

**UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY AGENDA
April 23, 2026, 7:00 PM**

Zoom Conference Call

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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:

- **Elections**
- **SGA President, Mercer Martin**
- **GS26-38:** Unscheduled Fall Holiday Act of 2026
- **GS26-39:** Red River Rivalry Resolution of 2026

Old Business:

- **GS26-19:** Primary Funding Act of 2026 for Governmental Organizations (Do Pass)
- **GS26-20:** Primary Funding Act of 2026 for Registered Student Organizations (Do Pass)

New Business:

- **GS26-23:** Engineering Competition Teams Resolution (No Rec)
- **GS26-24:** Conoco Student Leadership Center Revision Act of 2026 (Do Pass)
- **GS26-25:** Confetti Still Makes Me Upsetti (Do Pass)
- **GS26-26:** Encouraging Sustainable Practices and Environmental Responsibility Resolution (No Rec)
- **GS26-27:** Campus Safety Resolution of 2026 (Do Pass)

- **GS26-28:** Search Committee Approval Revision Act of 2026 (No Rec)
- **GS26-29:** Spring 2026 Uncontested Elections Rework Act (Do Pass)
- **GS26-30:** Earth Day Sustainability Awareness Resolution of 2026 (Do Pass)
- **GS26-31:** Sexual Assault Awareness Month Resolution of 2026 (Do Pass)
- **GS26-32:** Autism Awareness Month Resolution (Do Pass)
- **GS26-33:** Canady-Sneller Appointment Act (Do Pass)
- **GS26-34:** Spring 2026 Superior Court Appointment Act (Do Pass)
- ~~**GS26-35:** Red River Holiday Act of 2026 (Do Pass)~~
- **GS26-36:** An Act of Procedure Approving Outstanding Graduate Student Awards for the 2025-2026 Academic Year (Do Pass)
- **GS26-37:** Arab American Heritage Month Resolution of 2026 (Do Pass)

Announcements:

Adjournment

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CXV

April 21, 2026

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GS26

April 23, 2026

CONGRESSIONAL BILL AB-115-04
SENATE BILL NO. GS26-19

AS INTRODUCED

An amendment to the act relating to appropriations; providing for short title; stating purpose; appropriating Primary Funding for the 2026-2027 process; stating appropriation guidelines; 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 “Primary Funding Amendment to the Act of 2026 for Governmental Organizations”
- 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:** AMENDATORY: The University of Oklahoma Undergraduate Student Congress’s Primary Funding Act of 2026 for Governmental Organizations 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:** APPROPRIATION. The following amounts are hereby unchanged or changed to

Organization	Programs, Events & Activities	Capital Investments	Office and General Expenses	Total
Auxiliary Funding Process			\$71,917.10 <u>\$67,017.10</u>	\$71,917.10 <u>\$67,017.10</u>
Campus Activities Council	\$172,000.00			\$172,000.00
Crimson Leadership Association	\$1,400.00			\$1,400.00
Graduate Student Senate	\$2,000.00			\$2,000.00
Graduate Student Senate Grants	\$110,000.00			\$110,000.00
SafeRide	\$23,892.00			\$23,892.00
Salaries and Stipends			\$157,000.00	\$157,000.00

SGA Executive Branch	\$1,300.00		\$800.00	\$2,100.00
SGA Operations	\$7,840.00	\$13,000.00	\$35,917.40	\$56,757.40
SGA Undergraduate Student Congress	\$3,566.00	\$1,189.00		\$4,755.00
Student Bar Association	\$13,000.00			\$13,000.00
			TOTAL:	<u>\$614,821.50</u> <u>\$609,921.50</u>

Section 5: All guidelines and provisions in Title 10 of the Code Annotated shall apply to all funds appropriated in this act.

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): Mecca Fisher, Chair, SGA Budgetary Committee

Co-Author(s): SGA Budgetary Committee

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Verified by Chair of Congress: _____ Date: _____

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CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CXV

April 21, 2026

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SENATE SESSION GS26

April 23, 2026

CONGRESSIONAL BILL AB-115-05
SENATE BILL NO. GS26-20

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

- Section 1:** This act shall be known and may be cited as the “Primary Funding Amendment Act of 2026 for Registered Student Organizations”
- 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:** AMENDATORY: The University of Oklahoma Undergraduate Student Congress’s Primary Funding Act of 2026 for Registered Student Organizations 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:** APPROPRIATION. The following amounts are hereby unchanged or changed to:

Organization	Programs, Events & Activities	Capital Investments	Office and General Expenses	Total
Academic Team	\$700.00			\$700.00
Advanced Radar Research Center Student Affairs Committee	\$300.00			\$300.00
African Women's League	\$2,000.00			\$2,000.00
Afrobeat Dance Club at the University of Oklahoma	\$700.00			\$700.00
Agricultural Law Association	\$800.00			\$800.00
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Kappa Psi Chapter.	\$700.00			\$700.00
Alpha Phi Omega, Delta Beta Chapter	\$700.00			\$700.00

Alpha Sigma Kappa - Women and Gender Minorities in Technical Studies	\$900.00			\$900.00
American Cancer Society Relay for Life	\$700.00			\$700.00
American Constitution Society	\$700.00			\$700.00
American Indian Law Review	\$500.00			\$500.00
American Indian Student Association	\$20,000.00			\$20,000.00
American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics	\$300.00			\$300.00
American Institute of Chemical Engineers	\$500.00			\$500.00
American Marketing Association	\$600.00			\$600.00
American Mock World Health Organization	\$1,600.00			\$1,600.00
American Sign Language Club	\$60.00			\$60.00
American Society of Civil Engineers	\$400.00			\$400.00
American Society of Mechanical Engineers	\$250.00			\$250.00
Anthropology Graduate Student Association	\$900.00			\$900.00
Arab Student Association	\$3,500.00			\$3,500.00
Arabic Club	\$700.00			\$700.00
Architectural Engineering Institute	\$800.00			\$800.00
Artificial Intelligence Organization at the University of Oklahoma	\$800.00			\$800.00
Asian American Student Association	\$14,000.00			\$14,000.00
Asian Americans in Business Association	\$700.00			\$700.00
Asian Americans in Healthcare Association	\$700.00			\$700.00
Asian Pacific American Law Student Association	\$1,575.00			\$1,575.00
Association for Women in Mathematics	\$500.00			\$500.00
Association of Geography Graduate Students	\$800.00			\$800.00
Association of Southeast Asian Nations	\$2,500.00			\$2,500.00
Association of Southern African Students	\$850.00			\$850.00
Baccano Italian Club	\$450.00			\$450.00
Bahai Association	\$800.00			\$800.00
Beekeepers' Association	\$563.00			\$563.00
Beta Alpha Psi	\$1,000.00			\$1,000.00
Biology Graduate Student Organization	\$1,250.00			\$1,250.00
Biomedical Engineering Student Affairs		\$700.00		\$700.00
Black Men In Stem	\$700.00			\$700.00
Black Men's Mental Health Club	\$200.00			\$200.00
Black Muslim Initiative	\$700.00			\$700.00
Black Student Association	\$27,000.00			\$27,000.00

Black Undergraduate Law Student Association	\$400.00			\$400.00
Boomer Rocket Team			\$250.00	\$250.00
Botanical Society	\$700.00			\$700.00
Business Law Society	\$700.00			\$700.00
Business Ph.D. Student Association	\$700.00			\$700.00
Caribbean Students Association	\$107.24			\$107.24
Catholic Student Association	\$700.00			\$700.00
Chemical Engineering Graduate Student Society (ChEGS)	\$700.00			\$700.00
Chi Epsilon	\$800.00			\$800.00
Chinese Language and Culture Club	\$370.00			\$370.00
Christian Legal Society	\$1,300.00			\$1,300.00
Christians on Campus	\$840.00			\$840.00
Circle K International	\$600.00			\$600.00
College Democrats	\$540.00			\$540.00
College Republicans at the University of Oklahoma	\$900.00			\$900.00
Collegiate National Association for Music Education	\$0.00	\$700.00		\$700.00
Colombian Student Association	\$7,000.00			\$7,000.00
Communication Graduate Student Association	\$1,200.00			\$1,200.00
Computer Science Student Board	\$600.00			\$600.00
Cooking Club	\$500.00			\$500.00
Criminal Law Association	\$1,400.00			\$1,400.00
Crimson Chords	\$1,000.00			\$1,000.00
Cru	\$640.00			\$640.00
Cybersecurity Club	\$900.00			\$900.00
Data Science and Analytics Club	\$300.00			\$300.00
Dialogues of Contemporary Sociology (DOCS) Workshop	\$960.00			\$960.00
Disabled Law Student Association	\$770.00			\$770.00
East African Alliance	\$600.00			\$600.00
Economics Club	\$800.00			\$800.00
Elite Dance Team	\$700.00			\$700.00
Engineers' Club	\$3,500.00			\$3,500.00
Engineers Serving Others	\$400.00			\$400.00
English Club + Sigma Tau Delta, International English Honor Society - Alpha Theta Psi Chapter	\$150.00			\$150.00
Environmental Science Student Association	\$770.00			\$770.00
Eta Kappa Nu, Beta Xi Chapter	\$720.00			\$720.00
Federal Bar Association	\$1000.00			\$1000.00

Finance Student Association	\$450.00			\$450.00
Fired Up Sculpture Club	\$700.00			\$700.00
First Generation Law Student Association	\$700.00			\$700.00
First Year Connections	\$750.00			\$750.00
Flyer Removal Club	\$120.00		\$30.00	\$150.00
French Club	\$620.00			\$620.00
Friday Accounting Meeting	\$720.00			\$720.00
Game Developer's Association	\$300.00			\$300.00
Gaylord College Graduate Students Association	\$700.00			\$700.00
Geographic Information Science Student Organization	\$450.00			\$450.00
Girls Who Code	\$400.00			\$400.00
Global Africa Child Hope Association	\$700.00			\$700.00
<u>Graduate Business Association</u>	<u>\$300.00</u>			<u>\$300.00</u>
Graduate Music Student Association	\$250.00			\$250.00
Graduate Philosophical Association	\$700.00			\$700.00
Graduate Physics Student Interdependence	\$250.00			\$250.00
Graduate Student Community @ Gallogly College of Engineering	\$4,000.00			\$4,000.00
Grant Writers Association of Oklahoma	\$550.00			\$550.00
Graphic Design Association	\$700.00			\$700.00
<u>Greenlight Studios</u>	<u>\$500.00</u>			<u>\$500.00</u>
Green Week	\$900.00			\$900.00
Hacklahoma	\$1,200.00			\$1,200.00
Health and Exercise Science Graduate Student Association	\$400.00			\$400.00
Health Law Student Association	\$450.00			\$450.00
Hindu Student Association	\$700.00			\$700.00
Hispanic American Student Association	\$12,000.00			\$12,000.00
Honors Cultural Council	\$800.00			\$800.00
Honors Student Association	\$1,000.00			\$1,000.00
Horn Studio at the University of Oklahoma	\$700.00			\$700.00
HOSA- Future Health Professionals	\$700.00			\$700.00
Housing Center Student Association	\$14,500.00			\$14,500.00
India Student Association	\$9,000.00			\$9,000.00
Indigenous Art Forms	\$700.00			\$700.00
Informed Citizen Discussion Groups	\$1,037.59			\$1,037.59
Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences Student Chapter	\$1,000.00			\$1,000.00
Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers	\$700.00			\$700.00

Institute of Industrial and Systems Engineers			\$200.00	\$200.00
Institute of Transportation Engineers at the University of Oklahoma	\$700.00			\$700.00
Integrity Council	\$1,600.00			\$1,600.00
Intellectual Property Society	\$880.00			\$880.00
International Advisory Committee	\$32,000.00			\$32,000.00
International Friendships Inc.	\$700.00			\$700.00
International Security Student Association	\$1,492.00			\$1,492.00
InterVarsity Christian Fellowship: Black Campus Ministries	\$350.00			\$350.00
Investment Club at The University of Oklahoma	\$1,800.00			\$1,800.00
Iranian Student Association	\$15,000.00			\$15,000.00
Jurassic Journeyers	\$400.00			\$400.00
Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc.	\$400.00			\$400.00
Kappa Delta Chi Sorority, Inc.	\$700.00			\$700.00
Kappa Delta Pi	\$1,100.00			\$1,100.00
Kidney Disease Screening and Awareness Program	\$43.08	\$1,156.92		\$1,200.00
Kiowa Club	\$700.00			\$700.00
Korean Student Association	\$1,000.00			\$1,000.00
Laminar	\$700.00			\$700.00
Latin American Law Student Association	\$1,100.00			\$1,100.00
Latin Dance Club	\$1,600.00			\$1,600.00
Latinos Without Borders	\$3,700.00			\$3,700.00
Law Golf Club at the University of Oklahoma	\$200.00			\$200.00
Law Students for a Free Palestine	\$700.00			\$700.00
Law Students of Texas	\$400.00			\$400.00
Law Technology and Legal Innovation Society	\$700.00			\$700.00
Linguistics Club	\$150.00			\$150.00
Little Hearts Alliance	\$440.00			\$440.00
Management and International Business Association	\$200.00			\$200.00
Mathematics Graduate Students Association	\$450.00			\$450.00
MEDLIFE	\$360.00			\$360.00
Minority Association of Pre-Health Students	\$700.00			\$700.00
Miracle Mindset College Access Program	\$2,175.00		\$175.00	\$2,350.00
Model United Nations	\$1,750.00			\$1,750.00
Mosaic Health Sciences Conference	\$800.00			\$800.00
MTNA Collegiate Chapter	\$300.00			\$300.00

Multicultural Greek Council	\$8,000.00			\$8,000.00
Muslim Student Association	\$3,500.00			\$3,500.00
National Gay Pilots Association	\$500.00			\$500.00
National Organization for the Professional Advancement of Black Chemists and Chemical Engineers	\$700.00			\$700.00
National Pan-Hellenic Council	\$17,000.00			\$17,000.00
National Society of Black Engineers	\$700.00			\$700.00
Native American Law Student Association	\$500.00			\$500.00
Nepalese Student Association	\$300.00			\$300.00
Norman Students for Life	\$700.00			\$700.00
OBI OUtreach	\$600.00			\$600.00
Oil and Gas, Natural Resources, and Energy Journal	\$600.00			\$600.00
Oil and Gas, Natural Resources, and Energy Law Society	\$600.00			\$600.00
Oklahoma Aspiring Educators Association	\$900.00			\$900.00
Oklahoma College of Law Board of Advocates	\$600.00			\$600.00
Oklahoma Intercollegiate Legislature	\$1,248.37	\$170.91	\$8,080.72	\$9,500.00
Oklahoma International Law Society	\$1,215.00			\$1,215.00
Oklahoma Law Review	\$1,500.00			\$1,500.00
Oklahoma Weather Lab	\$800.00			\$800.00
Omega Delta Phi Fraternity, Inc.	\$1,750.00			\$1,750.00
Organization for the Advancement of Women in Law	\$2,000.00			\$2,000.00
OU Badminton Club		\$1,100.00		\$1,100.00
OU Climbing Club	\$315.00			\$315.00
OU Design/Build/Fly Club	\$400.00		\$1,050.00	\$1,450.00
OU Equestrian Club		\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00
OU Fencing Club	\$720.00	\$1,030.00	\$450.00	\$2,200.00
OU Figure Skating Club	\$1,800.00			\$1,800.00
OU Fishing Club	\$400.00	\$320.00		\$720.00
OU Food Pantry Student Association	\$4,000.00			\$4,000.00
OU Gaming Club	\$700.00			\$700.00
OU Golf Club	\$700.00			\$700.00
OU History Club	\$91.88			\$91.88
OU Men's Rugby Club			\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
OU Men's Soccer Club		\$1,080.00	\$600.00	\$1,680.00
OU Men's Volleyball Club	\$300.00			\$300.00
OU Pickleball Club	\$280.00		\$420.00	\$700.00
OU Sailing Club	\$700.00			\$700.00
OU Skate Club	\$700.00			\$700.00

OU Tennis Club	\$800.00			\$800.00
OU Women's Soccer Club			\$720.00	\$720.00
Our Mental Health	\$150.00			\$150.00
Outdoor Club	\$700.00			\$700.00
Pakistani Student Association	\$2,000.00			\$2,000.00
Parents at Law School	\$200.00			\$200.00
Peruvian Student Association	\$1,000.00			\$1,000.00
Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity, International	\$406.40			\$406.40
Phi Delta Alpha	\$200.00			\$200.00
Phi Delta Phi	\$250.00			\$250.00
Phi Iota Alpha Fraternity, Inc.	\$700.00			\$700.00
Pre-Law@Price	\$700.00			\$700.00
Pre-Medical Club	\$700.00			\$700.00
Pre-Physical Therapy/Occupational Therapy Club	\$700.00			\$700.00
Pre-Veterinary Club	\$360.00			\$360.00
Print Club	\$200.00			\$200.00
Psychology Graduate Student Association	\$1,500.00			\$1,500.00
Public Interest Law Student Association	\$700.00			\$700.00
Queer Student Association	\$6,000.00			\$6,000.00
Rooks & Books	\$600.00			\$600.00
Russian Speaking Student Association	\$500.00			\$500.00
School of Meteorology Outreach	\$200.00			\$200.00
School of Meteorology Student Affairs Committee	\$1,050.00			\$1,050.00
Scientific Undergraduate Research Association	\$510.00			\$510.00
Second Wind Ministries	\$300.00			\$300.00
Sigma Gamma Rho	\$350.00			\$350.00
Sigma Alpha Iota International Music Fraternity, Alpha Iota Chapter			\$200.00	\$200.00
Sigma Gamma Tau	\$300.00			\$300.00
Sigma Lambda Alpha Sorority, Inc.	\$200.00			\$200.00
Sigma Lambda Gamma National Sorority, Inc.	\$200.00			\$200.00
Sitaraas	\$700.00			\$700.00
Society of Asian Scientists & Engineers	\$600.00			\$600.00
Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers	\$500.00			\$500.00
Society of International Pre-Med Student	\$800.00			\$800.00
Society of Petrophysicists and Well Log Analysts	\$700.00			\$700.00
Society of Physics Students	\$960.00			\$960.00

Society of Plastics Engineers	\$700.00			\$700.00
Society of Women Engineers	\$100.00			\$100.00
Sociology/Criminology Club	\$200.00			\$200.00
Sooner Air Traffic Control Association	\$2,000.00			\$2,000.00
Sooner Chapter of the American Association of Airport Executives	\$400.00			\$400.00
Sooner Competitive Robotics	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$5,000.00
Sooner Off-Road		\$6,580.00	\$1,850.00	\$8,430.00
Sooner Racing Team	\$500.00		\$2,900.00 <u>\$5,500.00</u>	\$3,400.00 \$6,000.00
Sooner Rover Team			\$500.00	\$500.00
Sooners Without Borders	\$700.00			\$700.00
Spaid Oklahoma Chapter	\$533.00		\$167.00	\$700.00
Spanish Language Club	\$700.00			\$700.00
Speech Team	\$700.00			\$700.00
Sports and Entertainment Law Society	\$480.00			\$480.00
Steel Bridge Competition			\$700.00	\$700.00
STEM in the Sun	\$1,110.00			\$1,110.00
Student Association of Bangladesh	\$1,800.00			\$1,800.00
Student Association of Graduates in English	\$490.00			\$490.00
Student Chapter of the American Meteorological Society & National Weather Association	\$200.00	\$500.00		\$700.00
Student Chapter of the Association for Computing Machinery	\$700.00			\$700.00
Student Planning Association			\$300.00	\$300.00
Student Socialist League	\$250.00			\$250.00
Student Society of Human Relations	\$700.00			\$700.00
Student Veterans Association	\$650.00			\$650.00
Students for Reproductive Justice	\$350.00			\$350.00
Students for the Exploration and Development of Space	\$700.00			\$700.00
Super League	\$950.00	\$70.00		\$1,020.00
Supply Chain Club	\$400.00			\$400.00
Sustainable Energy Society	\$750.00			\$750.00
Tau Beta Pi	\$400.00			\$400.00
Tau Beta Sigma	\$600.00		\$100.00	\$700.00
Tau Kappa Omega Fraternity	\$500.00			\$500.00
The Big Event	\$6,234.00	\$3,000.00		\$9,234.00
The Geography and Environmental Sustainability Club	\$439.46			\$439.46
The Oklahoma Group	\$2,000.00			\$2,000.00
The Trumpet Studio			\$800.00	\$800.00
Undergraduate Anthropological Society	\$700.00			\$700.00

Undergraduate Mock Trial Team	\$2,787.66			\$2,787.66
University Buddhist Association	\$700.00			\$700.00
University of Oklahoma Percussion Society	\$300.00			\$300.00
Venezuelan Association	\$2,500.00			\$2,500.00
Victim Advocacy Program	\$500.00			\$500.00
Vietnamese Student Association	\$1,200.00			\$1,200.00
Wealth Management Club			\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Well Read Book Club	\$360.00			\$360.00
Women Impacting Supply Chain Excellence	\$700.00			\$700.00
Women in Aviation	\$700.00			\$700.00
<u>Women in Business Association</u>	<u>\$400.00</u>			<u>\$400.00</u>
Women in Finance	\$700.00			\$700.00
Women in Physics	\$400.00			\$400.00
Women's Health Advocacy	\$3,159.70		\$500.00	\$3,659.70
Women's Rights in Healthcare Organization	\$700.00			\$700.00
<u>World Literature Today Student Advisory Board</u>			<u>\$700.00</u>	<u>\$700.00</u>
Young Americans for Freedom at the University of Oklahoma	\$500.00			\$500.00
TOTAL:				\$433,487.93
				<u>\$434,903.93</u>

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GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GS26-13

April 23, 2026

CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-115-XX

SENATE BILL GS26-23

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution recognizing the importance and need for resources of Engineering Competition Teams on campus at the University of Oklahoma; providing for distribution

Whereas: Engineering Competition Teams are a type of RSO with the intended mission of participating in competitions highlighting various engineering skills and abilities.

Whereas: Engineering Competition Teams compete in regional and national competitions hosted by various professional organizations such as SAE International¹ ², The American Society of Civil Engineers³ ⁴, The American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics⁵, and The Intelligent Ground Vehicle Competition⁶, among others, providing the means for students to make connections with industry professionals that extend beyond their academic career.

Whereas: Engineering Competition Teams represent the image and values of the University of Oklahoma on an international level.⁷

Whereas: Engineering Competition Teams offer avenues for students to explore new projects and ideas, allowing them to apply engineering skills outside their coursework.⁸

Whereas: Engineering Competition Teams offer ways for students to tailor their senior-level design projects towards their career field through involvement in such organizations.⁹

¹ <https://www.fsaeonline.com/>

² <https://www.bajasae.net/>

³ <https://www.asce.org/communities/student-members/conferences/asce-concrete-canoes-competition>

⁴ <https://www.asce.org/communities/student-members/conferences/student-steel-bridge-competition>

⁵ <https://aiaa.org/dbf/>

⁶ <http://www.igvc.org/>

⁷ <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1002/jee.20418>

⁸ <https://purdueseds.space/liquids/>

⁹ <https://www.ou.edu/coe/ame/resources/capstone>

Whereas: Numerous members of Engineering Competition Teams have expressed concern with the limited funding opportunities for Engineering Competition Teams through the Gallogly College of Engineering's frustration with the time and scope limitations placed on teams by departments and the College, and the lack of constructive dialogue between competition teams and college-level administration.

Whereas: Engineering Competition Teams have had significant success in their competitions, including:

- Sooner Competitive Robotics: 1st place in Auto-Nav & 1st Place in Grand Award at The Intelligent Ground Vehicle Competition in 2025, Best Design Report Award at The Student Tele-Operated Robotics Mission in 2025¹⁰
- Medical Device Make-A-Thon: OU Students placed 1st and 3rd in 2025¹¹
- Sooner Racing Team: Placed 4th in the Acceleration Event at Formula SAE in 2025¹²
- Concrete Canoe: First place overall results in 2018 & 2013¹³

Whereas: Engineering Competition Teams have raised a total of \$18,504.69 and taken the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd spots in amount raised for student organizations during OU Giving Day.¹⁴

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION:

Section 1: Title: This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Engineering Competition Teams Resolution."

Section 2: The purpose of this resolution shall be to recognize the importance and impact that Engineering Competition Teams have on their members; recognize their importance in spreading the image of OU; and acknowledge Competition Teams' need for resources to maintain their impact on and off campus.

Section 3: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association commends the impact that Engineering Competition Teams have had on students' education; values how they have represented the University of Oklahoma; and reaffirms support for teams' access and use of the Rawl Engineering Practice Facility.

¹⁰ <https://ou.edu/scr/results>

¹¹ <https://www.velocityokc.com/blog/inside-okc/student-led-2025-national-medical-device-make-a-thon-thrives-with-support-from-lsok-and-greater-okc-chamber/>

¹² https://www.fsaeonline.com/CompResources/2025/c796a916-c2e8-4ce6-bae3-c79f36776556/FSAE_2025_MI5_results.pdf

¹³ <https://www.okasce.org/ou-student-group.html>

¹⁴ <https://givesooner.org/pages/ou-challenges>

Section 4: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association calls on the Gallogly College of Engineering to address the lack of current funding opportunities for competition teams through the College of Engineering, promote ambitious projects and the failure inherent to the engineering process, and create opportunities for productive conversation with Engineering Competition Teams.

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

- Joseph Harroz Jr., President of the University of Oklahoma
- John Klier, Dean
- Randa Shehab, Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Faculty Development
- Annette Moran, Assistant Dean of Students
- Zahed Siddique, Associate Dean for Research
- Jeffery Volz, Associate Dean for Partnerships
- Ramkumar Parthasarathy, AME Director and Professor
- Wei Chen, Director and Professor, Stephenson Endowed Chair
- Randall Kolar, CEES Director and Professor
- John Antonio, Dean, Mewbourne College of Earth and Energy and Lester A. Day Family Chair
- Shishir Shah, CS Director and OU Chief Artificial Intelligence Officer
- Dimitrios Papavassiliou, SCBME DIRECTOR
- J.R. Cruz, ECE Director, Tilley Chair Professor
- Michael Santos, Engineering Physics Program Chair and Professor
- Shivakumar Raman, Industrial and Systems Engineering Director
- OU Boomer Rocket Team
- Concrete Canoe
- OU Design/Build/Fly
- Sooner Competitive Robotics
- Sooner Off-Road
- Sooner Racing Team
- Sooner Rover Team
- Steel Bridge
- OU Daily
- OU Nightly
- Medical Device Make-a-thon

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THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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CONGRESSIONAL BILL **CB-XXX-XX**
SENATE BILL GS26-24

AS INTRODUCED

An Act of Legislation to update the SGACA with current practices regarding space use 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 Revision Act of 2026.”

Section 2: Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to update the SGACA with current practices regarding space use in the Conoco Student Leadership Center.

Section 3: AMENDATORY: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association Code Annotated Title XI Chapter 2 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 XI-2 Conoco Student Leadership Center

1) **Card Access.** ~~The Conoco Student Leadership Center Office SGA Staff Assistant shall collect ID numbers from organizations allocated space during the first two weeks of each semester. The Office shall provide these numbers to the Sooner Card Office, which will use said numbers to allow access to the Center with the ID card reader. This service shall be equally available to all RSOs allocated space. Any RSO submitting numbers that do not correspond to club members, or otherwise abusing this service, shall be subject to fines and ineligibility to apply for office space the following year. Card access to the Conoco Student Leadership Center shall be provided each semester to the following positions, along with other SGA members as needed, by discretion of the SGA Advisor & SGA Administrative Support Specialist.~~

- a) Executive Branch Members
 - i) SGA President
 - ii) SGA Vice President
 - iii) SGA Chief of Staff
 - iv) Executive Cabinet Members
 - v) CLA Co-Chairs

- vi) CLA Vice Chairs
- b) Undergraduate Student Congress Members
 - i) Congress Chair
 - ii) Congress Vice Chair
 - iii) Congress Secretary
 - iv) Congress Committee Chairs
- c) Graduate Student Senate Members
 - i) Senate Chair
 - ii) Senate Vice Chair
 - iii) Senate Secretary
 - iv) Senate Committee Chairs
- d) Judicial Branch Members
 - i) Superior Court Chief Justice
 - ii) Superior Court Associate Justices
 - iii) SGA General Counsel
 - iv) SGA Associate General Counsel
 - v) SGA Election Commissioner
- e) Programming Branch Members
 - i) Campus Activities Council Chair
 - ii) CAC General Council Members
 - iii) CAC Event Chairs

2) ~~Space Allocation Resources~~

- ~~a) Applications. Application for space shall be made available and accepted by the SGA Department of Student Organizations, and shall be due during the academic week before Spring Break.²~~
- ~~b) Eligibility. Only those organizations on the Norman Campus that will have been registered with the Center for Student life for no less than one calendar year at the time of the Fall General Elections shall be eligible to apply for and receive office, cubicle, or storage space.³~~
- ~~c) Conoco Space Allocation Committee. The Conoco Space Allocation Committee, consisting of the SGA Vice President, Chair of Undergraduate Student Congress, Chair of Graduate Student Senate, and Campus Activities Council Chair shall consider all valid applications received and present recommendations to the SGA President.⁴~~
- ~~d) Procedure for Assignment of Space. The SGA President shall submit legislation to the legislative branch prior to the Fall General Elections. The space allocations shall be established through an advice and consent act of the SGA, as specified in the SGA Constitution.⁵~~
- ~~e) Term of Occupancy. The term of occupancy in the Conoco Student Leadership Center shall begin one week after the last day of classes in the spring semester, and shall end one week before the last day of classes in the spring semester of the following year.⁶~~
- ~~f) Failure to Renew Registration. Organizations failing to renew their registration with the Center for Student Life are considered inactive, and inactive student organizations are not entitled to office space in the Conoco Center. Any inactive student organization occupying office space in the Conoco Center shall promptly vacate so that the space may be reassigned to a registered student organization in accordance with the University policy and SGA Legislation.⁷~~
- ~~g) Use of Space

 - ~~i) Monitoring. The usage of allocated office space shall be monitored. A report shall be presented to the SGA President every month⁸ of the academic year evaluating the usage of allocated office space by student organizations. Said reports may be amended by and shall be signed and published by the SGA President. Unless otherwise defined by the legislative branch, the SGA President shall set evaluative criteria and define what constitutes unsatisfactory use. Any such criteria and definitions shall be published. Unsatisfactory use shall include but not be limited to storage only, personal or academic~~~~

- ~~uses, and any use in violation of University policy or higher law. Student organizations shall consent in writing to monitoring prior to occupation of allocated space.⁹~~
- ~~ii) Notification. Any student organization reported to be making unsatisfactory use of its allocated office space shall be notified within 5 business days.¹⁰ Such a student organization shall be in bad standing for the purposes of the SGA budgetary process and shall continue in bad standing until said student organization is no longer reported to be making unsatisfactory use of its allocated office space. Any student organization reported to be making unsatisfactory use of its allocated office space in two consecutive reports shall receive a second notification.¹¹~~
 - ~~iii) Vacation. At any point prior to a third consecutive report of unsatisfactory use, a student organization may voluntarily vacate its allocated office space. Upon notification of the SGA President of a decision to voluntarily vacate said student organization shall no longer be in bad standing due to unsatisfactory use of office space.¹²~~
 - ~~iv) Eviction. A third consecutive report or a fifth report within one semester of unsatisfactory use shall cause the office space allocated to an organization to be vacated by the order of the SGA President. Said organization shall not be eligible for the allocation by SGA of office space for the remainder of the academic year, but said executive eviction shall be considered by the SGA Budgetary Committee in any subsequent secondary or emergency allocations occurring in said academic year.¹³~~
 - ~~v) Filling Vacancies. Vacant offices shall be filled according to an order established at the time of allocation. Any such office spaces so filled shall again become vacant at the time when the allocation to the previously occupying student organization would have otherwise expired.¹⁴~~
 - ~~vi) Appeal. All executive decisions are subject to appeal to the SGA Superior Court.¹⁵~~
 - ~~vii) Enforcement. The SGA President shall be responsible for the enactment of the provisions of Sec. 7 and may appoint whatever agents they deem necessary for this purpose with the advice and consent of the legislative branch.¹⁶~~

h) First Floor

- i) Office spaces on the first floor of the Conoco Student Leadership Center shall be reserved for the High Offices & other staff of the Student Government Association, designated by the SGA Advisor.

i) Second Floor & Third Floor

- i) The rooms of the second and third floors of the Conoco Student Leadership Center shall be reserved for use by Registered Student Organizations (RSO's) and students as follows:
 - (1) **Booking Time:** There shall be no minimum booking time for RSO's
 - (2) **Booking Window:** Booking shall open on the first day of classes each semester at 8am for that current semester.
 - (3) **Event Length:** Booking shall be limited to a maximum of four hours per event. Maximum daily booking per RSO shall be limited to 8 hours.

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

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THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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April 23, 2026

CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-115-11

SENATE RESOLUTION GS26-25

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution informing about the negative impacts of confetti usage, along with strongly urging the use of more eco-friendly options at the University of Oklahoma, Norman Main Campus, and providing for distribution.

Whereas: Paper and Mylar confetti are small bits of streamers, and commonly used in celebrations including, but not limited to, weddings, birthdays, and graduations,^{1,2}. Confetti is also used for small and individual gatherings².

Whereas: However, confetti is a serious environmental concern as it is a microplastic³. Further, due to its small nature, confetti is very difficult to completely clean up when used⁴. Most paper confetti is not eco-friendly as it is not biodegradable, making it dangerous for wildlife, which may mistake it for food. Through drainage and runoff systems, confetti can also pollute waterways⁴.

Whereas: Over the last several years, college campuses across the country including Texas State University, Florida State University, and many others have discussed how confetti negatively impacts their local ecosystems^{5,6,7,8}. In addition to its negative environmental impacts, there are large costs associated with confetti usage at university graduation ceremonies⁷.

Whereas: Many universities have provided more eco-friendly alternatives to paper confetti including but not limited to biodegradable confetti, flower petals, bubbles, or bird seeds^{5,9}. Other campuses utilize bio-degradable and water soluble confetti options to reduce their environmental impact².

1. *Definition of CONFETTI*. 10 Apr. 2026, <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/confetti>.

2. Tracy, Dylan. "The Dark Side of Celebration: The Growing Issue of Confetti in Graduation Photos." *ISSUU*, <https://issuu.com/georgiasouthwestern/docs/souwester-nov-2023/s/41211450>. Accessed 10 Apr. 2026.

3. Grioghair. "Confetti: We Know What It Is but What Is It Made Of?" *KIMO*, 24 Feb. 2020, <https://www.kimointernational.org/news/confetti-we-know-what-it-is-but-what-is-it-made-of/>.

4. “Confetti Awareness.” *UCF Arboretum*, <https://arboretum.ucf.edu/confetti-awareness/>. Accessed 10 Apr. 2026.

5. *Glitter Is Litter*. 17 Dec. 2025, <https://www.txst.edu/stormwater/litter-free-txst/confetti-glitter.html>.

Whereas: The University of Oklahoma GSS Sustainability Committee has received complaints from both students and faculty regarding the use and lack of adequate confetti cleanup. Students and faculty have similarly expressed desires for the confetti’s usage to be more closely monitored.

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 “**Confetti Still Makes Me Upsetti.**”

Section 2: In this resolution, University of Oklahoma Student Government Association (SGA) urge students to inform themselves regarding the negative impacts of confetti usage to the Norman ecosystem and campus when non-environmentally friendly paper and plastic confetti is used in celebration.

Section 3: Although SGA cannot strictly monitor the use of non-environmentally friendly confetti, we strongly recommend that individuals who choose to partake in activities involving confetti explore more environmentally conscientious alternatives. As stated in one of the whereas statements, these alternatives can include, but are not limited to, biodegradable confetti, flower petals (dried or fresh) and seeds.

Section 4: We urge and recommend that the University works toward providing students with alternative forms of biodegradable confetti to limit the potential environmental impact confetti has on our campus.

Section 5: Copies of this resolution will be sent to:

- President Joseph Harroz Jr. of the University of Oklahoma
- Dr. David Surratt, Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students
- The University of Oklahoma Board of Regents
- Office of Sustainability
- OU Daily
- OU Nightly

6. Phelps, Alexandra. “Confetti Crackdown: Florida Students Raise Awareness about Graduation Celebrations That Harm the Environment.” *Caplin News*, 14 Oct. 2025, <https://caplinnews.fiu.edu/fiu-fsu-graduation-confetti-pallab-mozumder-enviornment/>.

7. Klonowski, Averie. “Why Is Confetti Banned at Some Salt Lake City Graduation Ceremonies?” *FOX 13 News Utah (KSTU)*, 15 May 2025, <https://www.fox13now.com/news/local-news/northern-utah/why-is-confetti-banned-at-some-salt-lake-city-graduation-ceremonies>.

8. *11 Eco-Friendly & Sustainable Confetti Alternatives*. 19 Oct. 2025, <https://onefabday.com/eco-friendly-sustainable-confetti-alternatives/>.

9. Tracy, Dylan. "The Dark Side of Celebration: The Growing Issue of Confetti in Graduation Photos." *Issuu*, <https://issuu.com/georgiasouthwestern/docs/souwester-nov-2023/s/41211450>. Accessed 10 Apr. 2026.

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THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-115-10
SENATE RESOLUTION NO. GS26-26

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution acknowledging the importance
of environmentally sustainable practices; and providing for
distribution.

Whereas: April 22, 2026 is Earth Day¹⁵; and

Whereas: The first Earth Day was held April 22, 1970, with teach-ins on college campuses across the country¹⁶; and

Whereas: More than 1 billion people in 190+ countries celebrate Earth Day¹⁷; and

Whereas: Earth Day helped lead to the passage of some major U.S. environmental laws¹⁸; and

Whereas: Scientists from Cornell University in found that plants absorbed 157 billion metric tons of Carbon from the atmosphere in 2024¹⁹; and

Whereas: 157 billion metric of Carbon is equivalent to about 576 billion metric tons of Carbon Dioxide (CO₂), using standard EPA conversion²⁰; and

Whereas: Scientists estimate about half of oxygen production comes from Earth's oceans²¹; and

¹⁵ Earth Day. "Earth Day 2026 | Theme, Activities, Events & Resources." Accessed April 10, 2026. <https://www.earthday.org/earth-day-2026/>.

¹⁶ Earth Day. "Earth Day 2026 | Theme, Activities, Events & Resources." Accessed April 13, 2026. <https://www.earthday.org/earth-day-2026/>.

¹⁷ 4-H Environmental & Outdoor Education. "The History of Earth Day." March 13, 2025. Accessed April 13, 2026. <https://www.canr.msu.edu/news/the-history-of-earth-day>.

¹⁸ Earth Day. "Our Successes." Accessed April 13, 2026. <https://www.earthday.org/our-successes/>.

¹⁹ Energy, UT-Battelle LLC for the US Department of. "Plant CO₂ Uptake Rises by Nearly One Third in New Global Estimates." October 21, 2024. Accessed April 13, 2026. <https://www.ornl.gov/news/plant-co2-uptake-rises-nearly-one-third-new-global-estimates>.

²⁰ "U.S. Energy Information Administration - EIA - Independent Statistics and Analysis." Accessed April 13, 2026. <https://www.eia.gov/environment/emissions/includes/methodology.php>.

²¹ "How Much Oxygen Comes from the Ocean?" Accessed April 13, 2026. <https://oceanservice.noaa.gov/facts/ocean-oxygen.html>.

Whereas: Earth’s climate is warming at a rapid pace, not seen for the past 10,000 years²²; and

Whereas: This warming is highly influenced by human activity²³; and

Whereas: 2025 was the third-warmest year on record, since records began in 1850²⁴; and

Whereas: In February 2026, CO₂ in Earth’s atmosphere was 429 parts per million²⁵; and

Whereas: In November 2025, Methane in Earth’s atmosphere was 1,946 parts per billion²⁶; and

Whereas: It is estimated that 60% of the Methane in Earth’s atmosphere are the result of humans²⁷; and

Whereas: As of March 2026, the global sea level rose about 3.6 inches since satellites started measuring in 1993; and²⁸

Whereas: Modern industrial activities have increased CO₂ in Earth’s atmosphere by almost 50% since 1750²⁹; and

Whereas: The largest source of human greenhouse gas emissions in the U.S. is burning fossil fuels for transportation, heating/air conditioning, and electricity³⁰; and

Whereas: Since 1950, there has been around 6.9 billion tons of plastic waste³¹; and

Whereas: An estimated 19-23 million tons of plastic end up in water ecosystems per year³²; and

Whereas: Since 1950, 91% of plastic waste was not recycled³³; and

²² *Evidence - NASA Science*. June 15, 2022. Accessed April 13, 2026. <https://science.nasa.gov/climate-change/evidence/>.

²³ *Ibid*.

²⁴ National Centers for Environmental Information (NCEI). “Assessing the Global Temperature and Precipitation Analysis in 2025.” January 13, 2026. Accessed April 13, 2026. <https://www.nci.noaa.gov/news/global-climate-202513>.

²⁵ Carbon Dioxide - Earth Indicator - NASA Science. September 25, 2025. Accessed April 13, 2026. <https://science.nasa.gov/earth/explore/earth-indicators/carbon-dioxide/>.

²⁶ *Methane - Earth Indicator - NASA Science*. September 25, 2025. Accessed April 13, 2026. <https://science.nasa.gov/earth/explore/earth-indicators/methane/>.

²⁷ *Ibid*.

²⁸ Sea Level - Earth Indicator - NASA Science. September 25, 2025. Accessed April 13, 2026. <https://science.nasa.gov/earth/explore/earth-indicators/sea-level/>.

²⁹ Friedlingstein, Pierre, Michael O’Sullivan, Matthew W. Jones, et al. “Global Carbon Budget 2022.” *Earth System Science Data* 14, no. 11 (2022): 4811–900. Accessed April 13, 2026. <https://doi.org/10.5194/essd-14-4811-2022>.

³⁰ US EPA, OAR. “Sources of Greenhouse Gas Emissions.” *Overviews and Factsheets*. December 29, 2015. Accessed April 13, 2026. <https://www.epa.gov/ghgemissions/sources-greenhouse-gas-emissions>.

³¹ “About | UNEP Law and Environment Assistance Platform.” Accessed April 13, 2026. <https://leap.unep.org/en/knowledge/toolkits/plastic/about>.

³² *Ibid*.

³³ UC Santa Barbara - Bren School of Environmental Science & Management. “What Percentage of Plastic Is Recycled Globally?” December 18, 2018. Accessed April 13, 2026. <https://bren.ucsb.edu/news/what-percentage-plastic-recycled-globally>.

Whereas: When tracking the population of 5000+ vertebrates, the average size has shrunk 73% from 1970 to 2020³⁴; and

Whereas: Pollution and habitat change are the strongest motivators of biodiversity loss³⁵; and

Whereas: More than 48,600 species are at risk of extinction³⁶; and

Whereas: That is 28% of all evaluated species³⁷; and

Whereas: About 1/3 of food produced for humans is lost or wasted per year³⁸; and

Whereas: That is about 1.3 billion tons of food³⁹; and

Whereas: Analyses from the United Nations and leading experts estimate livestock contributed 12-19.6% of global greenhouse gas emissions⁴⁰; and

Whereas: Humans have become a dominant factor shaping the Earth's climate and ecology⁴¹.

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 “Encouraging Sustainable Practices and Environmental Responsibility Resolution”

Section 2: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association recognizes the importance of environmentally sustainable practices.

Section 3: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association commits to promoting sustainable practices across student life, university activities, and campus operations.

Section 4: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association encourages the campus community to:

- Attend Earth Day events
- Volunteer for Environmental Sustainability Organizations

³⁴ “Home.” Accessed April 13, 2026. <https://livingplanet.panda.org/en-US/>.

³⁵ Keck, François, Tianna Peller, Roman Alther, et al. “The Global Human Impact on Biodiversity.” *Nature* 641, no. 8062 (2025): 395–400. Accessed April 13, 2026. <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41586-025-08752-2>.

³⁶ IUCN Red List of Threatened Species. “The IUCN Red List of Threatened Species.” Accessed April 13, 2026. <https://www.iucnredlist.org/en>.

³⁷ *Ibid.*

³⁸ “Global Food Losses and Food Waste.” Accessed April 13, 2026. <https://www.fao.org/4/mb060e/mb060e00.htm>.

³⁹ *Ibid.*

⁴⁰ The Breakthrough Institute. “Livestock Don’t Contribute 14.5% of Global Greenhouse Gas Emissions.” Accessed April 13, 2026. <https://thebreakthrough.org/issues/food-agriculture-environment/livestock-dont-contribute-14-5-of-global-greenhouse-gas-emissions>.

⁴¹ Chua, Liana, and Hannah Fair. “Anthropocene.” *The Open Encyclopedia of Anthropology*, ahead of print, January 8, 2019. Accessed April 13, 2026. <https://doi.org/10.29164/19anthro>.

- Go on the Sustainability Committee’s Trash Walk
- Use bio-friendly confetti in graduation photos
- Share Earth facts on social media
- Support renewable energy initiatives
- Leave no trace in nature
- Plant trees
- Start a garden
- Thrift clothes
- Recycle
- Use less plastic
- Commit to living a more environmentally-friendly life overall

Section 5: Copies of this resolution will be sent to:

- Joseph Harroz Jr., President of the University of Oklahoma
- Dr. André-Denis Wright, Senior Vice President and Provost — Norman
- Dr. David A. Surratt, Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students
- Brian Holderread, Vice President for Campus Operations
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- Soil and Water Conservation Society
- Sustainable Energy Society
- The Geography and Environmental Sustainability Club
- Earthday.org
- OU Daily
- OU Nightly

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CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-115-12
SENATE RESOLUTION NO. GS26-27

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution recommending the Oklahoma State Legislature maintain current laws regarding weapons on campus; and providing for distribution.

Whereas: Weapons on campus create an unsafe learning and work environment. Furthermore, weapons affect the freedom of academic discourse that The University of Oklahoma strives to provide.; and

Whereas: There have been 814-gun deaths in the state of Oklahoma, with firearms being the leading cause of death for young people.¹ ; and

Whereas: Oklahoma has a firearm injury death rate of 19.9 out of 100,000 and is ranked as the 11th highest state for gun violence. ²; and

Whereas: Currently, Oklahoma state law allows universities and colleges to make their own rules regarding campus gun carry; and

Whereas: Currently, multiple bills in legislative session affect the way that weapons are regulated on campus, those bills being OK HB1358 and OK HB3036, which loosen restrictions on concealed carry firearms on college campuses and for faculty/staff.

¹ CDC. "Oklahoma." *Stats of the States*, 20 Aug. 2025, www.cdc.gov/nchs/state-stats/states/ok.html.

² "State Data: Oklahoma | Center for Gun Violence Solutions." *Center for Gun Violence Solutions*, 2023, publichealth.jhu.edu/center-for-gun-violence-solutions/data/state-gun-violence-data/Oklahoma.

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 “Campus Safety Resolution of 2026.”

Section 2: The Student Government Association believes campus safety is a priority to students; any changes to current policy would not only reduce campus safety and endanger lives but would also pose a significant detriment to the learning environment.

Section 3: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association encourages the state legislature to maintain current laws regarding weapons on campus, in which the University President has the discretion to allow non-law enforcement personnel to carry weapons on campus when individual circumstances warrant it.

Section 4: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association strongly opposes any changes to state law regarding weapons on college and university campuses.

Section 5: Copies of this resolution will be sent to:

- The University of Oklahoma Board of Regents
- President Joseph Harroz
- Dr. David Surratt, Vice President of Student Affairs and Dean of Students
- OUPD Chief Derek Fuller

Author: Maximilian Frehde, Member of External Affairs

Co-Sponsors: Michael Wintory, Congress Secretary
Choncy Canady, Dodge College of Arts and Sciences Representative
Austin Blackwell, Secretary of Ways and Means

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 CXV

April 14, 2026

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GS26

April 23, 2026

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-115-20
SENATE BILL NO. GS27-28

AS INTRODUCED

An Act of Legislation to amend the SGA Code Annotated,
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 “Search Committee Approval Revision Act of 2026.”

Section 2: Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to update Title III Chapter III-2 of the Code Annotated regarding approval of Presidential appointees for Search Committees.

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

Title II- The Legislature

~~Appointments to Search Committees. Representatives to Search Committees shall be nominated by the SGA President and approved by the Chair of the Undergraduate Student Congress and the Chair of the Graduate Student Senate. This can be approved through email or an in-person meeting.~~

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

Author(s): Grace Thune, Associate
Jumeirah Newaz, Associate

Co-Author(s): Alexandra Toyos Perez, Arts and Sciences Representative

Co-Sponsor(s):

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 CXV

April 14, 2026

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GS26

April 23, 2026

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-115-23
SENATE BILL GS26-29

AS INTRODUCED

An Act of Legislation to amend election-related language in the Code Annotated; 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 “Spring 2026 Uncontested Elections Rework Act”.
- Section 2:** Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to update the Code Annotated to rework the “Prefer not to vote” option on uncontested ballots, clarify its exact role, and expand the criteria for its inclusion. Additionally, a small change in wording will be made to clarify the proper deadline for infraction reporting.
- Section 3:** AMENDATORY: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association Code Annotated Title VI Chapter 1, §8 and Title VI Chapter 5, §3 are 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).

Chapter VI-1 General Provisions

1. **Uncontested Elections.** All positions for which one has filed for election, they must be placed on the ballot in the respective district, even if the position is uncontested. In an uncontested election, or elections where the number of candidates is less than the number of open positions, an additional option titled “No Candidate” shall be on the ballot. This option represents a direct negation against the candidate(s), not an abstention. The candidate shall win if they receive more votes than the ~~“prefer not to vote”~~ “No Candidate” option. A “Prefer Not to Vote” option shall be available in all elections to allow voters the ability to abstain from voting in a particular race.

Chapter VI-5 Oversight and Enforcement

3. **Campaign Rules Infractions.** All complaints regarding violations of the SGA campaign rules shall be submitted in writing to the Election Commission within five (5) days of the incident which generated the complaint or within forty-eight (48) hours ~~of the close~~ following the closing of the polls – whichever is sooner. The Election Commissioner shall notify all affected parties of any grievance and allow the accused twenty-four (24) hours to submit a written response or request an oral hearing. The Election Commission shall make a ruling within one (1) Class Day after the accused has

either made a written statement, after the oral hearing, or if they failed to submit either within the twenty-four (24) hour period. The Election Commissioner may not impose any points without the aforementioned hearing process.

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

Author(s): Andy Wang, Election Commissioner

Co-Sponsor(s): Coleman Morgan, Congressional Administration Committee Chair

Submitted on a Motion by:

Action taken by Congress:

Verified by Chair of Congress:

Date:

Submitted on a Motion by:

Action taken by Senate: Passed via unanimous consent.

Verified by Chair of Senate:

Date:

Approved by SGA President:

Date:

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CXV

April 21, 2026

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GS26

April 23, 2026

CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-115-02
SENATE RESOLUTION GS26-30

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution supporting Earth Day sustainability initiatives at the University of Oklahoma; and providing for distribution.

- Whereas: Earth Day, celebrated annually on April 22, was deliberately chosen in 1970 to maximize college student participation by falling between spring break and final examinations, highlighting the historic and continuing role of university communities, including the University of Oklahoma, in advancing environmental awareness and civic engagement;⁴² and
- Whereas: The City of Norman holds historical significance in Oklahoma’s environmental movement, as the first Earth Day celebration in the state was organized in Norman in 1970 with involvement from the University of Oklahoma, establishing a longstanding connection between the University and environmental advocacy;⁴³ and
- Whereas: The City of Norman continues to commemorate Earth Day through an annual community-wide Earth Day Festival that promotes sustainability education, conservation practices, and civic engagement;⁴⁴ and
- Whereas: Cleveland County, which includes the City of Norman, is monitored for environmental indicators such as ground-level ozone and particulate matter, emphasizing the continued importance of environmental awareness and mitigation efforts;⁴⁵ and
- Whereas: Stormwater runoff, watershed protection, and solid waste management remain ongoing environmental priorities within the Norman community, underscoring the need for preventative sustainability practices;⁴⁶ and
- Whereas: Institutions of higher education play a critical role in addressing environmental challenges through research, education, campus operations, and student engagement;⁴⁷ and

⁴² United States Environmental Protection Agency. “Earth Day.” Last modified 2024. <https://www.epa.gov/earthday>.

⁴³ Rose Rock Habitat for Humanity. “The History of Earth Day in Oklahoma.” Accessed 2026. <https://roserockhabitat.org/rose-rock-habitat-for-humanity/the-history-of-earth-day-in-oklahoma/>.

⁴⁴ City of Norman. “Earth Day Festival.” Accessed 2026. <https://www.normanok.gov/earth-day-festival>.

⁴⁵ United States Environmental Protection Agency. “Outdoor Air Quality Data.” Accessed 2026. <https://www.epa.gov/outdoor-air-quality-data>.

⁴⁶ City of Norman. “Environmental Services.” Accessed 2026. <https://www.normanok.gov/residents-visitors/environmental-services>.

⁴⁷ Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality. “Solid Waste.” Accessed 2026. <https://www.deq.ok.gov/divisions/land-protection-division/solid-waste/>.

- Whereas: A 2024 compilation of sustainability-related research at the University of Oklahoma identified more than 130 faculty members and researchers across numerous academic departments engaged in sustainability-focused scholarship, demonstrating the University's substantial institutional commitment to advancing environmental research and innovation;⁴⁸ and
- Whereas: The transition toward sustainable and renewable energy sources, including solar and wind energy, is widely recognized as a critical strategy for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and promoting long-term environmental resilience, and institutions of higher education play a leadership role in advancing energy efficiency and sustainability initiatives;
- Whereas: The University of Oklahoma has demonstrated its commitment to sustainability through campus-wide recycling programs, environmental research initiatives, and operational sustainability efforts supported by the Office of Sustainability;⁴⁹ and
- Whereas: Student organizations at the University of Oklahoma actively participate in environmental initiatives through campus cleanups, sustainability fairs, recycling advocacy, and educational programming;⁸ and
- Whereas: Increased institutional coordination of Earth Day initiatives can improve visibility, participation, and measurable environmental impact across campus; and
- Whereas: Collaboration between the Student Government Association, the Office of Sustainability, and student organizations such as Green Week, ESSA, and Botany Club can strengthen logistical planning, communication, and resource allocation for Earth Day programming;⁸ and
- Whereas: Strategic promotion of Earth Day events through official University communication channels such as OU Daily and OU Nightly can increase student awareness and engagement;⁵⁰ and
- Whereas: Providing designated campus spaces for Earth Day events, educational booths, and volunteer activities can facilitate safe and accessible participation for students;⁵¹ and
- Whereas: Coordinated waste reduction measures during Earth Day events, including recycling and waste diversion practices, can model sustainable event planning for future campus programming;⁸ and
- Whereas: The use of non-biodegradable celebratory materials, including plastic-based confetti commonly used at graduation events and campus celebrations, can contribute to litter, stormwater pollution, and increased cleanup costs, and discouraging such materials supports cleaner campus spaces and environmentally responsible celebrations;⁵² and

⁴⁸ University of Oklahoma Office of Sustainability. "2024 Sustainability Researchers at the University of Oklahoma." Internal dataset spreadsheet. 2024.

⁴⁹ University of Oklahoma. "Office of Sustainability." Accessed 2026. <https://www.ou.edu/sustainability>.

⁵⁰ OU Daily. "About OU Daily." Accessed 2026. <https://www.oudaily.com>.

⁵¹ University of Oklahoma Event Services. "Event Services and Campus Space Reservations." Accessed 2026. <https://www.ou.edu/eventservices>.

⁵² City of Norman. "Environmental Services." Accessed 2026. <https://www.normanok.gov/residents-visitors/environmental-services>.

Whereas: Tracking participation data and sustainability outcomes from Earth Day initiatives can help inform future environmental programming and institutional planning;⁵³ and

Whereas: Formal recognition of Earth Day by the Undergraduate Student Congress and Graduate Student Senate affirms the shared responsibility of students, faculty, administrators, and the Norman community to promote environmental stewardship through both awareness and actionable initiatives.⁵⁴

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

Section 1: Title: This resolution shall be known and may be cited as the “Earth Day Sustainability Awareness Resolution of 2026.”

Section 2: The Undergraduate Student Congress and Graduate Student Senate formally recognize April 22 as Earth Day at the University of Oklahoma and express their support for sustainability-focused initiatives that promote environmental awareness, civic engagement, and responsible campus practices.

Section 3: The Undergraduate Student Congress and Graduate Student Senate encourage collaboration between the Student Government Association, the University of Oklahoma Office of Sustainability, student organizations, and relevant administrative offices to coordinate Earth Day programming, increase visibility of sustainability initiatives, and enhance student participation.

Section 4: The Undergraduate Student Congress and Graduate Student Senate encourage the use of official University communication platforms, campus spaces, and event resources to promote Earth Day activities, sustainability fairs, volunteer opportunities, and educational programming in order to maximize accessibility and engagement.

Section 5: The Undergraduate Student Congress and Graduate Student Senate support the incorporation of sustainable event practices during Earth Day programming, including recycling access, waste diversion efforts, and environmentally responsible event planning, as a model for future campus events.

Section 6: The Undergraduate Student Congress and Graduate Student Senate encourage continued assessment and documentation of Earth Day participation and sustainability outcomes to inform future environmental initiatives and strengthen long-term environmental stewardship within the campus community.

Section 7: Copies of this resolution will be sent to:

- President Joseph Harroz Jr. of the University of Oklahoma
- Dr. David Surratt, Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students
- The University of Oklahoma Board of Regents
- Office of Sustainability
- OU Daily

⁵³ University of Oklahoma. “Office of Sustainability.” Accessed 2026. <https://www.ou.edu/sustainability>.

⁵⁴ Rose Rock Habitat for Humanity. “The History of Earth Day in Oklahoma.” Accessed 2026. <https://roserockhabitat.org/rose-rock-habitat-for-humanity/the-history-of-earth-day-in-oklahoma/>.

- OU Nightly
- Green Week
- Botany Club
- Environmental Science Student Association

Author: Maya Khalife, Associate

Co-Author: Owen Cunningham, Undergraduate Sustainability Committee Chair

Co-Sponsor: Benjamin Fellman, Graduate Sustainability Committee Chair

Submitted on a motion by:

Action taken by Congress:

Verified by Chair of Congress: _____

Submitted on a motion by:

Action taken by Senate:

Verified by Chair of Senate: _____

Signed by President: _____

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CXV

April 21, 2026

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GS26

April 23, 2026

CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-115-07

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. GS26-31

AS INTRODUCED

A Congressional Resolution acknowledging
the importance of the recognition of
Sexual Assault Awareness Month;
and providing for distribution.

- Whereas: In 2001, the NSRVC coordinated the first National Sexual Assault Awareness Month; and
- Whereas: In 2009, Barack Obama became the first president to proclaim April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month; and⁵⁵
- Whereas: Teal is the official color to represent Sexual Assault Awareness Month, which is used to symbolize solidarity and unity; and
- Whereas: April 1st being recognized as Sexual Assault Awareness Month allows communities to come together to raise awareness and stand by survivors; and⁵⁶
- Whereas: Sexual Assault Awareness Month acts as a pillar to show survivors that they are not alone and prevent future victims in the future; and
- Whereas: Sexual Assault Awareness Month works as an empowerment for those who have been impacted; and
- Whereas: Nearly half of women and 1 in 6 men experienced some form of sexual violence; and

⁵⁵ “SAAM | CARE Office.” *Ucmerced.edu*, 2025, care.ucmerced.edu/awareness-months/saam.

⁵⁶ “SAAM 2025 Day of Action - National Sexual Violence Resource Center (NSVRC).” *National Sexual Violence Resource Center (NSVRC)*, 24 Apr. 2025, www.nsvrc.org/saam/day-of-action/.

- Whereas: More than 1 in 5 women and 1 in 31 men experienced completed or attempted sexual assault; and⁵⁷
- Whereas: 1 in 3 female victims and 1 in 4 male victims of attempted or completed sexual assault were between the ages of 11 and 17; and
- Whereas: The estimated lifetime cost of sexual assault is \$122,461 per victim; and
- Whereas: From 2017 to 2018, the amount of sexual assaults reported to the police decreased by over fifteen percent and has continued to decline into the present; and⁵⁸
- Whereas: One in five (20-25%) of women are sexually assaulted while in college, with undergraduate women facing a significantly higher risk, especially during the first year; and⁵⁹

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 “Sexual Assault Awareness Month Resolution of 2026”
- Section 2:** The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association acknowledges and the month of April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month.
- Section 3:** OU SGA encourages the student body to take advantage of the month of April to learn more about resources available and collaborate to improve safety on campus.
- Section 4:** Copies of this resolution will be sent to:
- President Joseph Harroz Jr
 - The OU Daily
 - The OU Nightly
 - Director of Advocacy and Education, Ann Schafer
 - OU Advocates

Author(s): Madilynn Sneller, Associate

⁵⁷ Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. “About Sexual Violence.” *Sexual Violence Prevention*, CDC, 23 Jan. 2024, www.cdc.gov/sexual-violence/about/index.html.

⁵⁸ “Statistics - National Sexual Violence Resource Center (NSVRC).” National Sexual Violence Resource Center (NSVRC), 17 Sept. 2025, www.nsvrc.org/statistics/.

⁵⁹ RAINN. “Statistics: Campus Sexual Violence.”

<https://rainn.org/facts-statistics-the-scope-of-the-problem/statistics-campus-sexual-violence/#:~:text=9.7%25%20of%20female%20and%202.5,Age%20Adults%20Face%20Increased%20Risk>

Co-Author(s): Baylor Savage, Business Representative

Co-Sponsor(s): Lorelai Radzanowski, 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 CXV

April 21, 2026

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GS26

April 23, 2026

CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-115-09
SENATE RESOLUTION NO. GS26-32

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution recognizing the month of April
as Autism Awareness Month; and providing for
distribution.

Whereas: Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) is a complex developmental disability that typically appears during the first three years of life and affects a person’s ability to communicate and interact with others¹; and

Whereas: This condition affects an estimated 1 in 31 children and 1 in 45 adults in the United States²; and

Whereas: While autism can be reliably diagnosed by a specialist by age 2, the average age of diagnosis in the U.S. is 5 years; and

Whereas: Autism is a “spectrum disorder” that affects individuals differently and to varying degrees, often accompanied by conditions such as seizures, ADHD, and anxiety; and

Whereas: Only 21% of people with disabilities, including autism, are currently employed, highlighting a critical need for vocational support and workplace accommodations; and

Whereas: April is recognized as National Autism Awareness Month, with World Autism Awareness Day occurring annually on April 2nd.

¹Lukas, Lighthouse. “Autism Awareness Month.” *Lighthouse Autism Center*, 27 June 2022, lighthouseautismcenter.com/blog/infographic-autism-awareness-month/.

²Autism Speaks. “Autism Statistics and Facts.” *Autism Speaks*, Autism Speaks Inc., 2023, www.autismspeaks.org/autism-statistics-asd.

THEREFORE 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 “Autism Awareness Month Resolution.”

Section 2: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association will recognize the month of April as Autism Awareness Month.

Section 3: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association suggests the following ways to recognize Autism Awareness Month:

- Wear blue clothing or bright, bold colors throughout April to show support.
- Educate yourself by delving into resources to gain a deeper understanding of autism’s impact on individuals and families.
- Support inclusion by patronizing businesses that employ autistic individuals or donating to organizations providing community resources.
- Advocate for legislation by contacting local and state leaders regarding policies that affect access to services and research.
- Practice acceptance daily by keeping an open mind and heart when interacting with autistic people in your circles.

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

- Joseph Harroz Jr., President of the University of Oklahoma
- David A. Surratt, Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students
- William Wayne, Ph.D., Associate Vice President of Student Affairs and Director of Health Services
- Gary E. Raskob, Ph.D., Provost of the Health Campus
- Lee A. Jennings, M.D., Director of Health Services
- Carolyn Kloek, M.D., MBA, Chief of Medical Staff

Author(s): Kayla Hawley, Journalism and Mass Communication Representative

Co-Sponsor(s):

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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SENATE SESSION GS26

April 23, 2026

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-115-24
SENATE BILL NO. GS26-33

AS INTRODUCED

An Act of Legislation appointing Co-Chairs for the
Crimson Leadership Association; providing for a 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 “Canady-Sneller 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 2026-2027 academic year.

Section 3: In accordance with the SGACA Title 3, Chapter 5, Section 3, subsections b, the Co-Chairs shall be appointed by a board comprised of the SGA Vice President and the previous year’s Co-Chairs, with approval of the President, and advice and consent from the Legislature.

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

- Choncy Canady
- Madilynn Sneller

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

Author(s): Alexandra Toyos Perez, Crimson Leadership Association Co-Chair
Zaber Matin, Crimson Leadership Association Co-Chair

Co-Author(s): Josephine Nicholson, SGA Vice President

Co-Sponsor(s): Mercer Martin, SGA President

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 CXV

April 21, 2026

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GS26

April 23, 2026

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-115-26
SENATE BILL GS26-34

AS INTRODUCED

An Act of legislation appointing justices to the SGA Superior Court; 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 “Spring 2026 Superior Court Appointment Act.”
- Section 2:** Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to name and appoint four Superior Court Justices.
- Section 3:** In accordance with SGACA Title IV, Chapter 2, section b, subsections iii and iv, Superior Court Justices will be appointed by a majority vote of the panelists [the SGA President, the GSS Chair, the Congress Chair, and the General Counsel]. The Chief Justice of the Superior Court is one of the panelists; however, they will only vote in the event of the tie.
- Thomas Duncan
 - Rachel Dodge
 - Lachlan Sigle
 - Trey Talbot
- Section 4:** This act shall become effective when passed in accordance with the SGA Constitution.

Authors: President Mercer Martin, Student Government Association
Chair Summer Edwards, Graduate Student Senate
Chief Justice Tucker Dunn, Superior Court
General Counsel Mary McNeal, Student Government Association
Chief of Staff Henry Christiansen, Student Government Association

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

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GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GS26
April 23, 2026

SENATE BILL NO. GS26-36

AS INTRODUCED

A Senatorial Act Approving the Outstanding
Graduate Student Awards for 2024-2025 academic year;
providing short title;
And providing for distribution.

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

Section 1: This act shall be known and may be cited as “An Act of Procedure Approving Outstanding Graduate Student Awards for the 2025-2026 Academic Year.”

Section 2: The purpose of the act is inherent in the title.

Section 3: Let it, therefore, be resolved that:

Chinedu Nsude of the Department of Geography and Environmental Stability in the College of Atmospheric and Geographic Sciences is hereby named the Overall Outstanding Graduate Student for the 2025-2026 Academic Year.

Sabah-ud-din Waqar of the Engineering Education Program in the Gallogly College of Engineering is hereby named the Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant for the 2025-2026 Academic Year.

Mahshad Fani of the School of Aerospace and Mechanical Engineering in the Gallogly College of Engineering, is hereby named the Outstanding Graduate Research Assistant for the 2025-2026 Academic Year.

Section 4: The University of Oklahoma Graduate Student Senate commends the outstanding accomplishments and commitment to excellence of all thirty-two nominees.

Section 5: The University of Oklahoma Graduate Student Senate hereby awards \$250.00 to both the Outstanding Teaching Assistant and Outstanding Research Assistant. Also, The University of Oklahoma Graduate Student Senate hereby awards \$500.00 to the Overall Outstanding Graduate Student. Each of these awards is given to the three winners in recognition of their performance in service of the University’s mission.

Section 6: This act shall become effective when passed, in accordance with the SGA Constitution.

Author(s): Graduate Student Senate Academic Affairs Committee

Submitted on a motion by:

Action taken by Senate:

Verified by Chair of Senate: _____ Date: _____

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
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GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GS26

April 23th, 2026

CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION ~~CR-XXX-XX~~
SENATE RESOLUTION NO. GS26-37

AS INTRODUCED

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

- Whereas: Since 1527, Arab Americans have been present in the United States, with significant waves of immigration beginning in the 1880s, including from Lebanon, Syria, Palestine, Egypt, and Iraq; and
- Whereas: National Arab American Heritage Month, recognized each April, states the presence of Arab Americans in the United States, connecting the past and present to pursue recognition and foster cultural understanding and equity; and
- Whereas: National Arab American Heritage Month works as a bridge toward further education and recognition, as well as celebrates the role that Arab Americans have and continue to play not only in our country's economy, culture, and civic life, but in the broader history of human civilization; and
- Whereas: In today's society, Arab Americans continue to face discrimination on multiple fronts and remain underrepresented at every level;
- Whereas: The recognition of April as National Arab American Heritage Month links Arab Americans across the nation to acknowledge past and present contributions, as well as to come together to address Arabophobia and discrimination on the largest scale possible; and
- Whereas: Additionally, Arab Americans face the fact that federal Census forms have yet to include an official category that accurately reflects this community; and
- Whereas: Arab Americans remain one of the most undercounted communities in the United States, with the American Community Survey recording approximately 2.2 million individuals of Arab ancestry in 2022, while researchers and the Arab American Institute estimate the true population to be significantly higher; and
- Whereas: The Arab American population has more than doubled since 1980 and grew by nearly 43% between 2010 and 2024, representing one of the fastest growing groups in the world, with Arab Americans present in all 50 states;

Whereas: In 2023, the FBI recorded 123 anti-Arab hate crime incidents, the highest number since the category was first tracked in 2015, representing a 34% increase from 2022, with researchers noting this figure is a significant undercount of actual incidents; and

Whereas: Arab Americans live in all 50 states, with nearly 70% concentrated in twelve states, and up to 95% residing in metropolitan areas, reflecting a deeply rooted and geographically widespread community whose contributions touch every region of the country; and to 3.7 million; and

Whereas: Arab Americans own over 110,000 businesses across the United States, generating billions in annual revenue and contributing to every sector of the American economy; and;

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

Section 1: Title: This resolution shall be known and may be cited as the “Arab American Heritage Month Resolution of 2026”.

Section 2: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association acknowledges and celebrates the month of April as Arab American Heritage; and

Section 3: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association encourages the student body to take advantage of the month of April to learn more about Arab Heritage and History and challenges faced by the Arab community, to foster a better environment for access and opportunity to thrive on campus.

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

- Joseph Harroz, Jr., President of the University of Oklahoma
- Belinda Higgs-Hyppolite, Vice President for Access and Opportunity
- David Surratt, Vice President of Student Affairs and Dean of Students
- Quy Nguyen, Director of Student Life and Assistant Dean of Students
- International Advisory Committee
- International Student Affairs
- Arab Student Association
- Omani Student Association
- Afghan Student Association
- Arab Literature Book Club
- Arabic Club
- Belly Dancing Club
- Turkish Student Association
- *The OU Daily*
- *The OU Nightly*

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CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CXV

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GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GS26

April 23, 2026

CONGRESSIONAL BILL **CB-XXX-XX**
SENATE BILL GS26-38

AS INTRODUCED

An Act of Procedure submitting the Fall 2026
Unscheduled Holiday; recognizing the importance of
voting and civic engagement, 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 “Unscheduled Fall Holiday Act of 2026.”
- Section 2:** Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to officially submit an unscheduled holiday to the University of Oklahoma President, Joseph Harroz Jr., for approval pursuant to Section 5.15 of the Board of Regents policy manual.
- Section 3:** The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association (SGA) officially submits Tuesday, November 3rd, 2026, as the Fall 2026 Student Holiday.
- Section 4:** SGA recognizes that participation in federal, state, and local elections is an essential right of many students at the University of Oklahoma. SGA also recognizes that it is vitally important that students eligible to vote in these elections have the opportunity to exercise their rights and make their voices heard. A democracy is at its healthiest when as many people as possible have the ability to participate in the electoral process.
- Section 5:** SGA recognizes that the state of Oklahoma has one of the lowest voter turnout rates in the country. In the 2022 midterm elections, only 40.1% of Oklahoman voters turned out to cast a ballot. This is 6.5% lower than the national average.⁶⁰ SGA asserts that by providing a holiday for students on election day, more students will be able to participate in the electoral process.
- Section 6:** SGA recognizes that college students face unique, structural barriers to participating in the electoral process. Classes scheduled during polling hours, the need to travel long distances to their assigned polling places, and lack of personal vehicles are all factors that make it more

⁶⁰ Allen, Cole, Vivian Morris, Gabriela Ramirez-Perez. 2023. The 2022 Midterms Reveal Our Democracy Is Still Inaccessible to Many Oklahoma Voters. *OKPolicy*, edited by the Oklahoma Policy Institute, Accessed April 22, 2026. <https://okpolicy.org/the-2022-midterms-reveal-our-democracy-is-still-inaccessible-to-many-oklahoma-voters/>.

difficult for college students to exercise their rights and to cast their vote in federal, state, and local elections. SGA recognizes that by providing a Fall Holiday on election day, we and the University Administration can remove some of these barriers and provide students the opportunity to exercise their constitutional rights.

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

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CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION **CR-XXX-XX**

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. GS26-39

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution requesting flexibility for students to be able to attend the Red River Rivalry Game in the Fall 2026 semester; and providing for distribution.

- Whereas: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association (SGA) has officially submitted November 3, 2026, the federal election day, as the Fall 2026 Student Holiday.
- Whereas: SGA requested November 3 as the Fall 2026 Student Holiday to support students in their efforts to exercise their rights to vote in federal, state, and local elections, and to be responsible and actively engaged citizens.
- Whereas: SGA has a history of requesting the Friday preceding the Red River Rivalry Game against the University of Texas at Austin for the Fall semester student holiday.
- Whereas: Many OU students prefer to travel to the Red River Rivalry Game on the preceding Friday to avoid heavy game-day traffic and potentially unsafe driving conditions.
- Whereas: The Red River Rivalry Game is an important component of the history and cultural heritage of the University of Oklahoma, with the first game dating back to 1900.
- Whereas: The Red River Rivalry Game is an important opportunity for students, faculty, staff, and alumni of the University of Oklahoma to build community through friendly competition with the University of Texas at Austin.

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 “Red River Rivalry Resolution of 2026.”

Section 2: SGA respectfully requests that the Administration of the University of Oklahoma provide an additional Fall 2026 holiday on October 9, 2026, to allow students to safely participate in the cherished tradition of the Red River Rivalry Game.

Section 3: SGA respectfully requests that, if a second Fall 2026 holiday is not possible for any reason, the Administration of the University of Oklahoma encourages faculty and course instructors to provide additional flexibility to their classes on October 9, 2026, to allow students to safely participate in the Red River Rivalry Game. This flexibility can include not scheduling exams or quizzes on that day, providing additional excused absences on that day, and/or assigning alternative learning activities rather than in-person lectures on that day, among other possibilities.

Section 4: SGA formally recognizes the importance of the Red River Rivalry Game and its associated traditions to the history, culture, and cultural heritage of the University of Oklahoma. Boomer Sooner!

Section 5: Copies of this resolution will be sent to:

- Joseph Harroz, Jr., President of the University of Oklahoma
- André-Denis Wright, Senior Vice President and Provost
- David Surratt, Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students
- Hans E. Butzer, Dean of the Christopher C. Gibbs College of Architecture
- Michael Markham, Dean of the Dodge Family College of Arts and Sciences
- Robert Palmer, Dean of the College of Atmospheric and Geographic Sciences
- Laku Chidambaram, Dean of the Michael F. Price College of Business
- John Antonio, Dean of the Mewbourne College of Earth and Energy
- Stacy Reeder, Dean of the Jeannine Rainbolt College of Education
- John Klier, Dean of the Gallogly College of Engineering
- Mary Margaret Holt, Dean of the Weitzenhoffer Family College of Fine Arts
- Paul Gilmore, Dean of the Honors College
- Jonathan Stalling, Interim Dean of the David L. Boren College of International Studies
- Andrea Miller, Dean of the Gaylord College of Journalism and Mass Communication
- Randall S. Hewes, Dean of the Graduate College
- Anna E. Carpenter, Dean of the College of Law
- Miloš Savić, Dean of the College of Professional and Continuing Studies
- All members of the OU Faculty Senate
- OU Daily
- OU Nightly

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