UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY AGENDA
October 1st, 2026, 7:00 PM

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

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)

Motion to Approve: Senator Esteva-Ingram (62), seconded by Senator Young (72)

Officer Reports:

- Chair: Summer Edwards
  - Some events to discuss:
    - Mental health week is still ongoing this week!
    - Next Wednesday (10/7), there is a campus "bash" going on.
      - T-shirt/hat pass outs, even a ferris wheel!
    - October 29th: Chris Young concert
    - October 29th and 30th: SGA Presidential elections
  - Please check campus groups, as it has all these events listed, RSOs included!
- Vice-Chair: Sam Jensen
  - I will be out of town for research from 10/9-10/18. I will not be holding my regular office hours, but I will still be available via email!
- Secretary: Ben Fellman
  - I hope everyone is having a good week! Please make sure everyone continues to submit committee attendance forms (I received one from all committees last week ☺)
  - I will be sending a form during Senator Fullerton's update to get a poll for everyone's availability for a few different events being planned. **Completing this form will count as your attendance for tonight's meeting, so please make sure to complete this form once it is sent in the chat.**

Committee Reports: (submit your meeting minutes here)

- Academic Affairs: Report given by Senator Callebs (70) and Senator Lumula (48)
  - Had a discussion regarding how students who come to OU for graduate school get their credits transferred for similar classes that they have already taken.
    - We should make sure we understand how credits can be transferred for similar coursework. Have been in contact with Summer regarding this.
  - This evening, I plan on discussing the Visa cap placed on international students and talking to International Affairs soon about graduate student wages.
- Development & Philanthropy: Report given by Senator Bueltel (8)

    - Working on getting some fundraisers and social events planned.
    - OU Little Event will be October 24th!
        - I will be unable to lead a team but if anyone wants to lead a team, please let me know and I can help!
- External Affairs: Report given by Senator Jones (71)
    - Sending a link to a Qualtrics survey:
        - https://qualtrics.ou.edu/jfe/form/SV_4ZmKqHzoGh0SDP0
        - We will be participating at the Capitol for Higher Ed day in the spring, so we just wanted to understand what topics graduate students would want to discuss.
        - This survey should only take 10-15 minutes.
            - Please send this survey out to your departments to get some initial thoughts on what graduate students would want to discuss!
- Internal Affairs: Report given by Senator Fullerton (2)
    - Please fill out this form through Engage: https://cglink.me/27E/s381
            - This is how your attendance will be documented for this evening!
        - Part of this form is for the event being planned at the end of October.
            - Will be a Halloween themed event! Each committee will have a table where they can pass out resources and goodies.
            - A great event to provide a way for the student body to meet us and lean on us as a body, as well as having fun and creating community within the GSS body at OU.
            - Please let us know if any RSOs may also be interested in participating.
            - Location TBD – start thinking about committee themes or costumes.
            - There will be a competition for committee outfits. Winning committee gets an extra free absence for their meetings.
    - Unrelated to this event – we are also working on a form for each department so students can scan a QR code and relay any issues directly to us. We will get this to you at our next general body meeting.
    - Question – Senator Callebs (70): For the Halloween event, how long are we expecting for that time slot to be?
        - Senator Fullerton (2): it would mainly be as long as you can stay! If you can stop by for part of it, that would be great! The event will likely be 2 hours long but still needs to be finalized.
    - Question – Senator Martin (32): I am not in Oklahoma; I am living in Michigan so I will not be available for any of those times.
        - Chair Edwards: No worries, just make sure to submit the form still in order to get attendance recorded!
            - If you are having trouble accessing/submitting the form, please email Benjamin just so we can make sure your attendance is counted!
                - Secretary Fellman: If there are any proxys on here tonight, either send me an email or direct message me as you may not be able to access this form!
    - Question – Senator Andoh (36): How is the attendance being recorded today?
        - Chair Edwards: Just submit the form that Benjamin sent in the chat! We are asking for all senators to record their availability for these events. If you complete that form, that counts as your attendance,
    - Question - Senator Young (72): What if we cannot attend the event for the full day for WAM grading?

        - Chair Edwards: That is no worries! We ask that senator's grade for at least 2 hours. You can come and go as you are available.
- International Student Affairs: Report given by Senator Sadiku (27)
    - Met today to discuss putting together an event with a legal contact and a contact at ISS. Also looking to find ways to serve.
        - Two of us are attending an international student meeting to introduce ourselves, make some connections.
        - We also have an in-person meeting planned to get to know each other better!
    - Question - Senator Sadiku (27)– if none of these dates work in the form for us to attend, should we just submit a blank form?
        - Chair Edwards: Yes! You should be able to submit the form with just your name and senator number.
- Public Relations: Report given by Senator Chandra (17)
    - Had a meeting last Friday with SGA PR committee.
        - Discussed making a specific email for the distribution of bills!
    - Discussed how they will be making Chair transitions from year-to-year smoother.
    - Shared IG information to be able to post information out quickly.
- Sustainability: Report given by Senator Owen II (39)
    - Discussed doing some recycling in the student housing areas! Also talked about furniture collection for outgoing students in the dorms.
        - May expand this into possible food collection as well.
- Ways and Means: Report given by Senator Esteva-Ingram (62)
    - Two main things:
        - 1. Remind your departments about the applications closing on October 16th.
        - 2. Please fill out that form about what day(s) you have availability to grade.
            - We will probably start around 9 AM.
            - If you stay there for at least 2 hours, you will get another absence to use during the fall or spring!
    - I will provide some additional information at our next meeting, but please email me if you have any questions!

Student Concerns:

- Chair Edwards: I do want to reiterate some of the things academic affairs mentioned earlier.
    - There is a concern about transfer credits- the concern is that with graduate level courses that students try to transfer to OU, not all transfer over even though they're the same level or course number.
        - Students need more clarification as to why they must retake the course or even take more courses to make up for it.
    - There was another concern related to course fees:
        - Not all courses as a graduate student may apply to the tuition waiver - as a graduate student, if you have a .5 FTE or above, you automatically should be getting a tuition waiver from the university.
            - However, some programs require graduate students to take courses that are at the 3000 level or below, which is technically out of graduate standing and thus not covered by the tuition waiver.
                - Me, Sam and Benjamin have a meeting with the Dean on 10/7, so hopefully by the next meeting I will be able to provide some more information about what the graduate college says to this!

- As always, if you have any other student concerns, please feel free to email me or stop by my office hours - Sam and Benjamin as well.

- Senator Callebs (70): commenting off my committee update, I plan on speaking to Internal Affairs about graduate student wages. A few departments next semester will be receiving a boost to their minimum appointments, but many other departments do not have livable wages.
    - We have a survey within our department that we would like to expand to all departments across the university once it has been constructed to be for all graduate departments.
        - Chair Edwards: We will definitely get this in our minutes! If you do create a survey, we are happy to distribute that around campus.

Special Orders:

- **GF26-10:** 2026-2027 SGA Election Commission Staff Appointment Act
    - Motion to see GF26-10 by Senator Callebs (70), seconded by Senator Young (72).
        - Author: My name is Andy Wang, and I am the SGA Election Commissioner. We need to appoint the election commission staff for the next year. Applicants applied and I gave interviews and these were the candidates selected!
            - I am looking for a friendly amendment to strike "David Sanchez-Duron" from the from the appointment bill.
                - Senator Young (72) – I propose a friendly amendment to strike David Sanchez-Duron from the bill.
                - Author accepted it.
    - Motion to pass GF26-10 by unanimous consent by Senator Esteva-Ingram (62). No objections.
- **GF26-11:** SGA President and SGA Vice President Term Update Act of 2026 (Constitution)
    - Motion to see GF26-11 by Senator Jones (71), seconded by Senator Bueltel (8).
        - Author: My name is Henry Christensen, and I am serving as the SGA Chief of Staff. This bill is a proposed amendment to the SGA Constitution.
            - It needs to pass both houses then be proposed to the student body in the late October election.
        - Clarifies the period in which President and Vice President of SGA hold their position in office.
            - Have a following bill that would formally move the inauguration date to the spring and have their term start as soon as they are inaugurated.
    - Motion to pass GF26-11 by unanimous consent by Senator Keesling (34). No objections.
- **GF26-12:** Auxiliary Funding Allocation no. 2 2026-2027
    - Motion to see GF26-12 by Senator Khan (54), seconded by Senator Young (72).
        - Author: My name is Michael Winnory, and I am the SGA Budgetary Chair. This is one of two auxiliary bills being seen tonight.
        - When reviewing applications, we consider RSO fiscal history, the scope of the organization, the quality of the budget (did they explain everything appropriately), and whether these funds are essential to the organization's theme.
        - Met for many hours to go through these applications.
    - Question – Senator Callebs (70)
        - We are allocating $10,000 in this bill… what is the total budget we have for RSOs?
            - Answer: We have auxiliary funding which is leftover primary funding from the past year. Allows organizations to build funding history and get money for new events.

- For auxiliary funding this year, we have $67,000. We have gone through about half of the applications - between these two bills being seen tonight, we are proposing $20,000. For new organizations, we give them $150 if their application is done correctly.
    - We try to stretch the money as much as we can.
- For primary funding in the spring for RSOs, it varies but it is usually around three-quarters of a million dollars.

- Motion to pass GF26-12 by unanimous consent by Senator Callebs (70). No objections.

Old Business:

- **GF26-06:** National Suicide Prevention Month Resolution Act *(Do Pass)*
    - Motion to see GF26-06 by Senator Owen II (39), seconded by Senator Khan (54).
        - Author: I first want to apologize – this email has gone to my junk email, and I have been unable to attend these meetings!
        - This was written by the Human Diversity committee – this is recognizing September as National Suicide Prevention Month.
            - Recognizes September 10th as World Suicide Prevention Day and September 8th as 988 day (national suicide hotline).
                - Some general and OU specific statistics are included.
    - Motion to pass GF26-06 by unanimous consent by Senator Keesling (34). No objections.

New Business:

- **GF26-08:** Hispanic Heritage Month Resolution of 2026 *(Do Pass)*
    - Motion to see GF26-08 by Senator Owen II (39), seconded by Senator Fullerton (2).
        - Author: Another Human Diversity led bill!
            - This is to recognize Hispanic Heritage Month.
            - The bill provides statistics about the Hispanic community nationwide, in Oklahoma, and at OU!
    - Motion to pass GF26-08 by unanimous consent by Senator Khan (54). No objections.

- **GF26-09:** Auxiliary Funding Allocation no. 1 2026-2027 *(Do Pass)*
    - Motion to see GF26-09 by Senator Djassi (25), seconded by Senator Jones (71).
        - Author: This is a similar bill to what was seen above, but for different RSOs.
    - Motion to pass GF26-09 by unanimous consent by Senator Jones (71). No objections.

Announcements:

- Senator Shoutouts
    - Secretary Fellman: Two senator shoutouts!
        - Senator Nazari (59) shouted out Senator Esteva-Ingram (62) because she crushed the first grant information session and answered all the challenging questions that were asked during this meeting. Way to go Tatiana, WAM Chair!
        - Senator Keesling (34) was shouted out for doing a great job presenting their first conference presentation from this past weekend!
    - Secretary Fellman: Please fill out the link the form if you have not already!!

Adjournment: 7:39 PM

Motion to Adjourn by Senator Esteva-Ingram (62), seconded by Senator Jones (71).

Meeting Attendance:

Senator #	Last Name	First Name	Department	9/3/2026	9/17/2026	10/1/2026
1	Vargas	Daniel	Aerospace and mechanical engineering	Y	Y	Y
2	Fullerton	Helen	Anthropology	Y	Y	Y
3	Young	Skylar	Anthropology	Y	Y	Y
4	Haghighi	Yousef	Architecture	Y	Y	
5	Thompson	Chandler	Architecture	Y	Y	Y
6	Arredondo	Eric	Biology (Biological Sciences)	Y	Y	Y
7	Simon	Peniel	Biology (Bioloigical Sciences)	Y	Y	Y
8	Bueltel	Brandon	Biomedical Engineering	Y	Y	Y
9	Kapoor	Suryaveer	Biomedical Engineering	Y	Y	Y
10	Ousley	James	Business Administration	Y	Y	Excused - proxy in attendance
11	Razzaghi	Arian	Chemical, Biological, and Material Engineering		Y	
12	Azari Torbat	Nasim	Chemical, Biological, and Material Engineering	Y	Y	
13	Long	Kole	Chemistry and Biochemistry	Y	Y	Y
14	Islam	Zahidul	Civil Engineering and Environmental Science	Y	Y	
15	Muntasher	Khalida	Civil Engineering and Environmental Science	Y	Y	Y
16	Ayogu	Ifesinachi	Communication	Y		Y
17	Chandra	Subhash	Computer Science	Y	Y	
18	Giri	Shailendra	Construction Science	Y		Y
19	Ibanez	Giselle	Construction Science	Y	Y	
20	Yerra	Sindhuja	Data Science and Analytics	Y	Y	Y
21	Dulal	Ramesh	Economics	Y	Y	Y
22	Gao	Ningjing	Economics		Y	
23	Engle	Matthew	Education Administration			
24	Minion	Laura	Education Administration		Y	
25	Djassi	Queen	Education Leadership and Policy Studies	Y	Y	Y
26	McDaniels-Gomez	Patricia	Education Leadership and Policy Studies	Y	Y	Y
27	Sadiku	Feyipitan	Education Psychology	Y	Y	Y
28	Wise	Grayson	Education Psychology	Y	Y	
29	Aminpour	Sara	Electrical and Computer Engineering	Y	Y	Y
30	Moncada Calmet	Luis Felipe	Electrical and Computer Engineering	Y	Y	Y
31	Hache	Trosky	Engineering Leadership and Management	Y	Excused - proxy in attendance	Y
32	Martin	Shane	Engineering Leadership and Management	Y	Y	Y
33	Buffo	Noelle	English	Y	Y	Y
34	Keesling	Carson	English	Y	Y	Y
35	Eatmon	Christian	Finance	Y	Y	
36	Andoh	Bright	Geography and Environmental Sustainability	Y	Y	Y
37	Tuli	Rajsree	Geography and Environmental Sustainability	Y	Y	Y
38	Miller	Elisha	Geology and Geophysics	Y	Y	Y
39	Owen II	Jimmy	Geology and Geophysics	Y	Y	Y
40	Burroughs	Trenton	Health and Excersice Science	Y	Y	Y
41	Sini	Yakubu	Health and Excersice Science	Y	Y	
42	Cunningham	Hope	History	Y	Y	Y
43	LeFave	KJ	History	Y	Y	Y
44	Lamirand	Elijah	History of Science Technology and Medicine	Y	Y	
45	Muriithi	Julia	Human Relations	Y	Y	Y
46	Karnail	Vibha	Industrial Systems Engineering	Y	Y	Y
47	Palit	Tanmoy	Industrial Systems Engineering	Y	Y	Y
48	Lumula	Harriet	Instr Leadership and Acad Curr	Y	Y	Y
49	Price	Kacy	Instr Leadership and Acad Curr	Y	Y	Y
50	Azizi	Shiva	Interior Design	Y	Y	Y
51	Martin	Kaley	Interior Design	Y	Y	Y
52	Akinro	Victoria	International & Area Studies	Y	Y	Y
53	Givan	MaKenzie	Journalism and Mass Communications	Y	Y	Y
54	Khan	Arslan	Journalism and Mass Communications	Y	Y	Y
55	Dransfield	Jake	Landscape Architecture	Y		Y
56	Kistler	Anallely	Landscape Architecture	Y	Y	Y
57	Hammock	Julia	Law	Y	Excused - proxy in attendance	Y
58	Minear	Sydney	Law	Y	Y	Y
59	Nazari	Mahdieh	Library and Information Studies	Y	Y	Y
60	Elima	Emmanuel	Mathematics	Y	Y	
61	Thummala	Vamsi	Mathematics	Y	Y	Y
62	Esteva-Ingram	Tatiana	Meteorology	Y	Y	Y
63	Rogers	Ashley	Modern Languages, Literaturese, and Linguistics	Y	Y	Y
64	Bissonnette	Jacob	Music	Y	Y	Y
65	Schimmell	Alison	Music	Y	Y	Y
66	Hamilton	Kiana	Native American Studies	Y	Y	Y
67	Rufus	Deborah	Petroleum and Geological Engineering	Y	Y	Y
68	Burnham-Fleck	William	Philosophy	Y	Y	Y
69	George	Micah	Philosophy	Y	Y	Y
70	Caflebs	Jacob	Physics & Astronomy	Y	Excused - proxy in attendance	Y
71	Jones	Alexis	Political Science	Y	Y	Y
72	Young	Kristina	Political Science	Y	Y	Y
73	Moore	Elijah	Psychology	Y	Y	Y
74	Waldron	Megan	Psychology	Y	Y	Y
75	Carroll	Ian	Public Administration	Y	Y	Y
76	Winston	Corey	Public Administration	Y	Y	
77	Bonsu	Harriet	Regional & City Planning			
78	Zafari	Tara	Regional & City Planning	Y		Y
79	Hunt	Reagan	Sociology	Y	Y	Y
80	Wiser	Sally	Sociology	Y	Y	Y
81	Catalano	Travis	Visual Arts	Y	Y	Y
82	Romero	Isaac	Women and Gender Studies	Y	Y	
83	Manje	Dasplang	Chemistry biochemistry	Excused		Y
84	Borges	Alma	Dance	Excused	Y	Y
85	Robinson (Aboba)	Casandra (Mathias)	Communication	Excused	Y	Y
86	Perez Segura	Alejandro	Modern Languages, Literaturese, and Linguistics	Excused	Excused	Y

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GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GF26
October 1, 2026

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

AS INTRODUCED

An Act of Legislation appointing the 2026-2027 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 "2026-2027 SGA Election Commission Staff Appointment Act."

Section 2: Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to appoint the 2026-2027 SGA Election Commission Staff.

Section 3: In accordance with §Title IV Chapter 6, Section 2(ii), which delineates the appointment process for the Election Staff, the following students shall thus be appointed:

- Larkin Bock
- Corwin Campbell
- Christine Hill
- Andi Horton
- David Sanchez-Duron
- Spencer Wright
- Olivia Matlock (Ex-officio)

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

Author(s): Andy Wang, SGA Election Commissioner
Henry Christiansen, Chief of Staff

Submitted on a Motion by:
Action taken by Congress:

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Verified by Chair of Congress: _____ Date:_____

Submitted on a Motion by: Senator Callebs, seconded by Senator Young
Action taken by Senate: Passed via unanimous consent
Verified by Chair of Senate: _____ Date:_____

Approved by SGA President: _____ Date:_____

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CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-XXX-XX
SENATE BILL NO. GF26-11

AS INTRODUCED

An Act of Legislation to amend the SGA Constitution, modifying the date of which the SGA President and SGA Vice President begin and end their term; 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 President and SGA Vice President Term Update Cat of 2026 (Constitution)."

Section 2: Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to amend the SGA Constitution, modifying the date of which the SGA President and SGA Vice President begin & end their term.

Section 3: Article IV of the SGA Constitution shall be amended as follows (additions are denoted by an underline and deletions are denoted with a ~~strikethrough~~):

ARTICLE IV: Executive Branch

Section 1: The executive power of the SGA shall be vested in a Student President. There shall also be a Student Vice President. Their terms shall begin ~~in the fall semester one week after the validation of election~~ after administration of the Oath of Office to the SGA President and SGA Vice President, taking place during the inauguration of the incoming SGA President & Vice President. The Student President and Vice President shall be popularly elected together by majority vote of the ballots cast in an election for that purpose. In such a case that no ticket shall receive a majority, the two tickets having receiving the greatest number of votes shall stand in a run-off election no later than one week after the primary election, the ticket receiving a majority being elected.

Section 2:

(1) In the case of removal or impeachment of the Student President from office, resignation from office, or shall otherwise no longer be in compliance with the qualifications for president, the Office of the President shall devolve to the Vice President, including but not limited to the duties, responsibilities, powers, title, and compensation of the SGA President, and consequently creating a vacancy in the Office of the Vice President.

(2) In the case of the removal or impeachment of the Student Vice President from office, resignation from office, or his or her inability to discharge the powers and duties of the office, or no longer fulfill the qualifications to be Vice President, the office shall be filled by Student Presidential appointment with the advice and consent of the Legislative Branch.

(3) Upon the vacancy of the office of Student Vice President, applications for the office shall be made available by the Student President. The application period shall extend for no less than five school days and shall be advertised in the student newspaper for the duration of the application period.

(4) Should the vacancy of the office of Student Vice President occur before the spring general election, the Vice President appointee shall be placed on the spring ballot for approval by the student electorate.

(5) In the case of the removal or impeachment of both the Student Vice President and the Student President from office, resignation from offices, or his or her inability to discharge the powers and duties of the offices, the Office of the President shall devolve to the Chair of the Undergraduate Student Congress, including but not limited to the duties, responsibilities, powers, and compensation of the SGA President, and consequently leaving a vacancy in the Office of the Vice President to be filled in accordance with Section 2 part 3.

(6) In the event that the Office of the President becomes vacant as outlined in Section 1 of this Constitution and the Vice President is not qualified to assume the Office of President, then the Office of the President shall devolve to the Chair of the Undergraduate Student Congress, including but not limited to the duties, responsibilities, powers, and compensation of the SGA President.

(7) An Act of Legislation may establish further procedures for the line of succession beyond that found in this Constitution.

Section 3: The Student President and Vice President shall receive for their services a salary. Said salary shall neither be increased nor decreased during the period for which they shall have been elected. They shall also not receive, within that period, any other stipend from The University of Oklahoma, except for loans or other financial aids.

Section 4:

(1) The Student President shall have power, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Branch, to nominate and appoint all officers of the SGA not otherwise provided for.

(2) The Student President shall have the power to establish Executive Staff Positions, to assist him or her in fulfilling his or her presidential duties, with the consent of the Legislative Branch. The Student President shall have the sole power to appoint personnel to fill these positions.

(3) The Student President shall have power to fill all vacancies that may happen during the recess of the Legislative Branch. The interim appointment shall expire at the end of the Legislative Branch recess.

(4) The Student President shall take care that all acts of the Legislative Branch are faithfully executed.

Section 5: The Student President shall represent the SGA on all official occasions and coordinate all student activities and services. He or she may address the Legislative Branch, recommend to their consideration such measurers as he or she shall judge necessary and expedient; he or she may convene the Legislative Branch in extraordinary, joint session.

Section 6: The Legislative Branch shall create such organs as it deems necessary to the implementation of the Student President's powers and duties.

Section 7: Any SGA officer that is elected in a SGA sponsored election and/or receives a SGA stipend and is not otherwise designated as a member of the Legislative, Judicial or Programming Branch, shall be considered a member of the Executive Branch.

Section 8: All candidates for, or office holders for the position of SGA President, shall maintain at or above a cumulative 2.5 Grade Point Average while a candidate and for the duration of the term of the Office if elected. In the event of a vacancy in the Office of the President as prescribed in Article IV, Section 1 of this Constitution, anyone who would then fill the vacancy is required to possess and maintain the minimal cumulative 2.5 GPA. No Act of Legislation may establish a GPA requirement below a cumulative 2.5 for the SGA President.

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

Authors: Mercer Martin, SGA President
Josephine Nicholson SGA Vice President
Henry Christiansen, SGA Chief of Staff

Submitted on a Motion by:
Action taken by Congress:

Verified by Chair of Congress: _____ Date:_____

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Submitted on a Motion by: Senator Jones, seconded by Senator Bueltel
Action taken by Senate: Passed via unanimous consent

Verified by Chair of Senate: _____ Date:_____

Approved by SGA President: _____ Date:_____

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CONGRESSIONAL BILL XX-XXX-XXX
SENATE BILL NO. GF26-12

AS INTRODUCED
An act relating to appropriations; providing for short title; stating purpose; appropriating Auxiliary Funding for the 2026-2027 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 Act 2 of 2026-2027"

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

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

Organization	**Programs, Events & Activities**	**Capital Investments**	**Office and General Expenses**	**Total**
OU Men's Baseball Club	$150.00			$150.00
Oil and Gas, Natural Resources, and Energy Journal	$400.00			$400.00
Latinos Without Borders	$1,000.00			$1,000.00
Law Golf Club	$150.00			$150.00
Scientific Undergraduate Research Association	$190.00			$190.00
Botanical Society	$100.00	$100.00		$200.00

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Korean Student Association	$450.00			$450.00
Boomer Rocket Team	$250.00			$250.00
Student Dietetic Association	$150.00			$150.00
Black Business Network	$300.00			$300.00
North African Students		$150.00		$150.00
Miracle Mindset College Access Program	$750.00			$750.00
African Women's League	$500.00	$100.00		$600.00
Turkish Student Association	$150.00			$150.00
Federal Bar Association	$300.00			$300.00
Oklahoma College of Law Board of Advocates	$300.00			$300.00
American Society for Engineering Education	$150.00			$150.00
Asian Pacific American Law Student Association	$650.00			$650.00
Project Sunshine	$150.00			$150.00
India Student Association	$1,000.00			$1,000.00
AROTC Sooner Battalion Student Association	$150.00			$150.00
Biomedical Engineering Student Affairs	$150.00			$150.00
American Society of Civil Engineers	$100.00			$100.00
Steel Bridge Competition Team		$300.00		$300.00
Energy Management Student Association	$500.00			$500.00
The Oklahoma Group	$300.00			$300.00
South Asian Student Association	$400.00			$400.00
Healthcare Business Club	$600.00			$600.00
Public Interest Law Student Association	$400.00			$400.00
			TOTAL:	$10,340.00

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 7, 2027.

Section 6: All unspent money remaining in the accounts listed in Section 3 shall revert to the SGA General Account after May 7, 2027, and the remaining appropriations shall be canceled.

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

Author: Michael Wintory, Chair, SGA Budgetary Committee

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Co-Author: SGA Budgetary Committee

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

Submitted on a Motion by: Senator Khan, seconded by Senator Young
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 CXVI
September 15, 2026

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GF26
October 1, 2026

CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-116-04
SENATE RESOLUTION NO. GF26-06

AS INTRODUCED

A Congressional Resolution establishing the month of September as National Suicide Prevention Month and providing for distribution.

Whereas: September is nationally recognized as Suicide Prevention Month, September 10 is World Suicide Prevention Day, and September 8 is 9-8-8 Day; and

Whereas: 9-8-8 Day serves to raise awareness for the National Mental Health Hotline and is available as a suicide and crisis lifeline 24 hours a day, 7 days a week[1]; and

Whereas: 3 in 4 people who contact 9-8-8 report receiving the support they need[2]; and

Whereas: Suicide is the second leading cause of death for 10-34 year olds with an approximate 11% of college students seriously considering suicide within the last year[3]; and

Whereas: 33% of the US population ages 18-25 experienced a mental, behavioral, or emotional health issue within the past year and is a consistent trend over past 5 years[8]; and

Whereas: Mental health emergencies regarding thoughts of suicide have disproportionately affected minority communities such as the LGBTQ+ (41%), and teen girls are 2.5 times more likely to attempt suicide[8]; and

Whereas: American Indian and Alaska Native youth aged 10-24 have the highest rate of suicide of all demographic groups[4]; and

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[1] "Promote National Suicide Prevention Month." 988 Lifeline. https://988lifeline.org/promote-national-suicide-prevention-month/.
[2] "Suicide Prevention Month." National Alliance on Mental Illness. 2026, https://www.nami.org/stay-connected/events/awareness-events/suicide-prevention-month/.
[3] "Mental Health and Suicide Statistics." The Jed Foundation. December 2025, https://jedfoundation.org/mental-health-and-suicide-statistics/.
[4] "Suicide Prevention in Indigenous Communities." National Alliance on Mental Illness. 2026, https://www.nami.org/community-and-culture/indigenous/suicide-prevention-in-indigenous-communities/.

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Whereas: The military and veteran suicide rate is 1.5x higher than the national average, with an average of 22 veterans a day taking their lives[5]; and

Whereas: Suicide Prevention Month serves as a time to raise awareness for mental health resources, spread hope, take action around ensuring mental health resources are available to all people; and

Whereas: Suicide Prevention Month also serves as a time to educate ourselves and others on warning signs resources for help for mental health emergencies; and

Whereas: Out of the Darkness Walks are hosted by the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, and Norman's Walk is to be hosted September 276[6]; and

Whereas: The University of Oklahoma Counseling Center provides mental health services to students for free 24/7 to promote the psychological wellbeing of all students on 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 "National Suicide Prevention Month Resolution Act".

Section 2: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association recognizes the month of September as National Suicide Prevention Month, September 10 as National Suicide Prevention Day, and September 8 as 9-8-8 Day.

Section 3: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association is committed to promoting the use of mental health resources for all students and ensuring the protection of resources available for students on the University's campus.

Section 4: OU SGA encourages the student body to educate themselves on mental health statistics and resources, participate in local community mental health events, and serve as a resource to those who may be struggling.

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

- President Joseph Harroz, University of Oklahoma

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[5] "September is Suicide Prevention Month." Disabled Veterans National Foundation. 2023, https://www.dvnf.org/september-suicide-prevention-month-spread-word/?gad_source=1&gad_campaignid=23191593775&gbraid=0AAAADmy817WHPon1hrqipfn4XhZWkAk5&gclid=CjwKCAjwqonVBhA4EiwA9wYJ3TjpBAvmuckeYLJZ05Ov7RO5BCXFD1MJ5jp2JA1H-97rXW9yVYwvhxoCirMQAvD_BwE.

[6] "Join the Out of the Darkness Walk in Oklahoma to Support Suicide Prevention." American Foundation for Suicide Prevention - Oklahoma Chapter. Facebook. 25 Aug 2026, https://www.facebook.com/AFSPOklahoma/posts/there-is-a-place-for-you-at-the-out-of-the-darkness-walkwhether-youre-walking-to/1374371764814190/.

- The OU Daily
- The OU Nightly
- Goddard Counseling Center

Author: Lorelai Radzanowski, Human Diversity Chair

Co-Author: Lilith Thompson, Associate

Submitted on a motion by: Representative Toyos Perez seconded by Representative Sneller
Action taken by Congress: Passed unanimously 34-0-0
Verified by Chair of Congress: _____ Date: _____

Submitted on a motion by: Senator Owen II, seconded by Senator Khan
Action taken by Senate: Passed via unanimous consent
Verified by Chair of Senate: _____ Date: _____

Approved by SGA President: _____ Date: _____

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THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CXVI
September 29, 2026

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GF26
October 1, 2026

CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-116-05
SENATE RESOLUTION NO. GF26-08

AS INTRODUCED

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

Whereas: As of 2026, roughly 68.4 million Hispanics live in the United States, which comprises about 20% of the US population; the largest ethnic minority in the country[7]; and

Whereas: In 2024, about 12.7% of the population in Oklahoma were Hispanic, amounting to 511,000 people[8]; and

Whereas: According to Pew Research Center about 36.2 million Latin Americans were eligible to vote in 2024, compared to 32 million in 2020[9]; and

Whereas: In 2025, approximately 4,200,000 Hispanic students were enrolled in higher education; 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 14.2 % of The University of Oklahoma Norman campus as of the Fall 2025 semester[10]; and

Whereas: There is a large establishment of Hispanic and Latino registered student organizations on campus, including the Hispanic American Student Association, Society of Hispanic

[7] "2026 Fact Sheet Hispanic Higher Education and Hispanic-Serving Institutions: 2026." Hispanic Association of Colleges & Universities, 8 April 2026. https://files.eric.ed.gov/fulltext/ED680949.pdf.
[8] Data USA. "Oklahoma." Data USA. https://.io/profile/geo/oklahoma.
[9] Krogstad, Jes 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/.
[10] OU Institutional Research & Reporting. "Facts at a Glance: Fall 2025 – Norman Campus." The University of Oklahoma, 2026, https://www.ou.edu/content/dam/irr/docs/fact-book/mini-fact-book/Fall%202025%20Facts%20at%20a%20Glance.pdf.

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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 InterVarsity-LaFe, Latin American Pre-Law Student Association, OU Latin Dance Club, OU Mariachi, OU Xochiquetzal Ballet Folklorico, and others; and

Whereas: Hispanic students started the Hispanic American Student Association in 1981, reaching 45 years of campus.

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 "Hispanic Heritage Month Resolution of 2026."

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:

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

Author: Matthew Solomon, Undergraduate Congress Business Representative

Co-Author: Alexandra Toyos Perez, Undergraduate Congress Congressional Administration Chair

Co-Sponsor: Lorelai Radzanowski, Undergraduate Congress Human Diversity Chair

Submitted on a motion by: Representative Radzanowski seconded by Representative Cox
Action taken by Congress: Passed unanimously 30-0-0

Verified by Chair of Congress: _____ Date: _____

Submitted on a motion by: Senator Owen II, seconded by Senator Fullerton
Action taken by Senate: Passed via unanimous consent

Verified by Chair of Senate: _____ Date: _____

Approved by SGA President: _____ Date: _____

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THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CXVI
September 29, 2026

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GF26
October 1, 2026

CONGRESSIONAL BILL AB-116-01
SENATE BILL NO. GF26-09

AS INTRODUCED
An act relating to appropriations; providing for short title; stating purpose; appropriating Auxiliary Funding for the 2026-2027 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 Act 1 of 2026-2027"

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

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

Organization	**Programs, Events & Activities**	**Capital Investments**	**Office and General Expenses**	**Total**
Board and Card Game Club		$240.00		$240.00
Bodybuilding Club at the University of Oklahoma	$150.00			$150.00
Society of Women Engineers	$150.00			$150.00
Kidney Disease Screening and Awareness Program	$718.87			$718.87
Women in Architecture	$150.00			$150.00
Psychology Club	$600.00			$600.00

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Biomedical Engineering Society Student Chapter	$350.00			$350.00
OU Men's Rugby Club	$1,930.76			$1,930.76
Headington Hall Student Leadership Association	$100.00			$100.00
Nepalese Student Association	$200.00			$200.00
African Student Association	$1,793.00			$1,793.00
Sooner Racing Team		$1,500.00		$1,500.00
International Advisory Committee	$1,000.00			$1,000.00
Pre-Optometry Professional Society				$0
American Indian Law Review	$600.00			$600.00
Criminal Law Association	$250.00			$250.00
Organization for the Advancement of Women in Law	$550.00			$550.00
Native American Law Student Association	$200.00			$200.00
			TOTAL:	$10,482.63

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 7, 2027.

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

Author: Michael Wintory, Chair, SGA Budgetary Committee

Co-Author: SGA Budgetary Committee

Submitted on a Motion by: Representative Baker seconded by Representative Sneller
Action taken by Congress: Passed unanimously 28-0-0
Verified by Chair of Congress: _____ Date: _____

Submitted on a Motion by: Senator Djassi, seconded by Senator Jones
Action taken by Senate: Passed via unanimous consent
Verified by Chair of Senate: _____ Date: _____

Approved by SGA President: _____ Date: _____

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