

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS

Session CXIII

General Body Meeting

7:00 pm, Tuesday, April 8th, 2025

Dale 103

Call to Order- 7:00 pm

Opening Roll Call

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

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

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

On a motion to approve the minutes Kathuria seconded by Fisher

Approval of Minutes | March 25, 2025

Officer Reports -

- **Chair's Report:** Hello everyone, welcome back to Congress. I know it was a little crazy with us having to cancel our meeting last week, so I appreciate all of you being here, especially our associates who normally are at our first meeting of the month. Thank you for taking the time to come today. Next week, we're going to be doing nominations for our Big three with Congress, so that's for Congress Chair, Congress vice chair and Congress secretary. Everybody running must have a nomination by a representative and it must be seconded by a representative. If you are somebody who is giving a nomination, make sure that you're not losing your representative seat. At our next meeting, we'll probably have our official election results so our new reps will be getting sworn in at that time, so if you're going to be losing your seat, please don't give a nomination because you won't be a rep anymore and it would be invalid. Just something to think about there and then we also have a very special guest speaker with us today. I'll give a much nicer introduction when we get there but all I ask is when our guest speaker is speaking today, please put away all technology and give your full attention to our guest.
- **Vice Chair's Report:** Howdy y'all! I've got a short presentation for you today, mainly because there are a few QR codes I want to share. First up is my Vice Chair Feedback Form. If there's anything you'd like me to work on, or things you think I'm doing well and should keep doing, feel free to drop that in there. Of course, you're always welcome to talk to me

directly too, but this is a low-pressure way to share any constructive feedback you've got. I've also gotten a lot of questions about what exactly a CSP is. So this next slide just gives a quick rundown of that, straight from the bylaws. And finally, the last slide has the link to submit your CSP. It's the same one that's pinned in the GroupMe. Even though our session officially ends on the 22nd, make sure you get yours in to avoid an unexcused absence. That's important, especially if you're thinking about running for a position later, since one of the first questions asked is how many unexcused absences you've had. That's all I got! Thank you!

- **Secretary's Report:** Hi everyone, I just have a few things that I want to say. First if you are an associate here is the QR code please scan it and fill out the form so that I can mark you as present. Second, if you are considering running for Secretary, please come and see me so that I can discuss the role in depth with you. There is a lot more to the role than just writing minutes and I want to make sure that those who are interested are aware of the responsibilities within the role. While I don't want to discourage anyone from running, I do want those who are planning to run to be aware of what the role entails.

Committee Reports-

- **Campus Outreach, Safety, and Concerns:** COSCO met officially this past Sunday. We had a pretty chill meeting and just went over some project updates. Last Thursday, I met with Magen Bednar, Head of the Bizzell User Services Team. She gave some insightful updates regarding COSCO's project to expand the hours of the Bizzell Memorial Library. It looks like the library administrators are strongly considering making finals week hours the same as regular hours, but making the library stay open for 24 hours during dead week and the weekend in between dead week and finals week. I was told that the library administrators will be announcing any changes they make in June so I encourage you all to be on the lookout for that. Also, I was told that the northeast part of the Bizzell Memorial Library is expected to get significant renovations in September 2025 to modernize it. At our meeting, we also gave Bill CR-113-06 a recommendation of do pass. Lastly, COSCO will be holding the last light walk of the semester this upcoming Sunday, April 13th. I sent out a sign-up sheet in the GroupMe yesterday, and I NEED you all to sign up if you want to participate. I use the sign-up sheet to create a separate GroupMe for the light walk, and you will not be able to fully participate if you do not sign up since you won't be added to the group where we submit pictures of lights that are out.
- **Congressional Administration:** ConAd met officially this Sunday, and we went over all of our projects, including bad conduct and student conduct. I also would like to thank everyone who showed up for election tabling last week!
- **External Affairs:** Hi everyone! EA did not meet this past weekend, but we still have a lot of exciting things coming up! Thank you to all who signed up for Higher Education Day! We will be doing that next Tuesday from 8-4 and if you signed up, I will be sending an email out tomorrow with all the details you'll need so please be on the lookout! We also have our upcoming Minimum Wage panel that we are cohosting with econ club! As a reminder that will be on April 25th from 3pm-5pm in the forum room in the Thurman White Forum building so please mark your calendars. We will have Breea Clark moderating the panel and a bunch of great panelists for this debate! Have a great week!
- **Human Diversity:** Hi, we met unofficially this past Sunday. We are still waiting on one of our projects. The Open discussion forum is looking like it is going to be next semester. They finally reached out to us and said that they are not able to host this semester, but to contact them again in the fall so we will get preparations for that. Not this weekend but last weekend we saw CR-113-05, we gave it a recommendation of do pass and I would also like to note

that it is two first time authors so shout out to that when we get to that. Other than that have a great rest of your week.

- **Sustainability:** Good evening, Susty met officially this past Sunday, and we scheduled our final trash walk, which will take place in partnership with Green Week on April 26th from 12-2pm at the Duck Pond. Although this is after the session ends, I trust that we will still have high participation since all of you volunteer out of the goodness of your own hearts, rather than for a CSP. We also discussed partnerships with environmental orgs throughout Earth month, and we will try to promote those events during announcements and comments. Also, we are seeing some great support for our confetti awareness signs across campus. I encourage all of you to promote these signs on social media, and to encourage your peers to be conscious of their confetti choices. Shoutout to Kayla Hynes for making these signs happen. That's all I have, thank you!
- **University Policy:** Hi everyone Upol met officially this weekend. We saw two pieces of legislation. CR-113-07 and CB-113-25 we gave both of those recommendation of do pass. We are only seeing CB-113-25 today, we'll see the resolution next week. We also kind of discussed some of our group outing plans for the OU Texas softball game. I will have some more plans for you guys on that after a bit of consideration. We're going to try and get all of Congress to go, so we're trying to figure out the ticket and logistics for that, but that will be April 27th, I believe, which April 27th or 25th, this Sunday game, that is the third game in the series, so we'd like to try and see if we can get all the Congress to show up for that game and then other than that, I don't know that we have a ton going on. We do have one petition circulating, which, as of last time I checked had over 600 signatures, for changing our current meal swipes programs changing the options we have for housing food services, and then we also currently have our minimum wage survey for students, which will be acting until May 9th.
- **Ways and Means:** Last week WAM got a short video made to show students what a WAM meeting looks like, and now we're working on putting finishing touches on a long-form video meant to act as a one-stop-shop for any treasurer hoping to learn about funding, how to apply for it, and how to spend it.

Liaison Reports

Special Orders

- Diana Awuor from the ADRC
- Address from New President Avery Dunlap
- Congress Member of the Month and New Member of the Month
 - George and Keaton Shaffer
 - Ava Burnett and Coleman Morgan

Student Concerns

- **Evans-** So I was in ROTC the other day as I am and I doing a presentation on President's and all of a sudden all of my shipmates he talked about these issues on campus, and they want sidewalks on campus. I got a consensus of about 40 kids, my peers in my class, and like everyone that was in the room was like there are not enough sidewalks on campus especially because as ROTC students we aren't allowed to jaywalk like a lot of students do. So, we have to have those crosswalks in convenient places to be able to walk on campus. Especially in front of the residence halls they feel as if there is not enough, so they need. I don't know what committee that is, but yeah that's a campus concern.

- **Kathuria-** I do want to bring up, I have been receiving multiple concerns from multiple constituents including the COSCO Chair regarding confetti not being cleaned up on campus.

Items to Be Considered

On a motion to see CR-113-05 Oler seconded by Ball

- CR-113-05 “Women’s History Month of 2025” (Higareda Castillo/ Mosisa) (Rec of Due Pass)

Author’s Explanation:

Higareda Castillo- Hi guys I am Lilly Higareda Castillo.

Mosisa - I am Lilly Mosisa.

Higareda Castillo- And it is a little late but better late than never, a lot of love and research went into it, but first of all I want to ask all of you to think of a woman who has impacted you or your life heavily. It can be a family member, a fellow colleague, or a mentor. Women’s contributions are important to our society and in history and with this concurrent resolution we aim to acknowledge the importance of preservation and recognition of Women’s History Month.

Mosisa- This resolution is not just about honoring the women who came before us, but about standing with those that continue to fight today. Gender discrimination remains a reality, affecting access to education, economic opportunities, health care research and safety. In the US, women still earn about 83 cents per every dollar that a man earns. Additionally one in three women experience rape or physical or intimate partner violence and 1 in 5 face such violence in college.

Higareda Castillo- As students it is crucial to be aware of these on going issues. We hope this bills inspires more awareness of gender discrimination and women’s history, fostering an environment with gender equality can truly strengthen our place.

6:32 remaining for questions

- **Kathuria-** Are you aware about the fact that the current United States Presidential Administration has actually been restricting the word woman from being used by federal agencies?
 - **Higareda Castillo-** I was aware of the restrictions on social media, such as Instagram and Tik Tok, but I was not aware of that.
- **Wintory-** Would you accept a friendly amendment to add me as a co-sponsor?
 - Yes.
- **Evans-** Would you accept a friendly amendment in the copies of the resolution section 4 to change Woman in Engineering to Society of Women’s Engineers?
 - Yes.
- **Kathuria-** To be specific are you aware that the current US Presidential administration has restricted the word woman on official websites, documents, and other public texts?
 - **Higareda Castillo-** I was not aware of that.
- **Aslam-** Do you think there is a lack of context presented with some of the information represented in these whereas clauses?
 - **Higareda Castillo-** There may be. I was trying to acknowledge the information about the gender gap and payments to make anyone reading the bill aware of the contribution of women in education compared to men and also I use the reference of past resolutions in Women’s History and all of them had statistics like this. So I updated them to the ones listed.

32-1-0

On a motion to see CB-113-23 Robinson seconded by Christiansen

- CB-113-23 “Safety of OU Survey Act of 2025”. (Keupen) (Rec of Due Pass)

Author’s Explanation:

So basically this bill just authorizes a campus wide survey to access how students, faculty and staff, feel like how safe they feel at night and the goal is to collect honest feedback about night time safety, violate awareness and use of current safety resources and identify specific areas for improvement, like lighting, security presence or transportation, and then these responses will be anonymous and the results will help guide future advocacy and policy decisions and just by passing this bill, we're taking a proactive step to ensure a safer campus for everyone.

7:12 remaining for questions

- **Harris-** Would you be in favor of a friendly amendment adding the OU police department emergency line to your introduction?
 - Yes.

34-0-0 unanimous pass

On a motion to see CB-113-24 Hallum seconded by Richardson

- CB-113-24 “Session 113 Expulsion Bill No.3) (Harris) (Rec of no Rec)

Author’s Explanation:

This is an expulsion bill for Lauren Stubbs. She is in HD. She has more than 4 absences and if I am recalling correctly has not been to a SGA meeting, including within her committee and the general body meetings. She was an appointed representative last semester and also had accrued a lot of absences. I have reached out to her on multiple occasions last semester and this semester. This semester she had responded to my email saying that she was very sorry and would start to attend committee meetings again but then proceeded to continue not showing up. I reached out to her again about her not showing up like she said she would, and she never responded to that email which is why we are seeing this bill today.

7:16 remaining for questions

- **Kathuria-** Did the person who is on the bill did they ask to be changed from a representative to an associate seat I believe at the end of the Fall 2024 semester or early Spring 2025 semester?
 - So they were just appointed from the GenApp I believe and then once the fall election happened they never reran for a seat, so they lost their seat to whoever won in the fall.

34-0-0 unanimous pass

On a motion to see CB-113-25 Aslam seconded by Robinson

- CB-113-25 “Conoco Student Leadership Center Pilot Program Extension Act of 2025.” (Dunlap/Wolthuis) (Rec of Due Pass)

Author’s Explanation:

Chief of Staff Wolthuis- Hello everyone this is Ellie and I'm Avery. We are about to present this. So for those of you that were in the body last year you might remember seeing a very, very similar resolution come through. This year, we are doing a very similar thing. So essentially the way that the Conoco used to be structured is the second and third floor, those spaces were allocated two specific RSO's across campus. Obviously there are not that many offices, so it was only a very, very small handful out of the 550 RSO's on campus that were actually able to use those office spaces. Those were their offices. However, a lot of the offices did not get used. A lot of them were used by their storage offices. No one was ever in them. So the space was kind of gone to waste. Essentially, every year, it was kind of brought into discussion when we had the reallocate these spaces do we consider doing it like this, or we do try to reimagine in this space to turn it into something bigger that can benefit all RSOs? So, last year I believe February, perhaps, when Caden and Cyrus had first started

their administration, they decided let's do something different. Let's restructure this to fit all RSO's and let's turn it into a reservable space, so RSOs can go in, reserve these spaces for meetings, interviews if they need them, whatever those RSOs deems fit for their mission, and they can reserve them. So, we started a pilot program last year. It was supposed to last this entire academic year, however, because of renovations to those spaces, it got very delayed and we only are able to start collecting data this semester. So, this bill is just elongating that pilot program to give us a full academic year to really collect that data.

President Dunlap- Questions that came up in committee were what is the max amount of time students can reserve those spaces? It is four hours per day. How students reserve them, specifically, is through an RSO you have to be registered with an RSO. So if you on the Engage page for that RSO, you can, reserve the room for that RSO use. It's not can I reserve it to study, like the biz or other rooms, maybe in the union. You have to have an RSO and be linked to an RSO on Engage. And again, the max is four hours per day. That can all be done at once or at separate times, so four hours per day. And it is not reoccurring. You can't say 1 o'clock to 5 o'clock every day of the week. You have to register each day for that reservation.

5:51 remaining for questions

- **Donald-** You mentioned that you have not had much time to gather feedback. Have you gathered any preliminarily feedback regarding the use of this and if so what?
 - **Chief of Staff Wolthuis-** Yes absolutely so George may be able to answer the what side of that, but Miss Mary that you all know and love in the Conoco, she goes around and does head counts to see how often those spaces are being used, how often we see bodies in those spaces. So that it is something that has been collected. We have only been able to be in this pilot program for about 2 months now I believe. So it is all very early data and we are still waiting to get that feedback to really push it to RSO's.
 - **President Dunlap-** And on the back end of that of the website side of course it shows us what reservations are being shown, so also Miss Mary is counting there is a reservation at 2 pm are students actually in there at 2pm. Otherwise students are free to use office spaces until there is a registration for that room.
- **Fisher-** In the case that we say no to this bill, do we know what would happen exactly, like if we say no to this extension?
 - **Chief of Staff Wolthuis-** We would have to have quite the conversation with Bid Exec and figure it out.
 - **President Dunlap-** Yes the bill was written to collect data so we could decide whether to go back to the old system or go to what the pilot program is. The new system created through the pilot program.
 - **Chief of Staff Wolthuis-** Yes, I would assume that if this were to fail we would have to just put it into law or into our Code Annotated. This is so we can really test and make sure that this system is going to benefit RSOs. If this pilot program were to fail we would not be able to have the pilot program, we would just have to write the new restructuring into our code.
- **Fisher-** I guess for more clarification is this for the sake of extending the program entirely or for the sake of gathering data?
 - **Chief of Staff Wolthuis-** Data collection. So right now its pilot program because we are not writing it into our Code. If we wrote it into our code, it would be indefinite. This is a system that we would 100% adopt, we would not rethink anything. This would be the system. It is a pilot program so we can continue to collect that data,

tweak anything if necessary and then next year when this pilot program officially ends, we are able to say ok we think it should be 5 hours instead of 4 hours we are going to write that into the code. We think it should be done this way that is the gist of it if that makes more sense.

- **Kathuria-** Would you accept a friendly amendment to add a new section to this bill saying that registered student organizations can only reserve an allocated space for up to 4 hours in a given day?
 - Chief of Staff Wolthuis- Yeah that's a function, I guess we could, for transparency. Sure.

34-0-0 unanimous pass

On a motion to see CR-113-06 Wang seconded by Richardson

- CR-113-06 "Scholars Walk Revival Resolution." (Lim/Shibu) (Rec of Due Pass)

Author's Explanation:

Lim- Hello everyone my name is Aaron Lim.

Shibu- My name is Saniya Shibu.

Lim- And we are from the COSCO Committee here to present the bill to revive the Scholar's Walk. So what the heck is Scholar's Walk? If you walk on the east side of the South Oval, you'll notice that on the side with the bikeway, there are these embedded plaques that honor these students that won nationally competitive scholarships.

Shibu- It hasn't been updated since 2019. There's been about 30 plus students from the University of Oklahoma that have received one of these competitive scholarships and there's a lot of empty plaques and these students aren't being acknowledged for their high achievements from receiving these really competitive scholarships.

Lim- And that's why we are here to urge the office of the President to revive the Scholar's Walk project and to honor these students and of course have the current student body to be motivated to pursue these nationally prestigious awards and these scholarships are a really big deal. They represent top one percent of the undergrads in the United States. So, it's a good way to honor them and that's it

6:38 remaining for questions

- **Fisher-** When considering what scholarships to add to the scholarship walk would you add scholarships that are not listed on the bill, for example the Astronaut Scholarship which is considered equally competitive to these others?
 - **Lim-** Yes so some of these new scholarships we would work closely with the advisor for these nationally competitive scholarships, who got them in the past, in 2019 to finish putting these names into the plaques. So yes, so anything that comes directly from the Honor's College and outside will be considered.
- **Iglehart-** Do we know why the Scholar's Walk hasn't been updated since 2019?
 - **Aslam-** So basically the exact reasoning was unclear. The OU President, the new one that we currently have President Harroz, he has not really revived it. He hasn't really given an exact justification, but it essentially is just a recent change and we don't know the exact reasoning why. Which is why we are putting out this bill to hopefully, possibility get some feedback and open dialogue with the people responsible for it.
- **Wintory-** From what I understand the website that recognizes these scholar's is also not being updated since 2016 is the website included? Do you plan to do a separate resolution or do you have any plan to maybe urge the University to acknowledge these people online?

- **Aslam-** So if you look at section 3 of this bill it says “The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association encourages the University to update its public-facing scholarship recipient webpage” so that is included in this.

34-0-0 unanimous pass

Follow-Up Reports

Announcements and Comments

- **Mirza-** Hi everyone my name is Zain. So I am currently working on a resolution to get a survey to increase the number of new subscriptions we have access to as OU students. I am trying to get information of what news services would be most helpful to students. So if any of you have any recommendations and they don't just have to be news, they can be like databases, medical journals, anything you might need access to you. If any of you have any recommendations feel free to come talk to me I will be around.
- **Hallum-** Hi everyone I am working on a project to lower the price of our meal plans here at OU they are quite expensive and the best way to do this project was to have a petition created I am going to probably set this petition up on these two side tables over here so after we adjourn tonight I would really appreciate your signatures tonight.
- **Benitez-Mendoza-** I would just like to make a comment regarding the small discussion we had during the past that we had for women's history month. Just a reminder to everyone in the body that the current state of this room does not have to directly affect the work here that we do in SGA. All these limitations, all of these targeting are mainly for the administrative side of campus which are people that work on campus. It doesn't affect us on campus as students and it specifically does not have to effect us as representatives and people that are a part of the SGA. I know that there are a lot of controversies and uncomfortable moments for everyone about certain political topics, but it is really important to remember that when it comes to writing bills and the things that are passed here it doesn't have to be effective to the things that are happening federally.
- **George-** I just want to remind any authors who are presenting in GSS to make sure they get to the GSS meeting on Thursday. Just make sure it is on their radar. If you are writing a concurrent resolution you present it at GSS on Thursday.
- **Robinson-** So the Institute for the American Constitutional heritage society of Fellows is the application for that program is open. It comes with a \$1200 scholarship, it is relatively competitive. That is going to be due April 11th at noon all you need is a resume, course list, GPA, a faculty reference and a one page description of a constitutional question or problem injustice, that is up to you, and that will go to ISCH@ou.edu, I will put the flyer in GroupMe. If any of you are interested all that is required is that you attend 6 dinners to have a discussion with some guest speakers.
- **Kathuria-** I first want to give a shoutout to associate Brocke Graham for coming to my senior capstone project about binge drinking awareness and for those that were unable to make it, do not fret, do not worry. I will make a condensed version of the presentation as I did record the whole presentative and you will have the opportunity to fill out the post survey so I will get that sent out in the group chat hopefully tomorrow, so if you can do that for me that would be fantastic thank you so much.
- **Richardson-** I will speak on the behalf of SUSTY even though I am not the Chair. We are aware of confetti usage please continue sending us pictures we are thinking of working on a resolution to possibly get this problem more awareness as obviously we know about, so students know we need the whole campus's support on cracking down on confetti usage.

- **Vice Chair Gilson-Bond-** I want to reiterate please order your Congress crewneck if you want to. It closes at 9am I don't know who's waking up at 9am to spend money, but if you want to you do you, but please order tonight if you plan on ordering one.

Final Roll Call

On a motion to adjourn Carter seconded by Cody Walker

Adjourn- 8:29 pm

Chair: Hope Rhoads

Vice Chair: Aaron Gilson-Bond

Secretary: Chloe Harris

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CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-113-05
SENATE RESOLUTION NO. GFXX-XX/GSXX-XX

AS INTRODUCED

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Section 1: Title: This resolution shall be known and may be cited as the "Women's History Month of 2025"

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

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

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

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

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Alexandra Toyos, Arts and Sciences District Representative
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⁹ Pike, Hannah . "OU's Sex Distribution Varies across Colleges despite Efforts for Gender Equality." OU Daily, March 24, 2017. https://www.oudaily.com/news/ous-sex-distribution-varies-across-colleges-despite-efforts-for-gender-equality/article_c4322396-10a1-11e7-bbaa-e3fae8ef3bd4.html#:~:text=These%20colleges%20combined%20have%20about

Submitted on a motion by: Representative Oler seconded by Representative Ball

Action taken by Congress: 32-1-0

Verified by Chair of Congress: _____ Date: _____

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CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CXIII

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CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-113-23

AS INTRODUCED

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Pre-Survey Introduction and Purpose:

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

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

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

essential, and your input is key in identifying areas for improvement.

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

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

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

Block 1: General Information

1. What is your current status at OU?
 - Undergraduate Student
 - Graduate Student
 - Faculty/Staff
 - Other (please specify)
 - a. Question logic: Display this question If “What is your current status at OU? Undergraduate Student” is selected – What year in school are you? (by actual year, not credit hours)
(Multiple choice)
 - Freshman
 - Sophomore
 - Junior
 - Senior
2. What gender do you identify as?
 - Male
 - Female
 - Non-binary/third gender
 - Prefer not to say
3. Do you live on or off campus?
 - On campus
 - Off campus (within walking distance)
 - Off campus (requires driving or public transportation)
4. How often are you on campus at night (after dark)?
 - Almost every night
 - A few nights per week
 - A few nights per month
 - Rarely
 - Never

Block 2: Perceived Safety

5. On a scale of 1 to 5, how safe do you feel walking alone on campus at night?
 - 1 = Very unsafe
 - 2 = Somewhat safe
 - 3 = Neutral
 - 4 = Somewhat safe

- 5 = Very safe
- a. Question logic: Display this question If “On a scale of 1 to 5, how safe do you feel walking alone at night? Very unsafe, Somewhat unsafe, Neutral” is selected - Which areas on campus do you feel the least safe at night? (Check all that apply)
 - Campus parking lots/garages
 - Sidewalks and pathways
 - Near dorms/apartments
 - Around academic buildings
 - Athletic facilities
 - None
 - Other (text box)
- 6. Have you ever felt unsafe enough to change your plans (e.g., avoiding walking alone, taking a different route, or leaving campus early)?
 - Yes, frequently
 - Yes, occasionally
 - No
 - Not applicable
- 7. Do you use any safety measures when walking on campus at night? (Check all that apply)
 - Walking with friends or in a group
 - Carrying personal safety items (e.g. pepper spray, alarm, etc.)
 - Using campus-provided safety resources (e.g. SafeWalk, emergency call boxes)
 - Avoiding certain areas
 - I don’t take any specific safety measures
 - Other (text box)

Block 3: Campus Safety Resources and Improvements

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

11. If you have any specific concerns or suggestions regarding campus safety at night, please share them below (text box)

Block 4: End of Survey

In case of emergency, call **911** immediately.

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

For non-emergency campus safety concerns, contact the **OU Police Department (OUPD)** at **(405) 325-1717**.

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

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

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

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

Submitted on a motion by: Representative Robinson seconded by Representative Christiansen

Action taken by Congress: 34-0-0

Verified by Chair of Congress: _____ Date: _____

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CXIII

Month Day, 2025

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-113-24

AS INTRODUCED

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

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

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

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

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

Expulsion: Lauren Stubbs

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

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

Submitted on a Motion by: Representative Hallum seconded by Representative Richardson

Action taken by Congress: 34-0-0

Verified by Chair: _____ Date: _____

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CXIII

April 8, 2025

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GSXX/GFXX
Month DD, YYYY

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-113-25
SENATE BILL GSXX-XX/GFXX-XX

AS INTRODUCED

An Act creating a Pilot Program for allocating space 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 Pilot Program Extension Act of 2025.”
- Section 2:** Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to extend the date of the Pilot Program for the 2nd and 3rd floors of the Conoco Student Leadership Center.
- Section 3:** Continuing in Fall 2025, RSOs will reserve times to use spaces on the 2nd and 3rd floors of the Conoco Student Leadership Center. All RSOs registered on Engage can reserve times for up to four hours on a given day, and no RSO will be allocated an exclusive, individual space.
- Section 4:** The goal of the Pilot Program has been to optimize student space as well as provide equitable and accessible spaces for students to engage and collaborate with one another. In addition, the Pilot Program will continue to be a free, reservable, multipurpose space to meet the greater RSO community’s needs.
- Section 5:** After the Pilot period, the Space Allocation Committee shall evaluate the utilization of the space. Upon further consideration, the Space Allocation Committee shall continue or discontinue the Program based on student feedback and space usage.
- Section 6:** This act shall become effective when passed in accordance with the SGA Constitution.
- Authors:** Avery Dunlap, President
Ellie Wolthuis, Chief of Staff
- Co-Authors:** Hope Rhoads, Congress Chair

Submitted on a Motion by: Representative Aslam seconded by Representative Robinson
Action taken by Congress: 34-0-0

Verified by Chair of Congress: _____ Date:_____

Submitted on a Motion by:

Action taken by Senate

Verified by Chair of Senate: _____ Date:_____

Approved by SGA President: _____ Date:_____

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CXIII
April 08, 2025

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GS25
April XX, 2025

CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-113-06
SENATE RESOLUTION NO. GS25-XX

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution encouraging the revival of the
Scholars Walk and providing for distribution.

- Whereas: The University of Oklahoma has long prided itself on being a nationally recognized academic and research institution, producing recipients of competitive and prestigious national scholarships, including but not limited to 130 Fulbright Scholars, 63 Goldwater Recipients, 38 Boren Scholars, 30 Rhodes Scholars, 14 Truman Scholars, 8 Marshall Scholars, 7 Udall Recipients, 1 Gates Cambridge Recipient, and 1 Mitchell Scholar¹⁰; and
- Whereas: The Scholars Walk was constructed in the summer of 2014 to honor the names of all OU undergraduate and graduate students who have won the most prestigious national and international academic scholarships since 1890, with engraved plaques permanently embedded in the walkway on the east side of the South Oval¹¹; and
- Whereas: The Scholars Walk is a prominent stop on campus tours, often highlighted by student guides as a symbol of OU's academic prestige and commitment to excellence, yet its current outdated state presents an incomplete and misleading image of student achievement to prospective students and their families; and
- Whereas: The South Oval, where the Walk is located, serves as one of the most heavily trafficked and visible parts of campus - making the Scholars Walk a key opportunity for OU to showcase its academic legacy to visitors, students, faculty, and alumni alike; and
- Whereas: Despite the Walk's visibility, its lack of updates sends an unintended message that recent academic success is no longer institutionally recognized or celebrated; and

¹⁰ "Nationally Competitive Scholarships and Fellows." The University of Oklahoma, August 29, 2024. <https://www.ou.edu/honors/scholarships/national>.

¹¹ "Scholars Walk." The University of Oklahoma, August 5, 2021. <https://www.ou.edu/scholarswalk>.

- Whereas: The plaques on the South Oval have not been updated since 2019, despite the fact that there are 44 open spots titled “Scholars Walk” with no names on them, and 37 nationally recognized award recipients since then, including 16 Fulbright Scholars, 9 Goldwater Scholars, 5 Boren Scholars, 2 Truman Scholars, 1 Mitchell Scholar, and 1 Rhodes Scholar; and
- Whereas: The existence of blank, unused plaques creates a dissonance between what is advertised to the public and what has been preserved, weakening trust in the continuity of OU’s traditions; and
- Whereas: The University of Oklahoma’s website listing recipients of nationally competitive scholarships has not been updated since 2016¹²; and
- Whereas: Recognition of academic achievement should hold equal visibility and institutional value as other high-profile disciplines, including athletics, performing arts, and leadership organizations; and
- Whereas: Honoring student scholars alongside other celebrated groups reinforces a balanced campus culture that values intellectual, creative, and athletic excellence alike; and
- Whereas: Peer institutions such as the University of Minnesota¹³, University of Houston¹⁴, and others maintain academic walks, digital showcases, or engraved monuments to celebrate student excellence, reinforcing their commitment to academic achievement and competitiveness; and
- Whereas: The students honored on the Walk are often those whose academic achievements bring national visibility to OU, through publications, research, fellowships, and leadership, further justifying institutional celebration and archival; and
- Whereas: Reinstating the Walk could strengthen alumni engagement by honoring individuals who go on to represent OU in elite graduate programs, research fellowships, government service, and national leadership roles; and
- Whereas: The President’s Office has the institutional authority, visibility, and administrative reach to revive and sustain the Scholars Walk as a long-term program supported by centralized oversight; and
- Whereas: Many students - especially those pursuing competitive scholarships - aspire to earn a place on the Walk as a tangible recognition of academic achievement and use it as a motivator to push themselves toward excellence; and

¹² “Scholars.” The University of Oklahoma, November 30, 2016.

<https://www.ou.edu/scholarswalk/scholars>.

¹³ “Scholars Walk.” HOME | Scholars Walk, 2022. <https://scholarswalk.umn.edu/>.

¹⁴ Emery, Mike. “Scholars Walk.” Scholars Walk Saluting Student Success. Accessed April 2, 2025. <https://stories.uh.edu/scholars-walk/index.html>.

- Whereas: Reinstating the Walk would provide an opportunity to expand its visibility through digital complements such as a searchable website, QR code access, or interactive timelines that align with university modernization efforts; and
- Whereas: The revival of the Scholars Walk aligns with the university's strategic goals of fostering a nationally competitive academic environment and celebrating high-impact student achievement, as outlined in its "Lead On, University" Strategic Plan; and
- Whereas: Many of the awards recognized by the Scholars Walk - including the Goldwater, Fulbright, Boren, and Marshall Scholarships - are explicitly awarded for research potential, academic distinction, and scholarly innovation, making public recognition of these recipients consistent with the university's goal to be a top-tier public research institution; and
- Whereas: The "Lead On, University" Strategic Plan prioritizes elevating OU to the highest tier of public research universities by fostering a culture of research-driven excellence, and the recognition of nationally competitive scholarship recipients supports that mission by highlighting student research as a defining pillar of the university's national impact; and
- Whereas: Establishing a recurring annual update mechanism each spring after scholarship notifications would ensure the continued relevance, integrity, and sustainability of the Scholars Walk; and
- Whereas: Student-led initiatives such as this resolution represent not only the voice of the student body but also a commitment to preserving institutional memory, elevating academic tradition, and upholding values consistent with OU's identity as a flagship public institution; and
- Whereas: While a revived Walk would require modest investment, the return - measured in recruitment, alumni relations, morale, prestige, and philanthropic potential - makes it a high-value initiative with enduring benefits; therefore

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 "Scholars Walk Revival Resolution."
- Section 2:** The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association recognizes the importance of commemorating winners of nationally competitive scholarships both online and through a permanent public display such as the Scholars Walk.
- Section 3:** The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association encourages the University to update its public-facing scholarship recipient webpage to reflect the most recent awardees and preserve a searchable digital archive.

Section 4: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association formally encourages the President's Office to initiate and oversee the revival of the Scholars Walk, including the addition of missing honorees dating back to 2019, and to establish a sustainable annual update process going forward.

Section 5: The University is encouraged to assign responsibility for Walk maintenance to a designated body such as the Honors College, the Office of the President, or the Office of University Advancement, in collaboration with nationally competitive scholarship advisors.

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

- Joseph Harroz Jr., President of the University of Oklahoma
- Michael Markham, Interim Dean of the Honors College
- Brian Johnson, Nationally Competitive Scholarship Advisor
- Guy Patton, President and CEO of The University of Oklahoma Foundation
- Amy Noah, Vice President and Chief Advancement Officer of the University of Oklahoma Foundation
- Matthew Rom, Director of Facilities or Campus Planning
- Chancellor Sean Burrage, Chief Executive Officer for the Oklahoma State System of Higher Education
- Dr. Mubeen Shakir, Associate Vice President of Clinical Innovation at OU Health and 2013 Rhodes Scholar

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Submitted on a motion by: Representative Wang seconded by Representative Richardson

Action taken by Congress: 34-0-0

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Submitted on a motion by:

Action taken by Senate:

Verified by Chair of Senate: _____ Date: _____

Approved by SGA President: _____ Date: _____

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Last	First	Intial	Final
Aslam	Syed	x	x
Ball	Reese	x	x
Beasley	William	x	x
Benitez Mendoza	Delia	a	x
Bento	Marilou	a	x
Bertotti	Hayden	x	x
Burnett	Ava	x	x
Carter	Leo	x	x
Christiansen	Henry	x	x
Cunningham	Owen	x	x
Duncan	Elizabeth	ex	x
Estrada	Nicole	x	x
Fazzani	Diego	x	x
Finley	Jael	x	ex
Fisher	Mecca	a	x
Hallum	Elias	x	x
Harris	Hudson	ex	x
Hawley	Kayla	x	x
Higareda Castillo	Lilian	a	x
Kathuria	Shrey	x	x
Keupen	Ben	a	x
Koneru	Aniketh	ex	ex
Lapp	Bridget	a	x
Martin	Kyle	x	x
Ogle	Pierce	ex	x
Oler	Kyle	x	x
Pruitt	Aydan	x	x
Richardson	Thomas	x	x
Robinson	Caleb	x	x
Schonfield	Jacob	x	x
Schroeder	Brooklyn	ex	ex
Toyos	Alexandra	x	x
Vedra	Hayden	x	x
Walker	Cade	x	x
Walker	Cody	x	x
Wang	Andy	x	x
Wintory	Michael	x	x
PRESENT		26	34
ABSENT		6	0
EXCUSED		5	3

Last	First	CR-113-05	CB-113-23	CB-113-24	CB-113-25	CR-113-06
Aslam	Syed	n	y	y	y	y
Ball	Reese	y	y	y	y	y
Beasley	William	y	y	y	y	y
Benitez Mendoza	Delia	y	y	y	y	y
Bento	Marilou	y	y	y	y	y
Bertotti	Hayden	y	y	y	y	y
Burnett	Ava	y	y	y	y	y
Carter	Lauren	y	y	y	y	y
Christiansen	Henry	y	y	y	y	y
Cunningham	Owen	y	y	y	y	y
Duncan	Elizabeth	y	y	y	y	y
Estrada	Nicole	y	y	y	y	y
Fazzani	Diego	y	y	y	y	y
Finley	Jael					
Fisher	Mecca	y	y	y	y	y
Hallum	Elias	y	y	y	y	y
Harris	Hudson	y	y	y	y	y
Hawley	Kayla	y	y	y	y	y
Higareda Castillo	Lilian	y	y	y	y	y
Kathuria	Shrey	y	y	y	y	y
Keupen	Ben	y	y	y	y	y
Koneru	Aniketh					
Lapp	Bridget	y	y	y	y	y
Martin	Kyle	y	y	y	y	y
Ogle	Pierce	y	y	y	y	y
Oler	Kyle	y	y	y	y	y
Pruitt	Aydan	y	y	y	y	y
Richardson	Thomas		y	y	y	y
Robinson	Caleb	y	y	y	y	y
Schonfield	Jacob	y	y	y	y	y
Schroeder	Brooklyn					
Toyos	Alexandra	y	y	y	y	y
Vedra	Hayden	y	y	y	y	y
Walker	Cade	y	y	y	y	y
Walker	Cody	y	y	y	y	y
Wang	Andy	y	y	y	y	y
Wintory	Michael	y	y	y	y	y
Yes		32	34	34	34	34
No		1	0	0	0	0
Abstain		0	0	0	0	0