

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS

Session CXIV
General Body Meeting
7:00 pm, Tuesday, September 16, 2025
Dale 103

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 by Toyos

Approval of Minutes | September 9, 2025

Officer Reports -

- O Chair's Report: Hey, everyone! We have a pretty large agenda today, with five pieces of legislation in items to be considered as well as an update from President Dunlap. For those of you who are unaware, the SGA Code Annotated requires that the SGA President address Congress at least three times each session. I am preparing our Congress composition survey, which is something we will use to guide committee membership and recruitment, as discussed during my campaign last session. I will have this survey ready for you all next week to fill out. I also am preparing for our regular tabling, as well as the themes. I also wanted to thank you all for being respectful over the last week. There has been a lot going on and as student leaders, it is incumbent on us to support *all* students. We have support staff if you all are aware of or are made aware of issues, please let us know.
- O Vice Chair's Report: Howdy y'all if you were at orientation, thank you for coming. I had a great time seeing all of you. If you don't have a name tag, please come up and see me after this meeting. If you already scanned the QR code before, or you let me know at orientation and you came to my office after, yours is down here. I just have to wait until I have more cardstock available to be able to print more. But just come let me know os I can write your name down.
- O Secretary's Report: I'm not sure if I've mentioned this before, if you're going to be absent email me at my congress secretary email. Thanks.

Committee Reports-

O Campus Outreach, Safety, and Concerns: Hey everyone we did meet officially this week we had a really productive time, discussing our plans for this semester and welcoming our new prospective associates. I want to welcome everyone who is new to COSCO, I'm

sending you welcome emails along with our agenda that I send out every week. We did see one piece of legislation CB-114-001 Honoring Chief Nathaniel Tarver act authored by Ben Keupen. We gave it a recommendation of due pass and we will be seeing that tonight. We are still without a vice chair but that will be decided tonight. So, I will be informing my committee over email shortly and then we'll be up here to announce it at next week's meeting. Lastly, our very first light walk will be happening this Sunday, September 21st at 8 pm. We want as many people as possible to show up. They only take life half an hour if everyone comes and they're also a CSP. It's not required for this month, but you should act like it is.

- O Congressional Administration: ConAd met officially this Sunday, and we gave CB-114-04 and 05 a Rec of Due Pass, and CB-114-09 a Rec of No Rec. We will go over projects in ConAd at our next meeting.
- o **External Affairs:** Hi everyone, we met unofficially after Orientation on Sunday where we just welcomed our new members. If you're in External Affairs you should know I control the email and you all should have joined the GroupMe, so go EA. Also, our new Vice-Chair is Leo Carter, and our secretary is Ava Burnett! Really, we talked about the continuation of projects that we talked about last week so we're ready to hit the ground running.
- O Human Diversity: HD met officially this week; I'd like to welcome our 16 new members. That is huge, I am so excited. We talked about a lot of projects we want to get going. I just want to say to everyone in my committee to please apply for those secretary and internal and external liaison positions. And then if you haven't joined the group me yet, please see me after the meeting and I will get you a code to join.
- O **Sustainability:** Sustainability met unofficially this past Sunday, and we just welcomed the new members and talked about project ideas. A lot of them had very good ideas for what they wanted to do. I'm very excited for this upcoming session.
- O University Policy: UPOL met this past week with our prospective new members, and we just talked a little bit about some of our upcoming projects that we will be working on this semester. Thank you to everyone who showed up. It was amazing to see all the new faces in UPOL. Shout out to my secretary Coleman who was there with me for the whole orientation. Besides that, we will have a lot to talk about at our next meeting. We will be delegating our projects and starting sort of our game plan for the semester. So more to come on that. Besides that, that's all I have. Thank you.
- Ways and Means: Hi, everyone! WAM met officially on Sunday and saw the SGOS Act of 2025. We'll be seeing that bill tonight. We'll start seeing allocations for Auxiliary this Sunday. More info about Aux to come next Tuesday. Thank you.

Liaison Reports
Special Orders

o President Avery Dunlap, Student Government Association

Student Concerns

Items to Be Considered

On a motion to see CB-114-009 Rhoads seconded by Higareda Castillo

 CB-114-009 "Session CXIV General Application Appointment Act II" (Martin/Robinson/Estrada) (Rec of No Rec)

Author's Explanation

ConAd Chair Martin: Just adding 2 people to be an associate and we had an extra seat for the prehealth sciences district, so we appointed Nadesh to that position.

7:45 time remaining for questions

- **Representative Morgan:** Why were these two associates and representative not appointed last week?
 - O Chair Robinson: With regards to the 2 associates, Brooklyn was a reapplicant that came from our reapplication form. That one doesn't have a solid deadline. That one she's being reappointed she was already an associate. Zayd just said he wasn't able to make it, but then after the meeting he said he could make it. We actually took him off the bill last week, but now we're reappointing him. And then for Nadesh, there was opening in that district, so we appointed him.

Passed unanimously 38-0-0

On a motion to see CB-114-008 Evans seconded by Toyos

o CB-114-008 "SGOS Act of 2025" (Schonfield) (Rec of Due Pass)

Author's Explanation

WAM Chair Schonfield: This piece of legislation essentially just makes it so that several of the position that are paid by SGA and rolled into what we are calling the SGOS. Essentially it just means that the wonderful George Ahmadi, our SGA advisor, has a little more leeway in how we manage pay for these individuals. That means that right now, whenever someone is supposed to get a raise due to university mandate or otherwise just needs to get a raise, because they're being paid less than they should be, means we'd have to pass through an act of Congress for us to make the be in line with the Code annotated, and it seems a bit unreasonable to me. That's the long and short of it. Oh, it's the Office of Student Government and Organization Services, so now you know what the acronym stands for. It would still require that he get the permission of the Congress Chair GSS Chair and President, if we want to make any changes.

6:36 time remaining for questions

- **EA Chair Rhoads:** For position like General Counsel, Chief of Staff, Election Commissioner, Webmaster, et cetera. Is their stipend going to be based on past precedent or is it going to be newly decided every year?
 - o **WAM Chair Schonfield:** We still must allocate the amount of money George has to pay people with in our annual primary fund. Every time we allocate to salaries and stipend, we would be allocating to SGOS for one portion of that. That's a big part of where the advice and consent of the Congress Chair, GSS Chair, and the President comes into play because there would be discussions about raises and changes there. From one year to the next, you would not see a lot of change between what one position is being paid one year and what would be getting the next. Generally speaking, that makes it a little more flexible. It doesn't necessarily have to be tied to precedent, but it generally would be, based on the people in those positions. People in those positions being George, the President, and the GSS Chair.

- EA Chair Rhoads: Because it was previously based on the amount of office hours worked, are the amount of office hours for these positions going to be changing? I know that Chief of Staff and like the Election Commissioner and Webmaster have to have a certain amount of office hours and that's kind of what their salaries were based previously. And that's what they kind of had to fulfill, but I don't know how many office hours they must have now.
 - WAM Chair Schonfield: This just makes it so it's up to George and the previously mentioned officers with regard to how many office hours people need to work and everything. Just means things can be more efficient and more fair across the board without the body having to deal with it every semester, every year. I'll also mention that with regard to the part that's highlighted right now as well as several other places in the bill there are several amendments that need to be made, and I have an individual ready to propose those in the crowd.
- Representative Wick: Would the author be amenable to an amendment in Section 3 Subsection 1 Sub-subsection 1 of the bill, getting rid of the strikethroughs of "Stipends are reflective" through "are expected eight office hours", under Section 3 of the bill, on page 2 at the bottom, replacing "Student Organization Resource Officers and SGA Graphic Designer/Webmaster" with "SGA Student Assistants", under section 3 on page 3, striking the whole paragraph that starts with "The Election Commission Staff, Election Commissioner, Student Organizations Resources Officers and SGA Graphic Designer/Webmaster are selected based upon applications received through the HR website", and striking the words "at minimum wage".?
 - o **WAM Chair Schonfield:** I would.
- Vice Chair Gilson-Bond: Does that mean that we still have office hours?
 - WAM Chair Schonfield: The amendment makes as though that the part striking the part striking the mention of specific office hours remains in the code annotated. The reason why that was in there to begin with is because I had written a different bill that changed the way that office hours worked for reasons we will get into for whenever we get into that legislation. But as of right now, we do not need to worry about that.
- **COSCO Chair Christiansen:** Just to verify, there is still somewhere in the Code Annotated that requires office hours?
 - o **WAM Chair Schonfield:** Yes.
- President Dunlap: Do hourly workers remain hourly under this?
 - WAM Chair Schonfield: Yes.
- Representative Morgan: You had said that this kind of streamlines the procedure to take it out of our body. Why do you think that taking that out of our hands in the name of efficiency is the right step rather than us elected members of the body be making those decisions?
 - o **WAM Chair Schonfield:** First off, I would say that we still have oversight as the elected body, whenever we do the salaries or stipends and the primary allocation process. If we want to get granular about how much people are getting paid or how much is being allocated to us generally, that's absolutely something that we can do every time we're allocating primary and those things. Additionally, with the oversight still offered in that allocating and everything through the body, I'll also point out that there's still oversight from Caleb, from Summer our GSS Chair, from Avery. It's not a situation where George or whomever would have the ability to say the Chief of Staff gets paid a million dollars and everyone else gets nothing. It's just not possible.

Not only does it prevent those unreasonable, crazy things from happening. It means that the body will not have to deal with constant haggling over how much the Chief of Staff needs to get paid, how much the Election Commissioner gets paid, etc. As you all know, I mean, it's virtually any job you work it would usually get a raise each year. I'm not saying that that's something we would be doing. It's just that if we have everything written in the code annotated, it just takes someone not taking to the time to read to realize, or for it to happen, that these people's pay stagnates for years on end and everyone's getting underpaid.

- **EA Chair Rhoads:** When was the last time any of these positions got a raise?
 - **WAM Chair Schonfield:** Fantastic question, there hasn't been a raise in my memory.
 - o **SGA Advisor George Ahmadi:** There hasn't been a raise unless it's been mandated by the code, but it's very rarely that a student will be in one of those positions that get a raise because they're not in there long enough either.
- **Representative Hawkins:** I believe you spoke a lot about fairness and flexibility. Are you speaking towards there have been problems in the past or are you speaking towards prevention of future problems?
 - **WAM Chair Schonfield**: I think that wage stagnation is a form of unfairness, and generally isn't good. In a lot of these positions there is a lot more time being poured into them than there is payment for the effort and time being poured into those. We have the resources to be paying people a fair wage for the job they are doing. So, we should be.
- **Election Commissioner Savage**: Can you explain how the bill exactly works for the Election Commissioner?
 - o **SGA Advisor George Ahmadi:** In the case of the Election Commission, that salary is already set in another place in the code. So if that's already set, I would honor that. If the salary was mandated somewhere else, we would obviously stay with that.
- **Representative Beasley:** Is there any plans to give anyone a raise?
 - o **SGA Advisor George Ahmadi:** Off of this bill, no. I have brought up the question for General Counsel, the salary is not competitive, according to where SGA has it set. So, that would be one of the first things we would look at. Also, I think it's important to note that there is going to be a state referendum next year that puts the question to the state about raising the minimum wage incrementally until 2028. This is also a preemptive measure. This is also just a formal way of SGA recognizing SGOS. Since student relations have been moved into my area, I've been trying to simplify the services that you guys provide but also our office provides. So, the idea behind this is also to kind of expand on those services by hiring student assistance and using SGA resources to do it.
- Representative Morgan: If there's no current plan to raise anyone's wages, i.e. streamline the process, why are we taking the voting power out our body and putting it somewhere else?

On a motion to extend time for questions by 10 minutes Rhoads seconded by Vedra

o **WAM Chair Schonfield:** Like George said, a big part of it is preemptive. There's no reason for us to wait for someone to be getting paid way less than they should be

getting paid to make it so that we can adjust that as necessary. Also, I mean at the end of the day, that's a good enough reason to me to make sure that we don't leave people behind in regards to the amount of resources we're able to offer to the students as well as the quality of those resources.

- Vice-Chair Gilson Bond: Is it still a thing where, hypothetically, tomorrow we were given a raise that none of us would actually benefit from that because we wouldn't receive those raises. It would be for the next people next year.
 - WAM Chair Schonfield: In my reading of the Constitution, no. The only positions
 that are prevented from getting an immediate raise are the President and the Vice
 President.

Call for debate Rhoads seconded by Morgan

Debate:

COSCO Chair Christiansen: I would just like to remind people that this bill doesn't actually give people raises right now. I think people are being stuck on raises for a hot second, but this bill doesn't give anyone a raise.

EA Chair Rhoads: I'm not concerned about raises being given. We're saying that it's difficult for this legislation when there is raises. I've been a member of congress for four years. I've been Congress chair and been paid for that position. I don't think people do this for the money. I just think we're talking about the difficulty of getting this legislation to be passed through, and we've never seen it in four years. So, we're talking about how it would make it easier, but I don't believe it would, and the person who would be getting these raises, with how funding works, they get them anyways. The person who's suffering right now is General Counsel. I'm open to seeing individual legislation about raising General Counsel to make it more competitive with other schools, but as of right now, I don't think this is productive to what we do because we've never seen it before.

Representative Morgan: Absolutely no problem with giving anybody raises. I think they're overdue, in fact, and I would vote for a bill to go and raise wages. However, I think it is a step in the wrong direction to take the voting power out of our hands in the name of streamlining efficiency

On a motion to leave debate Morgan seconded by Evans Vote to leave debate passed unanimously 39-0-0

Author's Summation:

WAM Chair Schonfield: Just wanted to let you guys know, I understand there's fears about losing control over how much people are getting paid, or generally like forking over our legislative authority or anything like that. But I'll reinforce it again. This is not like George is going to suddenly become a tyrant and like start using money as some sort of power grab or tool or something to that effect. He couldn't if he wanted to, which I don't think George is the type of wonderful man to do that anyway. But where he to be that type of person or his successor to be that type of individual, there are checks on his power with regards to setting wages from both the President, the GSS chair, and the Congress Chair. These are capable individuals who know the system very well, know how much money we have, understand the positions that would be getting funding, getting raises or decreases et cetera. These are people extremely familiar with the process. Generally, at the end of the day I put a lot of trust and a lot of value in not just the SGA advisor's perspective on things, but also the perspective of those 3 individuals. Additionally, I think efficiency is extremely important, especially whenever it comes to allowing flexibility in how people are able to be employed and the

resources that we're able to offer to students on campus. Something that is in the bill that I think is not seen as important, I guess, would be like the SGA Graphic Designer/Webmaster, the Student Organization Officer, the individuals who work in the Conoco. These are people who are working for SGA to offer resources to RSOs to students on campus. This would offer George and the three individuals I mentioned earlier a little more flexibility to make sure that they are paid well and we are allowed to have quality candidates. Either way I appreciate yell have a good night.

Passed 23-16-0

On a motion to recess for 5 minutes Morgan by voice vote: passed unanimously

On a motion to see CB-114-004 Wang seconded by Hawkins

o CB-114-004 "Impeachment Eligibility Clarification Act of 2025" (Keupen) (Rec of Due Pass)

Author's Explanation

Associate Keupen: Hello everyone for those of you who don't know me, I'm Ben Keupen. I'm a political science senior. This is my 4th year being in Congress. This bill came about because I noticed that this provision is inconsistent with what the Constitution actually says about who can be impeached. This bill corrects the Code Annotated to match the Constitution.

7:30 time remaining for questions

- **EA Chair Rhoads:** Could you elaborate on the Supreme Court Case that put this into effect?
 - O Keupen: So, I was just looking into the Code annotated, doing some research on impeachment because it was relevant at the time. Well article 3 section 9 clause 2 in the constitution says that congress shall have the sole power to bring the impeachment charges against the members of the executive, judicial, and programming branches. I noticed that that's not what the Code Annotated really said. So, I asked for the general council opinion and she said that basically it was fine, that we could impeach them. I disagreed and appealed to the superior court, who ruled unanimously that we can basically impeach any member of those branches.
- EA Chair Rhoads: This doesn't mean that we intend to do this any time soon?
 - o **Associate Keupen:** Not at all
- Rep Burnett: Why in the first part it says that the right to impeach should be reserved to those positions that are either popularly elected by the student body or have the ability to act independent of any other office. But we strike through the section that members of the presidential staff exist only because of their duties and are not impeachable. Would you say that people who are selected like Secretaries to the Cabinet are not elected or independent, doesn't that contradict each other?
 - Associate Keupen: They're not independent but they serve as extensions of the president's power. So, therefore, they should be impeached to hold them accountable. So, it would be far removed to threaten the president, like hey, I'm going to impeach you if you don't remove the cabinet secretary. Rather than just being able to remove the cabinet secretary.
- **Representative Burnett:** Why is there this wording that it should be reserved for positions that are either popularly elected or have the ability to act independent of another office?

- O Associate Keupen: It's just removing the strikethrough. I didn't originally write that clause that you're seeing there.
- Representative Burnett: Ask your question please?
 - Associate Keupen: if you disagree with the Supreme Court's opinion, you could always change the constitution of you really want to.
- Election Commissioner Savage: Just because we are passing this bill doesn't mean we are intending to impeach anyone now. However, we can never rule out that possibility, so I will ask you now. Do you have any plans to impeach anyone within this building?
 - o **Associate Keupen:** No.

Passed 38-1-0

On a motion to see CR-114-001 Christiansen seconded by Hicks

o CR-114-001 "Honoring Chief Nathaniel Tarver Resolution" (Keupen) (Rec of Due Pass)

Author's Explanation

Associate Keupen: OUPD Chief Tarver, who has served in law enforcement for over four decades and has been a part of OUPD since 2015, is retiring this week. This resolution expresses our gratitude to him.

7:40 time remaining for questions

Passed unanimously 38-0-0

On a motion to see CB-114-005 Morgan seconded by Vedra

 CB-114-005 "SGA Executive Office of the President Renaming Act of 2025" (Wolthuis/Dunlap) (Rec of Due Pass)

Author's Explanation

Chief of Staff Wolthuis: For those of you who do not know me, my name is Ellie Wolthuis, and I serve as Chief of Staff of the executive branch. Come in anytime and introduce yourself.

President Dunlap: So this bill is renaming what is known as the executive office of the president, as of now, back to the cabinet, or what was known as the executive cabinet as of a couple years ago. This doesn't change the structure of the EOP or the secretary requirements or anything like that. It simply changes the name. The reason we're doing this is that it's an accessibility problem. We explain, hey, we're the EOP, and students don't know what that means. Everyone here is required to take federal government; the federal system is what we model ourselves after. It's called the cabinet, so we're changing it to be more in line with that because now it's just stupid and people don't know what we are talking about. They know what the secretaries' function truly is because they already understand the federal system.

Chief of Staff Wolthuis: It's only been one semester that we have been the EOP and it was a quick transition to that, so no one has really gotten used to that and now we want to revert back to what it's known and loved.

6:52 remaining for questions

• Sustainability Chair Cunningham: How many cabinets are there in your office?

- o **President Dunlap:** 18
- o Chief of Staff Wolthuis: 67
- **Representative Morgan:** Why was this changed in the first place?
 - O **President Dunlap:** Truthfully, you can look at the minutes because I don't know. So, a year ago we switched what Cabinet or EOP looks like from directorships and the code annotated for directorships to more of a loose term calling them secretaries now, and we changed it in that bill. I think it's because we were changing the structure of what the EOP looks like, so they also changed the name.

Passed unanimously 39-0-0

Follow-Up Reports Announcements and Comments

SGA Advisor George **Ahmadi:** Hey guys, I know there's a lot of questions, and I want this to be very transparent. This isn't going to be a money drain on my part or like I'm going to just have a wild party. One of the first things that I did when we went into this, I told Jacob, I really want to make sure that you guys still have the power to assign the rates, the monthly rates, things like that for your elected positions because I think that's important. However, I think there's a small part of this hourly pool of student that you guys' fund, that we could use a little more effectively without having to get legislative changes all the time. As an example, when things happen over the summer, there's not GSS or Congress for us to enact, but wouldn't it be nice to hire a student at an hourly rate in order to do something for the office? Right now, it's just Mary and I, so we're just trying to have a little but more flexibility in this case, and I'll make sure that this gets to the President, Vice President, Congress, and the GSS. I know it's easy to fixate on the raises part, and you guys can discuss that. I just wanted to clarify that there is no nefarious plan. This is one of the most important things that you guys is offer these resources, but the goal really is to just be a little more efficient and hire the people that we need and really just student employees. I'm happy to answer any questions later on if you guys have anything specific. Also, it doesn't preclude you from offering new legislation to change that. It's not like it's done, never to be changed again. You guys can legislate other things as you see fit. This was just something that Jacob and I brough forward to be like hey, I think this is giving you what I need. As an example, we don't have student organization and resources office anymore. We may not always need an SGA Webmaster or graphic designer, but sometimes we need an assistant for engage, we may need an assistant to update the Municode and things like that. The goal of this bill is to just to provide a little flexibility with oversight in order to make that happen. My door is always open, and I'm happy to answer any questions.

Representative Vedra: I talked a bit last week about an upcoming AI expo. If y'all want to be in that, please let me know. I can help you get registered. It closes this Friday, so that yeah just let me know.

Representative Burnett: As I mentioned last week QSA is having our history month on the 27th, that's going to be Saturday. If y'all want to come, we haves some amazing speakers. We have Alex Bliss who is the CEO of Culture Connection Law. We have James Cooper who is the council of the board to Oklahoma City. There all going to have amazing speeches about queerness in Oklahoma and across the US. I will be sending out RSVPs soon, and I hope you guys should come.

Vice Chair Gilson-Bond: The friends of Norman Library is going to be having a fall book sale from September 26th to 28th. I'm going to be sending a sign up opportunity to go and volunteer to help out. I think it's an awesome CSP opportunity. Something that I'm going to kind of sprinkle in to kind of get people to want to do it more is if you do it, I will give your committee extra points which is more opportunities for your committee to have a pizza party on my dime. So please do it.

Representative Toyos: We just selected the new class of CLA, so I'm looking forward to letting them know about congress and having some new people in the body. We have some already that are associates. Thank you.

Representative Fisher: So, first off the Wayfinders program is holding an info session from 5-6 D.E.H. 270. So if you're interested, contact Michelle to learn more about that. Engineer's club is hosting a talk with H. F. Sinclair, a talk and Q and A. It's from 6-7 tomorrow RPF 200.

General Discussion

Chair Robinson: This is an opportunity for you to bring up a topic or a question to get that on the record.

Representative Fisher: Could you talk a little bit about tabling?

Chair Robinson: Right now, my plan is for this upcoming session of tabling to focus on the resources that SGA provides and the resources the university provides to kind of get new students acquainted with what we offer, and then as we progress, we'll kind of change topics. So, towards November, I would like to focus on Mental Health Tabling, how students can cope with finals week stress and things like that. They could also be an early December ting now that we start a week later, and we've got a bit more time in December, but these will all kind of be themed. I will send out SignUp Geniuses for everybody. These will be CSPs, so if anyone needs one, these will be opportunities provided at least once on a month on top of light walks and trash walks. So, these are just kind of themed tablings where we use things both for our own outreach, plus a way to provide info to students. This is kind of going to supplant the things about town halls, because students don't go to town halls. I had some discussions over the summer, and we decided that they are a waste of our resources because students do not come to them. So, we're going to take the resources that we would have provided at town halls and instead provide those at tabling events where we are more likely to encounter students.

Representative Burnett: Could you clarify that Supreme Court case that we discussed earlier?

Chair Robinson: Very briefly, what happened and Ben, if there's anything specific you want to add to this: last semester, there was some issues with the way that the impeachment procedures were going, Ben was offering a piece of legislation to do these. He went to General counsel, General Counsel said, "you can't do that, this is what the code says, and that stands." He believed, and there were a number of other people who believed that the Constitution said otherwise that enumerated people for a reason, such as the president, and they could be impeached because they were elected, and these are only the people that can be impeached. They were listed, so we assumed that's the only reason. That was Ben's argument, the court agreed, and so the amendment that we had today is just aligning with that order that they give us.

Final Roll Call

On a motion to adjourn Beasley seconded by Pitts

Adjourn 8:19 PM

Chair: Caleb Robinson

Vice Chair: Aaron Gilson-Bond Secretary: Michael Wintory

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CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-114-004 SENATE BILL GSXX/GFXX

AS INTRODUCED

An Act of Legislation amending SGA Code Annotated § II.2.9(c) to clarify that the legislature has the right to impeach and remove members of the Executive, Judicial, and Programming branches; 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 "Impeachment Eligibility Clarification Act of 2025".
- Section 2: Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to clarify that under the SGA Constitution, the Legislative Branch has the right to impeach and remove members of the Executive, Judicial, and Programming branches; updating the Code Annotated to match the Constitution.¹
- **Section 3**: AMENDATORY: The SGA Code Annotated will be amended as follows. For the purposes of this bill, all deleted items shall be denoted with a strikethrough:
 - 1. **Impeachment**. The Legislative Branch shall have the right of impeachment and removal within the Executive, Judicial, and Programming branches. The right to impeach should be reserved for those positions which are either popularly elected by the student body, or have the ability to act independent of any other office. No person charged with impeachment shall be convicted without the concurrence of two-thirds (2/3) of the Senate.
 - 1. **Congress's Power**. Congress shall have the sole power to bring impeachment charges against the members of the Executive, Judicial, and Programming branches.
 - 2. **Senate's Power**. The Senate shall have the sole power to try all impeachments. When the SGA President is tried, the Chief Justice of the SGA Superior Court shall preside over the Senate.
 - 3. Persons Not Subject to Impeachment. Members of the Presidential staff exist only to help the President in their duties and are not impeachable.
 - 1. **Programming Branch General Council.** Members of the Programming branch's general council exist solely to help the Campus Activities Chair in their duties and are not impeachable.

¹ Keupen v. SGA General Counsel (2025)

Section 4:	This act shall become effective when passed in accordance with the	e SGA Constitution.
Author(s): Co-Author(s):	Ben Keupen, Associate	
Co-Sponsor(s):		
Action taken by	Motion by: Representative Wang seconded by Representative Hawk Congress: Passed 38-1-0	_
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CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-114-001 SENATE RESOLUTION NO. GF25

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A Concurrent Resolution honoring the University of Oklahoma Police Department Chief Nathaniel Tarver for his years of service to the University and Law Enforcement; providing for short title; and providing for distribution.

Whereas: Chief Nathaniel Tarver will retire on September 19, 2025, after 46 years of distinguished

service in law enforcement since beginning his career in 19792; and

Whereas: He earned his bachelor's degree in Broadcast Journalism from the University of Oklahoma

and a master's degree in criminal justice management from the University of Central

Oklahoma; and

Whereas: He was hired in 1979 by the Moore Police Department as the city's first Black officer, where

he developed the public-school liaison officer program and attained the rank of Sergeant;

and

Whereas: He served 26 years at the Oklahoma City Police Department beginning in 1989, with several

roles and responsibilities, and retired as Captain in 2015; and

Whereas: He responded to critical incidents, including the Oklahoma City bombing and multiple

tornado emergencies, during his service with the Oklahoma City Police Department; and

Whereas: He joined the University of Oklahoma Health Campus (formerly the OU Health Sciences

Center) Police Department in 2015 as Deputy Chief of Police and became Chief of Police of

this campus in January 2017; and

² McClour, Audrey. "A privilege and an honor!: OU Chief of Police to retire after 46 years of law enforcement service." OU Daily. July 22, 2025. https://www.oudaily.com/news/ou-chief-of-police-retire-service-law-enforcement-department-oupd-nathaniel-tarver/article_e90a708e-0ee4-4a55-8011-b7e630a9dfd9.html

Whereas: He was inducted into the Oklahoma Law Enforcement Hall of Fame in January 2020; and

Whereas: In September 2020, he was named Chief of the University of Oklahoma Police Department,

overseeing all three campuses, and appointed Associate Vice President; and

Whereas: He was honored as a Distinguished Alumnus of the Gaylord College of Journalism in

December 2022; and

Whereas: He has served with the University of Oklahoma Police Department for 10 years, including

five years as Chief of Police for all campuses; and

Whereas: He was honored as a Distinguished alumnus from the Gaylord College of Journalism; and

Whereas: He was inducted into the Oklahoma Law Enforcement Hall of Fame; and

Whereas: He has served OU law enforcement for 10 years; and

Whereas: He has served as OU Chief of Police for 5 years³; 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 "Honoring Chief Nathaniel Tarver Resolution".

Section 2: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association (SGA) commends Chief Tarver for his service and leadership and recognizes his positive impact on campus safety and public trust.

Section 3: SGA acknowledges Chief Tarver's commitment to promoting a safe and inclusive campus environment and building relationships with students, administrators, faculty, and staff.

Section 4: SGA appreciates Chief Tarver's role as a role model and mentor for the University of Oklahoma community and his commitment to professionalism and excellence.

Section 5: SGA extends its appreciation and best wishes to Chief Tarver as he takes his well-deserved retirement, and we honor his legacy of service and leadership.

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

Chief Nathaniel Tarver, University of Oklahoma Police Department

³ Council On Law Enforcement Education & Training. "Chief Nate Tarver." October 10, 2024. https://oklahoma.gov/cleet/about-cleet/council-advisory-council-members/chief-nate-tarver.html

- Joseph Harroz Jr., President, University of Oklahoma
- André-Denis Wright, Senior Vice President and Provost, Norman Campus
- Gary Raskob, Senior Vice President and Provost, Health Campus (formerly Health Sciences)
- David A. Surratt, Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students
- Brian Holderread, Vice President for Campus Operations
- Mackenzie Wilfong, Executive Director and Secretary of the Board of Regents
- OU Daily
- OU Nightly

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CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-114-005 SENATE BILL GF25-XX

AS INTRODUCED

An Act of Legislation changing the name of the SGA Executive Office of the President to the SGA Executive Cabinet; providing for short title, providing for codification, and providing for an effective date.

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

- Section 1: Title: This act shall be known and may be cited as the "SGA Executive Office of the President Renaming Act of 2025."
- **Section 2**: Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to rename the SGA Executive Office of the President to the SGA Executive Cabinet.
- Section 3: AMENDATORY: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association's Code Annotated Title III Chapter 1 Section 5 and Title III Chapter 4 is amended as follows. For the purposes of this bill, all items removed shall be denoted with a strikethrough. All items added shall be denoted with an underline.

Section 4: Chapter III-1 General Provisions

c. The Executive Office of the President The Executive Cabinet. Led by the President, Vice President, and the Chief of Staff, The Executive Cabinet Office of the President (EOP) shall support the efforts made by its leaders to reflect the continued interests of the student body, SGA, and platforms.

d. Rulemaking.

- i. **Delegation.** Any properly appointed or established member or unit of the Executive Branch may perform a Presidential duty with the expressed consent and approval of the President, provided said duty is consistent with said member's underlying responsibilities.
- ii. Funding. The President shall make a budget for the Executive Branch, excluding the Crimson Leadership Association, for submission to the Legislature.
- iii. **Removal.** The President may remove any member of EOP the Executive Cabinet at will with notice.⁷

Chapter III-4 The Executive Office Of The President The Executive Cabinet

- 1. **Purpose**. The Executive Office of the President Cabinet is a Department of the Executive Branch. The Executive Office of the President (EOP) Cabinet shall support the President and Vice President.
- 2. **Chief of Staff.** The overseer of the EOP Executive Cabinet shall be known as the Chief of Staff. The Chief of Staff is the third-highest-ranking member of the Executive Branch. The Chief of Staff shall work with the General Counsel and other appropriate bodies and individuals to ensure compliance of the Executive Branch with the SGA Constitution and SGACA.² The Chief of Staff shall oversee the opening and closing of the General Application with the President, Vice President, and Chair of the Undergraduate Student Congress.
- 3. **EOP Staff** Executive Cabinet Members. The EOP members of the Executive Cabinet shall consist of the Chief of Staff, and any other coordinators, assistants, and liaisons deemed necessary by the President and appropriate by the Legislative houses through advice and consent. The duties of EOP the Executive Cabinet should and can reflect the needs of the President and the administration, including but not limited to: special projects, constituent relations, media relations, legislative affairs, academic affairs. The following, but certainly not limited to, positions must be included as part of the EOP Executive Cabinet:
 - **A.** Communications Coordinator. The coordinator will be responsible for promoting the interests, programs, and positions of the OU SGA. The coordinator will chair meetings with the Congress Vice Chair, Senate Public Relations Committee Chair, the CAC Public Relations Coordinator, and the SGA Webmaster to discuss matter pertaining to social media, media relations, photography, tabling, and other means of advertisement and message distribution.
 - **B.** International Affairs Coordinator. The coordinator shall be responsible for voicing the concerns for the international student population overall and take necessary steps to improve the welfare for these students, and the student. body overall. The appointment process shall include communication with the International Advisory Committee.

Section 5:	include communication with the International Advisory Committee This act shall become effective when passed in accordance with the	
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UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CXIV September 16, 2025

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CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-114-008 SENATE BILL GF25

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An Act of Legislation creating "The Office of Student Government and Organization Services" (SGOS); amending Title X Chapter 5 of the Code Annotated; 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 "SGOS Act of 2025"
- **Section 2**: Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to update Title X Chapter 5 of the Code Annotated to allow more flexibility with regard to the payment of all hourly positions with the SGA.
- Section 3: AMENDATORY: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association Code Annotated Title X Chapter 5 is amended as follows. For the purposes of this bill, all items removed shall be denoted with a strikethrough (strikethrough) and all items added shall be denoted with an underline (underline).

1. Positions Receiving a Salary/Stipend

Section 1: The following positions shall receive a stipend:

- Campus Activities Council Chair: \$435/month
- Chair of Congress: \$435/month
- Chair of Senate: \$435/month
- Chair of SGA Budgetary Committee: \$350/month
- Secretary of Congress: \$350/month
- Secretary of Senate: \$350/month
- Student Bar Association President: \$350/month
- SGA President: \$520/month
- SGA Vice President: \$435/month

- Vice Chair of Congress: \$350/month
- Vice Chair of Senate: \$350/month
- Graduate Student Senate Ways and Means Chair: \$350/Fall Grant Cycle \$350/Spring Grant Cycle

The pay periods of the above positions will be designated as follows:

- Campus Activities Council Chair, Chair of Congress, Chair of Senate, Secretary of Congress, Secretary of Senate, Student Bar Association President, Vice Chair of Congress, and Vice Chair of Senate shall be compensated monthly with compensation periods beginning August 1st and perpetuating monthly until April 30th through the end of their term.
- The SGA President and SGA Vice President shall be compensated monthly with compensation periods beginning December 1st January 1st through the end of their termand perpetuating monthly until November 30th.
- The Chair of SGA Budgetary Committee shall be compensated monthly with compensation periods beginning the month of their appointment by the SGA Congress and ending with their termApril 30th.
- The GSS Ways and Means Chair stipend is to be paid out shall be compensated at the end of October and February, corresponding with the deadlines for the Fall and Spring grant deadlines.
- All SGA officers who receive a stipend or salary shall be eligible to receive compensation at their usual rates of pay during the summer, which shall consist of the months June, July. This pay will be given at the discretion of their staff advisor in Student Affairs Staff, within the parameters of the budget. The SGA officers who receive a stipend shall only be eligible to receive such compensation while executing their official duties in the course of fulfilling their office hours.

Stipends are reflective of the weekly office hour requirement for each position. Stipends are based on performing the appropriate number of weekly office hours, as follows:

- All positions receiving \$520 per month are expected twelve office hours.
- All positions receiving \$435 per month are expected ten office hours.
- All positions receiving \$350 per month are expected eight office hours.

Section 2: The following positions shall receive a salary at a rate determined by their staff adviser in Student Affairs, with the consent of the SGA President, GSS Chair, and Congress Chair. These salaries will come from "The Office of Student Government and Organization Services" (SGOS) which will be allocated to in the salaries and stipends act of their term: SGA Staff Assistant, SGA Budget and Account Representative, OU Student Legal Services Staff Attorney, two full-time staff, Associates of General Counsel, General Counsel, Chief of Staff, Election Commission Staff, Election Commissioner, SGA Student Assistants.

Associates of General Counsel: \$11.00 x 25 hours/week x 34 weeks

- General Counsel: \$12.00 x 25 hours/ week x 48 weeks
- Chief of Staff: \$10.00 x 10 hours/week

The Chief of Staff shall be appointed by the SGA President following an open application process.

- Election Commission Staff: \$50x5 persons x 2 general elections; plus, if needed, \$20x5 people for any runoff or special election (up to three of the aforenoted)
- Election Commissioner: \$500/Spring General Election, \$500/Fall General Election; plus, if needed, \$50 for any runoff or special election (up to three of the aforenoted)
- SGA Staff Assistant
- SGA Budget and Account Representative

The above positions are selected based upon applications received through the HR website, jobs.ou.edu. Selections are made by the SGA President, SGA Vice President, Congress Chair, Senate Chair, and CAC Chair, as well as their staff supervisor in Student Affairs. Increases in pay are given at the discretion of the aforementioned officials. Additionally, if university wide raises are mandated, the above positions shall receive those increases.

- Student Organization Resource Officers: \$10 x 10 hours/week per officers
- SGA Graphic Designer/Webmaster: \$10 x 10 hours/ week x 34 weeks

The above positions are selected based upon applications received through the HR website, jobs.ou.edu. Selections are made by the SGA President, SGA Vice President, Congress Chair, Senate Chair, and CAC Chair.

The OU SLS Staff Attorney shall be hired according to the policies outlined in Title XI. The staff attorney shall be eligible for benefits at a value of the current fringe benefits rate per OU HR policy.

Any position not enumerated above shall not receive a salary/stipend.

- a. **Student Parking Appeals Board Judges**. The Student Parking Appeals Board Judges are appointed at minimum wage, but not funded by SGA; the positions are reimbursed through the Parking and Transit Office.
- b. SGA Graphic Designer/Webmaster. The duties of the SGA Graphic Designer/ Webmaster will be to assist the all branches of SGA to create design products, including web graphics, posters, and flyers, and to maintain and update their respective websites as well as any other online content that may be asked of them.
- Payment of Stipend. All stipend positions are prorated during the months of January, May, August, and December. Stipends begin the first day of regular classes and end the last day of

- regular classes for fall, spring, and summer, semesters. Time sheets are required on all hourly positions. Time sheets are not required for monthly stipend positions.
- 3. **Suspension of Stipend**. Any allegation regarding the fulfillment or lack of thereof of an officer's duty (provided there is some support for such allegation) is sufficient to bring that officer before the Student Activity Fee Reserve Committee. It is an issue of fact for the Committee to make their determination whether the officer's stipend should be suspended.
- 4. **Other Employment**. No employee in an SGA Stipend position shall be employed by the University of Oklahoma in a position that could be considered a conflict of interest. Neither shall they accept any special favors or privileges from any University employee or student or outside source which might in any way compromise their position and responsibilities while in office. This does not intend to include traditional or recognized academic and athletic compensation in the form of scholarships, fellowships, grants, of other similar aid, or employment, which clearly does not represent a conflict of interest. Notification of other employment shall be submitted to the office of the SGA General Counsel prior to elections for purpose of determining a conflict of interest.

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CXIV September 16, 2025

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-114-009

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A Congressional Act of Procedure appointing new Representatives and Associates in the SGA 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 "Session CXIV General Application Appointment Act II." Section 2: Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to select new Associates and Representatives pursuant to the SGA Congressional Bylaws, Section 3.2.3(a). Section 3: APPOINTMENT: The following individuals are hereby appointed as Associates in the SGA Undergraduate Student Congress: Zayd Taariq Brooklyn Schroeder Section 4: APPOINTMENT: The following individuals are hereby appointed as Representatives in the SGA Undergraduate Student Congress: Nadesh Vaithianathan, Pre-Health Sciences District Section 5: This act shall become effective when passed in accordance with the SGA Constitution.

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Nicole Estrada, Arts and Sciences District Representative

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

Submitted on a Motion by: Representative Rhoads seconded by Representative Higareda Castillo

Action taken by Congress: Passed unanimously 38-0-0

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