

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS

Session CXV

General Body Meeting

7:00 pm, Tuesday, April 28, 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 | April 21, 2026

Officer Reports -

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

Committee Reports-

- **Campus Outreach, Safety, and Concerns:**
- **Congressional Administration:**
- **External Affairs:**
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- **Ways and Means:**

Liaison Reports

Special Orders

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- Rod Jahromi Award Presentation
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 - Executive Session
 - Vice Chair
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 - Secretary
 - Executive Session
- Senior Speeches

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Student Concerns

Old Business

Items to Be Considered

- CB-115-27 “Unscheduled Fall Holiday Act of 2026” (Jensen/Fellman/Martin/Robinson) (Do Pass)
- CR-115-14 “Red River Rivalry Resolution of 2026” (Jensen)
- CR-115-11 “Confetti Still Makes Me Upset!” (Fellman/Esteva-Ingram/Cunningham/Olsen) (Do Pass)
- CB-115-30 “Conoco Student Leadership Revision Act of 2026” (Christiansen/Martin/Nicholson)
- CB-115-29 “Session 115 Expulsion Bill No. 3” (Wintory/Le/Bregnard) (No Rec)
- CR-115-08 “Engineering Competition Teams Resolution” (Fisher/Vedra/Morgan) (Do Pass)
- CR-115-10 “Encouraging Sustainable Practices and Environmental Responsibility Resolution” (Keupen) (Do Pass)
- CR-115-12 “Campus Safety Resolution of 2026” (Frehde) (Do Pass)
- CR-115-13 “AAPI Month Resolution of 2026” (Nguyen/Sneller) (Do Pass)
- CR-115-15 “Arab American Heritage Month Resolution of 2026” (Benitez Mendoza/Burris/Mahmoud-Elhaj/Digua) (Do Pass)
- CR-115-16 “Mental Health Month Resolution of 2026” (Callahan/Sneller) (Do Pass)
- CR-115-17 “Pride Month Resolution of 2026” (Radzanowski/Sneller) (Do Pass)
- CR-115-18 “Jewish Heritage Month Resolution of 2026” (Sneller) (Do Pass)
- CR-115-19 “Teacher Appreciation Week Resolution of 2026” (Keupen) (Do Pass)
- CR-115-20 “Disability Parking Enforcement and Accessibility Act” (Hawley) (Do Pass)
- CB-115-28 “Expulsion Bylaw Update” (Wintory) (Do Pass)

Follow-Up Reports

Announcements and Comments

Final Roll Call

Adjourn Sine Die

Chair: Caleb Robinson

Vice Chair: Aaron Gilson-Bond

Secretary: Michael Wintory

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CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-115-27
SENATE BILL GS26-38

AS INTRODUCED

An Act of Procedure submitting the Fall 2026
Unscheduled Holiday; recognizing the importance of
voting and civic engagement, 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 “Unscheduled Fall Holiday Act of 2026.”

Section 2: Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to officially submit an unscheduled holiday to the University of Oklahoma President, Joseph Harroz Jr., for approval pursuant to Section 5.15 of the Board of Regents policy manual.

Section 3: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association (SGA) officially submits the following dates as the Fall 2026 Student Holidays.

- Friday, October 9, 2026 (Red River Rivalry Holiday)
- Tuesday, November 3, 2026 (Election Day)

Section 4: SGA recognizes that since 1900, the Red River Rivalry football game between the University of Oklahoma and the University of Texas at Austin has been played 121 times on the first or second Saturday in October. Since 1932, the game has been played at the Cotton Bowl in Dallas, Texas. The importance of maintaining the student holiday falling on the Friday before the Red River Rivalry game is manifest in its position as a cherished university tradition. It also serves an important role in providing for student safety at one of the University’s most significant events of the academic year. In 2024 and 2025, ODOT Director Tim Gatz issued formal advisories designating Norman, Purcell, Turner Falls, and Thackerville as critical “choke points” where substantial congestion and construction coincide. By providing a non-instructional day, the University effectively removes thousands of student drivers from the road during the high-risk traffic period.

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Ultimately, the Red River Holiday is not merely a day off, but a strategic institutional measure that prioritizes student well-being and the University's cultural heritage.

- Section 5:** In addition to recognizing the importance and cultural significance of the Red River Rivalry Holiday, SGA recognizes that participation in federal, state, and local elections is an essential right of many students at the University of Oklahoma. SGA also recognizes that it is vitally important that students eligible to vote in these elections have the opportunity to exercise their rights and make their voices heard. A democracy is at its healthiest when as many people as possible have the ability to participate in the electoral process.
- Section 6:** SGA recognizes that the state of Oklahoma has one of the lowest voter turnout rates in the country. In the 2022 midterm elections, only 40.1% of Oklahoman voters turned out to cast a ballot. This is 6.5% lower than the national average.¹ SGA asserts that by providing a holiday for students on election day, more students will be able to participate in the electoral process.
- Section 7:** SGA recognizes that college students face unique, structural barriers to participating in the electoral process. Classes scheduled during polling hours, the need to travel long distances to their assigned polling places, and lack of personal vehicles are all factors that make it more difficult for college students to exercise their rights and to cast their vote in federal, state, and local elections. SGA recognizes that by providing a Fall Holiday on election day, we and the University Administration can remove some of these barriers and provide students the opportunity to exercise their constitutional rights.
- Section 8:** SGA recognizes that other university student groups across the country have taken various actions to promote and increase voting by college students, including but not limited to, working to make Election Day a holiday. In 2024, at least 86 universities cancelled classes for the presidential election.^{2, 3, 4, 5, 6}
- Section 9:** Given the importance of both the Red River Rivalry Holiday and Election Day, SGA respectfully requests that the Administration of the University of Oklahoma grant a holiday on both of these days. SGA feels strongly that by providing a holiday on both days, the University can demonstrate its dedication to civil engagement, democratic processes, cultural heritage, and community. By providing a holiday on both days, the University can further its commitment to the values of excellence, opportunity and success, boldness, freedom of expression and civility, and civic commitment, as laid out in the University's strategic plan.

¹ Allen, Cole, Vivian Morris, Gabriela Ramirez-Perez. 2023. The 2022 Midterms Reveal Our Democracy Is Still Inaccessible to Many Oklahoma Voters. *OKPolicy*, edited by the Oklahoma Policy Institute, Accessed April 22, 2026. <https://okpolicy.org/the-2022-midterms-reveal-our-democracy-is-still-inaccessible-to-many-oklahoma-voters/>.

² University of Tennessee Knoxville. 2026. 2026-2027 Academic Calendar. Electronic document, <https://registrar.utk.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/4/2026/01/2026-2027-Academic-Calendar.pdf>, accessed April 23, 2026.

³ University of South Carolina. 2026. 2026-27 Official Academic Calendar. Electronic document, https://sc.edu/about/offices_and_divisions/registrar/academic_calendars/2026-27_calendar.php, Accessed April 23, 2026.

⁴ The Editorial Board of the Cornell Daily Sun. 2025. Make Election Day a University Holiday. *The Cornell Daily Sun*, October 27, 2025, accessed April 23, 2026. <https://www.cornellsun.com/article/2025/10/editorial-make-election-day-a-university-holiday>.

⁵ Anderson, Greta. 2020. Students Push for Canceled Classes on Election Day. *Inside Higher Ed*, October 21, 2020, accessed April 23, 2026. <https://www.insidehighered.com/news/2020/10/22/movement-no-class-election-day-gains-steam>.

⁶ TO2V. 2026. About TO2V. Electronic document, <https://www.to2v.org/the-movement>, accessed April 23, 2026.

Section 10: This act shall become effective when passed in accordance with the SGA Constitution.

Author(s): Sam Jensen, Ways and Means Committee Chair, Graduate Student Senate
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Mercer Martin, SGA President
Caleb Robinson, Undergraduate Congress Chair

Sponsor(s): Josephine Nicholson, SGA Vice President
Henry Christiansen, SGA Chief of Staff

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CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-115-14
SENATE RESOLUTION NO. GS26-39

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution recognizing the cultural importance of the Red River Rivalry Game and its associated traditions; and providing for distribution.

- Whereas: The Red River Rivalry Game is an important component of the history and cultural heritage of the University of Oklahoma, with the first game dating back to 1900.
- Whereas: Since 1900, 121 rivalry games have been held between the University of Oklahoma and the University of Texas at Austin. Since 1932, the game has been played at the Cotton Bowl in Dallas, Texas.
- Whereas: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association (SGA) traditionally requests that the University provide a holiday on the Friday preceding the game to allow students to safely travel to Dallas for the rivalry game. This request and subsequent granting of the holiday have become a cherished and culturally significant tradition at the University of Oklahoma.
- Whereas: The Red River Rivalry Game is an important opportunity for students, faculty, staff, and alumni of the University of Oklahoma to build community through friendly competition with the University of Texas at Austin.

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 “Red River Rivalry Resolution of 2026.”
- Section 2:** SGA formally recognizes the importance of the Red River Rivalry Game and its associated traditions to the history, culture, and cultural heritage of the University of Oklahoma. Boomer Sooner!
- Section 3:** SGA formally expresses its support of the traditions associated with the Red River Rivalry Game, including the holiday provided on the Friday preceding the rivalry game.

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Section 4: 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
- David Surratt, Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students
- Roger Denny, Vice President and Director of Athletics
- Hans E. Butzer, Dean of the Christopher C. Gibbs College of Architecture
- Michael Markham, Dean of the Dodge Family College of Arts and Sciences
- Robert Palmer, Dean of the College of Atmospheric and Geographic Sciences
- Laku Chidambaram, Dean of the Michael F. Price College of Business
- John Antonio, Dean of the Mewbourne College of Earth and Energy
- Stacy Reeder, Dean of the Jeannine Rainbolt College of Education
- John Klier, Dean of the Gallogly College of Engineering
- Mary Margaret Holt, Dean of the Weitzenhoffer Family College of Fine Arts
- Paul Gilmore, Dean of the Honors College
- Jonathan Stalling, Interim Dean of the David L. Boren College of International Studies
- Andrea Miller, Dean of the Gaylord College of Journalism and Mass Communication
- Randall S. Hewes, Dean of the Graduate College
- Anna E. Carpenter, Dean of the College of Law
- Miloš Savić, Dean of the College of Professional and Continuing Studies
- OU Daily
- OU Nightly

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CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-115-11
SENATE RESOLUTION GS-26-25

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution informing about the negative impacts of confetti usage, along with strongly urging the use of more eco-friendly options at the University of Oklahoma, Norman Main Campus, and providing for distribution.

Whereas: Paper and Mylar confetti are small bits of streamers, and commonly used in celebrations including, but not limited to, weddings, birthdays, and graduations,^{1,2}. Confetti is also used for small and individual gatherings².

Whereas: However, confetti is a serious environmental concern as it is a microplastic³. Further, due to its small nature, confetti is very difficult to completely clean up when used⁴. Most paper confetti is not eco-friendly as it is not biodegradable, making it dangerous for wildlife, which may mistake it for food. Through drainage and runoff systems, confetti can also pollute waterways⁴.

Whereas: Over the last several years, college campuses across the country including Texas State University, Florida State University, and many others have discussed how confetti negatively impacts their local ecosystems^{5,6,7,8}. In addition to its negative environmental impacts, there are large costs associated with confetti usage at university graduation ceremonies⁷.

Whereas: Many universities have provided more eco-friendly alternatives to paper confetti including but not limited to biodegradable confetti, flower petals, bubbles, or bird seeds^{5,9}. Other campuses utilize bio-degradable and water soluble confetti options to reduce their environmental impact².

1. *Definition of CONFETTI*. 10 Apr. 2026, <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/confetti>.

2. Tracy, Dylan. "The Dark Side of Celebration: The Growing Issue of Confetti in Graduation Photos." *Issuu*, <https://issuu.com/georgiasouthwestern/docs/souwester-nov-2023/s/41211450>. Accessed 10 Apr. 2026.

3. Grioghair. "Confetti: We Know What It Is but What Is It Made Of?" *KIMO*, 24 Feb. 2020, <https://www.kimointernational.org/news/confetti-we-know-what-it-is-but-what-is-it-made-of/>.

4. "Confetti Awareness." *UCF Arboretum*, <https://arboretum.ucf.edu/confetti-awareness/>. Accessed 10 Apr. 2026.

5. *Glitter Is Litter*. 17 Dec. 2025, <https://www.txst.edu/stormwater/litter-free-txst/confetti-glitter.html>.

Whereas: The University of Oklahoma GSS Sustainability Committee has received complaints from both students and faculty regarding the use and lack of adequate confetti cleanup. Students and faculty have similarly expressed desires for the confetti's usage to be more closely monitored.

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 “**Confetti Still Makes Me Upsetti.**”

Section 2: In this resolution, University of Oklahoma Student Government Association (SGA) urge students to inform themselves regarding the negative impacts of confetti usage to the Norman ecosystem and campus when non-environmentally friendly paper and plastic confetti is used in celebration.

Section 3: Although SGA cannot strictly monitor the use of non-environmentally friendly confetti, we strongly recommend that individuals who choose to partake in activities involving confetti explore more environmentally conscientious alternatives. As stated in one of the whereas statements, these alternatives can include, but are not limited to, biodegradable confetti, flower petals (dried or fresh) and seeds.

Section 4: We urge and recommend that the University works toward providing students with alternative forms of biodegradable confetti to limit the potential environmental impact confetti has on our campus.

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

- President Joseph Harroz Jr. of the University of Oklahoma
- Dr. David Surratt, Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students
- The University of Oklahoma Board of Regents
- Office of Sustainability
- OU Daily
- OU Nightly

6. Phelps, Alexandra. “Confetti Crackdown: Florida Students Raise Awareness about Graduation Celebrations That Harm the Environment.” *Caplin News*, 14 Oct. 2025, <https://caplinnews.fiu.edu/fiu-fsu-graduation-confetti-pallab-mozumder-enviornment/>.

7. Klonowski, Averie. “Why Is Confetti Banned at Some Salt Lake City Graduation Ceremonies?” *FOX 13 News Utah (KSTU)*, 15 May 2025, <https://www.fox13now.com/news/local-news/northern-utah/why-is-confetti-banned-at-some-salt-lake-city-graduation-ceremonies/>.

8. *11 Eco-Friendly & Sustainable Confetti Alternatives*. 19 Oct. 2025, <https://onefabday.com/eco-friendly-sustainable-confetti-alternatives/>.

9. Tracy, Dylan. “The Dark Side of Celebration: The Growing Issue of Confetti in Graduation Photos.” *Issuu*, <https://issuu.com/georgiasouthwestern/docs/souwester-nov-2023/s/41211450>. Accessed 10 Apr. 2026.

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CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-115-30
SENATE BILL GSXX-XX/GFXX-XX

AS INTRODUCED

An Act of Legislation to update the SGACA with current practices regarding space use in the Conoco Student Leadership Center; 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 “Conoco Student Leadership Center ` Revision Act of 2026.”

Section 2: Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to update the SGACA with current practices regarding space use in the Conoco Student Leadership Center.

Section 3: AMENDATORY: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association Code Annotated Title XI Chapter 2 is amended as follows. For the purposes of this bill, all items removed shall be denoted with a strikethrough (~~strikethrough~~) and all items added shall be denoted with an underline (underline).

Section 4:

Chapter XI-2 Conoco Student Leadership Center

- 1) **Card Access.** ~~The Conoco Student Leadership Center Office SGA Staff Assistant shall collect ID numbers from organizations allocated space during the first two weeks of each semester. The Office shall provide these numbers to the Sooner Card Office, which will use said numbers to allow access to the Center with the ID card reader. This service shall be equally available to all RSOs allocated space. Any RSO submitting numbers that do not correspond to club members, or otherwise abusing this service, shall be subject to fines and ineligibility to apply for office space the following year. Card access to the Conoco Student Leadership Center shall be provided each semester to the following positions, along with other SGA members as needed, by discretion of the SGA Advisor & SGA Administrative Support Specialist.~~
 - a) Executive Branch Members

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- i) SGA President
- ii) SGA Vice President
- iii) SGA Chief of Staff
- iv) Executive Cabinet Members
- v) CLA Co-Chairs
- vi) CLA Vice Chairs
- b) Undergraduate Student Congress Members
 - i) Congress Chair
 - ii) Congress Vice Chair
 - iii) Congress Secretary
 - iv) Congress Committee Chairs
- c) Graduate Student Senate Members
 - i) Senate Chair
 - ii) Senate Vice Chair
 - iii) Senate Secretary
 - iv) Senate Committee Chairs
- d) Judicial Branch Members
 - i) Superior Court Chief Justice
 - ii) Superior Court Associate Justices
 - iii) SGA General Counsel
 - iv) SGA Associate General Counsel
 - v) SGA Election Commissioner
- e) Programming Branch Members
 - i) Campus Activities Council Chair
 - ii) CAC General Council Members
 - iii) CAC Event Chairs

2) ~~Space Allocation Resources~~

- ~~a) Applications. Application for space shall be made available and accepted by the SGA Department of Student Organizations, and shall be due during the academic week before Spring Break.²~~
- ~~b) Eligibility. Only those organizations on the Norman Campus that will have been registered with the Center for Student Life for no less than one calendar year at the time of the Fall General Elections shall be eligible to apply for and receive office, cubicle, or storage space.³~~
- ~~c) Conoco Space Allocation Committee. The Conoco Space Allocation Committee, consisting of the SGA Vice President, Chair of Undergraduate Student Congress, Chair of Graduate Student Senate, and Campus Activities Council Chair shall consider all valid applications received and present recommendations to the SGA President.⁴~~
- ~~d) Procedure for Assignment of Space. The SGA President shall submit legislation to the legislative branch prior to the Fall General Elections. The space allocations shall be established through an advice and consent act of the SGA, as specified in the SGA Constitution.⁵~~
- ~~e) Term of Occupancy. The term of occupancy in the Conoco Student Leadership Center shall begin one week after the last day of classes in the spring semester, and shall end one week before the last day of classes in the spring semester of the following year.⁶~~
- ~~f) Failure to Renew Registration. Organizations failing to renew their registration with the Center for Student Life are considered inactive, and inactive student organizations are not entitled to office space in the Conoco Center. Any inactive student organization occupying office space in the Conoco Center shall promptly vacate so that the space may be reassigned~~

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to a registered student organization in accordance with the University policy and SGA Legislation.⁷

g) ~~Use of Space~~

- ~~i) **Monitoring.** The usage of allocated office space shall be monitored. A report shall be presented to the SGA President every month⁸ of the academic year evaluating the usage of allocated office space by student organizations. Said reports may be amended by and shall be signed and published by the SGA President. Unless otherwise defined by the legislative branch, the SGA President shall set evaluative criteria and define what constitutes unsatisfactory use. Any such criteria and definitions shall be published. Unsatisfactory use shall include but not be limited to storage only, personal or academic uses, and any use in violation of University policy or higher law. Student organizations shall consent in writing to monitoring prior to occupation of allocated space.⁹~~
- ~~ii) **Notification.** Any student organization reported to be making unsatisfactory use of its allocated office space shall be notified within 5 business days.¹⁰ Such a student organization shall be in bad standing for the purposes of the SGA budgetary process and shall continue in bad standing until said student organization is no longer reported to be making unsatisfactory use of its allocated office space. Any student organization reported to be making unsatisfactory use of its allocated office space in two consecutive reports shall receive a second notification.¹¹~~
- ~~iii) **Vacation.** At any point prior to a third consecutive report of unsatisfactory use, a student organization may voluntarily vacate its allocated office space. Upon notification of the SGA President of a decision to voluntarily vacate said student organization shall no longer be in bad standing due to unsatisfactory use of office space.¹²~~
- ~~iv) **Eviction.** A third consecutive report or a fifth report within one semester of unsatisfactory use shall cause the office space allocated to an organization to be vacated by the order of the SGA President. Said organization shall not be eligible for the allocation by SGA of office space for the remainder of the academic year, but said executive eviction shall be considered by the SGA Budgetary Committee in any subsequent secondary or emergency allocations occurring in said academic year.¹³~~
- ~~v) **Filling Vacancies.** Vacant offices shall be filled according to an order established at the time of allocation. Any such office spaces so filled shall again become vacant at the time when the allocation to the previously occupying student organization would have otherwise expired.¹⁴~~
- ~~vi) **Appeal.** All executive decisions are subject to appeal to the SGA Superior Court.¹⁵~~
- ~~vii) **Enforcement.** The SGA President shall be responsible for the enactment of the provisions of Sec. 7 and may appoint whatever agents they deem necessary for this purpose with the advice and consent of the legislative branch.¹⁶~~

h) First Floor

- i) Office spaces on the first floor of the Conoco Student Leadership Center shall be reserved for the High Offices & other staff of the Student Government Association, designated by the SGA Advisor.

i) Second Floor & Third Floor

- i) The rooms of the second and third floors of the Conoco Student Leadership Center shall be reserved for use by Registered Student Organizations (RSO's) and students as follows:
 - (1) **Booking Time:** There shall be no minimum booking time for RSO's

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- (2) **Booking Window:** Booking shall open on the first day of classes each semester at 8am for that current semester.
- (3) **Event Length:** Booking shall be limited to a maximum of four hours per event. Maximum daily booking per RSO shall be limited to 8 hours.

Section 5: This act shall become effective when passed in accordance with the SGA Constitution.

Author(s): Henry Christiansen, SGA Chief of Staff
Mercer Martin, SGA President
Josephine Nicholson, SGA Vice President

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CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-115-29

AS INTRODUCED

A Congressional Act of Procedure expelling members 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 115 Expulsion Bill No. 3."

Section 2: The purpose of this act shall be to expel a member for excessive unexcused absences. Jaycee Gideon, Anayat Yousuf, Lila Lawrence: the membership of the aforementioned are 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: Jaycee Gideon, Anayat Yousuf, Lila Lawrence

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

Author(s): Secretary Michael Wintory, Undergraduate Student Congress
Co-Authors: Cai Le, Associate Undergraduate Student Congress
Sam Bregnard, Associate Undergraduate Student Congress

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CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-115-08
SENATE BILL GS26-23

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution recognizing the importance
and need for resources of Engineering Competition
Teams on campus at the University of Oklahoma;
providing for distribution

Whereas: Engineering Competition Teams are a type of RSO within the Gallogly College of Engineering with the intended mission of participating in competitions highlighting various engineering skills and abilities.

Whereas: Engineering Competition Teams compete in regional and national competitions hosted by various professional organizations such as SAE International⁷ ⁸, The American Society of Civil Engineers⁹ ¹⁰, The American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics¹¹, and The Intelligent Ground Vehicle Competition¹², among others, providing the means for students to make connections with industry professionals that extend beyond their academic career.

Whereas: Engineering Competition Teams represent the image and values of the University of Oklahoma on an international level.¹³

Whereas: Engineering Competition Teams offer avenues for students to explore new projects and ideas, allowing them to apply engineering skills outside their coursework.¹⁴

⁷ <https://www.fsaeonline.com/>

⁸ <https://www.bajasae.net/>

⁹ <https://www.asce.org/communities/student-members/conferences/asce-concrete-canoe-competition>

¹⁰ <https://www.asce.org/communities/student-members/conferences/student-steel-bridge-competition>

¹¹ <https://aiaa.org/dbf/>

¹² <http://www.igvc.org/>

¹³ <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1002/jee.20418>

¹⁴ <https://purdueseds.space/liquids/>

Whereas: Engineering Competition Teams offer ways for students to tailor their senior-level design projects towards their career field through involvement in such organizations.¹⁵

Whereas: Numerous members of Engineering Competition Teams have expressed concern with the limited funding provided by the Gallogly College of Engineering, frustration with the time and scope limitations placed on teams by departments and the College, and the lack of constructive dialogue between competition teams and college-level administration.

Whereas: Engineering Competition Teams have had significant success in their competitions, including:

- Sooner Competitive Robotics: 1st place in Auto-Nav & 1st Place in Grand Award at The Intelligent Ground Vehicle Competition in 2025, Best Design Report Award at The Student Tele-Operated Robotics Mission in 2025¹⁶
- Medical Device Make-A-Thon: OU Students placed 1st and 3rd in 2025¹⁷
- Sooner Racing Team: Placed 4th in the Acceleration Event at Formula SAE in 2025¹⁸
- Concrete Canoe: First place overall results in 2018 & 2013¹⁹

Whereas: Engineering Competition Teams have raised a total of \$18,504.69 and taken the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd spots in amount raised for student organizations during OU Giving Day.²⁰

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

Section 1: Title: This act shall be known and may be cited as the “Engineering Competition Teams Resolution.”

Section 2: The purpose of this resolution shall be to recognize the importance and impact that Engineering Competition Teams have on their members; recognize their importance in spreading the image of OU; and acknowledge Competition Teams’ need for GCOE-funded resources to maintain their impact on and off campus. SGA also expresses support for competition teams across campus and encourages each college to support these teams financially and to provide opportunities for students to participate in competitive academic events.

Section 3: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association commends the impact that Engineering Competition Teams have had on students’ education; values how they

¹⁵ <https://www.ou.edu/coe/ame/resources/capstone>

¹⁶ <https://ou.edu/scr/results>

¹⁷ <https://www.velocityokc.com/blog/inside-okc/student-led-2025-national-medical-device-make-a-thon-thrives-with-support-from-isok-and-greater-okc-chamber/>

¹⁸ https://www.fsaeonline.com/CompResources/2025/c796a916-c2e8-4ce6-bae3-c79f36776556/FSAE_2025_MI5_results.pdf

¹⁹ <https://www.okasce.org/ou-student-group.html>

²⁰ <https://givesooner.org/pages/ou-challenges>

have represented the University of Oklahoma; and reaffirms support for teams' access and use of the Rawl Engineering Practice Facility.

Section 4: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association encourages the Gallogly College of Engineering to have formal meetings with competition team leaders to explore greater avenues of funding for competition teams specifically through the College of Engineering, promote ambitious projects and the failure inherent to the engineering process, and create opportunities for productive conversation with Engineering Competition Teams.

Section-4 5: Copies of this resolution will be sent to:

- Joseph Harroz Jr., President of the University of Oklahoma
- John Klier, Dean
- Rhonda Shehab, Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Faculty Development
- Annette Moran, Assistant Dean of Students
- Zahed Siddique, Associate Dean for Research
- Jeffery Volz, Associate Dean for Partnerships
- Ramkumar Parthasarathy, AME Director and Professor
- Wei Chen, Director and Professor, Stephenson Endowed Chair
- Randall Kolar, CEES Director and Professor
- John Antonio, Dean, Mewbourne College of Earth and Energy and Lester A. Day Family Chair
- Shishir Shah, CS Director and OU Chief Artificial Intelligence Officer
- Dimitrios Papavassiliou, SCBME DIRECTOR
- J.R. Cruz, ECE Director, Tilley Chair Professor
- Michael Santos, Engineering Physics Program Chair and Professor
- Shivakumar Raman, Industrial and Systems Engineering Director
- OU Boomer Rocket Team
- Concrete Canoe
- OU Design/Build/Fly
- Sooner Competitive Robotics
- Sooner Off-Road
- Sooner Racing Team
- Sooner Rover Team
- Steel Bridge
- OU Daily
- OU Nightly
- Medical Device Make-a-thon

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CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-115-10
SENATE RESOLUTION NO. GS26-26

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution acknowledging the importance
of environmentally sustainable practices; and providing
for distribution.

Whereas: April 22, 2026 is Earth Day²¹; and

Whereas: The first Earth Day was held April 22, 1970, with teach-ins on college campuses across
the country²²; and

Whereas: More than 1 billion people in 190+ countries celebrate Earth Day²³; and

Whereas: Earth Day helped lead to the passage of some major U.S. environmental laws²⁴; and

Whereas: Scientists from Cornell University in found that plants absorbed 157 billion metric tons of
Carbon from the atmosphere in 2024²⁵; and

Whereas: 157 billion metric of Carbon is equivalent to about 576 billion metric tons of Carbon
Dioxide (CO₂), using standard EPA conversion²⁶; and

Whereas: Scientists estimate about half of oxygen production comes from Earth's oceans²⁷; and

Whereas: Earth's climate is warming at a rapid pace, not seen for the past 10,000 years²⁸; and

Whereas: This warming is highly influenced by human activity²⁹; and

²¹ Earth Day. "Earth Day 2026 | Theme, Activities, Events & Resources." Accessed April 10, 2026. <https://www.earthday.org/earth-day-2026/>.

²² Earth Day. "Earth Day 2026 | Theme, Activities, Events & Resources." Accessed April 13, 2026. <https://www.earthday.org/earth-day-2026/>.

²³ 4-H Environmental & Outdoor Education. "The History of Earth Day." March 13, 2025. Accessed April 13, 2026.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/news/the-history-of-earth-day>.

²⁴ Earth Day. "Our Successes." Accessed April 13, 2026. <https://www.earthday.org/our-successes/>.

²⁵ Energy, UT-Battelle LLC for the US Department of. "Plant CO2 Uptake Rises by Nearly One Third in New Global Estimates." October 21, 2024. Accessed April 13, 2026. <https://www.ornl.gov/news/plant-co2-uptake-rises-nearly-one-third-new-global-estimates>.

²⁶ "U.S. Energy Information Administration - EIA - Independent Statistics and Analysis." Accessed April 13, 2026.

<https://www.eia.gov/environment/emissions/includes/methodology.php>.

²⁷ "How Much Oxygen Comes from the Ocean?" Accessed April 13, 2026. <https://oceanservice.noaa.gov/facts/ocean-oxygen.html>.

²⁸ Evidence - NASA Science. June 15, 2022. Accessed April 13, 2026. <https://science.nasa.gov/climate-change/evidence/>.

²⁹ *Ibid*.

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- Whereas: 2025 was the third-warmest year on record, since records began in 1850³⁰; and
- Whereas: In February 2026, CO₂ in Earth’s atmosphere was 429 parts per million³¹; and
- Whereas: In November 2025, Methane in Earth’s atmosphere was 1,946 parts per billion³²; and
- Whereas: It is estimated that 60% of the Methane in Earth’s atmosphere are the result of humans³³; and
- Whereas: As of March 2026, the global sea level rose about 3.6 inches since satellites started measuring in 1993; and³⁴
- Whereas: Modern industrial activities have increased CO₂ in Earth’s atmosphere by almost 50% since 1750³⁵; and
- Whereas: The largest source of human greenhouse gas emissions in the U.S. is burning fossil fuels for transportation, heating/air conditioning, and electricity³⁶; and
- Whereas: Since 1950, there has been around 6.9 billion tons of plastic waste³⁷; and
- Whereas: An estimated 19-23 million tons of plastic end up in water ecosystems per year³⁸; and
- Whereas: Since 1950, 91% of plastic waste was not recycled³⁹; and
- Whereas: When tracking the population of 5000+ vertebrates, the average size has shrunk 73% from 1970 to 2020⁴⁰; and
- Whereas: Pollution and habitat change are the strongest motivators of biodiversity loss⁴¹; and

³⁰ National Centers for Environmental Information (NCEI). “Assessing the Global Temperature and Precipitation Analysis in 2025.” January 13, 2026. Accessed April 13, 2026. <https://www.ncei.noaa.gov/news/global-climate-202513>.

³¹ Carbon Dioxide - Earth Indicator - NASA Science. September 25, 2025. Accessed April 13, 2026. <https://science.nasa.gov/earth/explore/earth-indicators/carbon-dioxide/>.

³² Methane - Earth Indicator - NASA Science. September 25, 2025. Accessed April 13, 2026. <https://science.nasa.gov/earth/explore/earth-indicators/methane/>.

³³ *Ibid.*

³⁴ Sea Level - Earth Indicator - NASA Science. September 25, 2025. Accessed April 13, 2026. <https://science.nasa.gov/earth/explore/earth-indicators/sea-level/>.

³⁵ Friedlingstein, Pierre, Michael O’Sullivan, Matthew W. Jones, et al. “Global Carbon Budget 2022.” *Earth System Science Data* 14, no. 11 (2022): 4811–900. Accessed April 13, 2026. <https://doi.org/10.5194/essd-14-4811-2022>.

³⁶ US EPA, OAR. “Sources of Greenhouse Gas Emissions.” Overviews and Factsheets. December 29, 2015. Accessed April 13, 2026. <https://www.epa.gov/ghgemissions/sources-greenhouse-gas-emissions>.

³⁷ “About | UNEP Law and Environment Assistance Platform.” Accessed April 13, 2026. <https://leap.unep.org/en/knowledge/toolkits/plastic/about>.

³⁸ *Ibid.*

³⁹ UC Santa Barbara - Bren School of Environmental Science & Management. “What Percentage of Plastic Is Recycled Globally?” December 18, 2018. Accessed April 13, 2026. <https://bren.ucsb.edu/news/what-percentage-plastic-recycled-globally>.

⁴⁰ “Home.” Accessed April 13, 2026. <https://livingplanet.panda.org/en-US/>.

⁴¹ Keck, François, Tianna Peller, Roman Alther, et al. “The Global Human Impact on Biodiversity.” *Nature* 641, no. 8062 (2025): 395–400. Accessed April 13, 2026. <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41586-025-08752-2>.

Whereas: More than 48,600 species are at risk of extinction⁴²; and

Whereas: That is 28% of all evaluated species⁴³; and

Whereas: About 1/3 of food produced for humans is lost or wasted per year⁴⁴; and

Whereas: That is about 1.3 billion tons of food⁴⁵; and

Whereas: Analyses from the United Nations and leading experts estimate livestock contributed 12-19.6% of global greenhouse gas emissions⁴⁶; and

Whereas: Humans have become a dominant factor shaping the Earth's climate and ecology⁴⁷.

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 "Encouraging Sustainable Practices and Environmental Responsibility Resolution"

Section 2: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association recognizes the importance of environmentally sustainable practices.

Section 3: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association commits to promoting sustainable practices across student life, university activities, and campus operations.

Section 4: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association encourages the campus community to:

- Attend Earth Day events
- Volunteer for Environmental Sustainability Organizations
- Go on the Sustainability Committee's Trash Walk
- Use bio-friendly confetti in graduation photos
- Share Earth facts on social media
- Support renewable energy initiatives
- Leave no trace in nature
- Plant trees
- Start a garden
- Thrift clothes
- Recycle

⁴² IUCN Red List of Threatened Species. "The IUCN Red List of Threatened Species." Accessed April 13, 2026. <https://www.iucnredlist.org/en>.

⁴³ *Ibid.*

⁴⁴ "Global Food Losses and Food Waste." Accessed April 13, 2026. <https://www.fao.org/4/mb060e/mb060e00.htm>.

⁴⁵ *Ibid.*

⁴⁶ The Breakthrough Institute. "Livestock Don't Contribute 14.5% of Global Greenhouse Gas Emissions." Accessed April 13, 2026.

<https://thebreakthrough.org/issues/food-agriculture-environment/livestock-dont-contribute-14-5-of-global-greenhouse-gas-emissions>.

⁴⁷ Chua, Liana, and Hannah Fair. "Anthropocene." *The Open Encyclopedia of Anthropology*, ahead of print, January 8, 2019. Accessed April 13, 2026. <https://doi.org/10.29164/19anthro>.

- Use less plastic
- Commit to living a more environmentally-friendly life overall

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

- Joseph Harroz Jr., President of the University of Oklahoma
- Dr. André-Denis Wright, Senior Vice President and Provost — Norman
- Dr. David A. Surratt, Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students
- Brian Holderread, Vice President for Campus Operations
- Dr. Matthew Rom, Associate Vice President for Facilities Management
- Marissa Pierson, Senior Director for Facilities Management
- Kyle McGehee, Director of Project Management and Engineering — Facilities Management
- Environmental Science Student Association
- OU Green Week
- Soil and Water Conservation Society
- Sustainable Energy Society
- The Geography and Environmental Sustainability Club
- Earthday.org
- OU Daily
- OU Nightly

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AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution recommending the Oklahoma State Legislature maintain current laws regarding weapons on campus; and providing for distribution.

Whereas: Weapons on campus create an unsafe learning and work environment. Furthermore, weapons affect the freedom of academic discourse that The University of Oklahoma strives to provide.; and

Whereas: There have been 814-gun deaths in the state of Oklahoma, with firearms being the leading cause of death for young people.¹; and

Whereas: Oklahoma has a firearm injury death rate of 19.9 out of 100,000 and is ranked as the 11th highest state for gun violence.²; and

Whereas: Currently, Oklahoma state law allows universities and colleges to make their own rules regarding campus gun carry; and

Whereas: Currently, multiple bills in legislative session affect the way that weapons are regulated on campus, those bills being OK HB1358 and OK HB3036, which loosen restrictions on concealed carry firearms on college campuses and for faculty/staff.

¹ CDC. "Oklahoma." *Stats of the States*, 20 Aug. 2025, www.cdc.gov/nchs/state-stats/states/ok.html.

² "State Data: Oklahoma | Center for Gun Violence Solutions." *Center for Gun Violence Solutions*, 2023, publichealth.jhu.edu/center-for-gun-violence-solutions/data/state-gun-violence-data/Oklahoma.

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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 “Campus Safety Resolution of 2026.”

Section 2: The Student Government Association believes campus safety is a priority to students; any changes to current policy would not only reduce campus safety and endanger lives but would also pose a significant detriment to the learning environment.

Section 3: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association encourages the state legislature to maintain current laws regarding weapons on campus, in which the University President has the discretion to allow non-law enforcement personnel to carry weapons on campus when individual circumstances warrant it.

Section 4: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association strongly opposes any changes to state law regarding weapons on college and university campuses.

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

- The University of Oklahoma Board of Regents
- President Joseph Harroz
- Dr. David Surratt, Vice President of Student Affairs and Dean of Students
- OUPD Chief Derek Fuller

Author: Maximilian Frehde, Member of External Affairs

Co-Sponsors: Michael Wintory, Congress Secretary
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CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-115-13

AS INTRODUCED

A Congressional Resolution acknowledging

the importance of the celebration

and recognition of Asian American Pacific Islander Month;

and providing for distribution.

Whereas: May commemorates the first Japanese immigration on May 7th, 1843 and the completion of the transcontinental railroad on May 10th, 1869, where the workers were mostly Chinese immigrants¹; and

Whereas: About 6 percent of Asian or Pacific Islander descent lives in the United States²; and

Whereas: Indian Americans is the biggest Asian-alone population in the United States³; and

Whereas: According to the U.S. Census Bureau, which tracks 41 Asian groups, an estimated 24.7 million Asian people resided in the United States in 2022³; and

Whereas: An estimated 1.8 million Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders lived in the United States in 2022³; and

Whereas: Since the late 1970s, the United States has recognized the contributions of Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander communities each May³; and

Whereas: In 1990, President George H.W. Bush expanded the observance to the full month of May, and in 1992, Congress passed legislation, making it a permanent month-long celebration³; and

Whereas: The first Asians arrived in America through Spain's Pacific Empire, which connected the Spanish colonies in the Philippines and Latin America⁴; and

Whereas: Asian immigrant communities in Hawai'i and the mainland United States emerged due to dislocations from imperial wars, trade, and settlement⁴; and

Whereas: Since World War II, the number of Asian Americans has grown significantly, particularly after the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1965 and the refugee flows beginning in 1975⁴; and

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1 "About Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month." Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month,.

2 "Introduction - Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage (U.S. National Park Service)." Nps.gov, 2024, home.nps.gov/subjects/aapiheritage/introduction.htm.

3 "AANHPI Toolkit - Resources | TAAF." Taaf.org, 2024, www.taaf.org/our-work/aanhpi-toolkit#learn. Accessed 19 Apr. 2026.

4 Lee, Erika , et al. Finding a Path Forward. 18 Oct. 2018.

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 "AAPI Month Resolution of 2026"

Section 2: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association acknowledges and celebrates the month of May as Asian American Pacific Islander Month.

Section 3: OU SGA encourages the student body to take advantage of the month of AAPI to celebrate Asian culture and learn about its history and impact.

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

- President Joseph Harroz Jr
- The OU Daily
- The OU Nightly
- Asian American Association
- Association of Southeast Asian Nations

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CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-115-15
SENATE RESOLUTION NO. GFXX-XX/GSXX-XX

AS INTRODUCED

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

- Whereas: Since 1527, Arab Americans have been present in the United States, with significant waves of immigration beginning in the 1880s, including from Lebanon, Syria, Palestine, Egypt, and Iraq⁴⁸; and
- Whereas: National Arab American Heritage Month, recognized each April, states the presence of Arab Americans in the United States, connecting the past and present to pursue recognition and foster cultural understanding and equity; and
- Whereas: National Arab American Heritage Month works as a bridge toward further education and recognition, as well as celebrates the role that Arab Americans have and continue to play not only in our country's economy, culture, and civic life, but in the broader history of human civilization; and
- Whereas: In today's society, Arab Americans continue to face discrimination on multiple fronts and remain underrepresented at every level⁴⁹;
- Whereas: The recognition of April as National Arab American Heritage Month links Arab Americans across the nation to acknowledge past and present contributions, as well as to come together to address Arabophobia and discrimination on the largest scale possible; and
- Whereas: Additionally, Arab Americans face the fact that federal Census forms have yet to include an official category that accurately reflects this community; and
- Whereas: Arab Americans remain one of the most undercounted communities in the United States, with the American Community Survey recording approximately 2.2 million

⁴⁸ Mark Dzaik, "Arab American Heritage Month," EBSCO, 2025, <https://www.ebsco.com/research-starters/ethnic-and-cultural-studies/arab-american-heritage-month>.

⁴⁹ Ibid.

individuals of Arab ancestry in 2022, while researchers and the Arab American Institute estimate the true population to be significantly higher; and

Whereas: The Arab American population has more than doubled since 1980 and grew by nearly 43% between 2010 and 2024, representing one of the fastest growing groups in the world, with Arab Americans present in all 50 states⁵⁰;

Whereas: In 2023, the FBI recorded 123 anti-Arab hate crime incidents, the highest number since the category was first tracked in 2015, representing a 34% increase from 2022, with researchers noting this figure is a significant undercount of actual incidents⁵¹; and

Whereas: Arab Americans live in all 50 states, with nearly 70% concentrated in twelve states, and up to 95% residing in metropolitan areas⁵², reflecting a deeply rooted and geographically widespread community whose contributions touch every region of the country; and to 3.7 million; and

Whereas: Arab Americans own over 110,000 businesses across the United States, generating billions in annual revenue and contributing to every sector of the American economy; and⁵³; and

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 “Arab American Heritage Month Resolution of 2026”

Section 2: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association acknowledges and celebrates the month of April as Arab American Heritage; and

Section 3: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association encourages the student body to take advantage of the month of April to learn more about Arab Heritage and History and challenges faced by the Arab community, to foster a better environment for access and opportunity to thrive on campus.

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

- Joseph Harroz, Jr., President of the University of Oklahoma
- Belinda Higgs-Hyppolite, Vice President for Access and Opportunity
- David Surratt, Vice President of Student Affairs and Dean of Students

⁵⁰ Jonathan Salant, “US Arab Population Doubles in 20 Years,” The Guardian, December 2, 2003, <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2003/dec/05/israelandthepalestinians.usa>.

⁵¹ Arab American Institute. “AAI Statement on the FBI’s 2023 Hate Crime Data Release: Highest Year on Record for Total Hate Incidents for Third Consecutive Year.” Washington, D.C.: Arab American Institute, September 23, 2024. <https://www.aaiusa.org/library/2023hatecrime>.

⁵² “National Arab American Demographics,” Arab American Institute, accessed April 8, 2026, <https://www.aaiusa.org/demographics>.

⁵³ R.M. Frumkin “Arab American Intergroup Relationships,” EBSCO, 2025, <https://www.ebsco.com/research-starters/ethnic-and-cultural-studies/arab-american-intergroup-relations>.

- Quy Nguyen, Director of Student Life and Assistant Dean of Students
- International Advisory Committee
- International Student Affairs
- Arab Student Association
- Omani Student Association
- Afghan Student Association
- Arab Literature Book Club
- Arabic Club
- Belly Dancing Club
- Turkish Student Association
- *The OU Daily*
- *The OU Nightly*

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CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-115-16

AS INTRODUCED

A Congressional Resolution acknowledging
the importance of the recognition of
Mental Health Month;
and providing for distribution.

Whereas: Mental Health Awareness month, recognized every May since 1949, serves as a vital period for raising awareness, and adds a way for people to support⁵⁴; and

Whereas: University of Oklahoma's Counseling Center reporting a significant rise in students requiring hospitalization for suicidal ideation⁵⁵; and

Whereas: Mental Health Month serves as a lighthouse for students across the University of Oklahoma to come together and create a space where no one is alone; and

Whereas: Emergency Orders of Detention (EODs), a process used when a student is endangering themselves, involving the OU Police Department have increased more than four times the amount since 2014, reaching 30 incidents annually; and

Whereas: Studies show a high frequency of depression among college students at 48.9%, with risk factors like higher academic performance pressure, enrollment in pre-medical or STEM degrees, and poor physical health⁵⁶; and

Whereas: Green is the official color to represent Mental Health Month

Whereas: Mental Health Month acts as a pillar to raise awareness and spread resources to increase resilience and community across campus; and

Whereas: Student mental health problems have tripled, with 1 in 6 undergraduates experiencing mental health problems; and

54 Luo, Ming-ming, et al. "Prevalence of Depressive Tendencies among College Students and the Influence of Attributional Styles on Depressive Tendencies in the Post-Pandemic Era." *Frontiers*, Frontiers, 1 Apr. 2026. www.frontiersin.org/journals/public-health/articles/10.3389/fpubh.2024.1326582/full.

55 Rains, Sierra. "OU Students Face Greater Need for Services as Mental Health Issues Continue to Rise." *OU Daily*, 6 Mar. 2019. www.oudaily.com/news/ou-students-face-greater-need-for-services-as-mental-health-issues-continue-to-rise/article_a0403fac-405d-11e9-8198-cf4423863341.html#:~:text=College%20students%2C%20nationwide%20and%20at,per%20100%2C000%20people%20in%202017

56 Team, Brown University Health Blog, et al. "The Importance of Mental Health Awareness Month." *Brown University Health*, 26 Apr. 2024. www.brownhealth.org/be-well/importance-mental-health-awareness-month.

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Whereas Students are 25% more likely to drop out due to mental health, the most common reason given was emotional stress (69% by bachelor's and 55% of community college students); and

Whereas Undergraduates who attended state schools have, on average, worse mental health compared to students at private schools⁵⁷; and

Whereas Whether diagnosed or not, mental health impacts both students and faculty on a multifaceted scale. Mental health month serves as a pipeline for understanding and creating a safe space on campus; and

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 “Mental Health Month Resolution of 2026”

Section 2: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association acknowledges and the month of May as Mental Health Month

Section 3: OU SGA encourages the student body to take advantage of the month of May to reach out to those around them and learn more about the resources available.

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

- President Joseph Harroz Jr
- The OU Daily
- The OU Nightly
- Director of Advocacy and Education, Ann Schafer
- OU Advocates
- Goddard Counseling Center

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⁵⁷ “Student Mental Health Problems Have Almost Tripled, Study Finds - TASO.” *TASO*, 21 Nov. 2024, taso.org.uk/news-blog/student-mental-health-problems-have-almost-tripled-study-finds/?gad_source=1&gad_campaignid=22821369731&gbraid=0AAAAABoPCRGJkrkWvskvGjdkrmZQnqLAo&gclid=CjwKCAjwhLPOBhBiEiwA8_wJHDNQK0Vn8KX6pLdY4IzITH6oXzXq68hbdknDPoRkFNClpbb-3UeBdBoCK7cQAvD_BwE. Accessed 2 Apr. 2026.

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AS INTRODUCED

A Congressional Resolution acknowledging
the importance of the celebration
and recognition of Pride Month;
and providing for distribution.

Whereas: On June 28th, 1969, a police raid on the Stonewall Inn in New York City sparked a series of protests that became a pivotal turning point in the modern LGBTQ+ rights movement; and

Whereas: The Stonewall uprising brought national visibility to LGBTQ+ activism and catalyzed a broader movement for civil rights and social justice; and

Whereas: On the first anniversary of the Stonewall uprising, the first Pride marches were held in New York City and across the United States, establishing a tradition of public celebration and advocacy that continues today; and⁵⁸

Whereas: The HIV/AIDS epidemic has had a profound and devastating impact on the LGBTQ+ community, with more than 700,000 people in the United States having died from AIDS-related illnesses since the early 1980s⁵⁹; and

Whereas: During the early years of the HIV/AIDS crisis, widespread misinformation and stigma contributed to harmful stereotypes, including the false belief that the disease was exclusively linked to gay men;⁶⁰ and

Whereas: In response, LGBTQ+ activists and organizations, including groups such as ACT UP, mobilized to demand increased medical research, equitable healthcare access, and public awareness, transforming Pride into both a celebration of identity and a movement for survival and justice; and⁶¹

⁵⁸ HISTORY.com Editors. "Pride Month 2024: Origins, Parades & Dates | HISTORY." *HISTORY*, 8 May 2023, www.history.com/articles/pride-month.

⁵⁹ Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. "HIV in the United States and Dependent Areas." *U.S. Department of Health and Human Services*, <https://www.cdc.gov/hiv/statistics/overview/ataglance.html>

⁶⁰ McCarthy, Justin. "Gallup Vault: Fear and Anxiety during the 1980s AIDS Crisis." *Gallup.com*, Gallup, 28 June 2019, news.gallup.com/vault/259643/gallup-vault-fear-anxiety-during-1980s-aids-crisis.aspx.

⁶¹ Takach, Michail. "How AIDS Activists Fought for Patients' Rights | HISTORY." *HISTORY*, 30 Nov. 2022, www.history.com/articles/act-up-aids-patient-rights.

- Whereas: In 1999, President Bill Clinton officially recognized June as Gay and Lesbian Pride Month through Presidential Proclamation No. 7203, marking a significant moment of federal acknowledgement⁶²; and
- Whereas: In 2016, President Barack Obama designated the Stonewall National Monument, the first U.S. national monument dedicated to LGBTQ+ history, preserving the legacy of future generations⁶³; and
- Whereas: Pride celebrations have grown into large-scale events nationwide, with major cities hosting millions of participants annually, demonstrating widespread visibility for LGBTQ+ communities⁶⁴; and
- Whereas: Recent data indicates that approximately 7.6% of adults in the United States identify as part of the LGBTQ+ community, reflecting a growing visibility and recognition of diverse identities⁶⁵; and
- Whereas: LGBTQ+ students make up a significant and visible portion of college campuses, contributing to the diversity, inclusion, and academic vitality of institutions of higher education; and
- Whereas: Norman Pride Weekend is to be hosted May 1-3, with the Norman Pride Parade hosted in Downtown Norman on May 3⁶⁶ to allow for University students to be in attendance.

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 “Pride Month Resolution of 2026”
- Section 2:** The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association acknowledges and celebrates the month of June as Pride Month.
- Section 3:** OU SGA encourages the student body to take advantage of the month of June to celebrate pride and learn about the representative communities here on campus.
- Section 4:** Copies of this resolution will be sent to:
- President Joseph Harroz Jr
 - The OU Daily
 - The OU Nightly
 - Norman Pride

⁶² Clinton, Bill. “Proclamation 7203—Gay and Lesbian Pride Month, 1999”. *The American Presidency Project*, <https://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/documents/proclamation-7203-gay-and-lesbian-pride-month-1999>

⁶³ National Park Service. “Stonewall National Monument.” *U.S. Department of the Interior*, <https://www.nps.gov/ston/index.htm>

⁶⁴ NYC Pride. “NYC Pride Gears Up for 2019 - 2020 Season.” *Heritage of Pride*. <https://www.nycpride.org/news-press-media/nyc-pride-gears-up-for-2019-2020-season#:~:text=The%20WorldPride%20NYC%20%7C%20Stonewall%2050%20season,organizations%20in%20the%20New%20York%20metro%20area.>

⁶⁵ Jones, Jeffrey M. “LGBT Identification in U.S. Ticks Up to 7.6%.” *Gallup*, 2024, <https://news.gallup.com/poll/611864/lgbt-identification.aspx>

⁶⁶ Norman Pride. “Norman Pride Weekend.” <https://www.normanpride.org>

- Queer Student Association
- Laminar
- OU National Gay Pilots Association

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CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-115-18

AS INTRODUCED

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

Whereas: In 2006, Congress passed House Concurrent Resolution 315, which designated May as Jewish Heritage Month; and ¹

Whereas: Jewish Heritage Month serves as a bridge between Jewish communities in the modern era and those in a rich history that dates back thousands of years; and

Whereas: Jewish History Month celebrates the over three hundred fifty years that Jewish Americans have contributed to their communities and nation; and

Whereas: Haym Solomon, a notable Jewish revolutionary figure, funded the Yorktown campaign, which resulted in the British surrender and American independence; and

Whereas: Levi Strauss, a Jewish businessman, founded a small clothing store in California that would later turn into the billion-dollar company and American staple, Levi's jeans; and

Whereas: Albert Einstein, a Jewish scientist, worked closely with Robert Oppenheimer on the Manhattan Project to create the atomic bomb and was later awarded a Nobel Prize in physics; and

Whereas: Stan Lee, a Jewish writer, created the Marvel franchise along with Jewish artist Jack Kirby, which is now worth billions and has its own theme park at Universal Studios; and

Whereas: Ruth Bader Ginsburg, a Jewish lawyer, was the second woman to serve on the Supreme Court of the United States and was an advocate for gender equality; and ²

¹ "What Is Jewish American Heritage Month?" *AJC*, 17 Apr. 2023, www.ajc.org/news/what-is-jewish-american-heritage-month.

² Sichertman, Sarah. "Happy 250th, America! A Brief History of Jews and Religious Freedom in the USA - Berman Hebrew Academy." *Berman Hebrew Academy*, 22 Jan. 2026, www.bermanhebrewacademy.org/2026/01/happy-250th-america-a-brief-history-of-jews-and-religious-freedom-in-the-usa/.

Whereas: Jews have faced a continuous era of discrimination, and even more so in the modern day;
and

Whereas: Over the past ten years, antisemitic incidents of harassment, vandalism, and assault have increased by 893%; and

Whereas: There are around 100,000 Jewish students in colleges across the United States, making up 1.9% of the collegiate population; and ³

Whereas: Since 2023, Antisemitic incidents on college campuses have increased by 83%; and ⁴

Whereas: Nearly half (47%) of American Jewish College students report experiencing antisemitism during their time on campus; and ⁵

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 “Jewish Heritage Month Resolution of 2026”

Section 2: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association acknowledges and celebrates the month of May as Jewish Heritage Month.

Section 3: OU SGA encourages the student body to take advantage of the month of May to learn more about Jewish History, to use the past to create a better future for all students.

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

- President Joseph Harroz Jr.
- The OU Daily
- The OU Nightly
- Jewish Sooners
- Norman Chabad

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Co-Author(s):

Co-Sponsor(s): Delia Benitez, Arts and Sciences Representative

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³ Jewish Telegraphic Agency. “105,000 Jewish Students in U.S. Colleges, B’nai B’rith Finds - Jewish Telegraphic Agency.” *Jewish Telegraphic Agency*, 2018, www.jta.org/archive/105000-jewish-students-in-u-s-colleges-bnai-brith-finds.

4 "Audit of Antisemitic Incidents 2024: Key Insights." *ADL*, 2024, www.adl.org/audit-antisemitic-incidents-2024-key-insights?gclid=Cj0KCQjwkMjOBhC5ARIsADIdb3cSKtCkAYaALFeeYE6vGWaCc2rno4WF2JFsvwm3kMQeSSju6j0DQPgaArRuEALw_wcB.

5 "The State of Antisemitism in America 2025: What You Need to Know." *AJC*, 10 Feb. 2026, www.ajc.org/AntisemitismReport2025#prioritybox.

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CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-115-19

AS INTRODUCED

A Congressional Resolution recognizing May 4-8 as
Teacher Appreciation Week; Thanking Teachers; and
providing for distribution.

- Whereas: Teacher Appreciation Week is May 4-8, 2026; and
- Whereas: The University of Oklahoma has 1,768 teachers⁶⁷; and
- Whereas: There are an estimated 5.7 million teachers in the United States⁶⁸; and
- Whereas: The average teacher will impact more than 3,000 students throughout the course of their career⁶⁹; and
- Whereas: 83% of students surveyed said a teacher helped improve their confidence and self-esteem⁷⁰; and
- Whereas: 88% of people surveyed said their teachers played a significant positive role in their lives⁷¹.

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 “Teacher Appreciation Week Resolution of 2026”.
- Section 2:** The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association recognizes Teacher Appreciation Week as May 4-8.
- Section 3:** The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association appreciates all teachers as they inspire, empower, guide, and mentor us everyday. Your tireless effort, passion, and commitment are the foundation of our growth, maturity, and success. Thank you for all that you do.

⁶⁷ “University of Oklahoma Faculty Matrix Fall 2025” University of Oklahoma Institutional Research & Reporting. <https://www.ou.edu/content/dam/irr/docs/faculty-&-staff-reports/Faculty%20Matrix%202025.pdf>

⁶⁸ “Bureau, US Census. “Back to School: August 2025.” Census.Gov. <https://www.census.gov/newsroom/stories/back-to-school.html..>

⁶⁹ “30 Incredible Teacher Statistics [2023]” Zippia. <https://www.zippia.com/advice/teacher-statistics/>

⁷⁰ “30 Incredible Teacher Statistics [2023]” Zippia. <https://www.zippia.com/advice/teacher-statistics/>

⁷¹ “30 Incredible Teacher Statistics [2023]” Zippia. <https://www.zippia.com/advice/teacher-statistics/>

Section 4: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association suggests the following ways for students to recognize Teacher Appreciation Week:

- Thank your current teachers
- Thank your former teachers
- Share stories about your favorite teacher
- Share how teachers have affected you personally
- Share teacher appreciation messages on social media

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

- Dr. Stephanie Beauchamp, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education Vice-Chancellor of Academic and Student Affairs
- Joseph Harroz Jr., OU President
- Dr. André-Denis Wright, Senior Vice President and Provost – Norman
- Dr. Gary Raskob, Senior Vice President and Provost – OUHSC
- Susan Bynum, J.D., OU Tulsa Vice President
- Dr. David Surrat, Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students
- Dean Denise Stephens, MLS, University Libraries
- Dean John Klier, Ph.D., Gallogy College of Engineering
- Dean Anna Carpenter, J.D., LL.M., College of Law
- Dean Randall Hewes, Ph.D., Graduate College
- Dean Mary Margaret Holt, MFA, Weitzenhoffer Family College of Fine Arts
- Dean Stacy Reeder, Ph.D., Jeannine Rainbolt College of Education
- Dean Laku Chiambaram, Ph.D., Michael F. Price College of Business
- Dean Miloš Savić, Ph.D., College of Professional and Continuing Studies
- Dean Bob Palmer, PhD., College of Atmospheric and Geographic Sciences
- Dean Paul Gilmore, Ph.D., Honors College
- Dean Andrea Miller, Ph.D., Gaylord College of Journalism and Mass Communication
- Dean Michael Markham, Ph.D., Dodge Family College of Arts and Sciences
- Dean John Antonio, Ph.D., Mewbourne College of Earth and Energy
- Dean Hans Butzer, MArch, Christopher C. Gibbs College of Architecture
- Interim Dean Jonathan Stalling, Ph.D., College of International Studies
- OU Faculty Senate
- Dr. Nick Migliorino, Norman Public Schools Superintendent
- OU Daily
- OU Nightly

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CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-115-20

AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution urging University of Oklahoma Parking Services and the University of Oklahoma Police Department to increase monitoring and enforcement of disability parking spaces; and providing for distribution.

Whereas: Access to designated disability parking is essential for student, faculty, and visitor accessibility across the University of Oklahoma campus; and

Whereas: The Americans with Disabilities Act requires a certain number of accessible parking spots, as well as van accessible parking spaces based on the total number of parking spots in the lot or garage; and

Whereas: The University maintains many handicap-accessible spots in multiple areas around campus; and

Whereas: Student complaints have indicated a recurring issue with unauthorized vehicles parking in these designated spots, particularly during after-hours periods; and

Whereas: Current OU Parking Services policy dictates a \$150 fine for parking without a placard and a \$200 fine for fraudulent use, yet consistent illegal parking continues to occur; and

Whereas: OUPD has indicated that while they can respond to after-hours parking violations via their non-emergency number, such calls are handled only as volume allows and are not prioritized over active incidents.

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 “Disability Parking Enforcement and Accessibility Act.”

Section 2: The University of Oklahoma Undergraduate Student Congress urges OU Parking Services and OUPD to develop a more proactive strategy for monitoring disability parking spaces,

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with a specific focus on increasing enforcement during evening and weekend hours when standard parking enforcement isn't viable.

Section 3: The University of Oklahoma Undergraduate Student Congress suggests the following actions to improve accessibility:

- Increase after-hours patrols, specifically targeting high-density areas like the dorm parking areas, Dale Hall parking lot, and areas near the Student Union.
- Placing signage near disability parking spots with the OUPD non-emergency number to encourage reports of violations.
- Utilize and expand existing policy to ticket vehicles illegally parked and tow vehicles that are found to be repeat offenders to deter continuous illegal parking.

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
- Derek Fuller, Police Chief of the University of Oklahoma Police Department
- Kris Glenn, Director of Parking and Transportation Services

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Co-Sponsor(s):

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CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-115-28

AS INTRODUCED

An Act of Procedure amending the Bylaws to reflect the necessary changes to the expulsion process; 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 “Expulsion Bylaw Update”
- Section 2:** Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to amend the Undergraduate Student Congress’s Bylaws to clarify the process for members pending expulsion to advocate during a regular meeting.
- Section 3:** AMENDATORY: The University of Oklahoma Undergraduate Student Congress’s Bylaws Section 3.4 is amended as follows. For the purposes of this bill, all items removed shall be denoted with a ~~striketrough~~. All items added shall be denoted with an underline.

2. EXPULSION FROM STUDENT CONGRESS FOR ABSENCES

1. A member of Congress may accrue three (3) unexcused absences, aggregated from general body meetings, committee meetings, and monthly constituent service requirements, without being eligible for expulsion for excessive unexcused absences.
2. Absences may be excused at the discretion of the Secretary. All absences not excused shall be recorded as unexcused. Additionally, for an excused absence to be counted as such, the member must notify their committee secretary 24 hours prior to said meeting. Exceptions to this rule may be made at the discretion of the Committee Chair. These exceptions may be made in accordance with ADRC guidelines, or under other special circumstances, provided that the member notifies the secretary as soon as reasonably possible.
3. In the case of foreseeable, repetitive absences a member may petition the executive committee of the Undergraduate Student Congress for an attendance waiver.
4. In the event that a member of Congress has accrued multiple absences, the Student Congress Secretary shall make a concerted effort to contact the member so that the member is aware of their accrued absences.
5. In the event that a member of Congress accrues at least four (4) nonconsecutive or third (3rd) consecutive unexcused absences—regardless of if they are consecutive or non-

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consecutive—in the current legislative session, said member may be expelled from Student Congress. Absences for every member of Congress shall be set to zero (0) at the start of each new session.

6. Upon accruing the fourth (4th) nonconsecutive or third (3rd) consecutive absence, the Student Congress Secretary shall prepare an act of procedure to expel any member of Congress who has accrued excessive unexcused absences. Additionally, two consecutive unexcused absences from committee meetings will require the member to meet privately with the committee chair.
7. This act of expulsion shall be brought before the Executive Committee at its most immediate meeting. If the act receives a “Do Pass” or “No Recommendation” recommendation, it shall appear before Student Congress on the agenda at the next regular general meeting.
8. While the inclusion of the act of expulsion on the agenda shall be considered notice of pending expulsion, the Student Congress Secretary shall notify the member of Congress in question about the pending legislation by electronic mail to said Congressional member's university-sponsored electronic mail account.
 - a. If the member(s) up for expulsion attends the meeting at which the expulsion bill is being seen, Congress will divide the question. During the Author's Explanation, the Congress Secretary will list their absences, and the rest of the time will be left for the listed member to speak.
9. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of representatives present and voting is required to expel a member.
 - a. If an act of expulsion of a member of Congress fails, that member must accrue two (2) additional unexcused absences before they are again eligible for expulsion in the same session, by the above procedure.
 - b. If a committee officer is successfully expelled, that committee officer is removed from their position and loses their seat if they possess one. If a member is successfully expelled, that member loses their seat.
 - c. If a member is successfully expelled, they are not eligible to be appointed to any district until the session in which the member was expelled has passed. All of the following shall apply only to the application process and shall not affect the election process in any way.
 - i. After the session in which the member was expelled has passed, the expelled member may be allowed to apply for a district's seat, should the seat be vacant. The expelled member should receive the same application process as does a new applicant.
 1. If a formerly expelled member returns to their seat in the next session and subsequently is expelled a second (2nd) time, then they may be allowed to reapply in the next session as associates only.
 2. Upon a third (3rd) expulsion for the member having been reappointed as an associate, that member should be automatically considered expelled for life in the application process, waivable by the Executive Committee upon review.

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

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