

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS

Session CXIV

General Body Meeting

7:00 pm, Tuesday, September 23, 2025

Dale 103

Call to Order

Opening Roll Call

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 | September 16, 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

- Committee of the Whole
 - CR-114-002 "Hispanic Heritage Month Resolution of 2025" (Toyos-Perez; Benitez-Mendoza; Higareda Castillo; Pranin Guillen)
- Henry Christiansen, The Oklahoma Group

Student Concerns

Items to Be Considered

- CB-114-010 "2025-2026 SGA Election Commission Staff Appointment Act" (Martin; Savage; Wolhuis) (No Rec)
- AB-114-001 "Auxiliary Allocation 1 Act of 2025-2026" (Schonfield) (Due Pass)

Follow-Up Reports
Announcements and Comments
General Discussion
Final Roll Call
Adjourn

Chair: Caleb Robinson
Vice Chair: Aaron Gilson-Bond
Secretary: Michael Wintory

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CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-114-002

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. GF25-XX

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 country¹; and
- Whereas: In 2023, about 12.3% of the population in Oklahoma were Hispanic, amounting to 491K people²; and
- Whereas: According to Pew Research Center about 36.2 million Latin Americans were eligible to vote in 2024, compared to 32 million in 2020³; 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 2026⁴; 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 semester⁵; and

¹ “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>.

² Data USA. “Oklahoma.” Data USA, <https://datausa.io/profile/geo/oklahoma>.

³ 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/>.

⁴ Hispanic Education. “Hispanic Educational Participation.” *Hispanic Education in America*, 5 May 2025., <https://hispanic-education.com/hispanic-educational-participation/>.

⁵ 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:

Action taken in 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: _____

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CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-114-10
SENATE BILL GSXX-XX/GFXX-XX

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:

Action taken by Congress:

Verified by Chair of Congress: _____ Date:_____

Submitted on a Motion by:

Action taken by Senate

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CONGRESSIONAL BILL AB-114-01
SENATE BILL NO. GS25-XX

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

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