

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS

Session CXV

General Body Meeting

7:00 pm, Tuesday, March 3, 2026

Dale Hall, Room 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 | February 17, 2026

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

- Higher Education Day (Hope Rhoads)
- The Oklahoma Group (Henry Christiansen)
- I-CCEW (Owen Cunningham)

Student Concerns

Old Business

- CB-115-09 "SGA Public Relations Committee Revision Act of 2026" (Christiansen/Toyos-Perez)

Items to Be Considered

- CR-115-03 "Women's History Month Resolution of 2026" (Sneller) (Do Pass)
- CR-115-04 "Save the Scribbles Resolution (Esteva-Ingram/Fellman) (Do Pass)
- CR-115-05 "Endometriosis Awareness Month Resolution" (Hawley) (Do Pass)

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- CR-115-06 “Higher Education Day Resolution of 2026” (Carter) (Do 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-115-03

AS INTRODUCED

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

Whereas: In 1987, Congress passed Public Law 100-9, which designated March as Women’s History Month; and ¹

Whereas: Women’s History Month serves as a pillar that unites the women of the past and present to push us as a whole to a future of equality and decreased gender violence; and

Whereas: Under the status quo, women continue to face discrimination on a multifaceted front, with a lack of representation on a composite scale; and

Whereas: As a result, the workforce has seen significant gaps in pay and access to education, with varying degrees. Women are often left out of essential healthcare research or do not have access to healthcare; and

Whereas: Women’s History Month works as a bridge towards further education and accreditation, as well as to celebrate the role that women have played not only in our country, but in the world’s history; and

Whereas: March 8th being recognized as International Women’s Day links women together across the globe to recognize past and present success, as well as come together to recognize gender bias on the largest scale possible; and

1 National Women’s History Muesem. “Women’s History Month.”
<https://nationalwomenshistoryalliance.org/womens-history-month-history/>

- Whereas: Nearly one in three women (29%) have experienced sexual assault, physical violence, and/or stalking by a partner, which impacted their functioning; and ²
- Whereas: One in five (20-25%) of women are sexually assaulted while in college, with undergraduate women facing a significantly higher risk, especially during the first year; and ³
- Whereas: As of Fall 2025, the University of Oklahoma's sexual assault number has more than tripled, with the total number in the past five years reaching over one hundred; and ⁴
- Whereas: For the 2024-2025 school year, the University of Oklahoma had an enrolled undergraduate population of 52.24% female students and 47.76% male students; and
- Whereas: For the 2024-2025 school year, the University of Oklahoma had an enrolled postgraduate population of 55.96% female students and 44.04% male students; and ⁵
- Whereas: In 2023, the University of Oklahoma awarded 7,577 degrees. 53.5% were earned by women, and 46.5% were earned by men. This is a decrease in the share of degrees earned by women (-7%); and ⁶
- Whereas: As of 2025, women make up 58% of the workforce, but only 46% of all managers as only 93 women are promoted for every 100 men; and ⁷
- Whereas: As of 2025, women working full-time are only paid 88% of what men earn and at the current rate of change, this will not be equal until 2088; and ⁸

2 National Domestic Violence Hotline. "Domestic Violence Statistics."

<https://www.thehotline.org/stakeholders/domestic-violence-statistics/>

3 RAINN. "Statistics: Campus Sexual Violence."

<https://rainn.org/facts-statistics-the-scope-of-the-problem/statistics-campus-sexual-violence/#:~:text=9.7%25%20of%20female%20and%202.5,Age%20Adults%20Face%20Increased%20Risk>

4 OU Daily. "Annual Campus Safety Reports Show Increased Reports of Sexual Violence, Assault, and Motor Vehicle Theft."

https://www.oudaily.com/news/ou-security-fire-safety-report-2025-crime-campus-rape-assault-theft/article_f5064461-963e-408d-abba-a52ff947b9b7.html#:~:text=Editor's%20Note,three%20incidents%20reported%20in%202023.

5 College Tuition Compare. "Enrollment Trends at OU."

<https://www.collegetuitioncompare.com/trends/university-of-oklahoma-norman-campus/student-population/#:~:text=Student%20Population%20Changes,Oklaoma%20Norman%20Campus%20since%202015.>

6 DataUSA. "University of Oklahoma-Norman Campus."

[https://datausa.io/profile/university/university-of-oklahoma-norman-campus#:~:text=In%202023%2C%207%2C577%20degrees%20were,or%20latino%20\(828%20degrees\).](https://datausa.io/profile/university/university-of-oklahoma-norman-campus#:~:text=In%202023%2C%207%2C577%20degrees%20were,or%20latino%20(828%20degrees).)

7 Pew Research Center. "Women are a rising share of US managers and professionals."

<https://www.pewresearch.org/short-reads/2025/07/17/women-are-a-rising-share-of-us-managers-and-professionals/#:~:text=In%202023%2C%2046%25%20of%20all,occupations%2C%20to%20health%20care%20practitioners.>

8 AAUW. "The Gender Pay Gap."

<https://www.aauw.org/issues/economic-security/pay-gap/>

Whereas: Gender disparities in several of the disciplines across the University of Oklahoma, such as STEM, aviation, finance, and business, underscore the need for Women's History Month to be celebrated and educated about.

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 2026"

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 Jr
- Vice President for Access and Opportunity Belinda Higgs-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): Madilynn Sneller, Associate

Co-Author(s):

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Co-Sponsor(s): Lorelai Radzanowski, Arts and Sciences Representative

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Date:

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CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-115-09
SENATE BILL GSXX-XX/GFXX-XX

AS INTRODUCED

An Act of Legislation to amend the SGA Code Annotated, 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 Public Relations Committee Revision Act of 2026."

Section 2: Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to update Chapter IX Section 3 of the SGA Code Annotated to provide flexibility in Public Relations Committee membership and update current membership structure.

Section 3: **Chapter IX-3 Public Relations Committee**

- 1) Name. This board shall be called the "Public Relations Committee."
- 2) Purpose. The purpose of the Public Relations Committee (PRC) is to assist in the mass media communication between the Student Government Association and the general student body. The Committee will meet with the intention of establishing media plans for the Student Government Association.
- 3) Membership.
 - a) Membership for the PRC shall be as follows:
 - i) ~~The Director of Communications for the Executive Cabinet~~ Designee(s) from the executive cabinet as communicated to the PRC by the SGA President.
 - ii) The Chief of Staff for the Executive Cabinet
 - iii) The Vice Chair of the Undergraduate Student Congress
 - iv) The Chair of the Public Relations Committee for the Graduate Student Senate

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v) ~~The Vice Chair of Public Relations for the Crimson Leadership Association~~

- 4) Meetings. Meetings of the PRC shall be subject to the Oklahoma Open Meetings Act. The Committee shall meet at least twice per month throughout the academic year. Meeting dates and times shall be decided upon by a consensus of the Committee's members, and as communicated by the PRC Committee Chair. The SGA Chief of Staff shall coordinate the first meeting of each semester, taking place no more than two weeks from the first academic day of the semester.
- 5) Leadership. Members of the PRC, as outlined in Title IX-3, shall elect by majority vote amongst themselves a Chair to serve during the semester in which they are elected. Election shall take place at the first convened meeting of the PRC each semester.
- a) The Chair of the PRC shall be responsible for establishing meeting times and maintaining committee functions.
 - b) The Chair of the PRC may be removed upon a majority of committee members voting to do so during a regularly scheduled meeting.

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

Author(s): Henry Christiansen, SGA Chief of Staff

Co-Author(s): Alexandra Toyos-Perez, CLA Co-Chair

Co-Sponsor(s): Aaron Gilson-Bond, Congress Vice Chair

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CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-115-04
SENATE RESOLUTION NO. GFXG-XX/GSXX-XX

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution urging the protected use of chalk by student organizations at the University of Oklahoma; and providing for distribution.

Whereas: “Chalking” is defined as the act of using chalk to display messages regarding events, meetings, and other information.¹ Chalking is usually done on sidewalks in high-trafficked areas by people to receive such messages.

Whereas: Chalking is commonly used on university campuses for student organizations to communicate with others regarding hosted events, meeting times, and even just positive messaging. Numerous requests from student organizations to chalk messages on campus are made at the University of Oklahoma.

Whereas: Over the last several years, several colleges have taken the action of banning chalk on campus.²³ For example, in 2020, Texas A&M banned chalk from their campuses. They stated “the need for chalking as a communications channel in 2020 is no longer as important for message distribution.”². Although this statement holds some truth, chalking is an additional freedom of speech that individuals can partake in, and thus this bill serves a critical purpose of protecting a unique way that ALL students at the University of Oklahoma can practice free speech.

¹chalking, 2026. Accessed 19 February 2026, <https://dictionary.cambridge.org/us/dictionary/english/chalking>.

² Hoffman, A., 2025: Ohio State students react to ‘chalking’ ban. <https://www.nbc4i.com/news/local-news/ohio-state-university/ohio-state-students-react-to-chalking-ban/>.

³ Rodriguez, M., 2020: Texas A&M bans use of chalk as form of messaging on campus. *My Aggie Nation*. Accessed 19 February 2026, https://myaggienation.com/am_news/texas-a-m-bans-use-of-chalk-as-form-of-messaging-on-campus/article_66da239d-495d-5bf9-a462-b39872c6c29c.html.

Whereas: Even with the rise of social media, students may lack access to social media or may not be aware of these social media accounts. This could result in missed opportunities to be a part of the University of Oklahoma student organizations. With chalking, messages in a frequently trafficked area by students allow for better reach to a greater audience.

Whereas: The University of Oklahoma has measures in place regarding chalking to ensure that those who want to participate do so in a responsible and controlled manner. Such measures include, but are not limited to⁴:

- Pre-approval for chalking must be obtained by completing the RSO Publicity Request Form in ENGAGE.
- Any chalking placed improperly is subject to removal by campus personnel at the registered student organization's expense.

Whereas: The Graduate Student Senate commends the university for upholding Free Speech for students on campus over the last several months. As a result, it is critical that these efforts continue in upholding and supporting the use of chalk on campus as an alternative form of free speech.

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 "Save the Scribbles Resolution"

Section 2: In this resolution, we seek to ensure that chalking will remain a legal activity on campus without any potential of being banned. Given the current protections and safeguards that have been put into place, such as requesting approval and not being able to use insoluble chalk, OU has taken steps to ensure students are responsibly using chalk in a manner that is more environmentally conscientious.

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

- Joseph Harroz Jr., President of the University of Oklahoma
- André-Denis Wright, Senior Vice President and Provost of the University of Oklahoma
- David Surratt, Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students at the University of Oklahoma
- Dr. Matthew Rom, Associate Vice President for Facilities Management
- Brian Holderread, Vice President for Campus Operations

⁴ Policies,. Accessed 19 February 2026, <http://www.ou.edu/operations/resources/policies.html>.

Author(s): Tatiana Esteva-Ingram, GSS External and Legislative Affairs Committee Vice Chair
 Benjamin Fellman, GSS Sustainability Committee Chair

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CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-115-05
SENATE RESOLUTION NO. GFXX-XX/GSXX-XX

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution recognizing the month of
March as Endometriosis Awareness Month; and
providing for distribution.

- Whereas: Endometriosis is a chronic disease where tissue similar to the lining of the uterus grows outside the uterus, causing inflammation and scar tissue formation¹; and
- Whereas: This condition affects an estimated 10% (approximately 190 million) of reproductive-age women and girls globally²; and
- Whereas: It can take between four and 11 years to receive a correct endometriosis diagnosis³; and
- Whereas: This condition can severely impact a person’s physical and mental health; and
- Whereas: There is currently no known cure for endometriosis, and treatment focuses on controlling symptoms and limiting long-term impacts; and
- Whereas: Stigmatization of this illness and chronic pain leads to delays in diagnosis and negatively affects the well-being of those living with this disease; and
- Whereas: March is recognized as Endometriosis Awareness Month to provide an opportunity for all people to learn about and understand the condition.

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

Section 1: Title: This resolution shall be known and may be cited as the “Endometriosis Awareness Month Resolution.”

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Section 2: The Undergraduate Student Congress will recognize the month of March as Endometriosis Awareness Month.

Section 3: The University of Oklahoma Undergraduate Student Congress suggests the following ways to recognize Endometriosis Awareness Month:

- Wear yellow clothing, accessories, or ribbons throughout March
- Educate yourself about endometriosis
- Donate to Endometriosis Charities and Research Organizations
- Share your story
- Spread awareness on social media and through word of mouth
- Talk to your health provider if you feel you could have endometriosis
- Support people with endometriosis

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

- Joseph Harroz Jr., President of the University of Oklahoma
- David A. Surratt, Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students
- William Wayne, Ph.D., Associate Vice President of Student Affairs and Director of Health Services
- Gary E. Raskob, Ph.D., Provost of the Health Campus
- Lee A. Jennings, M.D., Director of Health Services
- Carolyn Kloek, M.D., MBA, Chief of Medical Staff

Author(s): Kayla Hawley, Journalism and Mass Communication Representative

Co-Sponsor(s): Delia Benitez-Mendoza, Business Representative

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CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-115-06
SENATE RESOLUTION NO. GFX-XX/GSXX-XX

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution requesting support
for increasing and protecting funds for higher education
resources distributed by the State Government
of Oklahoma; and providing for distribution.

Whereas: The Fiscal Year 2026 appropriation for the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education was approximately \$1,230,000,000, reflecting increases since FY2020 but remaining below inflation-adjusted peak funding levels of the mid-2000s¹; and

Whereas: Projections from the Georgetown University Center on Education and the workforce estimate that by 2031, roughly 72% of jobs nationwide will require education or training beyond high school, a trend reflected in Oklahoma's workforce demands²; and

Whereas: Data from the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education indicate that approximately 87% of graduates from Oklahoma public colleges and universities remain employed in Oklahoma within one year of graduation³; and

Whereas: Economic impact studies conducted for the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education demonstrate that for every dollar of state appropriations invested, the State System of Higher Education generates \$9.80 in economic output⁴; and

Whereas: Oklahoma's higher education system supports around \$12 billion in total annual economic output statewide, according to updated systemwide impact reports⁴; and

Whereas: Research findings published through the National Bureau of Economic Research and the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development continue to point toward increased education as an underlying source of economic growth, both in the U.S. and internationally, reinforcing the existence of a strong empirical link between education and economic growth at the state level⁵⁻⁶; and

Whereas: The University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center supports the greatest amount of local economic activity among all institutions and constituent agencies within the State System; and

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- Whereas: The facility supports approximately \$2.6 billion in total economic activity, 17,000 jobs, and-over \$1.5 billion in employee compensation in the Oklahoma City region, according to the most recent institutional economic impact reporting⁷; and
- Whereas: In Fiscal Year 2023, the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education complied with the request for a comprehensive accounting of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) expenditures across the State System of Higher Education and submitted a report that showed less than 1% of state and federal funding supports DEI initiatives⁸; and
- Whereas: They estimated \$10.2 million in DEI spending for the 2023-2024 fiscal year, with \$3.4 million of that amount coming from state appropriations⁸; and
- Whereas: This legislation has required public institutions, including the University of Oklahoma, to restructure or eliminate certain DEI-related activities funded by state appropriations; and
- Whereas: In 2025, further statutory clarification was enacted through Senate Bill 796, codifying prohibitions on the use of the state funds for DEI programming and requiring institutional compliance⁹; and
- Whereas: These statutory changes have required public institutions within the State System of Higher Education, including the University of Oklahoma, to review, restructure, or eliminate certain DEI-related positions and activities funded through state appropriations; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION:

- Section 1:** Title: This resolution shall be known and may be cited as the “Higher Education Day Resolution of 2026.”
- Section 2:** OU Student Government Association encourages the protection of student success and equal opportunity programs, and for state funding to be protected for higher education programs that promote access, retention, and workforce readiness.
- Section 3:** OU Student Government Association encourages federal entities to appropriate more funds to Oklahoma for educational use.
- Section 4:** OU Student Government Association encourages residents of Oklahoma to contact local and state legislators about the importance of education and higher education funding at the state and national levels.
- Section 5:** OU Student Government Association encourages residents of Oklahoma, in places of civic engagement, to consider the importance of a highly educated and competitive workforce in an increasingly global community.

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Section 6: Copies of this resolution will be sent to:

- OU Office of Governmental Affairs
- Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education
- Kevin Stitt, Governor of Oklahoma
- Lindel Fields, Oklahoma State Superintendent
- Representative Toni Hasenback, Chair of the House Postsecondary Committee

Authors: Leo Carter, External Affairs Vice-Chair

Co-Author(s) Hope Rhoads, External Affairs Chair

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