

# THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



## UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS

Session CXIII

General Body Meeting

7:00 pm, Tuesday, March 25, 2025

Dale 103

### Call to Order

### Opening Roll Call

**SGA Mission Statement:** The mission of the University of Oklahoma Student Government Association is to support the University's advancement by prioritizing student voices at every degree level; to advocate for the holistic development of each student; and to promote civic engagement and community involvement across campus.

**Mission Statement:** The mission of the University of Oklahoma Student Government Association Undergraduate Student Congress is to represent the interests of undergraduate students in their pursuit of academic and individual achievement. The Undergraduate Student Congress is committed to building a strong campus community, promoting civic engagement, and enhancing the quality of the undergraduate experience at the University of Oklahoma.

**Moment of Silence:** 20 Second Moment of Silence to allow an opportunity for reflection.

### Approval of Minutes | March 11, 2025

### Officer Reports -

- Chair's Report:
- Vice Chair's Report
- Secretary's Report:

### Committee Reports-

- Campus Outreach, Safety, and Concerns:
- Congressional Administration:
- External Affairs:
- Human Diversity:
- Sustainability:
- University Policy:
- Ways and Means:

### Liaison Reports

### Special Orders

- CR-113-04 "A Resolution for the Impeachment of the SGA President." (Gilson-Bond) (Rec of no Rec)

### Student Concerns

**Items to Be Considered**

- CB-113-22 “Appointing Parking Appeals Judges Act of Spring 2025.”  
(Strickland/Martin/Ousley/Wolthuis)

**Follow-Up Reports****Announcements and Comments****Final Roll Call****Adjourn**

Chair: Hope Rhoads

Vice Chair: Aaron Gilson-Bond

Secretary: Chloe Harris

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UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS

CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CXIII

March 25, 2025

CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-113-04

AS INTRODUCED

A Congressional Resolution requesting the impeachment  
of the SGA President; and providing for distribution.

- Whereas: Title I Chapter 6 Section 3 of the Code Annotated states the SGA President must take an oath that states “to the best of [their] ability, preserve, protect, and uphold the Constitution of the Student Government Association”; and
- Whereas: Carter Strickland took this oath on January 13th, 2025, and since has not upheld his duty and obligations; and
- Whereas: Title I Chapter 5 Section 2 of the Code Annotated states “The meetings of the student government associations, organizations, and committees are subject to the mandates and requirements of the Oklahoma Open Meetings Act;” and
- Whereas: Title I Chapter 5 Section 5 of the Code Annotated states “Public bodies must give notice of all meetings;” and
- Whereas: Carter Strickland has not publicly posted Executive Cabinet meetings twenty-four (24) hours prior after multiple advisements by SGA advisors to do so; and
- Whereas: February 17th, 2025, Chief Justice Grace sent an email to President Strickland concerning transparency as follows “The Court has identified transparency concerns regarding the appointment of students to search committees, as well as the accessibility of information about who holds these roles. We are also concerned about these roles not having the advice and consent of the legislative branch. Because there is a lack of transparency in the appointment system, there is no way for students to seek recourse to amend the system. While the Court could address this issue *Sua sponte*, we would prefer not to take that approach;” and
- Whereas: *Sua sponte* refers to a court taking action on its own initiative; and
- Whereas: Carter Strickland disregarded the prior guidance on Search Committee transparency mentioned in the previous whereas clause by appointing a member of his EOP staff to a search committee without informing his Vice President or Chief of Staff; and

- Whereas: Title I Chapter 8 of the Code Annotated states “the mission of the University of Oklahoma Student Government Association is to support the University’s advancement by prioritizing student voices at every degree level;” and
- Whereas: Carter Strickland violated this mission by unilaterally appointing a member of his EOP staff to a Search Committee without actively seeking input from students across all degree levels, thereby failing to prioritize diverse student representation in the decision-making process; and
- Whereas: Carter Strickland neglected to inform the legislative branch about the rescheduling of Higher Ed Day and OU Day at the Capitol until March 3rd, leaving the branch with less than a month to prepare for OU Day on March 25<sup>th</sup>; and
- Whereas: Title III Chapter 2 Section 2c of the Code Annotated states “The SGA President shall address the Legislature and/or the House of the Legislature. Said addresses shall include, but not be limited to, a report on the official activity, policy, and agenda of the SGA President. At the time of such addresses, the SGA President shall answer questions relating to the SGA and/or the Executive Branch from members of the Legislature and any members of the SGA present... but in no case shall there be fewer than three in each of the fall and spring semesters. This duty shall not be delegated;” and
- Whereas: Carter Strickland has not addressed the legislative branches once since being inaugurated January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025, as outlined in the previous whereas clause therefore neglecting his responsibilities to the Legislature; and
- Whereas: Carter Strickland repeatedly failed to effectively communicate and manage his responsibilities as demonstrated by his actions on March 3rd and March 4th, during which he canceled a scheduled meeting set up on February 27th with the Congressional Administration Chair due to a conflicting engagement, rescheduled the meeting for the following day, and then limited the rescheduled meeting to no more than 15 minutes, thereby neglecting his duties to engage with the legislative branch in a timely and professional manner; and
- Whereas: Carter Strickland actively opposed the establishment of a clearly defined impeachment process to the Congressional Administration Chair, thereby hindering efforts to ensure transparency, accountability, and procedural fairness within the organization; and
- Whereas: Title III Chapter 4 Section 2 of the Code Annotated states “the overseer of the EOP shall be known as the Chief of Staff;” and
- Whereas: The Chief of Staff in the Strickland-Dunlap Administration has been prevented from fulfilling this oversight responsibility, as Carter Strickland has deliberately excluded the Chief of Staff from EOP meetings, thereby obstructing the Chief of Staff’s ability to perform their designated duties outlined in the previous whereas clause; and
- Whereas: Despite agreeing to allow the Chief of Staff to schedule one-on-one meetings with cabinet members to fulfill their oversight responsibilities, Carter Strickland deliberately circumvented this arrangement by independently scheduling his own one-on-one meetings with each cabinet member. As a result, the Chief of Staff was unable to meet with any cabinet members except for the Director of Communications, who has been required to attend two separate meetings- one with the Chief of Staff and one with President Strickland-thereby

undermining the Chief of Staff's authority and inhibiting her ability to effectively perform her designated duties as outlined in the Code Annotated; and

Whereas: On January 26<sup>th</sup> 2025, during a presentation in front of the Congressional Administration Committee regarding cabinet nominees, Carter Strickland stated, "These are new positions, all of them — we got rid of the old cabinet system last year; it was ineffective to what we actually do," thereby dismissing and demeaning the efforts of his own Chief of Staff, his predecessors, and the work he and his Vice President contributed to the cabinet system the previous year, creating a discouraging work environment through his disparaging remarks; and

Whereas: On February 23rd, 2025, during a conversation with Carter Strickland, the Chief of Staff made a lighthearted remark about what they might say in a meeting to a legislator. In response, Carter Strickland turned to the Chief of Staff and, with complete sincerity stated, "You would be fired. I would fire you in an instant," creating an intimidating and hostile work environment through his disproportionate and threatening response; and

Whereas: In November 2024, Carter Strickland asked the Chief of Staff if she would "jump off a cliff" for his administration and insisted repeatedly that she needed to be willing to "die for his presidency," making inappropriate and extreme demands that fostered a toxic work environment; and

Whereas: The Undergraduate Student Congress does not support the actions of Carter Strickland during his time within the Presidential Office and does not believe his behavior has been appropriate from that of an elected official.

## BE IT RESOLVED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS:

**Section 1:** Title: This resolution shall be known and may be cited as the "A Resolution for the Impeachment of the SGA President."

**Section 2:** The Undergraduate Student Congress calls for the Impeachment charge stated to be brought to the Graduate Student Senate for an Impeachment trial as outlined in Title II Chapter 1 of the Code Annotated on the grounds that President Strickland

- A) Created a hostile workplace environment while serving as SGA President
- B) Failed to act in accordance with the Oklahoma Open Meetings Act and the SGA Code Annotated while serving as SGA President
- C) Went against the Chief Justice's advisement in electing members to search committees while serving as SGA President
- D) Neglected his duties to the Legislative Branches while serving as SGA President
- E) Hindered the duties and responsibilities of the Chief of Staff

**Section 3:** Copies of this resolution will be sent to:

- Graduate Student Senate
- Claire Grace, Chief Justice of the Student Government Association

Author(s): Aaron Gilson-Bond, Undergraduate Student Congress Vice Chair

Co-Sponsor(s): Ellie Wolthuis, Chief of Staff  
Chloe Harris, Undergraduate Student Congress Secretary  
Kyle Martin, Congressional Administration Committee Chair  
Caleb Robinson, University Policy Committee Chair  
Jacob Schonfield, Ways and Means Committee Chair  
Syed Aslam, Campus Outreach Safety and Concerns Committee Chair  
Kyle Oler, Sustainability Committee Chair  
Henry Christiansen, Business Representative  
Kayla Hawley, Arts and Sciences Representative  
Michael Wintory, Arts and Sciences Representative  
Owen Cunningham, Arts and Sciences Representative  
Cody Walker, Arts and Sciences Representative  
Nicole Estrada, Arts and Sciences Representative  
Cade Walker, Engineering Representative  
Elizabeth Duncan, Business Representative  
William Beasley, University College Representative  
Elias Hallum, Arts and Sciences Representative  
Hayden Vedra, Earth and Energy Representative  
Brianna Cisneros, Associate  
Alexis Evans, Associate

Submitted on a motion by:

Action taken by Congress:

Verified by Chair of Congress: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE  
SENATE SESSION GSXX/GFXX  
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CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-113-22  
SENATE BILL GSXX-XX/GFXX-XX

AS INTRODUCED

An Act of Legislation appointing judges to the Student  
Parking Appeals Board; 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 “Appointing Parking Appeals Judges  
Act of Spring 2025.”

**Section 2:** Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to name and appoint judges for the Student  
Parking Appeals Board.

**Section 3:** In accordance with SGACA Title IV, Chapter 4, section 2, “Judges of the Student Parking  
Appeals Board shall be appointed by the SGA President.

The following shall be Judges on the Parking Appeals Board:

- Robert Dollins
- Vignesh Anand
- Brocke Graham
- Estrella Quinones

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

Author(s): Carter Strickland, SGA President  
Kyle Martin, Co-Chief Justice for the Parking Appeals Board  
Mike Ousley, Co-Chief Justice for the Parking Appeals Board  
Ellie Wolthuis, SGA Chief of Staff

Submitted on a Motion by:

Action taken by Congress:

Verified by Chair of Congress: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Submitted on a Motion by:

Action taken by Senate

Verified by Chair of Senate: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved by SGA President: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_