

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS

Session CXVI

General Body Meeting

7:00 pm, Tuesday, October 20, 2026

Dale Hall, Room 103

Call to Order 7:05 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.

Approval of Minutes | October 13, 2026

On a motion to approve the minutes Representative Sneller seconded Representative Wick

Officer Reports

- Chair's Report: Hello everybody, good to see you here. I want to talk about attendance briefly. I know I'm probably preaching to the choir to most of you, but as a reminder, if you're a representative, you're required to be here every week, and associates, it's the first meeting of the month, but everybody is required to be at their committee meeting every single weekend. We had some attendance issues at committee meetings. That was clarified at orientation, but I'll just reiterate that you are required to attend every single committee meeting, every Sunday, and then the associates' first meeting of the month, representatives, every meeting. Thanks for keeping up with that. Elections are underway; campaigning has opened. If you have any questions, as always, ask our Election Commissioner, Andy Wang. You'll see two presidential tickets campaigning a lot. That's hard for them, so be nice, be courteous, be gracious to them. As well, if you're campaigning as a representative, go talk to your classes; go campaign in your college. It's great. I did it when I ran for a rep seat. It's super important that you actually get out there and talk to the people you are running to represent. Don't just put your name on a poster. Don't do anything else. Ask your professors to speak in class. Do whatever you need to do to get in front of your constituents. We also all know that's a very busy time of the semester for this to happen. Mental health is super important. If you ever need anything, there's a lot of people in this room who have done this before, me, Owen have both run for representative seats. If you need anything, please reach out. Always here for you guys, but that is all I have.
- Vice Chair's Report: Evening, everybody. Again, kind of preaching to the choir, take care of yourself. Give your name tags to your committee chairs. Y'all aren't usually the group that has issues with that. Then these snacks are beginning to finally dwindle, so there will be a

form going out asking people what they would like for snacks. Please nobody say Takis. If you say Takis, you will be ignored. I apologize, but that's just the way it's gonna be. Then, I will not be here next week at the meeting, and nothing else to report.

- Secretary's Report: Hi guys, thanks for being here. Nothing new for me to report. Hope you guys have a good week.

Committee Reports

- Campus Outreach, Safety, and Concerns: Hello everyone, COSCO did meet officially this weekend. We worked on some projects and discussed a lot of other stuff.
- Congressional Administration: ConAd met officially this week. We gave CB-116-11 a rec of due pass, and we're gonna see it here in a little bit.
- External Affairs: EA met officially this weekend. We gave CB-116-09 a rec of due pass, and we're also gonna see that today.
- Human Diversity: HD met officially this weekend. We did project updates, and the community potluck is November 19th and we will be sending out some tabling information for the first week of November coming up here soon. Please consider going to that; it's a great CSP, and it's a great way to get involved in the community.
- Sustainability: We did not meet officially this weekend. Instead, we went on our first trash walk, which was a great success. We found a lot of stuff over in the parking lot next to Sarkey's Fitness Center. Somebody found a car battery. I found milk expired from 2020, so that was disgusting and amazing, and now I have a \$10 gift certificate to Auto Zone
- University Policy: UPOL met officially this weekend, and we went over projects.
- Ways and Means: WAM met officially this weekend in my absence, but thanks to our glorious vice chair, Mr. Wick, they still made some allocations, and you'll see those in the upcoming week.

Liaison Reports

Special Orders

- President Martin—Address to the Legislature

Student Concerns

- Link to Campus Concern Form: <https://cglink.me/27E/s208>

Old Business

Items to Be Considered

On a motion to refer AB-116-03 back to committee Representative Wintory seconded Representative Wick

- AB-116-03 "Auxiliary Allocation 3 Act of 2026-2027" (Wintory) (Due Pass)

On a motion to see CR-116-11 Representative Toyos Perez seconded Representative Fisher

- CB-116-11 "Committee Chair Absence Procedure" (Yurchenko/Miller/Thune) (Due Pass)

Author's Explanation:

- **Representative Yurchenko:** Hi guys, my name is Julia Yurchenko. If we haven't had the chance to meet yet, I currently serve as the secretary for ConAd. I worked on this with Olivia Miller and Grace Thune, but unfortunately they couldn't be here today. Essentially, this is an amendment to section 6.4 of the bylaws. Originally it stated that excused absences would be sent to the Congress Vice Chair. We struck that through and changed it to Secretary because absences have always been handled by the Secretary as a whole. So, we just want to provide clarification there. It kind of just makes sense.

7:22 time remaining for questions

- **Representative Toyos Perez:** Would you be willing to accept a friendly amendment for the last sentence to be changed from “under the discretion of the Vice Chair” to strike out “Vice” for committee chair options?
 - **Representative Yurchenko:** Yes.

Passed unanimously 22-0-0

On a motion to see CR-116-09 Representative Sneller seconded Representative Bregnard

- CR-116-09 “Asylee Domicile-Classification Resolution of 2026” (AlNusairi/Fisher)
(Due Pass)

Author’s Explanation:

- **Undergraduate Student AlNusairi:** Hello, my name is Ahmed. I’m not a part of SGA. So, like at OU, when you’re trying to switch from out-of-state to in-state, you have to file a form. So in this form, OU only gives a chance for US citizens and permanent residents to switch, but they also don’t establish a pathway for US citizens. So this just tells them to make a pathway to issue clarification.
 - **Representative Fisher:** As you said, not in SGA, so I decided to help submit on his behalf and make sure to be able to present it to y’all.

7:05 time remaining for questions

- **Vice Chair Cunningham:** Was there anything particular that inspired you to do so?
 - **Undergraduate Student AlNusairi:** Yes, basically the fact that SGA exists and that there’s actually a body full of people to advocate for students. I initially went to staff, and the staff was confused because they needed policy-level guidance in this situation. So of course, the best option for me to reach out was to SGA.
- **Representative Solomon:** I understand the central goal is to allow asylee seekers access to in-state tuition and, obviously, a reduced amount of state tuition. Can you just explain how being able to access in-state tuition how that could be necessary to asylee seekers continuing their education, or what’s really the need for this?
 - **Undergraduate student AlNusairi:** For example, FAFSA, on a federal level, asylees are allowed to access federal aid, but at the in-state level there’s still confusion because there’s not much immigration happening in Oklahoma, so they just haven’t faced this case before.
- **Chair Morgan:** You wrote this bill and recommended both for an OU change as well as a state regent’s change for them to clarify that. Is that correct? You recommended it to state regents as well.
 - **Undergraduate student AlNussairi:** Yes

Passed 20-0-2

Announcements and Comments

- **Election commissioner Wang:** Posted in GroupMe that I will be attending a conference on Thursday so holding office hours via Zoom from 11 to 2:30 on Saturday.
- **Representative Sneller:** Homecoming week is coming up. Registration for the Glow Run 5 K is still open; in collaboration with OUDM, it provides money for children's health research so they can stay in Oklahoma. 27th: Sark After Dark, so you can get volleyball and basketball skills in. Wednesday trivia night. 30th: big homecoming day, looking to get some good weather. The weather forecast looks really good right now. The Parade and Rah Rally. Rah Rally tickets are still available on the homecoming Instagram.
- **Representative Bregnard:** Fallege Bowl is on Monday, November 9th 4:30 to 10. It's a mini college bowl but for one night. College bowl is a campus trivia tournament over many days. Fallege Bowl is \$5 per person. When you sign up, put our names down. Chloe and I. Grab a group of friends.
- **Representative Sneller:** 22nd jalapeño eating contest at Whataburger to win 3 months of Whataburger and a year of Whataburger in a raffle.
- **Representative Matlock:** CAC branch of SGA and speaker's bureau benefit night at Cane's tonight at 8 pm and next Tuesday evening at Chipotle.
- **Representative Bregnard:** Benefit night at O'Connell's for College Bowl at 8 pm.
- **Representative Dlamini:** Topic of CAC, hosting a free concert on Friday at Meacham Auditorium starting at 6 or 7 pm this Friday.
- **Representative Fisher:** Engineers Club tonight is hosting a build night: Tunnels of Terror. It's one of the biggest events we have on campus. Event on the 23rd from 7 to 10 pm. If you want to be part of it, we have volunteer forms where you can participate as a scarer or just help with logistics. We got someone on stilts. Wednesday and Thursday having homecoming build night working on final touches to float.
- **Representative Bass:** Susty is still looking to find out how many people are interested in volunteering at Oklahoma City Zoo. If you have any questions or like to submit a form to get a better head count talk to me or Trey and would love to give you all the answers.
- **Representative Baker:** Oklahoma Thunder opening tonight first game.

Final Roll Call

On a motion to adjourn Representative Veenstra seconded Representative Dllamini

Adjourn 7:35 PM

		CR-116-0	CR-116-11
Altaf	Finn	y	y
Baker	Dillion	y	y
Bass	Jayden	y	y
Bregnard	Sam	y	y
Brown	Kross		
Callahan	Kyla	y	y
Carter	Leo		
Castillo	Annabelle		
Cox	Ian		
Dailey	Keely		
DeMink	Nolan	y	y
Dlamini	Lungiselw	O	y
Fisher	Mecca	O	y
Grounds	Lizzie		
Kurtz	Dorinda		
Matlock	Olivia	y	y
Medina	Suzanna		
Meldrum	Madelyn	y	y
Nicholson	Brian		
Pasupath	Hari	y	y
Pfeffer	Evan	y	y
Popal	Sitara		
Quinones	Estrella		
Radzanow	Lorelai	y	y
Raju	Krishen	y	y
Robinson	Sara		
Sneller	Madilynn	y	y
Solomon	Matthew	y	y
Sterling	Josh	y	y
Taariq	Zayd	y	y
Thompson	Liltith	y	y
Toyos Per	Alex	y	y
Vaitianat	Nadesh		
Veenestr	Carson		
Vo	Julie		
Voyles	Hannah		
Wick	Isaiah	y	y
Williams	Kase		
Williams	Savannah		
Wintory	Michael	y	y
Zwanzige	Gianna		
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Chair: Coleman Morgan
Vice Chair: Owen Cunningham
Secretary: Cai Le

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CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CXVI

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SENATE SESSION GF26

October 14, 2026

CONGRESSIONAL BILL AB-116-03

SENATE BILL NO. GS26-16

AS INTRODUCED

An act relating to appropriations; providing for short title; stating purpose; appropriating Auxiliary Funding for the 2025-2026 process; stating appropriation guidelines; establishing expiration deadline; directing transfer of unused funds by deadline; and providing an effective date.

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

Section 1: This act shall be known and may be cited as the “Auxiliary Allocation 3 Act of 2026-2027”

Section 2: PURPOSE. The purpose of this act is to appropriate the funds of the University of Oklahoma Student Government Association to the organizations mentioned within.

Section 3: APPROPRIATION. The following amounts are hereby allocated to

Organization	Programs, Events & Activities	Capital Investments	Office and General Expenses	Total
East African Alliance	\$140.00			\$140.00
Pre-Medical Club	\$350.00			\$350.00
OU Real Estate Club	\$300.00			\$300.00
Hispanic American Student Association	\$2,300.00			\$2,300.00
Christian Grads Fellowship	\$150.00			\$150.00
Garden of Knowledge Children's Organization	\$150.00			\$150.00
Caribbean Students Association	\$150.00			\$150.00
Women in Business Association	\$300.00			\$300.00
Sigma Gamma Epsilon	\$150.00			\$150.00

Psychology Graduate Student Association	\$480.00			\$480.00
Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences Student Chapter	\$150.00			\$150.00
Alpha Kappa Delta Phi International Sorority, Inc.	\$100.00			\$100.00
Health Empowerment and Access through Learning		\$150.00		\$150.00
Health and Exercise Science Student Association	\$300.00			\$300.00
Global Brigades	\$300.00			\$300.00
Price Professional Sales Club		\$150.00		\$150.00
OU Tennis Club		\$300.00	\$190.00	\$490.00
Little Hearts Alliance	\$250.00			\$250.00
Oklahoma Weather Lab	\$500.00			\$500.00
National Association of Black Journalists	\$150.00			\$150.00
Global Corner	\$150.00			\$150.00
Dhamaka	\$150.00			\$150.00
Management Information Systems Student Association	\$150.00			\$150.00
Norman Rotaract Club	\$150.00			\$150.00
Baccano Italian Club	\$500.00			\$500.00
TOTAL:				\$8,130.00

Section 4: All guidelines and provisions in Title 10 of the Code Annotated shall apply to all funds appropriated in this act.

Section 5: This fiscal year for the account listed in these sections shall end May 8, 2027.

Section 6: All unspent money remaining in the accounts listed in Section 3 shall revert to the SGA General Account after May 8, 2027 and the remaining appropriations shall be canceled.

Section 7: This act shall become effective when passed in accordance with the SGA Constitution.

Author(s): Michael Wintory, Chair, SGA Budgetary Committee

Co-Author(s): SGA Budgetary Committee

Submitted on a Motion by:

Action taken by Congress:

Verified by Chair of Congress: _____ Date: _____

Submitted on a Motion by: Senator Young (72)

Action taken by Senate: Passed via Unanimous Consent

Verified by Chair of Senate: _____ Date: _____

Approved by SGA President: _____ Date: _____

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CXVI
October 20th, 2026

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-116-11

AS INTRODUCED

A Congressional Act of Procedure to amend the
Undergraduate Student Congress Bylaws Section 6.4;
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 “Committee Chair Absence Procedure”

Section 2: Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to change who the Committee Chair reports absences to from the Congress Vice Chair to the Congress Secretary.

Section 3: AMENDATORY: The University of Oklahoma Undergraduate Student Congress Bylaws §6.4.1.a(vii) is amended as follows. For the purposes of this bill, all items removed shall be denoted with a strikethrough (~~strikethrough~~) and all items added shall be denoted with an underline (underline).

Section 6.4: COMMITTEE OFFICERS

vii. The Committee Chair may, at their discretion, excuse a committee member’s absence from a committee meeting. If an absence is excused, the committee chair shall inform the Student Congress ~~Vice Chair Secretary~~. The Committee Chair may not excuse their own absences. Committee Chair excusals shall be under the discretion of the Congress Chair.

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

Author(s): Julia Yurchenko, Congressional Administration Secretary
Olivia Miller, Associate
Grace Thune, Associate

Co-Sponsor(s): Alexandra Toyos Perez, Congressional Administration Chair

Submitted on a Motion by: Representative Toyos Perez seconded Representative Fisher

Action taken by Congress: Passed unanimously 22-0-0

Verified by Chair: _____ Date: _____

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CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-116-09

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. GFXX-XX/GSXX-XX

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution urging a published,
individualized domicile-reclassification pathway for
students granted asylum while residing in Oklahoma;
and providing for distribution.

Whereas: The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education assigns institutions responsibility for classifying students, places the burden of proving in-state status on the student, and requires each case to be judged on its own merit.¹

Whereas: State Regents policy presumes that a student enrolled in an Oklahoma college or university more than half time is in Oklahoma primarily for educational purposes and allows those students to reclassify as in-state students after 12 months of living in Oklahoma.²

Whereas: An independent person who presents evidence of establishing Oklahoma domicile may be granted in-state status at the next enrollment after twelve months following establishment of domicile.³

Whereas: Section 3.18.4 of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education Policy and Procedures Manual expressly allows documented foreign nationals who attend on educational visas and later become lawful permanent residents to receive in-state status but does not expressly identify a similar process for a student granted asylum while lawfully residing in Oklahoma before becoming a lawful permanent resident.⁴

Whereas: The University of Oklahoma states that intent to remain after education is central to reclassification for financially independent adults, and accepts future full-time

¹ Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, “Chapter 3: Academic Affairs,” Policy and Procedures Manual, § 3.18.2 (2025), <https://okhighered.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/Chapter-3-2025.pdf> (accessed October 6, 2026).

² Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, “Chapter 3,” § 3.18.2 (C), (D), (G).

³ Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, “Chapter 3,” § 3.18.3 (D).

⁴ Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, “Chapter 3,” § 3.18.4.

employment and a totality of the student's circumstances as evidence to support a student's claim of intent.⁵

Whereas: A clear published procedure for reclassifying students receiving asylum as in-state residents would allow eligible students to present the evidence required by existing domicile standards while preserving the State Regents' individualized-review framework.⁶

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

Section 1: Title: This resolution shall be known and may be cited as the "Asylee Domicile-Classification Resolution of 2026."

Section 2: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association (SGA) urges the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, in consultation with the University of Oklahoma, to review and clarify Section 3.18.4 and associated procedures so that they expressly address students who are granted asylum while lawfully residing in Oklahoma.

Section 3: The requested clarification should state whether and how such a student may pursue individual reclassification under the existing domicile framework, including evaluation of residence after the grant of asylum, financial independence, and objectively documented intent to remain in Oklahoma beyond completion of education

Section 4: If a State Regents rule, procedure, or University petition-form amendment is needed, the State Regents should consider a distinct, published petition rationale for this circumstance. Any published pathway should identify applicable timing requirements, the nonexclusive evidence that may be considered, the applicable decision-maker, and the available appeal procedure.

Section 5: Pending State Regents clarification, the University of Oklahoma Office of Admissions and Recruitment should publish interim written guidance within ninety calendar days after adoption of this resolution. The guidance should explain the existing petition route available to a granted-asylee student, the documentation that may be considered, how the student may obtain a written decision, and how to pursue the institution's existing appeal procedure.

Section 6: This resolution does not request automatic in-state classification, a waiver of the requirement to establish Oklahoma domicile, or a predetermined outcome on any individual petition. It requests a transparent, individualized, evidence-based process under the applicable State Regents policy for asylees that is similar to those policies already established for other international students.

⁵ University of Oklahoma Admissions and Recruitment, "In-State/Out-of-State Tuition Policy," accessed October 6, 2026, <https://www.ou.edu/admissions/affordability/cost/resident-tuition-policy>.

⁶ University of Oklahoma Admissions and Recruitment, "In-State/Out-of-State Tuition Policy."

Section 7: Copies of this resolution will be sent to:

- J. Kevin Stitt, Governor of the State of Oklahoma
- Lonnie Paxton, President Pro Tempore, Oklahoma State Senate
- Kyle Hilbert, Speaker of the House, Oklahoma House of Representatives
- Julia Kirt, Democratic Leader, Oklahoma State Senate
- Cyndi Munson, Minority Leader, Oklahoma House of Representatives
- Lindel Fields, State Superintendent of Public Instruction
- Sean Burrage, Chancellor of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education
- Courtney Warmington, Chair of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education
- Rick Nagel, Chair of the University of Oklahoma Board of Regents
- Joseph Harroz Jr., President of the University of Oklahoma
- Jeff Blahnik, Vice President for the Division of Enrollment Management and Chief Enrollment Officer at the University of Oklahoma
- Morgan Brammer, Assistant Vice President for the Division of Enrollment Management and Executive Director for the Office of Admissions and Recruitment at the University of Oklahoma
- Michelle Stephens, Director of Policy Management at the University of Oklahoma

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Summer Edwards, Chair, Graduate Student Senate
Coleman Morgan, Chair, Undergraduate Student Congress
Daniel Shamsee, SGA Member

Submitted on a motion by: Representative Sneller seconded Representative Bregnard
Action taken by Congress: Passed 20-0-2

Verified by Chair of Congress: _____ Date: _____

Submitted on a motion by:
Action taken by Senate:

Verified by Chair of Senate: _____ Date: _____

Approved by SGA President: _____ Date: _____