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Dear Students and Faculty,

SGA Leadership has done an admirable job in advocating for additional support for students who continue to face unprecedented challenges as a result of COVID-19. In response to a request by SGA leadership, withdrawals during the Fall 2021 semester will not count toward the overall limit of five withdrawals during an undergraduate student's course of study at the university.

It is no secret that many of us are experiencing significant mental health challenges as a result of the pandemic. Please remember, OU's counseling center is available to our community. Counselors can be reached at (405) 325-2911 to make an appointment. In addition, Therapy Assistance Online (TAO) is also available. Through TAO, students, faculty, and staff have access to empirically supported videos and mental health screening tools 24-hours a day, seven days a week. Students can register for an account by visiting <u>us.taoconnect.org/register</u> and can use their university 4X4 to register and gain access to the platform.

I look forward to the ongoing conversation with the SGA and other student leaders as we continue to work together to provide the best possible educational and campus experience.

Stay well and best regards,

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