February 12, 2026

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-115-06  
SENATE BILL NO. GS26-04

AS INTRODUCED

An Act of Legislation amending SGA Code Annotated §X.5 to create a provision requiring raises to have stipulated start date; create a provision requiring benefited parties to abstain from voting on raises; create a provision requiring a report detailing new allocations of funds be provided to Congress and GSS; 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 Transparency in Compensation Adjustments 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 changes to the compensation of the SGA President, SGA Vice President, Undergraduate Student Congress officers, Graduate Student Senate officers, or any other elected or appointed committee Chair position shall be made in a transparent manner. The stipulations of this bill will allow for members of the Undergraduate Student Congress and the Graduate Student Senate to better understand how raises will be administered, how their value was determined, and the potential needs for changes in compensation. Finally, it will also add guardrails against potential corruption, ensuring that changes to compensation benefit the general student body and not just particular individuals.

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. Requirements for Stipend Alterations. Any alteration to a salary/stipend amount that is applicable to one or more of the SGA President, SGA Vice President, Undergraduate Student Congress officer(s), Graduate Student Senate officer(s), or any other elected or appointed committee Chair position, is required to contain sections providing the following materials when presented to the Undergraduate Student Congress and the Graduate Student Senate:
  - a. A specific start date for the adjusted stipend.
  - b. A brief and detailed section specifying the following information:
    - i. The needs, circumstances, and/or reasoning justifying the alteration to the relevant stipends.
    - ii. The methods and reasoning for determining the value of the adjustments.
    - iii. A justification for the timing of the relevant stipend adjustments.
    - iv. An explanation of what funds will be used to make the relevant stipend adjustments, and
    - v. A justification for why the proposed funds should be used for the purposes of stipend adjustments.
  - c. An affirmation by the authors of the required report that the information contained in the report is accurate and has been prepared in a good-faith effort to provide transparency and justification to the legislative bodies of the SGA.
5. Committee Requirements for Seeing Stipend Adjustments. Any legislation adjusting SGA stipends must be seen by the Executive Committees of both the Undergraduate Congress and Graduate Student Senate before it can be brought before the general body of both chambers.
6. Voting Restrictions for Stipend Adjustments. No individual who both receives an SGA stipend and occupies a position that would vote on legislation adjusting SGA stipends is permitted to vote on the legislation adjusting SGA stipends. Any individual with a potential conflict of interest caused by voting on legislation that would affect their own SGA stipend is required to abstain from voting on the relevant legislation, excepting the Chairs of the

Undergraduate Student Congress and the Graduate Student Senate in the case that a tie-breaking vote is required.

7. In the event a salary or stipend is adjusted, the Chair of the originating house must contact the relevant University Administrative Services and provide them with the alteration and date for which said alteration is to take place within seven days of the SGA President signing the Act of Legislation.

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

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