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Call to Order: 7:02 PM

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.

On a motion to approve the minutes Beasley seconded Toyos

Approval of Minutes | November 11, 2025

Officer Reports -

- **Chair's Report:** Hi, everyone! I am so excited to see you all back tonight. Just a reminder that we will be tabling tomorrow from 9 am to 1 pm in the Oklahoma Memorial Union! I have some sheets that will display QR codes to useful Congress-related websites as well as a list of projects from each committee that the respective committee chair viewed as particularly impactful. I also wanted to let you know that the Congressional Administration and University Policy Committee Chair applications are going to go live tonight at 8 pm! They will close November 30th at 11:59 pm, with interviews to be scheduled the week after. We also have Election Commissioner applications are live until this Friday at 5:00 pm, with interviews next Monday and Tuesday. As a disclaimer, if you are selected for the position, you would be required to resign your position in Congress. Finally, this is our second to last general body meeting. Our final meeting will be December 2nd. Please ensure you have all legislation you want seen this session submitted by next Wednesday, November 26th.
- **Vice Chair's Report:** Alrighty. So, this is my little vice chair report presentation I made. If you want to go ahead and go to the next slide. So, this is the active face I have. Seen that only 11 people have ordered merch so far. So, if you can go to the next slide, please. So, because of that, here is the QR code to actually go and get it. So, if you keep in mind that with that at least 24 orders to do it, if I'm looking, like, the day before and I see that we haven't hit 24 yet, I can extend that deadline too a little bit. So don't think that, like, if you don't order by then, it's the end of the world. But it kind of is the end of world in a little bit, so please order by then. So next slide, please. And then also too, make sure that you're doing your CSPs. There's a few different ways. You can usually just go to the trash walk. Obviously, it's the last month, probably not the most feasible thing. But you can also just go

to a club meeting. So literally any club on campus that you're not a part of, you can just go there and actually just participate, show your support for them. You could also just go to another committee meeting as well, or you can go and table for congress, which, you know, Caleb has been talking about for, like, a few weeks now. So please go. Tomorrow. Yes. It's tomorrow. Next slide, please. And then this is the forms where you can actually go and submit it. This is in the group me. I know some of y'all haven't seen it, but you can just take a picture of this and actually go and submit your CSPs, please. I only have around 58 people who've submitted them. So please get your friends in congress who aren't here right now to also submit their CSPs because I do give everyone an absence for that. And then the next one. Also too, just lastly, just choose kindness in general. Obviously, things have been a little bit difficult recently. So just please I made all these little words right here to kind of remember. So constructive, it's okay to disagree with people, but be constructive with it. You can be energetic, and obviously, I'm a pretty energetic person, but just be nice when you do it, and then just have some nice character. And then last but not least, relationships. We're all here to build relationships with each other, and so don't tarnish that by being completely disrespectful to everybody. But that's all I have for my vice chair report.

- **Secretary's Report:** Hey, everyone. By popular demand, the Minecraft server, I will host it over winter break. The details are yet to come out. I'm willing to just eat the cost, but if people also want to chip in, it'll be, like, at \$20 a month, so we can split that up really easily. For now, we're just doing it for winter break because people don't really have time to play Minecraft extensively during the week. But, like but we can talk about it. Other than that, I don't have anything else for you. So, we'll see you guys there. We'll probably start in the Conoco and then spread out from there. So, if you want to get your CSP done, come.

Committee Reports-

- **Campus Outreach, Safety, and Concerns:** We gave CB-114-24 recommendation of due pass, which you'll see tonight. And then we'll talk about projects. A quick couple of things, I just leave you an update for the sign ups for the tabling. And then also, we are going to have a CSP opportunity November 30. It's the Sunday following Thanksgiving where we're going to do some posterings.
- **Congressional Administration:** Hello everyone, ConAd met officially on Sunday. We gave CB-114-16 and CB-114-22 recommendations of Do Pass, CB-114-23 a recommendation of No Rec, CB-114-17 a recommendation of Do Fail, and tabled CB-114-18 until our next meeting. ConAd will not meet this upcoming Sunday, and we will have our final committee meeting the Monday we come back from Thanksgiving Break.
- **External Affairs:** Hi, everyone. EA met officially this weekend, and EA has been working really hard on our civic engagement forum. That's going to be December 5, which is the Friday before dead week from 3 to 5PM. We worked hard to get a lot of great speakers coming in. The room seats 200, and we don't want it to be empty. So if you need a CSP and you want to support your fellow members, please pull up. And that's all I have to say.
- **Human Diversity:** HD met officially on Sunday. We did a lot of project updates. It is officially potluck week, so after this meeting, you don't have to hear me talk about it again. but please continue to show up, sign up to bring food, and please come and join that event at Second Wind Coffee House this Friday, 5:30-8PM. There will be something going up on the SGA social media. Please boost that. Tell your friends to come. We would love this to be a really big event. Additionally, the ADRC is hosting a forum on December 3 and they have invited congress to come join. They would they really wanted to have some congress members at the panel to ask some questions. They've asked me to help moderate, so if y'all

want to see us be, come pull up. I can prove that you were there. And it'll be very cool. It's December 3, 1-3:30PM.

- **Sustainability:** Hello everyone, Susty met officially this past weekend and set plans to collaborate with the Environmental Science Student Association on our last Trash Walk for this year. We will be targeting the OU Golf Course. We also got projects end-of-year ready. That's about it.
- **University Policy:** Hey, y'all. You UPol met officially this past week. Nothing too much to report. We just talked about our projects and generally went over plans for our projects just for this past next few weeks. As Caleb mentioned, as I will be graduating this December, you UPol Chair position will be opening up for the spring semester. Given this, I highly encourage anyone who is interested and who wants to take on a larger role in Congress to apply for the position. If you guys have any questions about being UPol chair, please of course feel free to contact me and I can kind of tell you what are the responsibilities as well as any other questions you guys may have. But besides that, that's all I have.
- **Ways and Means:** Hey y'all, WAM did not officially meet this Sunday, however we are planning to send out a survey this week to those who applied for aux funding and working on making changes to the purchasing guide. Thank you.

Liaison Reports

Special Orders

- Avery Dunlap, Student Government Association President

Student Concerns

Old Business

Items to Be Considered

On a motion to see CB-114-22 Cunningham seconded Schmitz

- CB-114-22 "Title VI-2 Code Annotated Revisions" (Granato/Means) (Due Pass)

Author's Explanation:

Associate Granato: This is just amending the code annotated revision, talking about the SBA president. Just in the event of a runoff tie with the Student Bar Association, which is SBA, just giving it to the Graduate Student Senate to pick the winner.

7:42 Time remaining for questions

- **Representative Fisher:** Author, when writing this bill, did you ever, like, talk to anybody from the graduate dissent?
 - **Associate Granato:** When we discussed it in ConAD with Kyle, we thought it'd be best for the GSS because student bar is all graduate students from the law school. So we thought it'd be best for them to decide because they know their people the best.
- **SGA Advisor George Ahmadi:** Did you talk with Student Bar Association about this?
 - **Associate Granato:** No.
 - **ConAd Chair Martin:** We just wanted to have this in place in case it did happen, but we don't anticipate it happening.
- **SGA Advisor George Ahmadi:** Do you think if this were to happen and they didn't know about it, they would be surprised?
 - **ConAd Chair Martin:** Possibly, out of all the races, the SBA election is not one I'd expect to go to a run off.
- **George Ahmadi:** Could you make sure to have this conversation with GSS and SBA before it goes to the Graduate Student Senate?
 - **ConAd Chair Martin:** Yes.

Passed unanimously 35-2-0

On a motion to see CB-114-23 Wang seconded by Radzanowski

- CB-114-23 “Executive Session Limitation Act” (Iglehart/Bento) (No Rec)

Author’s Explanation:

Associate Bento: Okay, before explaining the specific changes we're making in this bill, I want to provide important context for the new members of this body who may not know what session is. Executive session is the portion of a congress meeting that is closed to the public, the press and the person being discussed, if they're a candidate for an officer election or if they're under consideration for a no confidence vote. No minutes are taken and by design nothing, said in executive session can be repeated or disclosed afterwards. This is one of the most restrictive procedures available to us.

Associate Iglehart: What this bill does is it brings our bylaws back into alignment with the existing SGA code annotated and, in our view, Oklahoma State law, which both strictly limit when we are allowed to use executive session. Our current bylaws allow executive session in situations when congress is in a dangerous position ethically. It makes three key changes, it removes executive session for instances of member expulsion, impeachment, and officer elections. All mentions of executive session are replaced with debate instead. These are decisions about elected officials appointed by the body. Students should be able to hear both the questions and the debate. Secondly, it keeps executive session only for votes of no confidence. The SGA code annotated specifically permits this and outlines the proper procedure for entering executive session in this mirror circle. This keeps us consistent with the law and with our governing documents. Third and finally, it adds transparency protection. Specifically, in the case of no confidence votes, the officer being discussed will be allowed in the room. They should not be excluded from deliberations about their performance. This prevents misinformation, reduces the risk of defamation, and protects both the officer and integrity of congress.

Associate Bento: The broader purpose of this legislation is transparency. We are a public body that represents over 20,000 undergraduate students of the University of Oklahoma. Those who get to vote in officer elections and impeachments are representatives and they represent the students of their college. With that authority comes the responsibility of conducting our business in a way that students can observe. When decisions are made behind closed doors, especially decisions about people's roles and service, the student body is not getting a clear picture of what you believe in and the reasons behind your decisions. We should model these standards and not stretch them. With this legislation, congress is committing to be a more open, accountable, and honest. We are removing secrecy where it should not exist and preserving it only where it makes sense to. It is a step towards a more transparent congress.

5:00 Time remaining for questions

- **EA Chair Rhoads:** Are you aware that under title 25 of Oklahoma State Law definitions and general provisions, chapter eight, public meetings, Oklahoma Open Meetings Act, For executive sessions under section A, it says no public body shall hold executive sessions unless otherwise specifically provided in this section. And then at point five, it says discussing the employment, hiring appointment, promotion demotion, disciplining or resignation of any individual salaried public officer or employee and all three officers up for election or no confidence votes are public salaried officials.
 - **Associate Bento:** Yes, so we did take this into consideration which is why it's remaining in no confidence because in no confidence we are specifically talking about a person's job performance and in that case it should be restricted so someone's job performance isn't publicly put out there. However, when it comes to elections, an appointment is different from being elected. And so, in the language it says, discussing the appointment. We can appoint members and discuss them in a way with executive session, but for an election we're only voting on someone based off of their policies and what their platform is and we're not discussing what their job performance is or any private instances.
- **EA Chair Rhoads:** Are you aware that hiring would count as like winning an election and the second you win your election you step into that role?

- **Associate Bento:** Yes, in a way OU does hire that person by putting them on payroll but we are not, we're not the ones who are putting them on payroll. We're the ones electing them for that position to be put on payroll.
- **Representative Hawkins:** Your point of public opinion is what we're all about here in congress, but I want to consider, like, a what if scenario. What if a student who doesn't know all the details of what's happening, say impeachment, may not even know who the person in this position is, yet their opinion can carry a lot of influence because of the popularity. Could that public influence lead people to judge the accused before all facts and stuff is fully presented?
 - **Associate Bento:** Yes. So that's kind of the point of removing executive session in a lot of these instances is because public opinion like, the public should get to know your opinion on these things and when you're speaking out on behalf of impeaching someone, like you should only talk knowing that what you're saying is factual and knowing that you can be fact checked by people in the public. That adds a level of transparency where people are less likely to say defamatory things.
- **Representative Hawkins:** So this is just a question to think about. Could public input actually make the process less fair and not only that, but almost feel like an attack to maybe get impeached or something?
 - **Associate Bento:** So the person who was impeached would be allowed to remain in a room and they'd be able to have their own opinion out there, like get their side and their perspective with the story. So the public all congress meetings are open to the public. So pretty much on any sort of legislation decision that's made, the public can come in and give their opinion on it if they want to. Obviously, people who vote, though, like the final decision rests with the representatives who have been elected. So even if someone in the public has their own opinion to come in and say something, at the end of the day, they don't get to vote. The representatives that are elected.

On a motion to extend time for questions by ten minutes Gilson-Bond seconded by Vedra

- **EA Chair Rhoads:** Do you think that having the person getting no confidence within the room can hurt people from saying what they might truly believe about that job performance?
 - **Associate Bento:** Okay. At the end of the day, when we're doing no confidence, we give feedback on someone's job performance. This is not an attack on the person's character, we're not saying that they're a bad person, we're simply giving an honest reflection on how they are doing in their job. That is a responsibility that we take on when we come to Congress and letting the person stay in the room allows the person being of confidence to give their side of the story if they believe that it is important. Obviously, members who would stay in like either way if there's a member who's not being no confidence but for example it's a Vice Chair or Secretary, being questioned, they're a person has a lot of sway and they should be allowed to remain in the room.
- **Vice Chair Gilson-Bond:** The author isn't kind of what you're saying just essentially extending the time for questions that's already a thing in the first place?
 - **Associate Bento:** No, because time for questions is a very structured thing where it's a question and then I get to respond. But executive session and on a whole debate is more of a conversation. It's more of a back and forth on the more minute details.
- **Vice Chair Gilson-Bond:** Isn't the whole point you're saying to evaluate their job performance is during that time for questions. And executive session is designed to allow people to bring up more uncomfortable topics that they might not be able to talk about in front of that person specifically.
 - **Associate Bento:** I think there shouldn't be any reason why they're not able to bring these situations up in front of the person. I mean they are the ones that would take this. If for example a no confidence vote failed and you had a critique for that person on their job performance. Don't you think that person would like to hear what they might be failing in their job and take that feedback in? Furthermore, if someone says something about their job performance that is maybe untruthful or even close to defamatory, that person is allowed to

then give their side of the story, which is and their context to why they might have fallen behind in one of their job roles.

- **Secretary Wintory:** How do you plan to offer the same protection that executive session affords for members who have information to share, but are worried about retaliation from the person who is being no confidence or up for election in case the no confidence fails or they win their election?
 - **Associate Bento:** Oh, thank you for asking that. So in the case that someone brings something up against a no confidence member and they're real mad about it, they're going to retaliate. They're going to harass the person that critiqued them. We already have a system in place that was passed last semester which is our point system. With that we're allowed to file reports on any member of congress that we feel like has harassed us or done retaliation towards us, and we can take it up from that point on.
- **Secretary Wintory:** Who are the people that issue those points?
 - **Associate Bento:** So typically, it is the congress chair, vice chair, or secretary. But if there is a conflict of interest and or the accused congress member was directly involved in the incidents, they shall recuse themselves for making the decision about penalization and it would go to executive committee.
- **Secretary Wintory:** Can you envision a scenario in which a member here of big three can engage in some sort of retaliation that maybe isn't covered by the points? Or have you considered the idea that even if I retaliate and I, I say I, if someone retaliates and receives points, they will not be removed immediately. And they have the opportunity to continue to retaliate and to continue to do these under the board retaliations against people who want to feel comfortable sharing their opinions and their experiences with the people being no confidence.
 - **Associate Bento:** I mean, we have another process for that as well and it's called expulsion. Harassment gets to such a point where they need to be removed because what they've done is so egregious that the point system wouldn't come to them or like properly punish them, you can take it up for expulsion.
- **Representative Fisher:** I can agree with some points of the bill, do you think it would be good if we had an option to allow the person being accused to be removed, if maybe someone was feeling pressured?
 - **Associate Bento:** If you would want to amend it in that way, I would be happy to take that.
- **Representative Wolthuis:** A big benefit of executive session is that OU Daily also has to excuse themselves from the room. I'm wondering if you believe the public nature of congress meetings could drastically harm someone's future should their performance be questioned in such a public manner?
 - **Associate Bento:** Well for no confidence executive session room remains, so OU daily would still be excluded. Even if you have an issue with their job performance, and it's something that can reflect negatively in that sort of personal matter, OU daily would still be excused.
- **Representative Wolthuis:** Do you believe that this harm someone's future if the OU Daily is let into these private conversations that would normally happen during executive session?
 - **Associate Bento:** For officer elections, I mean typically the conversations revolve around someone's platform which is something that they already publicly put out there. When it comes to impeachment, I could see that, yes. But last semester we did have an impeachment procedure, and we did not go into executive session due to recommendations from OU Legal. So this has already been sort of an issue regarding those two things specifically.
- **COSCO Chair Christiansen:** I want to go back to something Secretary Wintory touched on, whether someone could be pressured to not speak if the person wasn't removed from executive session. So you mentioned that someone in Congress could be, you know, have those points applied, but if you don't go into executive session, someone from the public could, anyone from the public could sit in on those conversations, and if they're not part of the body then we have no way to do

some sort of reprimandation of them. That would be my base concern with the bill. That any member of the public sit on those conversations, and we don't have those sort of checks.

- **Associate Bento:** Yeah, I mean I don't disagree with you in the sense that that is the point of the bill is to increase transparency to the student body. We personally believe that the student body is privy to those decisions. They are decisions about the direction that Congress is going in.
- **COSCO Chair Christiansen:** But as students, they've entrusted us as representatives to kind of be their voice in congress. So I would think that we're making decisions on their behalf. And so when those decisions are concerning the job performance on someone, I think that not removing them still causes that influence that person being in the room might cause.
 - **Associate Bento:** I mean so for job performance specifically, once again no confidence would still have executive sessions so members of the public would not be allowed. But to your broader point, we are elected to be in a public body and we do serve the people and so our opinions and our decisions and everything that we influence should be privy to public discussion.
- **COSCO Chair Christiansen:** So when you don't move the person that's being subject to confidence. Any executive session that we don't move the person that's being talked about. Because if you're not moving them you know, they might not feel that they can voice their side.
 - **Associate Bento:** I mean once again, once we're elected to be representatives or member of congress, we have a responsibility to represent the student body and their voices. So if you feel like you are unable to perform those duties, then maybe this isn't the place for you.

On a motion to extend time for questions by ten minutes Gilson-Bond seconded Vedra

- **Representative Burnett:** Authors, what is the legal precedent for this bill and executive session, and what's the precedent within other SGAs across the nation? Sure.
 - **Associate Bento:** So I'll answer the legal stuff first. I don't want to get too in the weeds about legal stuff because I am not a lawyer. But there are specific provisions in the Oklahoma Open Meetings Act which regulates all public bodies such as like the Oklahoma State Representatives, stuff like that, public bodies. And so there is some legal language in there that we believe as the authors, our current bylaws conflict with what is stated in those sections. Obviously we don't get to make the decision on that. However for some precedent, once again I touched on this a little bit, last semester we did have an impeachment process where OU Legal suggested to us or maybe more told us that we should not have executive session during the impeachment. Their specific language was that the impeachment inquiry is not a decision, It's actually just opening a case against an SGA officer. It's just an inquiry. So it's not like, you know, we're removing this person or reprimanding them really. We're telling SGA to move the case forward. And that's the reason why they recommended we shouldn't use executive session for mutual. And that's all I'll say about legal stuff. If you want to touch on the SEC stuff.
 - **Associate Iglehart:** When we were writing this bill, I was interested in how other schools approached this issue of transparency when in relation to executive sessions for expulsion, impeachment, no-confidence. What I found of the schools that were able to get to me, most of them did not use executive session whatsoever. For the limited exception where executive session did show up, for example Texas A & M, they used it only in no-confidences and impeachment. But generally, to kind of like paraphrase what LSU student government told me, they found I haven't touched on this. But they found the idea of, it's never been used. The leader I talked to hadn't heard it hadn't been used and found it contradictory to Louisiana's Open Meetings Act. So there's extensive conference precedent for there being very long term consequences.
- **Representative Burnett:** How is executive session, the way we use it, contradictory to the Oklahoma Open Meetings Act?

- **Associate Bento:** There's a few different reasons to use executive session under the Oklahoma Meetings Act as I'll read. Well I won't read all of them, but I'll read the ones that pertain to us. Most of them have to do with legal issues like if you have to talk to an attorney, executive session. Obviously client attorney privilege. Buying property, which we don't do. And the big one that we use to go into executive session is under section 25-307, section B, section one, discussing the employment, hiring, appointment, promotion, demotion, discipline or resignation of any individual salaried public officer or employee. So there wouldn't be a debate in your conference because there's not like a bill being presented. The only place that we're putting the debate instead of the executive session would be officer elections and impeachment or member removal.
- **Representative Toyos:** So, you're saying that the person being no-confidenced would be allowed to remain in the room to defend themselves, but in debate, the author of the bill wouldn't be allowed to say anything unless they would give up their Author's summation. How is that different?
 - **Associate Bento:** So there wouldn't be a debate in no confidence because there's not like a bill being presented. The only place that we're putting the debate instead of the executive session would be officer elections and impeachment or member removal.
- **Representative Toyos:** But you're still wanting the person to be in the room for elections?
 - **Associate Bento:** I mean, elections there would be no executive session, anyone would be allowed to be in the room.
- **Secretary Wintory:** Authors, as I'm sure you're aware, US federal law protects witness from being pressured to speak a certain way or being retaliated against. However, witness tampering still occurs as well as retaliation against witnesses. This is in spite of millions of dollars and thousands of hours of manpower devoted to protecting these witnesses. Do you believe that student government with our present resources and point system in place are better able to protect our witnesses or speakers than the US government?
 - **Associate Bento:** But Oklahoma and US government law is if you believe that you have such an issue that it is illegal, you can actually file a case.
- **Secretary Wintory:** That I did not mean in a way of actual crimes being committed, but there are levels of retaliation that are not crimes. But you can agree that it is impossible for for us in our present capabilities to identify and prosecute at a systemic level, especially when it's, you know, members in high office. I mean, do you agree that that there that there are ways of retaliation that can slip through the cracks?
 - **Associate Bento:** I mean, I agree, but if it gets to such a point that it slips through cracks, you are a free human being able to prosecute a case and under Oklahoma State law, go for it **Cowboy.**
- **Associate Keupen:** Authors, in section two, you say purpose, the purpose of this act shall be to amend multiple sections to enter in compliance with restriction on the use of executive session that states, Congress shall only enter in the form of executive session during the deliberation state of a no conference vote. However, considering the way that we actually use executive session, wouldn't it make more sense from a status quo standpoint just to completely strike that phrase out of the code annotated?
 - **Associate Bento:** We're just putting, this legislation just puts the bylaws in line with the code annotated. Changing the code annotated would be a much higher bar and the code we're just trying to follow what the code annotated has set out for us which the bylaws kind of.
- **HD Chair Radzanowski:** Do you believe that it is the chair's responsibility to maintain a respectful and responsible discussion and the general body's responsibility to represent our school well and therefore discussion of specific members during debate would be constructive and respectful?
 - **Associate Bento:** Absolutely. And in the instance that a chair is the one being questioned in some sort of situation like this, the vice chair would be for the role of making sure that the

discussions stay respectful and within lines with our own bylaws which do state that we are student representatives and we have to stay respectful. So absolutely I agree.

- **Representative Burnett:** How do you guys think that removing executive session will improve the well being of those typically kicked out of the room during executive session, like those people being put up there for election?
 - **Associate Bento:** I mean personally as someone who's gone through the process of an executive session as being a candidate for an officer election, I feel like it will relieve a lot of stress off that person first and foremost. And second of all, it will ensure that what is being said in the room about these candidates, about voters being considered, that they have a voice in their own matter. That is so incredibly important and just gives a lot of peace of mind to the person who's going through that for sure.
- **Representative Wang:** Would you accept a friendly amendment adding myself and Associate Lapp as co-sponsors
 - **Associate Bento:** Yes.
- **Associate Keupen:** Authors, so why wouldn't you just put the code in line with the bylaws instead?
 - **Associate Bento:** Because the code is a lot higher than the bar to change. Like, the bylaws are specifically our process in congress, while the code is little bit beyond that. And we think that it would be best to start within congress first.
- **Associate Keupen:** That's fair, but your bill is talking about congress specifically in the code annotated. So, again, I don't see why not just bring the code to match the bylaws instead of having it go from GSS and doing it this way?
 - **Associate Iglehart:** When there is a conflict between a higher document and a lower document, you stick with the interpretation of the higher document. So, with the bylaws being contradictory to the code annotated, we felt it was best to change the bylaws rather than change the code annotated.

Call for debate Christiansen seconded by Morgan

Representative Christiansen: So I think that there are some valid concerns with making sure the Code and the Bylaws are aligned. But I just think that this bill as a whole does more to put stress on our chamber as a whole rather than create solutions. The part I'm really concerned about is allowing that person to be in the chamber while the executive session is happening. I just don't think that's the way to go about it. I just think that allowing people the freedom to speak their mind without the influence of that person in the chamber is what's best for our body.

Secretary Wintory: I have a couple issues with this bill. First of all, being when you run for election for one of these positions, you know what you're signing up for. You know there's going to be executive session. Yes, it's added stress. However, that's what you're signing up for. And I don't believe that that getting rid of that stress that you agreed to is worth the risk of people being people feeling like they can't speak out against certain officers and the risk of retaliation against those people. I don't believe that we can protect them as much as we think we'd like to.

EA Chair Rhoads: These no confidence votes aren't a surprise. They're in our bylaws saying that they happen during the even first odd numbered second odd numbered session. Also, as somebody who ran in a heavily contested election, I would rather not know the things that people are saying about me because that can inhibit your ability to be a good leader and serve everybody in the student body because you'll still have that implicit bias. Yes. I know the votes are out loud, but that's a lot easier to ignore than somebody saying, you know, I don't like this person.

Representative Burnett: Thank you. I am in full support of this bill. As somebody who just went through an election through congress, executive session is really scary. I have no idea what was said in mine but I have an idea given that there was a lot of people talking about what they were going to say in my executive session beforehand, most of that being untrue. And not being there myself to defend myself was really disheartening and something that I really struggled through throughout the summer and coming back to congress. It really

unmotivated me from being able to come back to congress and sit here in front of you guys. But the reason I decided to come back and win my next election was because I care about our students and the public student body as a whole. And that's what we're here to represent. If they aren't able to come into this body and hear what we have to say about the people who represent them the most and those people who represent us, that creates a toxic environment in itself. I felt a very toxic environment during executive session. I've been through executive sessions not concerning me, and it can get really dirty and messy and gross and disgusting. And I think that this bill offers us an ability to be able to have full authenticity within this body and bring up concerns in a constructive manner.

Representative Wang: So I I think that all of the discussion is around is circling around sort of feelings of stress discomfort. And I understand that it is stressful to talk about those kinds of things that you might not feel very comfy when you have to discuss something, about someone else. I would caution everyone about this attitude because I feel like as student leaders, we're setting up this vision to make that change. And we should be able to handle those professional conversations that are removed from personal feelings. And I feel like there is a much larger, much deeper cultural problem if we cannot trust in our ability to even handle that. So that's my piece.

Vice Chair Gilson-Bond: I think one thing that's really important to bring up about previous executive sessions and if you are someone who asked has to be outside the room is if you're going to have a room full of people and not anybody's willing to back you up on something then you probably were the one that was wrong. So I think it's really important that there's tons of people who can advocate for you on your behalf. That if you have to be there to advocate for yourself and no one else can, then maybe you're just simply not right for the position.

Representative Carter: People can speak freely if, you know, whether it's true or not so they can front of you, which I think is a much deeper and much more necessary call to that than there is.

EA Chair Rhoads: Within executive session, if the person to be no confidence is there, you have to understand that these positions still work with the committee chairs, representatives, and anyone else on the big three. It can really scary to voice your opinions against somebody like that while they're there. If this bill was just about the impeachment having their executive session, I would be totally for it because we're not the sole hirers of the SGA president, but because this has to do with our elections and our hiring and it's not illegal, I just am against this bill. Like, because this is the precedent congress has set for a long time.

Motion to previous question Gilson-Bond seconded Representative Morgan, passed 31-6-0

Associate Iglehart: So I just want to address, I understand the concern regarding feeling hesitant to speak out against, it could be an officer, it could be someone from another branch. I understand the concern. However, I do believe that the if someone is accused of if like, if, say, there's an impeachment, if there is an accusation that an SGA officer has committed something. If there is a case to be made about that, yes, we there should be consideration of whether a infraction warrants removal, I think it is important to have affirmative proof for such things, and I believe that by ensuring that there's as much transparency as possible in this process, those who might feel otherwise inclined to just say anything that comes to mind are deterred from defamatory statements. And I feel like if there is misconduct that just the person just feels like I cannot say this myself, like, just I'm scared. I believe that it's just I don't think the loss of transparency and the ability for defamatory statements is overshadowed by such a hesitation that may vary from person to person thing on personality, circumstances, things like that.

Associate Bento: Just a little bit of response to what I heard in debate. Allowing the person to be removed during no confidence from Christiansen. We did just add an amendment to that so thankfully if you're against that you can make a motion to kick that person out. Next, something that I heard was you should have executive session in order to have your voice heard whether it is true or not. I find that sort of idea deeply troubling and personally as someone who's an author on this is not the direction I would want to see Congress go in. At the end of the day we are representatives, we are elected representatives, we're elected to represent the student voice. If your voice is not heard, then is it really a voice.

Failed 9-28-0

On a motion to see CB-114-24 Martin seconded by Rhoads

- CB-114-24 “Supply Survey Act” (Taariq/Pitts)

Author’s Explanation:

Representative Pitts: hi everybody, this is just a bill trying to get some information about what kind of supplies students have to buy for their classes and that's just basically what they're asking. What they have to buy, that's it.

7:46 time remaining for questions

- **EA Chair Rhoads:** Congrats on being first time authors, that’s super exciting. What inspired you both to write this piece of legislation?
 - **Representative Pitts:** we're working on a project in COSCO. I'm trying to get, like, a physical space where students can buy some supplies. We just really want to know what to put in there.
 - **Associate Taariq:** Yeah, kind of like what she said, I have chemistry lab and then I'll probably have a lot more labs during my undergraduate career. And so it just felt like something that would kind of benefit me but also people that I interact with on a weekly basis.
- **COSCO Chair Christiansen:** What was your favorite part about writing this bill?
 - **Representative Pitts:** For me, just getting a big step forward in our project.
 - **Associate Taariq:** Yeah, that and like honestly, it kind of feels fancy being in congress and like having my name on some actual legislation and also making a difference in the student body. Yeah. I guess we'll see where the future takes
- **Representative Toyos:** Are there any other projects you’re looking forward to with the results of this?
 - **Representative Pitts:** I guess we’ll just have to kind of see what other kinds of concerns we see. Because in COSOC that’s what we do, we deal with that.
 - **Associate Taariq:** I guess we'll see where the future takes us.

Passed unanimously 36-0-0

Time remaining for questions

Follow-Up Reports

Announcements and Comments

Representative Evans: I have been talking with the environmental degree RSOs about this trash walk on Sunday. Pull up and support!

Associate Sneller: One last time, we do have our potluck on Friday, it’s at 7 PM. Make sure you guys show up.

COSCO Chair Christiansen: COSCO is hosting cookies with congress on the 23rd from 10 to 1 in the library, at the lower level across from Bookmark. See you there.

Representative Ball: OU student food pantry team is currently accepting applications. This link to apply is in our Bio. If you have any questions, you can find me after the meeting or ask the Walker twins.

General Discussion

Final Roll Call

On a motion to adjourn Hicks seconded Pitts

Adjourn: 8:42 PM

Chair: Caleb Robinson

Vice Chair: Aaron Gilson-Bond
Secretary: Michael Wintory

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CXIV

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CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-114-22
SENATE BILL GSXX-XX/GFXX-XX

AS INTRODUCED

An Act of Legislation amending Title VI-2 of the Code annotated, providing for short title, providing for codification, and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1: Title: This act shall be known and may be cited as the “Title VI-2 Code Annotated Revision”

Section 2: Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be amending Title VI-2 of the Code Annotated.

Section 3: AMENDATORY: The SGACA Title VI-2 is amended as follows. Additions are denoted with underlines. And removals are denoted with strikethroughs.

Chapter VI-2 Election Rules

1. **Electorate.** The electorate of the SGA Presidential and the CAC Chair races shall consist of all members of the SGA. Subject to any applicable provisions of the SGA Constitution, the Legislative Branch shall establish the electorate for all other races in General and/or Special Elections. In the absence of any guidance from the Legislative Branch, the Election Commission may adopt any rules established by the affected organization to determine the electorate for a specific race.
2. **Election Dates.** The sections below shall be the dates of the general elections, unless the Legislative Branch changes the date by an Act of the Legislative Branch at least three (3) weeks before the week of the date proposed by the legislation. The Election Commissioner shall have the power to waive this three (3) week requirement if they deem that exceptional circumstances warrant a waiver. Any special election, referendum, or initiatives shall be passed by an Act of the Legislative Branch at least three (3) weeks before the week of the date proposed by the legislation. This requirement cannot be waived.
 - a) **Fall General Election.** The Fall General Election shall be held the Thursday and Friday of the tenth (10th) academic week of the fall semester. Voting shall open at 8am on Thursday and shall close at 8pm on Friday.
 - b) **Spring General Election.** The Spring General Election shall be held the Thursday and Friday of the tenth (10th) Academic Week of the spring semester. Voting shall open at 8am on Thursday and shall close at 8pm on Friday.
3. **Deadline Requirements.** Any deadline within this Title, except those noted, may be implicitly suspended by the Election Commissioner with the advice and consent of the Election Commission.

4. **Election Funding.** The SGA Budgetary Committee shall allocate sufficient funds in each Administrative Appropriations Act to conduct two General Elections, two (2) run-off elections, and at least one (1) special election, including the compensation of all eligible Election Commission members for each election and sufficient publicity for filing and voting.
5. **Polling.** If an SGA member cannot vote through the online voting software implemented by the Elections Commission, they shall request a ballot from the Election Commission in person in the SGA Office or over the OU-maintained email service. In doing so, the SGA member shall provide their OU ID as sufficient identification. The ballot may be requested any time after the publishing of the Information on Candidates booklet and shall be sent when the online polls open. The alternative ballot must be accepted during the online polling days and normal business hours of the Student Life office. The Election Commission shall ensure that any person that used an alternative ballot cannot and did not vote more than once (1) in any election.
6. **Voter's Rights.** The following rights should not be infringed upon:
 - a) The right of the student to vote by secret ballot shall not be infringed. The right of the student to arrive at a voting decision free from undue influence shall not be infringed.
 - b) No person(s), group(s), or organization(s), regardless of their affiliation, shall require any student(s) to vote, or shall require any student(s) to vote either for or against any proposal, candidate, or candidates in any SGA sanctioned election.
 - c) Any SGA member has the right to request, in writing, a ruling of the Election Commissioner at any time during the campaign period. The Election Commissioner shall make a written ruling on any such petition within twenty-four (24) hours of its submission.
7. **Procedure for Run-off.**
 - a. The Presidential, SBA, and CAC races shall be popularly elected by a simple majority vote (fifty percent (50%) plus one (1) vote) of the ballots cast for that purpose. In any of the aforementioned races, should no candidate receive a simple majority vote (fifty percent (50%) plus one (1) vote), the top two candidates shall be placed on the ballot for a runoff election to occur on the Thursday immediately following the original election date. The top vote-recipient of the runoff election shall be declared the winner.
 - i. In the event of a tied SBA runoff election, the Graduate Student Senate shall determine the winner by electing one of the final two candidates through a simple majority vote.
 - b. The Congressional Representative Seats shall be popularly elected. If in any of the Congressional Representative Seat races, any of the candidates with the least amount of winning popular votes shall tie for an open seat, the candidates shall be placed on the ballot for a run-off election to occur on the Thursday immediately following the original election date. The top-vote recipient of the run-off election shall be declared the winner.

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Action taken by Congress: Passed 35-2-0

Verified by Chair of Congress: _____ Date:_____

Submitted on a Motion by:

Action taken by Senate

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Approved by SGA President: _____ Date:_____

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CXIV

November 18, 2025

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-114-23

AS INTRODUCED

A Congressional Act of Procedure to update Section 3, Section 4, and Section 8 of the Undergraduate Student Congress Bylaws; 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 “Executive Session Limitation Act”
- Section 2:** Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to amend multiple sections of the Undergraduate Student Congress Bylaws to bring it in compliance with the restriction on the use of Executive Session created by SGA Code Annotated Title 1, Chapter 5, Section 3 that states, “Congress shall only enter into a form of Executive Session during the deliberation state of a no-confidence vote”
- Section 3:** This act shall remove the entering of executive session for impeachment/expulsion of members, and officer elections in the undergraduate congress.
- Section 4:** This act shall retain executive session for votes of no confidence and provide for the officer in question to remain in the meeting while executive session is taking place.
- Section 6:** This act will place OU’s Undergraduate Student Congress in line with the Oklahoma Open Meetings Act, Definitions and General Provisions §25-307 which restricts how and when we are able to go into executive session.
- Section 7:** AMENDATORY: The Undergraduate Student Congress Bylaws Section 3.4 Subsection 3 are amended as follows. New additions shall be denoted by an underline, and deletions shall be denoted by a ~~striketrough~~.

Section 3.4: REMOVAL FROM MEMBERSHIP

1. [...]
2. [...]
3. EXPULSION FROM STUDENT CONGRESS FOR MISCONDUCT
 - a. In the event that a member of Congress commits an infraction, a formal complaint shall be submitted in writing physically or electronically by an SGA member, staff, faculty, or student detailing that alleged misconduct of the incident to the Congress Chair, Vice Chair, and/or Secretary.
 - b. The Congress Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary shall investigate the complaint, and if deemed necessary, call into questioning the alleged Congress member as well as any other SGA member, staff, faculty, and/or student about the alleged incident. The Congress Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary shall use any means at their disposal to investigate the alleged conduct.

- i. The Congress Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary (and all parties involved in the report) shall keep the investigation private, and shall not disclose any information of the investigation to another SGA member and staff.
- c. If the Congress Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary all agree that the complaint is credible, then the infracting Congress member shall be penalized by the appropriate amount of infraction points outlined below. If the Congress Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary cannot all come to an agreement, or if they do not believe that the complaint is credible, then the alleged member shall not be penalized. If the Congress Chair, Vice Chair, or Secretary have a conflict of interest with the accused Congress member or was directly involved in the incident, then they shall recuse themselves from making a decision about penalization.
- d. If the Congress Chair, Vice Chair, or Secretary have a conflict of interest with the accused Congress member or were directly involved in the incident in question, then penalization shall be delegated to the Congress committee chairs. If the Congress Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and committee chairs were all directly involved in the incident, then the process shall precede as normal.
 - i. If required to be taken to the Congress committee chairs due to conflict of interest for the Congress Chair, Vice Chair, or Secretary, then the Congress committee chairs shall be required to vote by a 6/7 majority. Should it be the case that one committee chair recuses themselves, then this becomes a 5/6 majority. If more than one committee chair recuses themselves, then it shall require unanimity. If there are less than three committee chairs who have not recused themselves, then the decision shall go back to the Congress Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary.
 - 1. Congress committee chairs shall be made aware of the accused Congress member before voting.
- e. If the infracting Congress member is penalized only by the Congress Chair, Vice Chair, and the Secretary, then the infracting Congress member shall be informed of the penalization and the amount by the Congress Secretary within twenty-four (24) hours of the decision being made.
 - i. Penalization shall be made confidential and should only be known to the Congress Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and the infracting Congress member.
- f. If the infracting Congress member is penalized only by the Congress Chair, Vice Chair, and the Secretary, then the alleged Congress member shall have five (5) academic school days to appeal the decision to the Congress committee chairs, whereby they shall take a simple majority vote to sustain, lessen, or overrule the decision. Any Congress committee chair that has a conflict of interest with the accused Congress member and/or was directly involved in the incident shall recuse themselves from voting.
 - i. The Congress Chair shall be required to place the appeal hearing in Special Orders of the executive committee's agenda.
 - ii. Congress committee chairs shall be made aware of the accused Congress member before voting.
 - iii. If the Executive Committee has an even number of voters due to recusals, then a tie would favor the accused Congress member and will not be penalized.
- g. All infraction points for every Congress member shall be reset to zero (0) at the start of each new academic semester.
- h. In the case that a member of Congress accrues at least fifteen (15) infraction points, the Congress Chair, Vice Chair, or Secretary, with the consent of another executive officer in Congress, shall write and author an expulsion bill against the infracting Congress member, with the consenting secondary executive officer as a co-author on the bill.
 - i. The author at their discretion shall stipulate in the expulsion bill whether the alleged Congress member shall be removed "with prejudice" or "without prejudice," whereby "with prejudice" shall entirely bar the Congress member from rejoining Congress if the bill passes the Congress General Body and whereby "without

prejudice" shall allow the Congress member to rejoin Congress after the session they were expelled in has passed.

1. Such distinction shall be stipulated within Section 2 of the expulsion bill.

- i. This expulsion bill shall be brought before the Executive Committee at its most immediate meeting. The Congress member subject to expulsion shall be informed of the Executive Committee meeting by the Congress Chair at least twenty-four (24) hours before the meeting's call to order.
- j. If the act receives a "No Recommendation" recommendation in Executive Committee, it shall appear before Student Congress on the agenda at the next regular general body meeting.
- k. The expulsion bill shall be brought before the body in items to be considered.
- l. There shall be ten (10) minutes of time for questions for the author, followed by ten (10) minutes of time for questions for the Congress member being expelled. Both periods of questioning can be extended as with a normal piece of legislation.
- ~~m. Following time for questions, Congress shall motion to enter into a special executive session where the accused shall be allowed in the room. Only members of the Undergraduate Student Congress, SGA Advisors, and the author(s) shall be permitted to speak in Executive Session.~~
- n. When the time for questions has expired and without entry into Executive Session, the body shall enter debate for a period at the discretion of the Student Congress Chair.
- o. Following Executive Session, Following time for debate, a two-thirds (2/3) vote of representatives present and voting is required to expel a member.
 - i. If an act of expulsion of a member of Congress fails, that member must accrue four (4) additional misconduct points before they are again eligible for expulsion for expulsion by the above procedure.
 - ii. If a committee officer is successfully expelled with prejudice, that committee officer is removed from their position, loses their seat, and can no longer serve in Congress. If a member is successfully expelled with prejudice, that member loses their seat and can no longer serve in Congress.
 - iii. If a member is successfully expelled without prejudice, 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.
 1. 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 formally expelled member returns to their seat in the next session and subsequently is expelled without prejudice a second (2nd) time, then they may be allowed to reapply in the next session as an associate 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.
- p. If a member is successfully expelled with prejudice, then that member should be automatically considered expelled for life, waivable by the Executive Committee upon review.
 - i. Upon review, the Executive Committee shall be required to vote unanimously in order for the expelled member of Congress to enter into the body once again.

Section 8: AMENDATORY: The Undergraduate Student Congress Bylaws Section 4.4 are amended as follows. New additions shall be denoted by an underline, and deletions shall be denoted by a ~~striketrough~~.

Section 4.4: OFFICER ELECTIONS

1. The Congress Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary shall be elected in a two-week procedure. At each general meeting, election activities shall occur from the highest to the lowest ranking office to be filled.
 1. **REGULAR ELECTIONS.** Regular elections of officers of Student Congress shall be held each odd-numbered legislative session. Officers elected in regular elections, the process beginning with the second-to-last regular general meeting of the legislative session, shall serve a term of one (1) year, except in cases of legal removal from office or resignation.
 2. **VACANCIES.** Vacancies in previously filled officer positions shall be filled by this same two-week procedure. Nomination shall be held during special orders during the most immediate regular general meeting. Speaking, questioning, and balloting shall occur during the immediately following regular general meeting. An officer elected to a vacant position shall serve only until the completion of the term to which his or her predecessor was elected in the immediately prior regular elections.
 1. The duties of any vacant office shall be performed by the next-highest ranking officer in addition to said officer's regular duties. This procedure shall only apply to vacancies in the top three officer positions: Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary. No officer shall serve as a substitute in this context for more than one office in addition to his or her regular duties at any one time.
 2. Should there be a vacancy below the top three officer positions, the Vice Chair shall assume the vacancy until a new officer may be appointed and approved by the body.
 3. The line of succession of Congressional officers shall be as follows:
 1. Chair of Congress
 2. Vice Chair of Congress
 3. Secretary of Congress
 4. Congressional Administration Committee Chair
 5. Ways and Means Committee Chair
 6. The remaining Executive Committee members by seniority
 1. In the event no committee officers have been appointed or the regular system of ranking is otherwise insufficient to fill vacancies, rank shall be determined by seniority of representative. Wherein this ranking is insufficient, the presiding officer shall determine a fair method of random adjudication. This ad hoc ranking shall only be employed for the purpose of substitute performance of the duties of vacant offices.
 3. **NOMINATION.** Officer nominations shall be held in Special Orders during the first regular general meeting of each even-numbered session.
 1. A motion approved by a majority of present Representatives or Associates or shall open officer nominations.
 2. The presiding officer shall only accept nominations made by representatives.
 3. A nominator must be present at the Congress Meeting at the time when nominations occur. Nominations may not be made on behalf of another person.
 4. A motion approved by a majority of present and voting representatives shall close officer nominations.
 5. Nominators need specify an officer position at this time.
 4. **SPEAKING AND QUESTIONS.** Speeches and questions to candidates shall be held in Special Orders during the second regular general meeting of each even-numbered session.

1. Immediately prior to the determination of the speaking order of nominators of candidates for a specific office, the presiding officer shall ask said nominators which of the candidates nominated at the previous regular general meeting shall be candidates for said office.
2. Each nominator shall be allowed to speak for two (2) minutes, with the order being determined randomly among the candidates for each office. Should a nominator be unable to attend the General Meeting where officer elections occur, the nominator speech shall not be delivered by another and shall be forfeit.
3. Each candidate shall be allowed to speak for five (5) minutes immediately following the speech of their nominator.
4. After all candidates have spoken, questions may be directed to all candidates for ten (10) minutes. Candidates shall be limited to two (2) minutes per answer.
 1. Time for questions can only be extended twice and after they have been extended twice, they can only be extended to the end of the list, unless there is a suspension of the rules.
5. Follow-up questions shall not be granted.
5. DEBATE. When the time for questions has expired and without entry into Executive Session, the body shall enter debate for a period at the discretion of the Student Congress Chair.
6. ROLL CALL VOTE. When the time for ~~questions debate~~ has expired the Student Congress Secretary shall hold a roll call vote. A candidate must receive a majority vote of representatives present and voting to be elected.
7. RUN-OFF VOTE. In the case of no candidate receiving a majority vote, a run-off roll call vote between the two candidates receiving the greatest numbers of votes shall immediately commence, the candidate receiving the majority vote of those representatives present and voting being elected.
8. TRANSITION. Upon the successful election of each Congress officer, the outgoing officer in question shall remain in the body as an Associate.
9. RESTRICTION. No person shall simultaneously run for more than one office.
10. RESTRICTION. No person shall nominate a candidate to an office for which they are also running, due to conflict of interest.
11. CAMPAIGN RESTRICTIONS. Campaigning for the offices of Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary shall comply with the OU SGA Code Annotated, Title VI, where applicable.
 1. The SGA Election Commissioner shall be able to determine the applicability of the Code Annotated to Congress officer elections.
 2. Candidates for officer positions shall have campaign spending limits of \$100 for each candidate.
 3. All candidates for all officer positions are required to file a campaign expense report to the SGA Election Commissioner.
 4. Candidates shall not send unsolicited electronic messages.
 5. Candidates shall not utilize property of the OU SGA for the purpose of campaigning.
 6. All disputes or conflicts arising from these regulations may be appealed to the SGA Election Commissioner exclusively and heard at their discretion. Outgoing officers are charged to regulate Congress elections in an unbiased manner.
12. ELECTION ABSENCES. Should a candidate be unable to attend either the nomination meeting or the election meeting for a reason other than a conflict with a campus organization or activity, the following rules shall apply:
 1. Should a candidate be absent at the time of nominations, the Chair of Congress will notify the nominee of the position they were nominated for as well as the name of their nominator. The nominee must submit in writing to the Chair whether they

accept or reject the nomination to be a candidate within 24 hours of the General Meeting when nomination occurred.

2. Should a candidate have an immovable conflict with the election meeting, the Chair of Congress shall decide which of the following three categories the conflict falls into.
 1. SCHOOL CONFLICT. A conflict relating to an academic obligation that cannot be rescheduled, is an event, and is academically required at the University of Oklahoma in which a candidate is currently enrolled in shall be automatically approved by the Chair, on the condition that the candidate provide the Chair with either a course schedule or proof that the event is required. Candidates who have a scheduled conflict relating to said academic obligation shall be allowed to give their nomination speech, election speech, and be questioned by the body at the meeting directly before the election meeting.
 2. EMERGENCY CONFLICT. A conflict relating to an immediate or unforeseeable emergency or scheduled medical conflict on either the part of a candidate, or what the candidate considers to be a close family member, shall be referred to as an emergency conflict. If the emergency conflict is scheduled, the candidate shall be given the opportunity to give their nomination speech, election speech, and be questioned by the body at the meeting directly before the election meeting. If the emergency conflict is unforeseen and the candidate has not yet had the opportunity to give their election speech and be questioned by the body, as long as the candidate is able to provide proof of the emergency, the candidate may write a speech to be read by any member of the body of the candidates choosing, subject to the time restraints outlined in the previous sections of these bylaws.
 3. OTHER CONFLICT. Any other immovable conflict shall be presented to the body for final consideration regarding the validity of the absence. The candidate shall have three (3) minutes to present and explain their cause for absence to the body. The candidate shall be allowed to run if the vote passes through the body with a two-third majority vote in favor of allowing the absence. Candidates who have a scheduled conflict that is approved by the body shall be given the opportunity to speak and be questioned during the meeting directly before the election meeting, according to the rules outlined in the previous sections of these bylaws.
3. The body must be made aware of scheduled conflicts at the nomination meeting.

Section 9: AMENDATORY: The Undergraduate Student Congress Bylaws Section 8.5 are amended as follows. New additions shall be denoted by an underline, and deletions shall be denoted by a ~~striketthrough~~.

Section 4.5: VOTES OF NO CONFIDENCE IN OFFICERS

1. REGULAR VOTES OF NO CONFIDENCE. At the second meeting of each odd-numbered ~~session~~, Student Congress representatives shall hold a no-confidence vote on its incumbent officers.
2. The agenda for this meeting shall include planned Executive Session during the no confidence item of Special Orders and state specifically the provision of Section 307 of the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act authorizing the executive session, in accordance with the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act.
3. To enter a planned Executive Session, a motion to enter executive session must receive a simple majority of Representatives present and voting, or the session shall be bypassed.
4. PROCEDURE FOR VOTES OF NO CONFIDENCE.
 - a. Ten (10) minutes shall be allowed for questions from members and the gallery. Time for questions may only be extended once by five (5) minutes.

- b. Sixty (60) minutes shall be allowed for debate.
 - c. The officer being voted upon shall ~~not~~ be allowed in the chamber during debate, through a form of Executive Session in which all additional non-essential personnel shall be ordered to leave the room.
 - d. The Student Congress Secretary, or the Congressional Administration Committee Chair if the Student Congress Secretary is the officer in question, shall hold a roll call vote on whether the officer in question shall be removed.
 - e. An officer who is also a representative shall be permitted to vote on the no confidence decision.
5. EFFECT OF VOTES OF NO CONFIDENCE.
- a. Officers shall retain their offices upon the failure of the no-confidence vote.
 - b. If a no-confidence vote passes upon approval by a majority of the representatives present and voting, the office shall become vacant and nominations for that office shall be opened immediately.

Section 10: AMENDATORY: The Undergraduate Student Congress Bylaws Section 4.4 are amended as follows. New additions shall be denoted by an underline, and deletions shall be denoted by a ~~strikethrough~~.

Section 8.5 IMPEACHMENT HEARINGS

1. Any congress member may write a resolution to impeach any member eligible for impeachment of the Executive, Judicial, or Programming Branches. This resolution must outline the impeachment charges as well as any witnesses who are willing to speak during hearing or trial.
 - a. An Impeachment Bill must be submitted six (6) days before the hearing. The Congress Chair shall have twenty-four (24) hours to notify the people subject to impeachment.
 - b. The resolution must be seen in the Congressional Administration Committee.
 - c. The resolution must be seen in the Executive Committee which consists of the Congress Chair, the Vice Chair, the Secretary, and all Committee Chairs.
 - d. The resolution must receive a recommendation of no recommendation in both committees to be seen in general body.
 - e. If the resolution is to be seen in general body the impeached officer must be notified within an hour of the last recommendation. This notification will be given through the Congress Secretary and must include the day of the hearing as well as the charges brought against the potential officer being impeached.
 - f. The resolution will be seen in Special Orders of the upcoming Congress General Body meeting.
2. The charge(s) for impeachment shall be brought before the body by the author of the resolution immediately before the time for questions shall begin.
 - a. There shall be ten (10) minutes of time for questions for the author of the resolution, followed by ten (10) minutes of time for questions for the officer being impeached. Both periods of questioning can be extended as with a normal piece of legislation.
 - b. After time for questions has elapsed, Congress shall enter into debate. Any person in the room shall be permitted to speak. An author's summation shall be made by both the author of the resolution and the impeachable officer following debate.
 - ~~c. Following time for questions, Congress shall motion to enter into a special executive session where the impeachable officer and the author of the resolution shall not be allowed in the room. Only members of the Undergraduate Student Congress and SGA Advisors shall be permitted to speak in Executive Session.~~
 - d. ~~Following Executive Session, Following debate,~~ there shall be a five (5) minute recess during which impeachment charges shall be finalized by the author of the resolution. This list will be read by the presiding officer. Each charge will be voted on individually, and each charge that receives a majority vote will be forwarded to the Graduate Student Senate.

Section 11: This act shall become effective when passed in accordance with the SGA Constitution.

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Submitted on a Motion by: Representative Wang seconded Representative Radzanowski

Action taken by Congress: Failed 9-28-0

Verified by Chair: _____ Date: _____

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS

CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CXIV

November 18, 2025

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-114-24

AS INTRODUCED

A Congressional Act of Procedure authorizing a survey of the student body on behalf of the Undergraduate Student Congress; 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 “Supply Survey Act of 2025.”

Section 2: Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to establish a survey as the Undergraduate Student Congress. The SGA Undergraduate Congress shall conduct a survey of undergraduate students to determine which class-specific supplies need to be made more accessible.

Section 3: The following questions shall be administered via Qualtrics.

Introduction:

Thank you for considering participating in our important survey. The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association Undergraduate Congress is collecting data on the supplies that students purchase for use in their classes.

Confidentiality Assurance

What will I be asked to do?

If you agree to be in this research, you will complete a 1-minute online survey.

Will I be compensated for participating?

There is no compensation for completing this survey.

Do I have to participate?

No. If you do not participate, you will not be penalized or lose benefits or services unrelated to the research. If you do decide to participate, you don't have to answer any questions and can stop participating at any time.

Will my identity be anonymous or confidential?

Your name and/or email will not be retained or linked with your responses.

What will happen to my data in the future?

We will not share your data or use it in future research.

Is this survey approved by the institutional review board?

No, this survey is not approved by the University of Oklahoma Institution review board. This survey has been passed as an act of legislation through the University of Oklahoma Undergraduate Student Congress.

Confidentiality Assurance: Please be assured that your responses will be kept anonymous and confidential. No personally identifiable information will be collected, and all data will be reported in collective form. Your honesty and openness in answering these questions are appreciated.

Yes, I consent (*)

No, I do not consent

Section 1:

Q1. What is your major?

Q2. What supplies have you had to buy for class?

- a. Goggles
- b. Microscope Slides
- c. Lab Coats
- d. Aprons
- e. Gloves

Q3. Any Others?

Section 4: Upon passage of this bill, the survey will be released on www.qualtrics.com emailed through the University of Oklahoma mass mailing system through the email: kga@ou.edu

The survey shall be conducted from November 19, 2025 through December, 12, 2025.

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Co-Sponsor(s):

Submitted on a Motion by: Representative Martin seconded Representative Rhoads

Action taken by Congress: Passed unanimously 36-0-0

Verified by Chair: _____ Date: _____

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				Ball	Reese	y	y	y	y
				Bass	Jayden	y	y	y	n
				Beasley	William	y	y	n	y
				Benitez-Mendoza	Delia				
Ball	Reese	x	x	Bertotti	Hayden	y	y	y	y
Bass	Jayden	x	x	Burnett	Ava	y	y	y	n
Beasley	William	x	x	Carter	Leo	y	y	n	y
Benitez-Mendoza	Delia			Christiansen	Henry	y	y	n	y
Bertotti	Hayden	x	x	Cunningham	Owen	y	y	n	y
Burnett	Ava	x	x	Cox	Ian	y	y	n	y
Carter	Leo	x	x	Dailey	Keeley	y	y	n	y
Christiansen	Henry	x	x	Evans	Alexis	y	y	n	y
Cunningham	Owen	x	x	Fisher	Mecca	y	y	y	n
Cox	Ian	x	x	Gideon	Jaycee	y	y	n	y
Dailey	Keeley	x	x	Gilson-Bond	Aaron	y	y	n	y
Evans	Alexis	x	x	Glaza	Ava	y	y	n	y
Fisher	Mecca	x	x	Graham	Brocke				
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Graham	Brocke	a	a	Hicks	Reagan	y	y	n	y
Hawkins	Da'juan	x	x	Jackson	Justin	y	y	n	y
Hicks	Reagan	x	x	Kurtz	Dorina	y	n	n	y
Jackson	Justin	x	x	Lartey	Ominy	y	y	y	y
Kurtz	Dorina	x	x	Lawrence	Lila				
Lartey	Ominy	a	x	Martinez	Angel				
Lawrence	Lila	ex	ex	Martin	Kyle	y	y	n	y
Martinez	Angel	a	a	Means	Parker				
Martin	Kyle	x	x	Morgan	Coleman	y	y	n	y
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Morgan	Coleman	x	x	Pitts	Avery	y	y	n	y
Pfeffer	Evan	x	x	Prajapati	Himani				
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Prajapati	Himani	ex	ex	Quinones	Estrella	y	y	n	y
Pruitt	Aydan	x	x	Radzanowski	Lorelai	y	y	y	n
Quinones	Estrella	x	x	Rapp	Madeline	y	y	n	y
Radzanowski	Lorelai	x	x	Rhoads	Hope	y	y	n	y
Rapp	Madeline	x	x	Schonfield	Jacob	y	y	n	y
Rhoads	Hope	x	x	Schmitz	Isaac	y	y	n	y
Schonfield	Jacob	x	x	Toyos	Alexandra	y	y	n	y
Schmitz	Isaac	x	x	Vaithianathan	Nadesh				
Toyos	Alexandra	x	x	Vedra	Hayden		y	n	y
Vaithianathan	Nadesh	a	a	Walker	Cade	y	n	n	y
Vedra	Hayden	a	x	Wang	Andy	y	y	y	n
Walker	Cade	x	x	Wolthuis	Ellie	y	y	n	y
Wang	Andy	x	x	Yousuf	Anayat	y	y	y	n
Wolthuis	Ellie	x	x			36	35	9	31
Yousuf	Anayat	x	x			0	2	28	6