

**UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE**

Agenda

October 2, 7:00 PM

Zoom Conference Call

<https://oklahoma.zoom.us/j/93772247533?pwd=sBRbHEL3MOD2aTipaH9URXpz3t1Fcr.1>

Call to Order: 7:00 pm

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>)

- Senator Catalano (77), Seconded by Senator Shrestha (33)

Officer Reports:

- Chair:
 - Officially starting speaker series where different departments/offices will come and talk about different resources that are available to graduate students. Information will be provided prior to meetings and if you have any suggestions of topics, reach out to chair.
- Vice-Chair:
 - No reports
- Secretary:
 - Please submit your committee reports on engage! Thanks!

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

- Academic Affairs:
 - Senator Neeley (45)
 - Committee discussed about what bills are being presented and what groups/people they want to get into contact with
- Development & Philanthropy:
 - Senator Bueltel (7)
 - The committee was able to plan its happy hour at legally brewed (on main street) which will be held monthly on Tuesday from 5-7 pm. Senator Bueltel (7) asked if there was any questions or concerns?
 - Senator (?) asked why Tuesday was picked. Senator Bueltel (7) responded that it was worked for both legally brewed and his committee members.
 - Senator Mondal (38) asked if there will be any transportation provided (some people do not have cars)? Senator Bueltel (7) responded that while there is no transportation provided, they are more than happy to help.
 - Senator Biwa (14) asked if there is any advertisements for this event? Chair responded that the committee will need to reach out to PR to work on their advertisements.
- External Affairs:
 - Senator Esteve-Ingram (56)
 - The committee discussed the possibility of having two mini committees (legislative and external) to focus on the different priorities that these have. The committee also discussed some collaborations that can be done with other committees regarding current legislation.

- Internal Affairs:
 - Senator Ariyaratna (30)
 - The committee worked on narrowing down the number of groups that they wanted to contact
- International Student Affairs:
 - Senator Biwa (14)
 - The committee is still organizing their ideas and planning some activities. The committee is working with the outgoing chair about the email, website, and other similar things. The committee is figuring out how they can support students with what is happening with the current immigration environment.
- Public Relations:
 - Senator Chandra (16)
 - The committee had nothing to report
- Sustainability:
 - Senator Cavender (49)
 - The committee has been reaching out to local sustainability groups along with the undergraduate sustainability group. The committee discussed that the possibility of banning styrofoam (something that was done at a member's previous school)
- Ways and Means:
 - Senator Jensen (3)
 - The committee is looking into a date for grading the gss grants applications. The committee is hoping that many gss members are able to join.
 - Senator Esteve-Ingram (56) asked the for the expenses that are not covered by the gss grant, how should those expenses be marked (aka pending or approved)? Senator Jensen (3) responded that if the advisor's grant will definitely cover it, mark the expense as approved. If the expense is dependent on another grant, like a department grant, mark it as pending
 - Senator Akbari (36) asked if the cutoff grades of the grant are tied to the payment amount that is given? Senator Jensen (3) responded that payment amount depends on how many applications were submitted and how much money/grants are available. The committee will be working with chair to figure this out.
 - Senator Akbari (36) followed up asking when students should expect to hear back? Senator Jensen (3) responded that grants should be assigned by early-mid November and no later than the end of November. It is dependent on the chosen grading date, then the committee will write a bill, then the bill will have to be passed, and then the grants can go back to the student

Student Concerns:

- Main concern: Wordpress/Ou create will no longer be supported yet not many people are aware of this.
 - Senator Milsap (48) brought up that ou-create sites are no longer being supported but not all faculty and grad students know this. Wordpress support will end Dec 31 (some places/departments like gaylord may be able to pay for their domain instead of having to archive it like others will have to). This is concerning that many organizations, graduate students, undergraduate students, and faculty did not an email/announcement about this support ending. OU create is important due to the professionalism that it provides, a place to condense previously used material, and more. Senator Milsap (48) just wants to bring awareness of this and figure out how to reach everyone that this support is ending. Additionally, there has not been given a reason why this support is ending.

- GSS board will investigate and encourage whoever to send a mass email

Special Orders:

- **Guest Speaker: Assistant Dean of Students George Ahmadi**
 - Finding your way around Engage
 - Can use engage to track attendance of events
 - Can apply for money to get speakers on campus (link is on engage)
 - Talked about the financial links and how they work
- GF25-11 Auxiliary Allocation 2 Act of 2025-2026
 - Motion to see GF25-04 and GF25-11 as a block in New business by Senator Fellman (55)
 - Seconded by Senator Jensen (3)
 - Motion to pass via unanimous consent Senator Jensen (3)

Old Business:

New Business:

- GF25-04: Auxiliary Allocation 1 Act of 2025-2026 (Do Pass)
 - Two rounds of funding, primary funding and auxiliary funding
 - This year, we have a smaller pool because organizations spent their money. Please let Jacob know about questions for allocations
 - Senators Mondal (38) and Alvarez (57) motioned to allow the block as well
 - Jacob explained that the allocations are smaller this year due to the amount that was given to them.
 - Senator Waldron (70) (from the psychology department) asked what resources are used to determine what funding is given out? Jacob responded that they use the application that is sent and identify what they asked for and what its priorities of the funding are.
 - Senator 70 asked what is priority and how is that reflected in the amount that is given? Jacob responded that on the application, there is question that asks for any additional information which is where organization priorities can be provided. When the committee then looks at these priorities, they look at the physical history (does the organization use of the money that is provided?) and along with using four pillars: uniqueness, scope, quantity, and how it will aid the mission when determine the funding that is allocated.
 - Senator 70 asked how is scope determined? Jacob responded that the committee weighs how much of an impact the organization and its' event will have (e.g., the number of events, the number of members, etc.)
 - Senator 70 asked if the number of major/minor impacts these decisions? Jacob responded that they look at the amount of students that are enrolled (which determine fee bill amounts). Then, the committee tries to give an amount of money that will allow students to get the most out of their fee bills.
 - Senator Baskin (69) (on chat) asked if an organization has used all of their money in the previous year, including all aux funding, what reason would there be for them not receiving the same this year? Especially if each of the events they use the money for is within the mission for the organization, and the funds are being used to support undergraduate students, graduate students, and recruiting new graduate students? Jacob responded that there

are many factors that are at play like the amount of organizations that are applying for funding.

- Jacob discussed that the organization (pgsa) might have been accidentally misled due to a partially incorrect/assumption answer to a question. The answer was that the organization could have gotten a specified amount not that is what would be guaranteed. Additionally, Jacob added that it is a whole committee that is deciding this funding allocation along with there being many factors considered, and what money the committee thought should be allocated during the primaries.
 - Senator Waldron (70) asked if PGSA prioritized a specific event, why was that funding amount declined? Jacob responded that \$480 was decided as a nice round number and it was what fit best for it. Jacob also added that when an organization gets any funding, they do not have to spend it on just that event/item since line items are not set. As long as the event/item is allowable, all funding can be used on it.
 - Senator 70 followed up asking what a nice, round number meant? Jacob responded that it is just the number that the committee wanted to allocate.
 - Senator Rostami (10) asked how can a graduate student association on campus apply for these funds? When is the application due? Who should be contacted for any questions or concerns? Jacob responded that for an organization to apply for funding, one member is required to go to a funding workshop. The organizations then can apply through engage via the finance link. There is no due date but they are looked at via chronological order so it is a first come, first serve for funding. For questions about application and such, contact sgabudget@ou.edu and for spending questions, contact sbsc@ou.edu Primary funding does have a deadline but there are a lot of mass emails about that.
 - Senator Baskin (69) (on chat) asked if the originally aux application did not meet the needs of the organization, can an organization submit a new one? Jacob responded that an organization can submit multiple times (2?) assuming there are funds available
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- GF25-05: Honoring Chief Nathaniel Tarver Resolution (Do Pass)
 - Motion to move GF25-05 to floor by Senator Neeley (45), Seconded by Senator Hurst (59)
 - Recognizes Chief Nathaniel Tarver's work with OUPD
 - Motion to pass via unanimous consent by Senator Frost (74)
 - No objections
 - Bill Passes
 - GF25-06: Impeachment Eligibility Clarification Act of 2025 (Do Pass)
 - Motion to move GF25-06 to floor by Senator Akbari (36), Seconded by Senator Buelteel (7)
 - Clarifies who can be impeached through the SGA code
 - Described that the bill comes from the impeachment that occurred last semester. When they asked which officers can be impeached, council responded that it is only officers of popular vote which they disagreed with. With that, they went to "court" to change/clarify how the code is interpreted.
 - Motion to pass via unanimous consent by Senator Jensen (3)
 - No objections
 - Bill Passes
 - GF25-07: SGA Executive Office of the President Renaming Act of 2025 (Do Pass)
 - Motion to move GF25-07 to floor by Senator Arredondo (6) seconded by Senator Jensen (3)
 - Changes name from the SGA exec office to SGA cabinet

- Avery talked about the change name that is mainly an accessibility issue to make sure undergraduates understand who is being referenced when they are told about this board.
 - Motion to pass via unanimous consent by Senator Jensen (3)
 - No objections
 - Bill passes
- GF25-08: SGOS Act of 2025 (Do Pass)
 - Motion to move GF25-08 to floor by Senator Neeley (45), Seconded by Senator Catalano (77)
 - Creates the Student Government Organization Office and allows him a bit more flexibility with how certain positions get paid. This removes the amount of money they get paid out of the code annotated and gives George, our advisor, power to allocate appropriate salaries with an approved budget
 - Jacob talks about how it makes it easier to give raises, do hiring, and more. Usually would have to go through multiple committees/chairs to approve a decision and the bill would make the process of hiring, raises, etc much more simpler. There are still additional people that have to approve a raise but just chairs?
 - Motion to pass via unanimous consent by Senator Olson (23)
 - No objections
 - Bill passes
- GF25-09: 2025-2026 SGA Election Commission Staff Appointment Act (Do Pass)
 - Motion to move GF25-09 to floor by Senator Jensen (3), Seconded by Senator Catalano (77)
 - Appointments new election commission staff
 - Baylor talks how they look at rule breaks and what is the punishment?
 - Motion to pass via unanimous consent by Senator Jensen (3)
 - No objections
 - Bill passes
- GF25-10: Hispanic Heritage Month Resolution (Do Pass)
 - Motion to move GF25-10 to floor by Senator Bueltel (7), Seconded by Senator Catalano (77)
 - Acknowledges Hispanic heritage month
 - Alex discussed differences in the amount of voter registrations, their talks about different associations, whether it went against dei regulations (it does not due to being a student organization and not a federally funded one), and about celebrating the committee and not discriminating against.
 - Motion to pass via unanimous consent by Senator Jensen (3)
 - No objections
 - Bill passes

Announcements:

Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn by Senator Moreno-Ward (34), Seconded by Senator Jensen (3)

Time: 8:03 pm

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CXIV
September 23, 2025

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GF03
October 3, 2025

CONGRESSIONAL BILL AB-114-01
SENATE BILL NO. GF25-04

AS INTRODUCED

An act relating to appropriations; providing for short title; stating purpose; appropriating Auxiliary Funding for the 2025-2026 process; stating appropriation guidelines; establishing expiration deadline; directing transfer of unused funds by deadline; and providing an effective date.

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

Section 1: This act shall be known and may be cited as the “Auxiliary Allocation 1 Act of 2025-2026”

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

Section 3: APPROPRIATION. The following amounts are hereby allocated to

Organization	Programs, Events & Activities	Capital Investments	Office and General Expenses	Total
Crimson Cinema Club	\$500.00			\$500.00
Energy Management Student Association	\$500.00			\$500.00
Getting to the Root	\$200.00			\$200.00
International Security Student Association	\$300.00			\$300.00
Law Students of Texas	\$250.00			\$250.00
OU Skate Club	\$500.00			\$500.00
OU Women's Soccer Club	\$500.00			\$500.00
Psychology Graduate Student Association	\$480.00			\$480.00
Speech Team	\$500.00			\$500.00

Undergraduate Anthropological Society	\$500.00			\$500.00
Women in Business Association	\$180.00			\$180.00
TOTAL:				\$4,410.00

Section 4: All guidelines and provisions in Title 10 of the Code Annotated shall apply to all funds appropriated in this act.

Section 5: This fiscal year for the account listed in these sections shall end May 8, 2026.

Section 6: All unspent money remaining in the accounts listed in Section 3 shall revert to the SGA General Account after May 8, 2026, and the remaining appropriations shall be canceled.

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

Author(s): Jacob Schonfield, Chair, SGA Budgetary Committee

Co-Author(s): SGA Budgetary Committee

Submitted on a Motion by: Representative Hallum seconded by Representative Morgan

Action taken by Congress: Passed unanimously 42-0-0

Verified by Chair of Congress: _____ Date: _____

Submitted on a Motion by: Senator Fellman (55) seconded by Senator Jensen (3)

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 CXIV

September 16, 2025

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE

SENATE SESSION GF03

October 3, 2025

CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-114-001

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. GF25-05

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution honoring the University of Oklahoma Police Department Chief Nathaniel Tarver for his years of service to the University and Law Enforcement; providing for short title; and providing for distribution.

Whereas: Chief Nathaniel Tarver will retire on September 19, 2025, after 46 years of distinguished service in law enforcement since beginning his career in 1979¹; and

Whereas: He earned his bachelor's degree in Broadcast Journalism from the University of Oklahoma and a master's degree in criminal justice management from the University of Central Oklahoma; and

Whereas: He was hired in 1979 by the Moore Police Department as the city's first Black officer, where he developed the public-school liaison officer program and attained the rank of Sergeant; and

Whereas: He served 26 years at the Oklahoma City Police Department beginning in 1989, with several roles and responsibilities, and retired as Captain in 2015; and

Whereas: He responded to critical incidents including the Oklahoma City bombing and multiple tornado emergencies during his service with the Oklahoma City Police Department; and

Whereas: He joined the University of Oklahoma Health Campus (formerly the OU Health Sciences Center) Police Department in 2015 as Deputy Chief of Police and became Chief of Police of this campus in January 2017; and

¹ McClour, Audrey. "A privilege and an honor: OU Chief of Police to retire after 46 years of law enforcement service." OU Daily. July 22, 2025. https://www.oudaily.com/news/ou-chief-of-police-retire-service-law-enforcement-department-oupd-nathaniel-tarver/article_e90a708e-0ee4-4a55-8011-b7e630a9dfd9.html

Whereas: He was inducted into the Oklahoma Law Enforcement Hall of Fame in January 2020; and

Whereas: In September 2020 he was named Chief of the University of Oklahoma Police Department, overseeing all three campuses, and appointed Associate Vice President; and

Whereas: He was honored as a Distinguished Alumnus of the Gaylord College of Journalism in December 2022; and

Whereas: He has served with the University of Oklahoma Police Department for 10 years, including five years as Chief of Police for all campuses; and

Whereas: He was honored as a Distinguished alumnus from the Gaylord College of Journalism; and

Whereas: He is inducted in the Oklahoma Law Enforcement Hall of Fame; and

Whereas: He has served OU law enforcement for 10 years; and

Whereas: He has served as OU Chief of Police for 5 years²; therefore

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

- Section 1:** Title: This resolution shall be known and may be cited as the “Honoring Chief Nathaniel Tarver Resolution”.
- Section 2:** The University of Oklahoma Students Government Association (SGA) commends Chief Tarver for his service and leadership and recognizes his positive impact on campus safety and public trust.
- Section 3:** SGA acknowledges Chief Tarver’s commitment to promoting a safe and inclusive campus environment and building relationships with students, administrators, faculty, and staff.
- Section 4:** SGA appreciates Chief Tarver’s role as a role model and mentor for the University of Oklahoma community and his commitment to professionalism and excellence.
- Section 5:** SGA extends its appreciation and best wishes to Chief Tarver as he takes his well-deserved retirement, and we honor his legacy of service and leadership.
- Section 6:** Copies of this resolution will be sent to:
- Chief Nathaniel Tarver, University of Oklahoma Police Department

² Council On Law Enforcement Education & Training. “Chief Nate Tarver.” October 10, 2024.
<https://oklahoma.gov/cleec/about-cleec/council-advisory-council-members/chief-nate-tarver.html>

- Joseph Harroz Jr., President, University of Oklahoma
- André-Denis Wright, Senior Vice President and Provost, Norman Campus
- Gary Raskob, Senior Vice President and Provost, Health Campus (formerly Health Sciences)
- David A. Surratt, Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students
- Brian Holderread, Vice President for Campus Operations
- Mackenzie Wilfong, Executive Director and Secretary of the Board of Regents
- OU Daily
- OU Nightly

Author(s): Ben Keupen, Associate

Co-Sponsor(s):

Submitted on a motion by: Representative Christiansen seconded by Representative Hicks

Action taken by Congress: Passed unanimously 38-0-0

Verified by Chair of Congress: _____ Date: _____

Submitted on a motion by: Senator Neeley (45) seconded by Senator Hurst (59)

Action taken by Senate: Passed via unanimous consent.

Verified by Chair of Senate: _____ Date: _____

Approved by SGA President: _____ Date: _____

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UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CXIV

September 16, 2025

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GF03

October 3, 2025

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-114-004
SENATE BILL GF25-06

AS INTRODUCED

An Act of Procedure amending SGA Code Annotated § II.2.9(c) to clarify that the legislature has the right to impeach and remove members of the Executive, Judicial, and Programming branches; 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 “Impeachment Eligibility Clarification Act of 2025”.

Section 2: Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to clarify that under the SGA Constitution, the Legislative Branch has the right to impeach and remove members of the Executive, Judicial, and Programming branches; updating the Code Annotated to match the Constitution.³

Section 3: AMENDATORY: The SGA Code Annotated will be amended as follows. For the purposes of this bill all deleted items shall be denoted with a ~~strike through~~.

1. **Impeachment.** The Legislative Branch shall have the right of impeachment and removal within the Executive, Judicial, and Programming branches. The right to impeach should be reserved for those positions which are either popularly elected by the student body, or have the ability to act independent of any other office. No person charged with impeachment shall be convicted without the concurrence of two-thirds (2/3) of the Senate.
 1. **Congress’s Power.** Congress shall have the sole power to bring impeachment charges against the members of the Executive, Judicial, and Programming branches.
 2. **Senate’s Power.** The Senate shall have the sole power to try all impeachments. When the SGA President is tried, the Chief Justice of the SGA Superior Court shall preside over the Senate.
 3. ~~**Persons Not Subject to Impeachment.** Members of the Presidential staff exist only to help the President in their duties and are not impeachable.~~

³ Keupen v. SGA General Counsel (2025)

1. ~~**Programming Branch General Council.** Members of the Programming branch's general council exist solely to help the Campus Activities Chair in their duties and are not impeachable.~~

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

Author(s): Ben Keupen, Associate

Co-Author(s):

Co-Sponsor(s):

Submitted on a Motion by: Representative Wang seconded by Representative Hawkins

Action taken by Congress: Passed 38-1-0

Verified by Chair of Congress: _____ Date: _____

Submitted on a Motion by: Senator Akbari (36) seconded by Senator Buelte (7)

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 CXIV
September 16, 2025

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GF03
October 3, 2025

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-114-005
SENATE BILL GF25-07

AS INTRODUCED

An Act of Legislation changing the name of the SGA
Executive Office of the President to the SGA Executive
Cabinet; 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 “SGA Executive Office of the President Renaming Act of 2025.”

Section 2: Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to rename the SGA Executive Office of the President to the SGA Executive Cabinet.

Section 3: AMENDATORY: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association’s Code Annotated Title III Chapter 1 Section 5 and Title III Chapter 4 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: Chapter III-1 General Provisions

c. ~~The Executive Office of the President~~ The Executive Cabinet. Led by the President, Vice President, and the Chief of Staff, The Executive Cabinet ~~Office of the President (EOP)~~ shall support the efforts made by its leaders to reflect the continued interests of the student body, SGA, and platforms.

d. Rulemaking.

- i. Delegation.** Any properly appointed or established member or unit of the Executive Branch may perform a Presidential duty with the expressed consent and approval of the President, provided said duty is consistent with said member's underlying responsibilities.
- ii. Funding.** The President shall make a budget for the Executive Branch, excluding the Crimson Leadership Association, for submission to the Legislature.
- iii. Removal.** The President may remove any member of ~~EOP~~ the Executive Cabinet at will with notice.⁷

Chapter III-4 ~~The Executive Office Of The President~~ The Executive Cabinet

1. **Purpose.** The Executive ~~Office of the President~~ Cabinet is a Department of the Executive Branch. The Executive ~~Office of the President (EOP)~~ Cabinet shall support the President and Vice President.¹
2. **Chief of Staff.** The overseer of the ~~EOP~~ Executive Cabinet shall be known as the Chief of Staff. The Chief of Staff is the third-highest-ranking member of the Executive Branch. The Chief of Staff shall work with the General Counsel and other appropriate bodies and individuals to ensure compliance of the Executive Branch with the SGA Constitution and SGACA.² The Chief of Staff shall oversee the opening and closing of the General Application with the President, Vice President, and Chair of the Undergraduate Student Congress.
3. **~~EOP~~ Staff Executive Cabinet Members.** The ~~EOP~~ members of the Executive Cabinet shall consist of the Chief of Staff, and any other coordinators, assistants, and liaisons deemed necessary by the President and appropriate by the Legislative houses through advice and consent. The duties of ~~EOP~~ the Executive Cabinet should and can reflect the needs of the President and the administration, including but not limited to: special projects, constituent relations, media relations, legislative affairs, academic affairs. The following, but certainly not limited to, positions must be included as part of the ~~EOP~~ Executive Cabinet:
 - A. **Communications Coordinator.** The coordinator will be responsible for promoting the interests, programs, and positions of the OU SGA. The coordinator will chair meetings with the Congress Vice Chair, Senate Public Relations Committee Chair, the CAC Public Relations Coordinator, and the SGA Webmaster to discuss matter pertaining to social media, media relations, photography, tabling, and other means of advertisement and message distribution.
 - B. **International Affairs Coordinator.** The coordinator shall be responsible for voicing the concerns for the international student population overall and take necessary steps to improve the welfare for these students, and the student body overall. The appointment process shall include communication with the International Advisory Committee.

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

Author(s): Ellie Wolthuis, SGA Chief of Staff
President Avery Dunlap, Student Government Association

Co-Author(s): Chair Caleb Robinson, Undergraduate Student Congress

Submitted on a Motion by: Representative Morgan seconded by Representative Vedra

Action taken by Congress: Passed unanimously 39-0-0

Verified by Chair of Congress: _____ Date: _____

Submitted on a Motion by: Senator Arredondo (6) seconded by Senator Jensen (3)

Action taken by Senate: Passed via unanimous consent.

Verified by Chair of Senate: _____ Date: _____

Approved by SGA President: _____ Date: _____

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GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GFXX
October 3, 2025

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-114-008
SENATE BILL GF25-08

AS INTRODUCED

An Act of Legislation creating “The Office of Student
Government and Organization Services” (SGOS);
amending Title X Chapter 5 of the Code Annotated;
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 “SGOS Act of 2025”

Section 2: Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to update Title X Chapter 5 of the Code Annotated to allow more flexibility with regard to the payment of all hourly positions with the SGA.

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).

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 and ~~perpetuating monthly until April 30th~~ through the end of their term.
- The SGA President and SGA Vice President shall be compensated monthly with compensation periods beginning ~~December 1st~~ January 1st through the end of their term ~~and perpetuating monthly until November 30th.~~
- 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 ~~April 30th.~~
- The GSS Ways and Means Chair ~~stipend is to be paid out~~ 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 Staff, 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 adviser 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: SGA Staff Assistant, SGA Budget and Account Representative, OU Student Legal Services Staff Attorney, two full-time staff, Associates of General Counsel, General Counsel, Chief of Staff, Election Commission Staff, Election Commissioner, SGA Student Assistants.

- ~~Associates of General Counsel: \$11.00 x 25 hours/week x 34 weeks~~

- General Counsel: ~~\$12.00 x 25 hours/ week x 48 weeks~~
- Chief of Staff: ~~\$10.00 x 10 hours/week~~

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

- Election Commission Staff: ~~\$50x5 persons x 2 general elections; plus, if needed, \$20x5 people for any runoff or special election (up to three of the aforementioned)~~
- Election Commissioner: ~~\$500/Spring General Election, \$500/Fall General Election; plus, if needed, \$50 for any runoff or special election (up to three of the aforementioned)~~
- SGA Staff Assistant
- SGA Budget and Account Representative

~~The above positions are selected based upon applications received through the HR website, jobs.ou.edu. Selections are made by the SGA President, SGA Vice President, Congress Chair, Senate Chair, and CAC Chair, as well as their staff supervisor in Student Affairs. Increases in pay are given at the discretion of the aforementioned officials. Additionally, if university wide raises are mandated, the above positions shall receive those increases.~~

- Student Organization Resource Officers: ~~\$10 x 10 hours/week per officers~~
- SGA Graphic Designer/Webmaster: ~~\$10 x 10 hours/ week x 34 weeks~~

~~The above positions are selected based upon applications received through the HR website, jobs.ou.edu. Selections are made by the SGA President, SGA Vice President, Congress Chair, Senate Chair, and CAC Chair.~~

~~The OU SLS Staff Attorney shall be hired according to the policies outlined in Title XI. The staff attorney shall be eligible for benefits at a value of the current fringe benefits rate per OU HR policy.~~

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

- 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.
 - SGA Graphic Designer/Webmaster.** ~~The duties of the SGA Graphic Designer/ Webmaster will be to assist the all branches of SGA to create design products, including web graphics, posters, and flyers, and to maintain and update their respective websites as well as any other online content that may be asked of them.~~
- Payment of Stipend.** ~~All stipend positions are prorated during the months of January, May, August, and December. Stipends begin the first day of regular classes and end the last day of~~

~~regular classes for fall, spring, and summer, semesters. Time sheets are required on all hourly positions. Time sheets are not required for monthly stipend positions.~~

3. **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.
4. **Other Employment.** No employee in an 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.

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

Author(s): Jacob Schonfield, Chair, SGA Budgetary Committee

Co-Author(s): SGA Budgetary Committee

Submitted on a Motion by: Representative Evans seconded by Representative Toyos

Action taken by Congress: 23-16-0

Verified by Chair of Congress: _____ Date: _____

Submitted on a Motion by: Senator Neeley (45) seconded by Senator Catalano (77)

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 CXIV

September 23, 2025

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE

SENATE SESSION GF03

October 3, 2025

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-114-10

SENATE BILL NO. GF25-09

AS INTRODUCED

An Act of Legislation appointing the 2025-2026 SGA Election Commission Staff; 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 “2025-2026 SGA Election Commission Staff Appointment Act.”
- Section 2:** Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to appoint the members of the 2025-2026 Election Commission Staff.
- Section 3:** In accordance with §Title IV Chapter 6, Section 2(a)(ii), the Election Commission shall appoint the Election Commission Staff with the advice and consent of the Legislative Branch. The following SGA Members shall be appointed as Election Commission Staff for the term ending at the end of the Spring 2025 semester:
- Allyson Burwell
 - Milton Chamblee
 - Emma Seager
 - Hannah Smith
 - Kennedy Stewart
- Section 4:** This act shall become effective when passed in accordance with the SGA Constitution.
- Author(s):** Election Commissioner Baylor Savage, Student Government Association
Chair Kyle Martin, Congressional Administration Committee
Chief of Staff Ellie Wolthuis, Student Government Association

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

Action taken by Congress: Passed unanimously 42-0-0

Verified by Chair of Congress: _____ Date:_____

Submitted on a Motion by: Senator Jensen (3) seconded by Senator Catalano (77)

Action taken by Senate: Passed via unanimous consent.

Verified by Chair of Senate: _____ Date: _____

Approved by SGA President: _____ Date: _____

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CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-114-02

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. GF25-10

AS INTRODUCED

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

- Whereas: About 20% of the US population is made up of Hispanics; the largest ethnic minority in the country⁴; and
- Whereas: In 2023, about 12.3% of the population in Oklahoma were Hispanic, amounting to 491K people⁵; and
- Whereas: According to Pew Research Center about 36.2 million Latin Americans were eligible to vote in 2024, compared to 32 million in 2020⁶; and
- Whereas: Approximately 3,800,000 Hispanic students are enrolled in higher education, and enrollment of Hispanic students is expected to exceed 4,300,000 by 2026⁷; and
- Whereas: The path to completion of a degree is far more challenging for Hispanics than non-Hispanics due to cultural differences, citizenship issues, language difficulties and facing discrimination, as well as the lack of resources and guidance available; and
- Whereas: Hispanic students make up about 13.3% of The University of Oklahoma Norman campus as of the Fall 2024 semester⁸; and

⁴ “National Hispanic Heritage Month: 2025.” *U.S. Census Bureau*, 27 August 2025, <https://www.census.gov/newsroom/facts-for-features/2025/hispanic-heritage-month.html>.

⁵ Data USA. “Oklahoma.” Data USA, <https://datausa.io/profile/geo/oklahoma>.

⁶ Krogstad, Jens Manuel, et al. “Key facts about Hispanic eligible voters in 2024.” *Pew Research Center*, 10 January 2024, <https://www.pewresearch.org/short-reads/2024/01/10/key-facts-about-hispanic-eligible-voters-in-2024/>.

⁷ Hispanic Education. “Hispanic Educational Participation.” *Hispanic Education in America*, 5 May 2025., <https://hispanic-education.com/hispanic-educational-participation/>.

⁸ OU Institutional Research & Reporting. “Facts at a Glance: Fall 2024 – Norman Campus.” *The University of Oklahoma*, 2025, <https://www.ou.edu/content/dam/irr/docs/Fact%20Book/Mini%20Fact%20Book/Mini%20Factbook%202024%20-%20Final.pdf>.

Whereas: There is a large establishment of Hispanic and Latino registered student organizations on campus, including the Hispanic American Student Association, Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers, Latinos Without Borders, Latinos Unidos, Sigma Lambda Alpha, Kappa Delta Chi, Sigma Lambda Gamma, Phi Iota Alpha, Omega Delta Phi, Sigma Lambda Beta, Latino Medical Student Association Plus, OU InterVarsityLaFe, Latin American Pre-Law Student Association, OU Latin Dance Club, OU Mariachi, and OU Xochiquetzal Ballet Folklorico, and others; and

Whereas: Hispanic students started the Hispanic American Student Association in 1981, reaching 44 years of campus.

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 “Hispanic Heritage Month Resolution of 2025.”

Section 2: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association will recognize and celebrate the time spanning from September 15th through October 15th as Hispanic Heritage Month acknowledging the heritage and culture of Latinos in the community.

Section 3: OU SGA encourages the student body to participate in cultural appreciation events such as those planned by the Hispanic American Student Association in collaboration with other Hispanic and Latinx Registered Student Organizations on campus.

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

- Joseph Harroz Jr., President, University of Oklahoma
- Dr. David Surratt, Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students
- The University of Oklahoma Board of Regents
- Allison Ruiz, Student Life Coordinator/Community Engagement for HASA
- Quy Nguyen, Director of Student Life Office and Assistant Dean of Students
- Regina Pranin Guillen, Hispanic American Student Association President
- Robert Con Davis, Neustadt Professor & Executive Director of World Literature Today
- The OU Daily
- The OU Nightly

Author(s): Alexandra Toyos-Perez, Arts and Sciences Representative
Lilian Higareda Castillo, Journalism and Mass Communications Representative
Delia Benitez-Mendoza, Associate

Co-Author(s): Regina Pranin Guillen, Hispanic American Student Association President

Co-Sponsor(s): Lorelei Radzanowski, Arts and Sciences Representative

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

Action taken in Congress: Passed unanimously 41-0-0

Verified by Chair of Congress: _____ Date: _____

Submitted on a motion by: Senator Bueltel (7) seconded by Senator Catalano (77)

Action taken by Senate: Passed via unanimous consent.

Verified by Chair of Senate: _____ Date: _____

Approved by SGA President: _____ Date: _____

CONGRESSIONAL BILL AB-114-02

SENATE BILL NO. GS25-11

AS INTRODUCED

An act relating to appropriations; providing for short title; stating purpose; appropriating Auxiliary Funding for the 2025-2026 process; stating appropriation guidelines; establishing expiration deadline; directing transfer of unused funds by deadline; and providing an effective date.

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

Section 1: This act shall be known and may be cited as the “Auxiliary Allocation 2 Act of 2025-2026”

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

Section 3: APPROPRIATION. The following amounts are hereby allocated to

Organization	Programs, Events & Activities	Capital Investments	Office and General Expenses	Total
Afrobeat Dance Club at the University of Oklahoma	\$800.00			\$800.00
Agricultural Law Society	\$100.00			\$100.00
Alpha Sigma Kappa - Women and Gender Minorities in Technical Studies	\$250.00			\$250.00
American Constitution Society	\$200.00			\$200.00
American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics	\$100.00			\$100.00
Asian American Student Association	\$500.00			\$500.00
Asian Americans in Healthcare Association	\$500.00			\$500.00
Baccano Italian Club	\$300.00			\$300.00
Biology Graduate Student Organization	\$400.00			\$400.00
Biomedical Engineering Society Student Chapter	\$200.00			\$200.00
Black Business Network	\$450.00			\$450.00
Black Law Students Association	\$300.00			\$300.00
Black Men's Mental Health Club	\$200.00			\$200.00

Chemical Engineering Graduate Student Society	\$200.00			\$200.00
Cybersecurity Club	\$100.00			\$100.00
Dialogues of Contemporary Sociology (DOCS) Workshop	\$400.00			\$400.00
Disabled Law Students Association	\$300.00			\$300.00
Economics Club	\$200.00			\$200.00
Environmental Science Student Association	\$100.00			\$100.00
Gaylord College Graduate Students Association	\$300.00			\$300.00
Global Brigades	\$250.00			\$250.00
Graduate Philosophical Association	\$500.00			\$500.00
History Graduate Student Association	\$115.00			\$115.00
Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences Student Chapter	\$300.00			\$300.00
Integrity Council	\$250.00			\$250.00
Intellectual Property Society	\$200.00			\$200.00
Law Students for a Free Palestine	\$175.00			\$175.00
Little Hearts Alliance	\$17.67			\$17.67
Oil and Gas, Natural Resources, and Energy Journal	\$100.00			\$100.00
Oil and Gas, Natural Resources, and Energy Law Society	\$50.00			\$50.00
Oklahoma Intercollegiate Legislature	\$500.00			\$500.00
OU College of Law Board of Advocates	\$200.00			\$200.00
OU Design/Build/Fly Club	\$100.00			\$100.00
OU Men's Ultimate Frisbee	\$150.00			\$150.00
Pakistani Student Association	\$260.00			\$260.00
Pre-Law@Price	\$100.00			\$100.00
Public Interest Law Student Association	\$600.00			\$600.00
SGA Executive Branch	\$100.00			\$100.00
Sigma Lambda Beta	\$300.00			\$300.00
Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers	\$100.00			\$100.00
Sooner Competitive Robotics	\$750.00			\$750.00
Student Bar Association	\$50.00			\$50.00
The Oklahoma Group	\$100.00			\$100.00
Women of Power	\$250.00		\$250.00	\$500.00
TOTAL:				\$11,667.67

Section 4: All guidelines and provisions in Title 10 of the Code Annotated shall apply to all funds appropriated in this act.

Section 5: This fiscal year for the account listed in these sections shall end May 8, 2026.

Section 6: All unspent money remaining in the accounts listed in Section 3 shall revert to the SGA General Account after May 8, 2026, and the remaining appropriations shall be canceled.

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

Author(s): Jacob Schonfield, Chair, SGA Budgetary Committee

Co-Author(s): SGA Budgetary Committee

Submitted on a Motion by: Representative Morgan seconded by Representative Higareda Castillo

Action taken by Congress: Passed unanimously 40-0-0

Verified by Chair of Congress: _____ Date: _____

Submitted on a Motion by: Senator Fellman (55) seconded by Senator Jensen

Action taken by Senate: Passed via unanimous consent.

Verified by Chair of Senate: _____ Date: _____

Approved by SGA President: _____ Date: _____