

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

September 4th, 7:00 PM

Zoom Conference Call

<https://oklahoma.zoom.us/j/93772247533?pwd=sBRbHEL3MOD2aTtpaH9URXpz3t1Fcr.1>

Call to Order: 7:03 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/content/dam/sga/common/GSS/minutes/2025/GSS-Minutes-4-24-25.pdf>)

Senator Emmanuel Odunfa (12), seconded by Senator Negin Khesali (38)

Officer Reports:

- Chair:
 - Tuesdays biweekly 8-10am/3-5pm, Wednesday 8:30-10am and Thursday 3-7:30pm Fridays 8:30-10:30am
- Vice-Chair:
 - Office hours: Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, from 9am-11am
- Secretary:
 - Please submit your committee reports on engage
 - Office hours: Mondays 2-4pm, Thursdays 3-7pm, Fridays 9-11am

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

- Academic Affairs:
 - Chair Matthew Nguyen (38), Vice Chair Hannah Baskin (56), Secretary Ami Frost (61)
 - Meeting time: Thursday 6:30, before general assembly
- Development & Philanthropy:
 - Chair Brandon Bueltel (07), Vice Chair Matthew Dietrich (52), Secretary Eric Arredono (6)
 - Meeting time: Thursday 8pm, after general assembly
- External and Legislative Affairs:
 - Chair: Senator Caroline Lancaster (58), Vice Chair Negin Khesali (38), Secretary Tatiana Esteva-Ingram (48)
 - Meeting time: Thursday 6:30, before general assembly
- Internal Affairs:
 - Chair Celina (59), Vice Chair Taylor (25), Secretary Iyan Smith Williams (50)
 - Meeting time and location: Thursday 8pm, after general assembly
- International Student Affairs:
 - Chair Syboney Biwa (13), Vice Chair Amir Fakhrabadi (30), Secretary Julia Muriithi (33)
 - Meeting time and location: Thursday 8pm, after general assembly
- Public Relations:
 - Chair Subhash Chandra (66), Vice Chair Andrea Alfaro (49), Secretary Alisha Milsap (42)
 - Meeting time and location: Thursdays 8pm, after general assembly

- Sustainability:
 - Chair Kooper Cavender (43), Vice Chair April Moreno-Ward (28), Secretary Ben Fellman (47)
 - Meeting time: Thursdays 6:30, before general assembly
- Ways and Means:
 - Chair Sam Jenson (3), Vice Chair Elizabeth Duncan (8), Secretary Desplang Manje (9)
 - Meeting time: Thursdays 8pm, after general assembly

Student Concerns:

Seeing none, moving to special orders

Special Orders:

n/a

Old Business:

n/a

New Business:

- GF25-01 : Fall 2025 General Counsel Appointment Act
 - Motion by Senator Ishaer Mondel (32) Seconded by Senator Reshma Reba Alexander (55)
 - Author: not present
 - Tabled for now
- GF25-01 : Fall 2025 General Counsel Appointment Act
 - Motion by Senator Emmanuel Odunfa (12) Seconded by Senator Brandon Bueltel (7)
 - Author: (SGA Chief of Staff Ellie Wolhuis), Presenting the appointment for general council. Mary was selected last spring after a competitive interview process. She was an educator prior to this and we believe she will be amazing in this position. The author yields time for questions.
 - Motion: Senator Sam Jenson (3) Pass via unanimous consent, no objections, bill passes
- GF25-02: Academic Appeals Board Appointment Act of 2025-2026
 - Motion by Senator Brandon Bueltel (7), Seconded by Senator Ramesh Dulal (19)
 - Author: (GSS Chair Summer Edwards), These are the nominations from the graduate college for the graduate council. The council oversees grade appeals and other academic concerns.
 - Motion: Senator Sam Jenson (3) Pass via unanimous consent, no objections, bill passes
 - Objections: none, bill passes

Announcements:

No announcements

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Senator Syboney Biwa (13), seconded by Senator Reshma Reba Alexander (55)

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CXIV
September 2, 2025

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GF25
September 4, 2025

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-114-01
SENATE BILL GF25-01

AS INTRODUCED
An Act of Legislation appointing the 2025 General
Counsel; 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 “Fall 2025 General Counsel Appointment Act.”
- Section 2:** Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to name and appoint the SGA General Counsel.
- Section 3:** In accordance with Title 3, Chapter 2, section 7, subsection a, subsubsection i which delineates the appointment process for the SGA General Counsel, the following student shall thus be appointed:
- Mary McNeal
- Section 4:** This act shall become effective when passed in accordance with the SGA Constitution.

Authors: President Avery Dunlap, Student Government Association
Chair Emeritus Hope Rhoads, Undergraduate Student Congress
Chair Emeritus Jordan Norris, Graduate Student Senate
Chief Justice Emeritus Claire Grace, Superior Court
General Counsel Emeritus Maddie Taylor, Student Government Association
Chief of Staff Ellie Wolthuis, Student Government Association

Submitted on a Motion by:
Action taken by Congress:
Verified by Chair of Congress:

Date:

Submitted on a Motion by: Senator Sam Jensen
Action taken by Senate: Pass
Verified by Chair of Senate:

Date: 09-04-2025

Approved by SGA President:

Date:

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE

SENATE SESSION GF25

September 4, 2025

SENATE BILL NO.GF25-02

AS INTRODUCED

An Act to appoint representative for the 2025-2026

Academic Appeals Board.

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

Section 1: This act shall be known and may be cited as the Academic Appeals Board Appointment Act of 2025-2026.

Section 2: Purpose: To approve the nominations for the 2025-2026 Academic Appeals Panelists

Section 3: **List of Nominees:**

Architecture	Giselle	Walker
	Blaise	Voight
	Nikita	Shrestha
	Keerthana	Nampally
Biology	Kristin	Dyer
	Brendon	Byrd
Business	Justin	Canova
	Hannah	Diab
	Seth	Branam
	Jade	Sonntag
	Laura	Wardwell
Chemistry	Sayre	Barron
	Muhammad S.	Muhammad
Communication	Maria	Penkauskas

	Mathias	Aboba
	Tommy	Solomon
	Ifesinachi	Ayogu
English	Jacob	Witt
	Adefunke	Eruobodo
Geosciences	Alysha	Zazubec
	Noor	ul Huda Choudhry
Geo & Enviro Sustainability	Martin	Manu
History	Ariel	Schnee
	Bryce	Jones
History of Science	Cecilia	Slane
	Tom	Hoyt
Math	Sajal	Halder
	Roy	Arghadeep
	Sayantan	Santra
Music	Trey	Switzer
	Lynnae	Hurst
SLIS	Sabrina	Denmon
Visual Arts	Travis	Catalano

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

Author(s): Summer Edwards, GSS Chair
Dana Mahmoud, GSS Vice Chair
Libby Ryan, GSS Secretary

Submitted on a Motion by: Senator Sam Jensen
Action taken by Senate: Pass

Verified by Chair of Senate: _____ Date: _____