

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS

Session CXIII

General Body Meeting

7:00 pm, Tuesday, April 1st, 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 25, 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

- JCPenney Leadership Association Professional Development
- Congress Member of the Month and New Member of the Month
- DANCE BATTLE (March Madness Style Bracket)

Student Concerns

Items to Be Considered

- CR-113-05 “Women’s History Month of 2025” (Higareda Castillo/ Mosisa) (Rec of Due Pass)
- CB-113-23 “Safety of OU Survey Act of 2025”. (Keupen) (Rec of Due Pass)
- CB-113-24 “Session 113 Expulsion Bill No.3) (Harris) (Rec of no Rec)

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

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE

SENATE SESSION GFXX/GSXX

Month DD, YYYY

CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-113-05

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. GFXX-XX/GSXX-XX

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution acknowledging the importance
of the celebration and recognition of Women's History
Month; and providing for distribution.

- Whereas: In 1987, widespread support from the states led U.S. Congress to declare March as National Women's History Month in perpetuity (Pub. L. 100-9), issuing a special Presidential Proclamation yearly¹; and
- Whereas: Women's History month highlights the role of past and present women in reforming society in American history, and a symbol for the continued battle towards gender violence and equality today²; and
- Whereas: Women continue to struggle with institutional discrimination and scarce representation³; and
- Whereas: These problems lead to wage gaps between men and women, limited access to education, gender-based violence, lack of health awareness and research, and other prejudiced issues; and
- Whereas: Women's History Month seeks to commemorate and encourage educational pursuits, awareness, and celebration surrounding the essential role that women have played in American history; and

¹ MacGregor, Molly M. "Why March is National Women's History Month."
<https://nationalwomenshistoryalliance.org/womens-history-month-history/>

² Stern, Majorie. "How To Celebrate National Women's History Month." (1998).
<https://files.eric.ed.gov/fulltext/ED432484.pdf>

³ "Women's History Overview." *Women's History Overview*, LiveYourDream.org,
<https://act.liveyourdream.org/womens-history/>

Whereas: March 8th is annually recognized as International Women’s Day, a globally recognized holiday that seeks to celebrate women’s achievements and take steps toward creating a world free of gender bias; and

Whereas: Over 1 in 3 women (35.6%) in the US have experienced rape, physical violence, and/or stalking by an intimate partner in their lifetime⁴; and

Whereas: One in 5 women are sexually assaulted while in college, with 9 out of 10 victims knowing their offender previously; and

Whereas: As of the year of 2022, the University of Oklahoma had a total of 44 reported rape offenses on the university’s property⁵; and

Whereas: As of Fall 2023, the University of Oklahoma has a total undergraduate enrollment of 22,046, with a gender distribution of 48.5% male students and 51.5% female students⁶; and

Whereas: The University of Oklahoma has a total graduate enrollment of 7,261, with a gender distribution of 49% male students and 51% female students; and

Whereas: In the 2023 to 2024 school year, women earned about 61% of all degrees and certificates conferred at public higher education institutions, while men earned 39%⁷; and

Whereas: As of the year of 2021, Women made up an estimated 44 percent of the overall workforce, but an estimated 41 percent of managers⁸; and

Whereas: Overall, women earned about \$.82 for every dollar men earned; Hispanic or Latina women earned about \$.58 and Black women earned about \$.63 for every dollar White men earned; and

Whereas: Gender disparity in areas such as Engineering, Aviation, Continuing Education, and Finance is exemplary of the University of Oklahoma’s need for Women’s History Month recognition and celebration⁹; and

⁴ “Domestic Violence Statistics.” *National Domestic Violence Hotline*, thehotline.org, <https://www.thehotline.org/stakeholders/domestic-violence-statistics/>

⁵ USNews. “University of Oklahoma Student Life,” <https://www.usnews.com/best-colleges/university-of-oklahoma-3184/student-life#footnote-3>

⁷ Wallis, Beth. “Oklahoma higher ed gender gap.” *KGOU*, <https://www.kgou.org/education/2024-12-04/oklahoma-higher-ed-gender-gap-widens-women-earn-61-of-college-degrees-certificates>

⁸ “Women in the Workforce.” *U.S. Government Accountability Office*, gao.org, <https://www.gao.gov/products/gao-23-106041>

⁹ Pike, Hannah . “OU’s Sex Distribution Varies across Colleges despite Efforts for Gender Equality.” *OU Daily*, March 24, 2017. <https://www.oudaily.com/news/ous-sex-distribution-varies-across-colleges-despite->

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 “Women’s History Month of 2025”

Section 2: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association acknowledges and celebrates the month of March as Women’s History Month.

Section 3: OU SGA encourages the student body to take advantage of the month of March to learn more about Women’s History and gender disparities to foster a better environment for gender equality to thrive on campus.

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

- President Joseph Harroz
- Vice President for Access and Opportunity Dr. Belinda Hyppolite
- The OU Daily
- The OU Nightly
- African Women’s League
- Getting to the Root
- Women's Health Advocacy
- Women in Finance
- Women in Business Association
- Women in Gaylord
- Women in Engineering

Author(s): Lilian Higareda Castillo, Journalism & Mass Communications Representative
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Ava Burnett, Arts and Sciences Representative
Alexandra Toyos, Arts and Sciences Representative

Submitted on a motion by:

Action taken by Congress:

Verified by Chair of Congress: _____ Date: _____

Submitted on a motion by:

[efforts-for-gender-equality/article_c4322396-10a1-11e7-bbaa-c3fae8ef3bd4.html#:~:text=These%20colleges%20combined%20have%20about](#)

Action taken by Senate:

Verified by Chair of Senate: _____ Date: _____

Approved by SGA President: _____ Date: _____

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CXIII

April 1st, 2025

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-113-23

AS INTRODUCED

A Congressional Act authorizing a survey of the student body on behalf of the Undergraduate Student Congress; providing for specific questions; and providing for distribution.

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

Section 1: Title: This act shall be known and may be cited as the “Safety of OU Survey Act of 2025”.

Section 2: Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to establish a survey under the Student Government Association.

The SGA Undergraduate Student Congress shall survey undergraduate and graduate students, as well as all staff and faculty affiliated with OU, to better understand their experiences and perceptions of safety while on campus at night.

The goal of this survey is to assess current safety measures and explore potential improvements to enhance nighttime security and support services.

Section 3: The following questions shall be administered via Qualtrics, with all data collected anonymously and kept confidential.

Pre-Survey Introduction and Purpose:

Introduction and Purpose of the Survey: Hello! Thank you for taking the time to participate in this important survey. My name is Ben Keupen, and I am a Representative in the SGA Undergraduate Student Congress where I serve on the Campus Outreach, Safety, and Concerns Committee. At the University of Oklahoma, student well-being and campus safety are major priorities. This survey aims to gather perspectives of students, faculty, and staff on their experiences and perceptions of safety while on campus at night. Your responses will help us assess current safety measures and explore potential improvements to enhance nighttime security and support services.

Voluntary Participation: Participation in this survey is voluntary. You may choose to stop this survey at any time without penalty. If you decide to withdraw from the survey, any data collected will be marked incomplete.

Why Your Participation Matters: Your feedback is invaluable. By sharing your thoughts, you contribute to a better understanding of safety concerns on campus, helping university administrators, student leaders, and policymakers make informed decisions. Ensuring that every student feels secure on campus at all hours is essential, and your input is key in identifying areas for improvement.

Confidentiality Assurance: Your responses are completely anonymous and confidential. No personally identifiable information will be collected, and all survey data will be analyzed in aggregate. Your honest and open feedback is greatly appreciated.

Consent to Participate: Your participation in this survey is voluntary and your responses will be completely anonymous and confidential. By clicking 'Next' or proceeding to the first question, you are giving your informed consent, confirming that you have read and understand this disclosure, voluntarily agree to participate, and understand how your data will be collected and used.

If you have any questions about this survey, please contact Ben Keupen at bkeupen11@ou.edu.

Block 1: General Information

1. What is your current status at OU?
 - Undergraduate Student
 - Graduate Student
 - Faculty/Staff
 - Other (please specify)
2. What gender do you identify as?
 - Male
 - Female
 - Non-binary/third gender
 - Prefer not to say
3. Do you live on or off campus?
 - On campus
 - Off campus (within walking distance)
 - Off campus (requires driving or public transportation)
4. How often are you on campus at night (after dark)?
 - Almost every night
 - A few nights per week
 - A few nights per month
 - Rarely
 - Never

Block 2: Perceived Safety

5. On a scale of 1 to 5, how safe do you feel walking alone on campus at night?
 - 1 = Very unsafe
 - 2 = Somewhat safe
 - 3 = Neutral
 - 4 = Somewhat safe
 - 5 = Very safe
- a. Question logic: Display this question If “On a scale of 1 to 5, how safe do you feel walking alone at night? Very unsafe, Somewhat unsafe, Neutral” is selected - Which areas on campus do you feel the least safe at night? (Check all that apply)
 - Campus parking lots/garages
 - Sidewalks and pathways
 - Near dorms/apartments
 - Around academic buildings
 - Athletic facilities

- None
 - Other (text box)
6. Have you ever felt unsafe enough to change your plans (e.g., avoiding walking alone, taking a different route, or leaving campus early)?
- Yes, frequently
 - Yes, occasionally
 - No
 - Not applicable
7. Do you use any safety measures when walking on campus at night? (Check all that apply)
- Walking with friends or in a group
 - Carrying personal safety items (e.g. pepper spray, alarm, etc.)
 - Using campus-provided safety resources (e.g. SafeWalk, emergency call boxes)
 - Avoiding certain areas
 - I don't take any specific safety measures
 - Other (text box)

Block 3: Campus Safety Resources and Improvements

8. Are you aware of OU's campus safety resources (e.g., SafeWalk, emergency call boxes, OUPD, Department of Campus Safety)?
- Yes, and I have used them
 - Yes, and I have never used them
 - No, I was not aware of them
9. What additional safety measures would make you feel safer on campus at night? (Check all that apply)
- More lighting in certain areas
 - Increased OUPD/Security presence
 - More emergency call stations (the blue boxes)
 - Better awareness of safety resources
 - More transportation options (text box)
 - Other (text box)
 - None
- a. Question logic: Display this question If "What additional safety measures would make you feel safer on campus at night (Check all that apply)? More lighting in certain areas" is selected - Which areas would you like to have more lighting? (Text entry)
- b. Question logic: Display this question If "What additional safety measures would make you feel safer on campus at night (Check all that apply)? More emergency call stations (the blue boxes)" is selected – Where would you like to have more emergency call stations? (Text entry)
10. Have you ever reported a safety concern on campus at night?
- Yes
 - No
11. If you have any specific concerns or suggestions regarding campus safety at night, please share them below (text box)

Block 4: End of Survey

Thank you for your participation! Your insights are instrumental in shaping a safer campus environment for all students. If you have any additional concerns or suggestions about campus safety, we encourage you to share them with us using this link: <https://ou.campuslabs.com/engage/submitter/form/start/425759>

and/or the appropriate university resources. Together, we can foster a more secure and supportive community.

Section 4: Upon the passage of this bill, this survey shall be distributed via:

1. www.qualtrics.com
2. Released through the University of Oklahoma mass mailing system, 'OUMM,' under the email: kga@ou.edu.
3. Fliers will be posted in public and highly trafficked areas on campus.
4. Across multiple social media platforms, including the SGA Instagram.

The survey shall be conducted between March 24, 2025, and April 24, 2025.

Author(s): Ben Keupen, Arts and Sciences District Representative

Submitted on a motion by:

Action taken by Congress:

Verified by Chair of Congress: _____ Date: _____

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CXIII

Month Day, 2025

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-113-24

AS INTRODUCED

A Congressional Act of Procedure expelling an associate
from the Congressional Body; providing short title; and
providing an effective date.

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

Section 1: Title: This act shall be known and may be cited as the “Session 113 Expulsion Bill No. 3.”

Section 2: Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to expel a member for excessive unexcused absences. Lauren Stubbs has accrued excessive unexcused absences, the membership of the aforementioned is pending expulsion.

Section 3: In accordance with Section 3.4, subsection 2, subsection e of the SGA Undergraduate Student Congress Bylaws, “*Upon accruing a fourth absence, the Student Congress Secretary shall prepare an act of procedure to expel any member or committee officer who has accrued excessive unexcused absences.*”

Expulsion: Lauren Stubbs

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

Author(s): Secretary Chloe Harris, Undergraduate Student Congress

Submitted on a Motion by:

Action taken by Congress:

Verified by Chair: _____ Date: _____