

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS

Session CXIV

General Body Meeting

7:00 pm, Tuesday, September 9, 2025

Dale 103

Call to Order: 7:04pm

Opening Roll Call

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

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

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

On a motion to approve the minutes Morgan seconded by Christiansen

Approval of Minutes | September 2, 2025

Officer Reports -

- **Chair's Report:** Hello, everyone! To our new members, I am excited to see you all and to our returning members, welcome back! If you are a new member, please do not stress or feel overwhelmed about what you will hear today. There is a lot going on, but I encourage you to simply ask 'On information...' if you feel lost or confused. I will do my best to guide you all and explain what we are doing as the meeting goes on. There is likely a returning member around you, so I encourage you to ask them for guidance as well! Orientation this Sunday will dive deeper into the experience, the motions, and the voting process - it all comes with time. We will have a presentation from Dr. Deborah Watson, the Director of the OU Testing Center today. I also encourage you all to fill out the Congress Climate Survey to voice your expectations for us all, you will see this at least two more times over the session so that our leadership can be guided by your recommendations. If you have not yet reapplied, I need you to do so as soon as possible.
- **Vice Chair's Report:** Good evening, everyone. I hope your day has gone well, and I'd like to give a special welcome to our new member. My name is Aaron Gilson-Bond, and I serve as the Vice Chair of Congress. A little about me, I've been part of Congress since my very first semester here at OU. As Vice Chair, my role can be summed up in one word of advice. I advise the Chair on matters related to Congress, I participate in every committee to help

members think through issues, and I work to help new members get oriented and feel at home in this body. Now, I won't keep you too long, so let's move on to business. Orientation is this Sunday at 11 a.m., and lunch will be provided. All new members as well as returning members who haven't yet attended orientation are required to be there. To help me get a headcount and note any food allergies or restrictions, please scan this QR code to RSVP. If you can't make it, send me an email at congressvc@ou.edu. I'll also be sending out an email later this week with more details. Here is the CSP for this month and next. Since new members are coming in, they are not required this month but if you do one you will not have to next month. Here is the snack form! Please complete so I can know what the body likes! Also here is my office hours for the semester! Finally, I just want to say thank you for taking the leap to join student government. I truly enjoyed getting to meet you all during interviews, and I'm excited to see the work we'll accomplish together. That's all I have, thank you!

- **Secretary's Report:** Hey everyone. My name is Michael. I'm a Political Science and International Security Studies major. I play for the OU men's rugby team. I've been a member of student congress since I started here at OU and I serve as secretary now which involves taking minutes for each general body meeting, keeping track of attendance for these meetings and committee meetings, and updating our files and municode with new legislation. When all the secretaries are picked I'll make sure they know how to take minutes for their committee meetings and how to ensure that congress runs smoothly. Also, if you're an associate please scan this to track your attendance.

Committee Reports-

- **Campus Outreach, Safety, and Concerns:** COSCO did not meet this week. We are looking forward to starting the semester strong next week with our first meeting and looking forward to meeting the new appointees and welcoming new COSCO members. I also want to communicate our desire to increase our cross-committee collaboration and welcome all members of the body to come to our meetings with any concerns they have. For those that are new, COSCO's primary function is to hear student concerns and address them in the best way possible. We are actually going to be collaborating on a new mission statement this semester, so we will have a better-defined role soon! We have a pretty broad area of what people can work on for projects, so if you want to just generally be a helping hand for your classmates, we might be a really good fit. We also hold light walks on a regular basis, which involves walking around campus and ensuring all the lights are in working order. We are targeting September 21st at 8pm for our first one of the year, but it will be confirmed on Sunday, and information will be sent to the GroupMe. Additionally, apologies to any emails I was late replying to in the COSCO inbox, it wasn't showing up in my outlook for a while. Speaking of committee meetings, COSCO will now be meeting from 5-6pm on the second floor of the Conoco. This is a new time, so please keep that in mind. I want to thank Emma Duncan for her willingness to remain as COSCO secretary. She will be a great help as I start this new role. I am also seeking a new vice chair, and I sent out information about it to my committee in my Sunday email and am hoping to have the position filled by our next meeting.
- **Congressional Administration:** Hey everyone, I am Kyle, and what we do in ConAd is look at the interior of SGA and do things such as appointing people to positions, making changes to the code annotated and bylaws, and pretty much anything else that has to deal with legislation. This Sunday, ConAd conducted gen app interviews, and out of 138 applications, we accepted roughly 80 new associates and 10 new representatives.

- **External Affairs:** My name is Hope Rhoads, and I am this year's External Affairs Committee Chair. External Affairs has everything to do with the government outside of OU. This means local, state, federal, and tribal governments. Some of our projects include Higher Education Day at the Capitol, which is a day when students from OU go to the State Capitol to lobby for higher education, civic engagement forums where we bring in guest speakers to discuss topics like the minimum wage (shout out Ava), voting registration, bar safety materials in places like Campus Corner, and much much more. This Sunday, we discussed projects like leading presentations to international students on how to get state IDs, bar safety updates, and another Civic Engagement Forum. If you have any questions about anything External Affairs, please don't be afraid to ask!
- **Human Diversity:** Hi everyone! My name is Lorelai, I'm the Chair for the Human Diversity committee this session. I'll read our purpose real quick here: The Human Diversity committee shall address any and all issues related to diversity within the University of Oklahoma. The committee shall advocate for policies within the University and within SGA that promote inclusivity and equality. We're a project based committee that focuses on any and all diversity related issues experienced on campus. This week we met unofficially and just discussed some potential projects for the semester.
- **Sustainability:** Hello everyone, my name is Owen, I'm a sophomore and I am the Chair of Sustainability this year, we did not meet last Sunday. Sustainability exists to support environmental initiatives and groups at OU, which means we cover a lot of areas and responsibilities. I'm very excited to work with all of you this year, and will go into more detail this Sunday.
- **University Policy:** Hey y'all. My name is Cody Walker. I am a senior studying political science and economics and I will be your guy's UPOL chair for this semester. UPOL is pretty self-explanatory. We work on issues related to University policy. Our responsibilities include gathering student input, drafting policy recommendations or resolutions, and collaborating with administrators and faculty. Some of our main issues that we have been working on are student wages, AI policy, public transportation, meal swipes, test per day limits, TopHat regulations, stuff like that. We met this last Sunday unofficially. Thank you to everyone who showed up. Though there were only a few of us, I thought we had a very productive conversation about some of our current projects and just mapping out our plans for this semester. Besides that, that is all I got.
- **Ways and Means:** Hi everyone! My name is Jacob Schonfield, and I am your Ways and Means Chair. Ways and Means is the committee in charge of allocating all of the funds provided from SGA to our RSOs on campus, so if you want to have an even more direct hand in the allocation process, we are the committee for you! If you or someone you know has any questions about the SGA Funding Process, please feel free to approach me during or after the meeting, come see me in my office hours at the Conoco from 8 AM - 10 AM, or shoot an email to sgabudget@ou.edu. WAM has not met yet, as I have not wanted to send out our When2Meet until we have committee membership settled.

Liaison Reports

Representative Vedra: Hi everyone, my name is Hayden Vedra, and I'm a member of the university policy committee. This past semester I was working on a project about AI. It got very broad very quickly. I ended up working with the Chief AI officer's office and the working group on AI governance. The big thing we did last semester was drafted the policy that went in your syllabi, so if you look through those and you see definitions of AI, how you're able to use them, that's what we did. We had those drafted at the end of last summer and approved before the start of this semester.

Additionally, Friday September 26th is an AI symposium. I'm working with the AI/ Machine Learning club to get together a student delegation to send to that. I will hopefully have some information about including some of y'all in that. Thank you.

Special Orders

- Dr. Deborah Watson, OU Testing Center Director

Student Concerns

Items to Be Considered

On a motion to see CB-114-006 Vedra seconded by Hallum

- CB-114-006 "Session CXIV General Application Appointment Act"
(Martin/Robinson/Estrada) (Rec of Due Pass)

Author's Explanation:

Chair Martin: We had 138 applications total. Everyone that has been accepted were great in their interviews. It was amazing meeting y'all. We learned so much about y'all and can't wait to meet all again Sunday. Also, we all had bias training.

7 minutes 33 seconds remaining for questions

- **Representative Morgan:** Would you accept a friendly amendment to Section Four inserting the following name and district: Angel Tovilla, Pre-Health Sciences District?
 - **Chair Robinson:** I would.
- **Representative Vedra:** Can you please explain the process for appointing a representative rather than appointing an associate?
 - **ConAd Chair Martin:** So when it comes to appointing some as a representative rather than an associate, you completely pick the person who has the most points. **So that comes with your application and your interview. So whoever got the most points were appointed as a representative.**
 - **Chair Robinson:** The three criteria we grade your applications on are passion, cause, and personality. So these are the three things we look for in your application and then we grade all of those on a scale from one to five, and then each of your questions are graded on a scale from one to five.
- **UPol Chair Walker:** Would you accept a friendly amendment to section three inserting the following names: Rebecca Corbett, Kaden Keller, Jack McCarty, Shield Mulalira, Jackson Ivester, Meagan Edwards. And striking the following names: Zayd Taariq and Adelyn Rasure?
 - **Chair Robinson:** I would.
- **Representative Hallum:** Approximately how many applications did you review?
 - **Chair Martin:** 138
- **Representative Vedra:** You said in your original explanation that 138 were reviewed and 80 were accepted. How many did you interview?
 - **Chair Robinson:** We interviewed around 100. There were about 30 who had scheduled and didn't appear or just didn't schedule after applications
 - **ConAd Chair Martin:** And we're counting both people who showed up in person and people who couldn't make it to their in-person interview.
 - **Chair Robinson:** Yes, those people were provided with an alternate set of questions which they sent back to us and we reviewed just as we would in person.

24-0-0 Unanimous pass

On a motion to recess for 5 minutes Martin seconded by Christiansen

On a motion to see CB-114-007 Hallum seconded by Hawkins

- CB-114-007 “Campaign Period Reduction Act” (Robinson/Savage) (Rec of Due Pass)

Author’s Explanation:

Chair Robinson: This is the campaign period reduction act, we talked to a lot of our peer SEC schools and realized their campaign periods are significantly shorter than ours. It just so happens, and correlation is not always causation, but this is just an issue that we’ve recognized that turnout at OU and for SGA elections happen to be lower. In my assumption, based off these discussions, is that it is because engagement decreases as the campaign period goes on. So after a few weeks, you’ve already announced your campaign, and everybody is already tuned all the way out because they’ve seen so many group new messages. They’ve seen so many Instagram posts, they’ve gotten a ton of emails. They’re kind of just tired of saying it. So we’re hoping that by decreasing the campaign period, we can keep engagement up and hopefully increase our turnout a little bit. And there is a second thing all the way down here that we have also decided to change Baylor. Do you want to kind of go into detail about that?

Commissioner Savage: My name is Baylor Savage. I’m the election commissioner. We did some rewording actually. It’s not going to change anything in effect. This year, we looked at it, we actually had 10x the number of applicants for the election staff than last year. That’s very exciting for us, but we wanted to make sure we had enough room for stuff like that. We were going to change it to increase it to 5 election commission staff members. However, in looking at the financial section that’s actually already the case, but the wording in the composition of the Election Commission is actually just wrong, well misleading. So, we just changed that wording to be consistent with the financial section, just ensuring that everyone knows I can add up to 5 members of my election staff. For anyone that doesn’t know what that is, those are just people who are going to help me with the elections. They oversee things, things that are good but also if any infractions or rule breaks occur, they’re the ones who are actually going to be voting to decide if that did happen and how many points to decide those cases. Caleb approached me with this to see if it was possible, and I said yes, absolutely. So I’m just here supporting it in all things.

5:49 remaining for questions

- **EA Chair Rhoads:** Authors, are you aware that it says 7 instead of 5 SGA members?
 - **Commissioner Savage:** Thank you for pointing that out, 5 SGA members make up the commission. This commission includes myself as well as the ex-officio member makes it the full 7. That was the wording that we had issues with. I wasn’t actually sure last year. I had 3 Election Commission staff members because of it. This time it very clearly tells you what you can have.
- **COSCO Chair Christiansen:** I noticed how you talk about how signatures can be collected and that there wasn’t any time frame for collecting signatures. Was that intentional?
 - **Chair Robinson:** There should have been no changes to the time frame for collecting signatures because we didn’t want to establish a time frame.
- **COSCO Chair Christiansen:** What is the current time frame?
 - **Commissioner Savage:** Absolutely, so for those who are unaware of that part, signatures are needed to run for either the CAC Chair position or the SGA President and Vice-President ticket together to get those. You can start collecting signature that semester of the running date. So let’s say President and Vice-President are

running this semester, they have from now until the finding period which is a hole separate thing I won't throw at you now. But basically, they have the whole period starting from the beginning of the semester. I've already been contacted by several teams who are doing that. But you'll notice from this they actually have one more we to do that. We are adding on an extra week. Finding is going to take place a week later, so they'll have more time to collect those signatures.

Unanimous pass 34-0-0

Follow-Up Reports

Announcements and Comments

Representative Burnett: QSA is hosting our LGBTQ+ History month brunch on September 27th, 11 AM to 3PM in the Union, so you better pull up. There will be free food, there are going to be insightful speakers. It's gonna be lit. Make sure you wear some cute outfits and come.

Representative Carter: National voter registration day is coming up very soon and is a good way you can get a CSP. I'll send the signup in the GroupMe. We need all the help we can get.

Representative Fischer: Tomorrow night at the RPF at 7pm, Engineers club is holding a resume review. Career fair is coming up, so you should pull up. There are people there to help y'all review our resumes and get y'all ready for the career fair. You can maybe land your first internship or j*b.

Final Roll Call

On a motion to adjourn Rhoads seconded by Villagran

Adjourn: 8:22 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

September 9, 2025

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-114-006

AS INTRODUCED

A Congressional Act of Procedure appointing
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.”

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:

Ian Cox
Suzanna Medina
Haripathy Pasupathy
Trey Brite
Karlie Robertson
Daniel Shamsee
Holly Standridge
Jaxson Kalla
Julia Yurchenko
Marscella Ling
Talyn Williams
Aidan LaBonte
Giorgia Kirk
Rahhul Elangovan
Emma Davis
Naia Martinez
Teresa Nguyen
Ashraf Elgouhari
Brannon Suchala
Chloe Heim
Sam Hungerford
Taj Burris
Morgan Hausz
Darius Maree
Analiese Whittington
Kennedy Stewart
Michael Granato
Ayan Zubair
Gavin Ferguson
Zander Tramel
Delia Benitez-Mendoza
Sylvana Knapp
Rylan Turner
Emma Williamson
Bonita Murungi
Lucas Vaclaw
Cai Le
Krishen Raju
Lilith Thompson
Kenzie Hurst
Mylisha Allen
Quinn Leos
Rylan Qualls
Charlotte Barnes
Leena Ahmad
Kaela Theuri
Nolan DeMink
Joshua Sterling
Sitara Popal

Samuel Bregnard
Gregory Davis
La'Nae Johnson-White
Ally Mahaffey
Lance Anderson
Maya Khalife
Alana Nalimun
Ally Burwell
Sydney Wyand
Jimena Zulueta
Retika Mathew
Theo Andrews
Madilynn Sneller
Vera Demla
SkyLaa Williams
Nadesh Vaithianathan
Remington Gill
Dillon Baker
Aidan Hardin
Choncy Canady
Jackson Dunham
Colbey Thornton
Angel Martinez
Shylen Bills
Isabella Kunnath
Kristen Webb
Sophia Borden
Sofia Urquieta
Ainsley Johnston
Benjamin Keupen
Estefania Gruenstein
Nick Iglehart
Brian Bortz
Taylor Snyder
Raeleigh Madden
Alexander Donald
Kayla Hynes
Deborah Ewoh
Emma Duncan
Aaron Lim
Elika Esfandiari
Audrey Harbour
Erin Curry
Saniya Shibu
Marilou Bento
Frankie Strahan
Elizabeth Crawford
Jeffrey Ogle
Stevin Cook
Rebecca Corbett
Kaden Keller
Jack McCarty

Shield Mulalira
Jackson Ivester
Meagan Edwards

Section 4: APPOINTMENT: The following individuals are hereby appointed as Representatives in the SGA Undergraduate Student Congress:

Evan Pfeffer, Architecture District
Alex Villagran, Architecture District
Suknya Banwait, Arts and Sciences District
Naomi Mahuni, Arts and Sciences District
Justin Jackson, Business District
Reagan Hicks, Education District
Hope Rhoads, Journalism and Mass Communication District
Avery Pitts, Pre-Health Sciences District
Shengyeng Lee, Pre-Health Sciences District

Angel Tovilla, Pre-Health Sciences District

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

Author(s): Chair Caleb Robinson, Undergraduate Student Congress
Kyle Martin, Congressional Administration Committee Chair
Nicole Estrada, Arts and Sciences District Representative

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

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

Action taken by Congress: Passed unanimously 24-0-0

Verified by Chair: _____ Date: _____

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CXIV
September 9, 2025

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GF25
September XX, 2025

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-114-007
SENATE BILL NO. GF25-XX

AS INTRODUCED

A Congressional Act of Legislation amending the Code
Annotated to reduce campaign windows; 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 “Campaign Period Reduction Act.”

Section 2: Purpose: The purpose of this act is to reduce the campaign period and reschedule election days.

Section 3: AMENDATORY: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association Code Annotated Title VI is amended as follows. For the purposes of this bill, all items removed shall be denoted with a ~~strike through~~. All items added shall be denoted with an underline.

Chapter VI-1 General Provisions

1. Definitions

1. **Academic Week** - Any week (Monday - Friday) during which the University holds classes for at least one (1) day.

2. **Campaign Spending** – The value of any products, services, or expenses incurred by the campaign. “Value” should not include any discounts, which are not available to the general public, but should include the value of any services or products donated. This shall not include the value of any non-professional services performed by students.

3. **Campaign Time Frame** – The time between the first class day of the ninth (9th) ~~eight (8th)~~ Academic Week and the validation of the election.

4. **Campaigning** – Working in an organized and active way to promote a candidate as a representative of or at the directive of that candidate. Campaigning shall not be

constructed to include any public campaign materials disseminated during the signature collection period, statements made about one's platform, or any solicitation for votes in the election shall always be considered campaigning.

5. **Class Day** - The Period of time from 8 AM to 5 PM on a day in which classes are held.
6. **Designated Agent** – A person chosen and registered by a candidate with the ability to represent the candidate in any official capacity.
7. **Election Fraud** – Any act or omission completed or attempted with the intent to deprive a candidate or voter of their rights.
8. **Information on Candidates Booklet** - A booklet published by the Election Commissioner on the first day of the Ninth (9th) Academic Week containing a statement from the Election Commissioner, a list of all candidates, and the pieces of literature from the candidates who submitted them.
9. ~~**Eighth (8th) Ninth (9th) Academic Week**~~ - The Academic Week in which Candidates may begin campaigning. Campaigning shall only begin at the start of the first Class Day of the given Academic Week. The Academic Week in which the Information on Candidates Booklet shall be published in the given week of the Fall and Spring Semesters.
10. ~~**Eleventh (11th) Tenth (10th) Academic Week**~~ - The Academic Week in which Fall and Spring Elections shall occur. Voting days shall be the Thursday and Friday ~~Tuesday and Wednesday~~ of the given week of the semester.
11. **Member of a Campaign** - Any SGA Member who publicly or privately works with a candidate.
12. ~~**Ninth (9th) Academic Week**~~ ~~The Academic Week in which the Information on Candidates Booklet shall be published in the given week of the Fall and Spring Semesters.~~
13. **Publicly Posted** – Conspicuously posted in the SGA Office & on the SGA website under the Election's tab.
14. ~~**Seventh (7th) Eighth (8th) Academic Week**~~ - The Academic Week in which Mandatory Candidates Meetings shall be held.
15. **SGA Presidential Race** – The SGA Presidential race includes candidates for SGA President and SGA Vice President running together as one (1) ticket.
16. **Signatures** – Signatures required for Presidential and CAC Chair petitions may be collected physically or online. Physical signatures must include the following information: OU ID number, name, and signature. Digital signatures must be authenticated through an online platform that can be integrated with OU's single sign-on (SSO). The process for digital signatures must be jointly approved by the Election Commissioner and the Office of Student Affairs.
17. ~~**Sixth (6th) Seventh (7th) Academic Week**~~ - The Academic Week in which filing for Candidates wishing to run in the upcoming election closes. Filing shall close at the end of the last Class Day of the given week.
18. **Unsolicited** – Any unrequested electronic message sent through an OU-maintained service (eg. OU email, Canvas, etc.), for the purpose of explicitly requesting a vote or support.

2. **Applicability of Election Rules.** The policies, regulations, and stipulations in this Title shall be applicable only to candidates for positions that are named in sections four (4) and five (5) hereinafter. All other campus organizations and bodies wishing to conduct an election may individually establish procedures for that election.

3. **Purpose of Election Rules.** The provisions governing elections are intended to provide for the fairness, equitability, and efficiency of all SGA elections with respect to both candidates and voters. In the absence of established guidelines, rulings concerning elections should be made with this principle in mind.

4. **Spring General Election.** The following shall be elected in the Spring General Election:
 1. the Campus Activities Council (CAC) Chair,
 2. Undergraduate Student Congress Representative Seats, and
 3. the Student Bar Association (SBA) President.
5. **Fall General Election.** The following shall be elected in the Fall General Election:
 1. The SGA President and Vice-President;
 2. Undergraduate Student Congress Representative Seats.
6. **Vacancies.** The SGA President shall be notified in writing of any vacancy that occurs in the positions listed in sections 4 and 5, above. If the SGA President resigns, they shall notify the Chairs of both Houses of the Legislative Branch. The number of seats available for election shall not change after the filing period begins.
 1. **Election to Fill Vacancy.** Should a Congressional Seat become vacant after filing has opened, so long as a vacancy in that district was already made public and was included on the filing form during filing for candidates to apply, that new vacant seat may be filled at the time of election using the point tabulation system. If the district was never included initially on the filing form, then that seat shall not be filled during the active general election.
 2. **Appointment to Fill Vacancy.** For each position listed in sections 4 and 5 above, other than SGA President, Vice President, and CAC Chair, the organization of which the appointment is needed to be made, that organization shall determine their own appointment qualifications. Those listed in the aforementioned sentence, shall be up for election in the next possible general election.
7. **Uncontested Elections.** All positions for which one has filed for election, they must be placed on the ballot in the respective district, even if the position is uncontested. In an uncontested election, the candidate shall win if they receive more votes than the "prefer not to vote" option.

Section 4: AMENDATORY: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association Code Annotated Title VI, Chapter 2 is amended as follows. For the purposes of this bill, all items removed shall be denoted with a ~~strike through~~. All items added shall be denoted with an underline.

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.
 1. **Fall General Election.** The Fall General Election shall be held the Thursday and Friday ~~Tuesday and Wednesday~~ of the ~~eleventh (11th)~~ tenth (10th) academic week of the fall semester. Voting shall open at 8am on Thursday ~~Tuesday~~ and shall close at 8pm on Friday ~~Wednesday~~.
 2. **Spring General Election.** The Spring General Election shall be held the Thursday ~~Tuesday~~ and Friday ~~Wednesday~~ of the ~~eleventh (11th)~~ tenth (10th) Academic Week of

the spring semester. Voting shall open at 8am on ~~Thursday Tuesday~~ and shall close at 8pm on ~~Friday Wednesday~~.

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:

1. 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.

2. 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.

3. 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.**

1. 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 Tuesday~~ immediately following the original election date. The top vote-recipient of the runoff election shall be declared the winner.

2. 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 Tuesday~~ immediately following the original election date. The top-vote recipient of the run-off election shall be declared the winner.

Section 5: AMENDATORY: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association Code Annotated Title VI, Chapter 2 is amended as follows. For the purposes of this bill, all items removed shall be denoted with a ~~strike through~~. All items added shall be denoted with an underline.

Chapter IV-6 The SGA Elections Commission

1. **Power.** The Election Commission shall be responsible for overseeing and enforcing all provisions of Title VI of the Code Annotated and ensuring fair elections.

2. **Composition.** The Election Commission shall consist of the Election Commissioner, the Election Staff, and a non-voting ex-officio officer of the Congressional Administration Committee of Congress. No member of the Election Commission shall commit election fraud; evidence of fraud shall be presented to the General Council, as provided for in Title VI. Any member of the Election Staff may be removed by recommendation from the SGA President or Election Commissioner with the advice and consent of the Legislative Branch. No member of the Election Commission shall be a candidate or a member of a team campaigning in any election for which they are appointed to work. The Election Commissioner and Staff shall be SGA members and serve from the beginning of the fall semester to the end of the spring semester of a given academic year.

1. **Election Commissioner.** The Election Commissioner shall serve as the chairperson of the Election Commission. They shall only vote in the event of a tie between voting members of the Election Commission Staff. The Election Commissioner shall be appointed by the SGA President with the advice and consent of the Legislative Branch. The appointee must be submitted to the Legislative Branch for advice and consent after the Spring election.

1. **Vacancy.** If the position of Election Commissioner is not filled in accordance with the legislative advising and consenting process, the General Council shall fulfill all duties of the Election Commissioner until one is officially appointed.

2. **Appointing the Election Commission Staff.** The Election Commissioner shall appoint the Election Commission Staff with the advice and consent of the Legislative Branch.

2. **Election Commission.** The Election Commission shall consist of a maximum of seven (7) ~~five (5)~~ SGA members. The membership of the Election Commission shall be posted in a public place. The Election Commission shall be responsible for conducting the election and enforcing the election rules as established by this Title.

3. **Non-Voting Ex-Officio Officer of the Congressional Administration Committee.** A member of the Congressional Administration Committee chosen by the Chair of the committee shall oversee the Election Commission. They shall have no voting power.

3. **Quorum.** A majority of the Election Commission voting members shall constitute a Quorum to conduct business.

Section 6: This act shall become effective when passed in accordance with the SGA Constitution.

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Baylor Savage, Election Commissioner

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

Action taken by Congress : Passed unanimously 34-0-0

Verified by Chair: _____ Date: _____

Last	First	CB-114-0 06			CB-114 -007
Ball	Reese	y	Ball	Reese	y
			Banwait	Suknya	y
Beasley	William	y	Beasley	William	y
Bertotti	Hayden	y	Bertotti	Hayden	y
Burnett	Ava	y	Burnett	Ava	y
Carter	Leo	y	Carter	Leo	y
Christiansen	Henry	y	Christiansen	Henry	y
Cunningham	Owen	y	Cunningham	Owen	y
Dailey	Keeley	y	Dailey	Keeley	y
			Dunham	Jackson	
Estrada	Nicole	y	Estrada	Nicole	y
Evans	Alexis		Evans	Alexis	
Finley	Jael		Finley	Jael	
Fisher	Mecca		Fisher	Mecca	y
Glaza	Ava	y	Glaza	Ava	y
Graham	Brocke		Graham	Brocke	
Hallum	Elias	y	Hallum	Elias	y
Harris	Hudson		Harris	Hudson	
Hawkins	Da'Juan	y	Hawkins	Da'Juan	y
			Hicks	Reagan	
Higareda Castillo	Lilian	y	Higareda Castillo	Lilian	y
			Jackson	Justin	y
Lartey	Ominy	y	Lartey	Ominy	y
			Mahuni	Naomi	y
Martin	Kyle	y	Martin	Kyle	y
Means	Parker		Means	Parker	
Morgan	Coleman	y	Morgan	Coleman	y
			Pfeffer	Evan	y
			Pitts	Avery	y
Prajapati	Himani	y	Prajapati	Himani	y
Pruitt	Aydan		Pruitt	Aydan	
Quinones	Estrella	y	Quinones	Estrella	y
Radzanowski	Lorelai	y	Radzanowski	Lorelai	y
Rapp	Madeline		Rapp	Madeline	
			Rhoads	Hope	y
Schonfield	Jacob	y	Schonfield	Jacob	y
			Shengyeng	Lee	y
			Tovilla	Angel	y
Toyos	Alexandra		Toyos	Alexandra	
Vedra	Hayden	y	Vedra	Hayden	y
			Villagran	Alex	y
Walker	Cade	y	Walker	Cade	y
Walker	Cody	y	Walker	Cody	y
Wang	Andy		Wang	Andy	
Wick	Isaiah	y	Wick	Isaiah	y
Yes		24			34
No		0			0
Abstain		0			0

9-Sep			9-Sep		
Last	First	Initial	Last	First	Initial
Ball	Reese	x	Ball	Reese	x
			Barwait	Suknya	x
Beasley	William	x	Beasley	William	x
Bertotti	Hayden	x	Bertotti	Hayden	x
Burnett	Ava	x	Burnett	Ava	x
Carter	Leo	x	Carter	Leo	x
Christiansen	Henry	x	Christiansen	Henry	x
Cunningham	Owen	x	Cunningham	Owen	x
Dailey	Keeley	x	Dailey	Keeley	x
			Dunham	Jackson	a
Estrada	Nicole	x	Estrada	Nicole	x
Evans	Alexis	ex	Evans	Alexis	ex
Finley	Jael	a	Finley	Jael	a
Fisher	Mecca	a	Fisher	Mecca	x
Glaza	Ava	x	Glaza	Ava	x
Graham	Brocke	a	Graham	Brocke	a
Hallum	Elias	x	Hallum	Elias	x
Harris	Hudson	a	Harris	Hudson	a
Hawkins	Da'juan	x	Hawkins	Da'juan	x
			Hicks	Reagan	a
Higareda Castillo	Lilian	a	Higareda Castillo	Lilian	x
			Jackson	Justin	x
Lartey	Ominy	x	Lartey	Ominy	x
			Lee	Shengyeng	x
			Mahuni	Naomi	x
Martin	Kyle	x	Martin	Kyle	x
Means	Parker	ex	Means	Parker	ex
Morgan	Coleman	x	Morgan	Coleman	x
			Pfeffer	Evan	x
			Pitts	Avery	x
Prajapati	Himani	x	Prajapati	Himani	x
Pruitt	Aydan	ex	Pruitt	Aydan	ex
Quinones	Estrella	x	Quinones	Estrella	x
Radzanowski	Lorelai	x	Radzanowski	Lorelai	x
Rapp	Madeline	a	Rapp	Madeline	a
			Rhoads	Hope	x
Schonfield	Jacob	x	Schonfield	Jacob	x
			Tovilla	Angel	x
Toyos	Alexandra	ex	Toyos	Alexandra	ex
Vedra	Hayden	x	Vedra	Hayden	x
			Villagran	Alex	x
Walker	Cade	x	Walker	Cade	x
Walker	Cody	x	Walker	Cody	x
Wang	Andy	ex	Wang	Andy	ex
Wick	Isaiah	x	Wick	Isaiah	x
	Present	23			34
	Absent	6			6
	Excused	5			5