

**UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA**

April 25th, 2021 7:00 P.M.

Zoom Conference Call

<https://oklahoma.zoom.us/j/93757784892?pwd=TjBCSUNqY2kxS2xJUmYwZ0E5VmtFUT09>

Call to Order

Reading and Approval of the Minutes:

Officer Reports:

- Chair
- Vice-Chair
- Secretary

Committee Reports:

- Academic Affairs
- Development & Philanthropy
- External Affairs
- Human Diversity
- Internal Affairs
- Public Relations
- Sustainability
- Ways and Means

Special Orders:

- GS21-48 Conoco Office Allocation Bill 2020-2021
- [placeholder-CLA Co Chair Appointment]
- GS21-50 Academic Appeals Board Appointment Act of 2021-2022
- GS21-51 Ensure International Student Voices are Heard Act of 2021
- Outreach and Education Ad Hoc Committee Report

Old Business:

New Business:

- GS21-37 Primary Funding Act of 2021 for Governmental Organizations
- GS21-38 Primary Funding Act of 2021 for Registered Student Organizations
- GS21-43 Constituent Recommended Initiative & Student Petition Act of 2021
- GS21-44 Updated Procedures Act
- GS21-45 Department Status Bill
- GS21-46 Resignations and Removals Act
- GS21-49 An Act of Procedure Approving Outstanding Graduate Student Awards for the 2020-2021 Academic Year

Announcements:

Adjournment

Conoco placeholder

CLA Co Chair Appointment Placeholder

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GS21
April 25th, 2021

SENATE BILL NO. GS21-50

AS INTRODUCED

An Act to appoint representatives for the 2021-2022
Academic Appeals Board.

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

Section 1: This act will be known as the Academic Appeals Board Appointment Act of 2021-2022

Section 2: Purpose: To approve the nominations for the 2021-2022 Academic Appeals Panelists

Section 3: List of Nominees:

SECTION 1. List of Nominees

Anthropology	Dewey	Jennifer
Biology	Santaquiteria Gil	Aintzane
	Troyer	Emily
	Wersebe	Matthew
Communication	Hammonds	Kyle
Dance	Griffith	J'aime
Drama	Karis	Wilson
	Caleb	Hubbard
Electrical & Computer Engineering	Jarvis	Rachel
	Almuqati	Nawaf
English	Anz	Eleah
	Brown	Brittney
Geography & Environmental Sustainability	Conn	David
	Malish	Megan
	Spade	Daniela
Geosciences	Shodunke	Ganiyat
	Alo	Olawale
	Anson	Marta
Health & Exercise Science	Bhochhibhoya	Shristi
	Chesbro	Grant
Industrial & Systems Engineering	Deniz	Emre
	Ali	Rassi
International & Area Studies	Nihad	Fathimath "Nayifa"
	Allen	Cole

Meteorology	Puxley	Bryony
	Schneider	Morgan
Music	Lim	David
	Otekayi	Tobi
	Harman	Geoff
	Chism	Josh
	Krumwiede	Nicholette "Nikki"
	Pavlicek	Zachery
	Seah	Hee Cheng "Alexis"
Political Science	Woodle	Morgan
Psychology	Hoang	Gwen
Sociology	Chiareli	Isabella
	Shurtliff	Tacey
	Wood	Alexandra "Xandie"
	Maxey	Melissa
	Lepper-Pappan	Heather
	Okuwa	Oyin

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

Author(s): Claire Burch, GSS Chair
Rin Ferraro, GSS Vice Chair
Dayten Israel, GSS Secretary

Submitted on a motion by:

Action taken by Senate:

Verified by Chair of Senate: _____ Date: _____

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CVI

April 27th, 2021

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GS21

April 25th, 2021

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-XXX-XX
SENATE BILL GS21-51

AS INTRODUCED

An Act of Procedure amending the Code Annotated to include international student liaisons within the Executive Office of the President; 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 “Ensure International Student Voices are Heard Act of 2021.”
- Section 2:** Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to include international student liaisons to the Executive Office of the President.
- Section 3:** AMENDATORY: Title III, Chapter 5, Section 24 is amended as follows. For the purposes of this bill, all deletions are marked by a ~~strike through~~ and all additions are marked with an underline.

24. Departments

The several Departments that shall compose the Cabinet are as follows.

a. The Department of the Interior

i. Department Purpose

The Department of the Interior shall advocate for the position of the SGA as it pertains to internal university affairs. SGA policy shall be defined by a Joint or Concurring Resolution passed by the Legislative Branch, or by the SGA President in the absence of such a resolution. The Department shall address on-campus issues including, but not limited to, student parking, student health and wellness, and on-campus sustainability issues.

ii. Department Director

The Department Director shall be appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the Legislature. The Director shall be responsible for ensuring that the purpose of the Department of the Interior is carried out.

b. The Department of Inclusivity

i. Department Purpose

The Department of Inclusivity shall provide assistance, services, and advocacy within the SGA executive branch for underrepresented students on campus. The Department shall address issues that affect international students, students with disabilities, as well as gender and sexual minority issues and multicultural issues. This list is not intended to be restrictive, and more duties may be delegated to the Department at the discretion of the President.

ii. Department Director

The Department Director shall be appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the Legislature. The Director shall be responsible for ensuring that the purpose of the Department of Inclusivity is carried out.

iii. International Student Liaison(s)

The International Student Liaison(s) shall be appointed by the President. The International Student Liaison (s) shall be responsible to voice concerns of International students in the executive cabinet, and take necessary initiatives towards international student welfare.

c. The Department of Communications

i. Department Purpose

The Department of Communications shall promote the programs and positions of the SGA.

ii. Department Director

The Department Director shall be appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the Legislature. The Director shall be responsible for overseeing and coordinating the efforts of the Executive Branch pertaining to media relations, social media, graphic design, photography, and other outreach initiatives.

d. The Department of the Exterior

i. Department Purpose

The Department of the Exterior shall advocate for the position of the SGA as it pertains to city, state, or federal affairs, as defined by a Joint or Concurring Resolution passed by the Legislature, or by the SGA President in the absence of such a resolution.

ii. Department Director

The Department Director shall be appointed by the SGA President with the advice and consent of the Legislature. The Director shall be responsible for ensuring that the purpose of the Department of the Exterior is carried out and for overseeing the higher education advocacy efforts of the SGA.

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

Author(s): Nishit Garg, Life Sciences District Representative
Camilo Aponte Duque, Member of the Department of Inclusivity

Co-Author(s): Crispin South, Chair of the Undergraduate Student Congress
Tavana Farzaneh, President of the Student Government Association

Submitted on a Motion by:

Action taken by Congress:

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: _____

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CIV
April 13th, 2021

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GS21
April 25th, 2021

CONGRESSIONAL BILL AB-105-06
SENATE BILL NO. GS21-37

AS INTRODUCED

An act relating to appropriations; providing for short title; stating purpose; appropriating Primary Funding for the 2020-2021 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 “Primary Funding Act of 2021 for Governmental Organizations”

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
Student Bar Association	15,000			15,000
Campus Activities Council	133,199.63			133,199.63
SGA Undergraduate Student Congress	2,400			2,400
SGA Graduate Student Senate	1,200			1,200
SGA Executive Branch	2,065			2,065
SGA Operations	10,560	5,000	27,620	43,180
Salaries and Stipends			193,553.55	193,553.55
SGA Graduate Student Senate Grants	75,000			75,000
			TOTAL:	465,598.18

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 13, 2022

Section 6: All unspent money remaining in the accounts listed in Section 3 shall revert to the SGA General Account after May 13, 2022, and the remaining appropriations shall be canceled.

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

Author(s): Lauren Patton, Chair, SGA Budget Committee

Co-Author(s): SGA Budgetary Committee

Submitted on a motion by: Representative Broadbent seconded by Representative Halsey-Kraus

Action taken by Student Congress: 28-0-0

Verified by Chair of Student Congress: _____ Date: _____

Submitted on a motion by:

Action taken by Senate:

Verified by Chair of Senate: _____ Date: _____

Approved by SGA President: _____ Date: _____

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CIV

April 13th, 2021

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GS21

April 25th, 2021

CONGRESSIONAL BILL AB-105-05
SENATE BILL NO. GS21-38

AS INTRODUCED

An act relating to appropriations; providing for short title; stating purpose; appropriating Primary Funding for the 2020-2021 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 “Primary Funding Act of 2021 for Registered Student Organizations”

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
African Womens League	772			772
Agricultural Law Association	500			500
alpha Kappa Delta Phi	400		600	1000
AME Graduate Student Community	1080			1080
American Constitution Society	500			500
American Indian Science and Engineering Society	250			250
American Indian Student Association	11850			11850
American Institute of Chemical Engineers	500			500
American Marketing Association	450			450
American Sign Language Club	300			300

American Society for Microbiology Oklahoma Chapter	100			100
American Society of Mechanical Engineers	250			250
APICS	500			500
Asian American Student Association	9000			9000
Asian Pacific American Law Student Association	700			700
Association for Women in Computing	320			320
Association Friends of Venezuela	1000			1000
Association of Geography Graduate Students	600			600
Association of Southeast Asian Nations	1900			1900
Association of Transfer Students	700			700
Biomedical Engineering Society Student Chapter	1000			1000
BioReach - Biology Outreach	700			700
Black Law Students Association	700			700
Black Student Association	30000			30000
Business Law Society	100			100
Christian Legal Society	1100			1100
Circle K International	2562			2562
Clay Target Team	2000			2000
College Democrats	250			250
Colombian Student Association	9000			9000
Computer Science Student Board	500			500
Criminal Law Association	1700			1700
Crimson Robotics			700	700
Delta Sigma Pi- Beta Epsilon Chapter	550			550
Disability Inclusion and Awareness	350			350
Elite Dance Team	600			600
Engineers Serving Others			600	600
Engineers' Club	4000			4000
Environmental Law Student Association	500			500
Environmental Science Student Association	520			520
Eta Kappa Nu, Beta Xi Chapter	500			500
Federal Bar Association	1500			1500
Freshman Action Team	615		85	700

Geography and Environmental Sustainability Club	80			80
Graduate Business Association	500			500
Graduate Music Student Association	550			550
Graduate Physics Student Interdependence	300			300
Graduate Women In Business	700			700
Hacklahoma	500			500
Headington Hall Student Leadership Association	500			500
Health Law Student Association	1300			1300
Healthcare Advocacy Organization	500			500
Hispanic American Student Association	9000			9000
Housing Center Student Association	4935		675	5610
Immigration Law Society	500			500
Independent Greek Council	5000			5000
India Student Association	8000			8000
Informed Citizen Discussion Groups	1070			1070
Intellectual Property Society	300			300
Intercollegiate Legislature	3300	1159.88	200	4659.88
International Advisory Committee	30,000			30,000
InterVarsity Christian Fellowship	2140			2140
Iranian Student Association	14500			14500
Japanese Club	550			550
Jurassic Journeymen	130			130
Kappa Delta Pi	500			500
Korean Conversation Club	200			200
Korean Student Association	300			300
Lambda Delta Psi Sorority	500			500
Latin Dance Club	700			700
LatinArte	300			300
Latinos Unidos	500			500
Latinos Without Borders	500			500
Latinx Law Student Association	250			250
LGBTQ Program Advisory Board	700			700
Medical Ethics and Issues Discussion Panel	650			650

Military Law Society	400			400
Multicultural Greek Council	8000			8000
Music Composition Club	518			518
National Pan-Hellenic Council	15000			15000
Native American Law Student Association	300			300
OBI OUtreach	420		160	580
OK Sailing Club	500			500
Oklahoma Aspiring Educators Association	600			600
Oklahoma International Law Society	2250			2250
Oklahoma Law Review	1400			1400
Organization for the Advancement of Women in Law	2600			2600
OU Climbing Club	700			700
OU Curling Club	1280			1280
OU Design/Build/Fly Club	200			200
OU Equestrian Club	700			700
OU Esports Club	500			500
OU History Club	500			500
OU Men's Rugby Club	1350		350	1700
OU Triathlon Club	550			550
OU Women's Lacrosse Club		461		461
OU Women's Ultimate Frisbee Club	2000			2000
OUr Mental Health	300			300
Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity, International	800			800
Phi Beta Delta	500	50		550
Phi Delta Alpha	1300			1300
Pre-Medical Professions Club	250			250
Professional Writing Student Association	370			370
Psychology Club	400			400
Psychology Graduate Student Association	1200			1200
S.T.E.M. Inclusion Council	800			800
School of Meteorology Student Affairs Committee	400			400
Science Olympiad Alumni Association	300			300
Scientific Undergraduate Research Association	300			300

Sigma Lambda Beta	2000			2000
Sooner Air Traffic Control Association	1600			1600
Sooner Chapter of the American Association of Airport Executives	700			700
Sooner Off-Road		3000		3000
Sooner Racing Team	2000			2000
Spanish Club	340		30	370
Sports and Entertainment Law Society	250			250
Steel Bridge Competition Team			250	250
Student Association of Bangladesh	1800			1800
Student Chapter of the Association for Computing Machinery	300			300
Student Film Production Club	850			850
Student Planning Association	300			300
Student Society of Human Relations	550			550
Student Veterans Association	1000			1000
Student-Athlete Innovative Leaders	700			700
Students for the Exploration and Development of Space	500			500
Tau Kappa Epsilon, Omicron-Phi Colony and Friends	500			500
The Big Event			7900	7900
The Crimson Chords	650			650
Mumford Research Group	450		50	500
The Oklahoma Group	1210	90	300	1600
The Political Science Club	500			500
The Red Clay Faction	4000			4000
The United World	1500			1500
Tierra Tinta	1000			1000
Undergraduate Mathematics Club	400			400
Undergraduate Mock Trial Team	3500			3500
Union Programming Board	28000			28000
University Buddhist Association	280			280
Veg Club	300			300
Vietnamese Student Association	3000			3000

Wall Street Sooners		500		500
Women in Aviation	900			900
Women in Business Association	2284.39			2284.39
World Literature Today Student Advisory Board	600			600
TOTAL				305,687.27

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 13, 2022

Section 6: All unspent money remaining in the accounts listed in Section 3 shall revert to the SGA General Account after May 13, 2022, and the remaining appropriations shall be canceled.

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

Author(s): Lauren Patton, Chair, SGA Budget Committee

Co-Author(s): SGA Budgetary Committee

Submitted on a motion by: Representative Broadbent seconded by Representative Halsey-Kraus

Action taken by Student Congress: 28-0-0

Verified by Chair of Student Congress: _____ Date: _____

Submitted on a motion by:

Action taken by Senate:

Verified by Chair of Senate: _____ Date: _____

Approved by SGA President: _____ Date: _____

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CV
April 14, 2021

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GS21
April 25, 2021

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-105-30
SENATE BILL GS21-43

AS INTRODUCED

An Act of Legislation amending the Code Annotated to reform and reorganize petitioning procedures and Regulations; amending Executive Branch responsibilities with regard to petitions; 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 “Constituent Recommended Initiative & Student Petition Act of 2021.”

Section 2: Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to reorganize and reform petitioning procedures and regulations within the SGA Code Annotated, to allow the submission of general petitions, establish a verified petitioning platform, and alter responsibilities within the Executive Branch with regard to petition procedures and response.

Section 3: AMENDATORY: Remove all text from the Code Annotated § Title I, Chapter 3, Section 11, Subsections D to I.

Section 4: AMENDATORY: The Code Annotated § Title I, Chapter 3, Section 11, Subsection C is amended as follows. For the purposes of this bill, all deletions are marked by a ~~strikethrough~~ and all additions are marked with an underline.

C. Amendment Proposed by Initiative

The SGA Constitution may be amended by a majority vote of those students voting on the proposed amendment, provided that the amendment has been proposed to the voters in compliance with petitioning procedures explained in Title VII of the SGA Code Annotated. ~~by a petition bearing the signatures of SGA members equivalent to fifteen percent (15%) of the total number voting in the last election for Student President.~~

Section 5: AMENDATORY: The Code Annotated § Title III, Chapter 5, Section 24, Subsection A is amended as follows. For the purposes of this bill, all deletions are marked by a ~~strikethrough~~ and all additions are marked with an underline.

- a. The Department of the Interior
 - i. Department Purpose

The Department of the Interior shall advocate for the position of the SGA as it pertains to internal university affairs. SGA policy shall be defined by a Joint or Concurring Resolution passed by the Legislative Branch, or by the SGA President in the absence of such a resolution. The Department shall address on-campus issues including, but not limited to, student parking, student health and wellness, and on-campus sustainability issues.
 - ii. Department Director

The Department Director shall be appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the Legislature. The Director shall be responsible for ensuring that the purpose of the Department of the Interior is carried out, and for ensuring the creation and upkeep of a guide to petitioning.

 - 1. Guide to Petitioning

Such a guide shall include instructions for accessing the petitioning platform, creating and formatting petitions on the petitioning platform, properly exporting petition signatures, and submission to the General Counsel's Office. Such a guide should direct petitioners to compliance with all appropriate regulations and be as easy to understand as practicable. This guide shall be published and made available to students through the SGA website.

Section 6: AMENDATORY: A new subsection shall be added to the Code Annotated § Title III, Chapter 2, Section 7 of the Student Government Association Code Annotated as follows.

- g. Responding to Petitions

The SGA President shall be responsible for drafting and publishing responses to general petitions. Upon notification of certification of a general petition by five-hundred (500) students, the SGA President shall produce and distribute a response to the petition. Such a response must be posted on the SGA Website no more than five (5) academic days after notification of validation from the General Counsel.

Section 7: AMENDATORY: Remove all text from all sections of the Code Annotated § Title VII, Chapter 1.

Section 8: AMENDATORY: The Code Annotated § Title VII, Chapter 1, Section 24, Subsection A is amended as follows. For the purposes of this bill, all deletions are marked by a ~~strikethrough~~ and all additions are marked with an underline.

- 1. Definitions
 - a. Initiative Petition – A petition that seeks to place legislation (i.e., a bill or resolution) on the ballot for the student body to vote upon. An initiative petition may also place SGA constitutional amendments on the ballot for the student body to ratify or reject. Any member of the SGA may initiate legislation provided that the proposed legislation bears the valid signatures of members of the SGA equal to fifteen percent (15%) of the number of students voting in the last general election. Such legislation shall be brought before the Legislative Branch for a vote. If rejected by the Legislative Branch, it shall as soon as practicable be put before a vote of the SGA and a majority shall be required for its passage.
 - b. Recall Petition – A petition that seeks to place an elected SGA official on the ballot for retention before their term of office has expired. The members of the

SGA may recall any elected SGA official if the petition providing for recall election shall be signed by the number of members of the SGA equal to twenty-five (25%) of the total voters in district in the last general election. The text of the petition shall be in the format: “We, the undersigned, petition for the recall of the following official: (name).” The question to be placed on the ballot shall be “Shall (name) be retained as (name of office)?”

- c. Petition for a Presidential General Meeting – A petition that calls for a Presidential General Session of the SGA. Such a petition must contain the valid of ten percent (10%) of the members of the SGA. The text of the petition shall be in the format: “We, the undersigned, petition for a Presidential General Meeting of the SGA.” Upon certification, the SGA President must call and preside over a general meeting of the SGA.
- d. General Petition – A petition that seeks to determine the position of SGA leadership or request action be taken. General Petitions may not be considered initiative petitions but should be used to call for action from the SGA on an issue specified within the petition. General Petitions must not be placed on any ballot for the student body to vote upon and are solely to be used to determine positions of or request action from SGA leadership. The text of the petition shall be in the format: “We, the undersigned, formally petition for a response from SGA regarding the following issue: (insert up to 200-word description here).” Upon certification of such a petition by 500 students, the Executive Branch of SGA shall produce and distribute a response to the petition. Such a response must be posted on the SGA Website no more than five (5) academic days after notification of certification from the General Counsel.
- e. Proposition – A constitutional amendment, legislation, or recall language the Petitioner seeks to place on the ballot for the student body to vote upon.
- f. Summary of the Proposition – The substance, essence, or action, in summary, of the effect of the Proposition. The Summary of the Proposition accurately reflects the Proposition, much as an abstract reflects its larger article. The Summary of the Proposition shall serve as the ballot question, and;
 - i. Must not exceed two hundred (200) words;
 - ii. Must explain in common language, which can be easily found in dictionaries of general usage, the effect of the Proposition;
 - iii. Must not contain any words that have a special meaning for a particular profession or trade not commonly known to the OU student body;
 - iv. Must not reflect partiality in its composition or contain any argument for or against the Proposition;
 - v. Must contain language which clearly states that a “yes” vote is a vote in favor of the Proposition and a “no” vote is a vote against the Proposition;
 - vi. Must not contain language whereby a “yes” vote is a vote against the Proposition and a “no” vote is a vote in favor of the Proposition.
- g. Petitioner – An enrolled student at the University of Oklahoma Norman Campus who uses the initiative petition or recall petition process as provided for in Article VII of the SGA Constitution.
- h. Petition Circulation Period – A period of time beginning on the date that the first signature is collected and ending ninety (90) days, when class is in session, later.
- i. Petition Summary – An automatically generated report from the Petitioning Platform, containing the names and OU ID numbers of all signatories, in compliance with the guide to petitioning produced by the Department of the Interior.

- j. Petitioning Platform – The accessible internet platform on which signatures must be collected. Engage shall serve as the petitioning platform.
 - k. Signature – In order for a signature to be considered valid, it must contain the name of the signatory as well as their OU ID number and an affirmation that their submission is freely produced.
 - l. Petition Certification – A determination of the SGA General Council that a sufficient number of signatures required for initiative petitions or recall petitions as provided for in Article VII of the SGA Constitution have been submitted by the Petitioner.
 - m. Academic Day – A day which classes are in session.
2. Procedures for Petitioning
- a. Initiative Petition Procedure
 - i. Petitioners must submit the following to the SGA General Council, hereinafter referred to as General Council, prior to collecting signatures:
 - 1. A true and exact copy of the Proposition
 - 2. A true and exact copy of the Summary of the Proposition.
 - ii. The General Council shall have five (5) academic days to review the proposed Summary of the Proposition and determine whether it complies with this Title.
 - iii. The General Council shall have the authority to modify or rewrite completely the Summary of the Proposition to ensure that it complies with all regulations.
 - iv. The General Council shall not have authority to modify, in any way, the Proposition itself.
 - v. The Petitioner may withdraw their petition at any time until Certification.
 - vi. Upon initial submission and review, the General Council shall post the final Summary of the Proposition as well as a true and exact copy of the Proposition in a conspicuous place inside the SGA Offices and shall transmit a copy of the same to the Petitioner, SGA President, Chair of the Undergraduate Student Congress, Chair of the Graduate Student Senate, and editor of the primary campus newspaper.
 - vii. Upon posting of the aforementioned Summary of the Proposition and the Proposition, any member of SGA who is dissatisfied with the wording of the Summary of the Proposition statement may, within seven (7) academic days, appeal to the Superior Court. After such an appeal is filed, the Court shall uphold the sufficiency of the proposed Summary of the Proposition statement, make corrections to the Summary of the Proposition statement, or draft a new Summary of the Proposition statement. Should there be no appeal within the seven (7) academic days allotted for such an appeal or once the Court has ruled, there shall be no further challenge to the petition on the basis of the Summary of the Proposition statement.
 - viii. After the posting requirements mentioned in vi. and vii. are met, the General Council must notify the petitioner of the posting and inform them that signature collection may begin.
 - ix. The Summary of the Proposition shall appear at the beginning of the electronic form on the Petitioning Platform.
 - x. Petitioners may utilize up to the entire Petition Circulation Period to collect signatures but must not exceed it.

- iv. Signatures for which the name and OU ID number do not match.
 - v. Signatures which the General Counsel has reason to believe were submitted by any person other than the listed signatory.
 - b. The General Counsel must notify, in writing, the SGA President, Chair of the Undergraduate Student Congress, the Chair of the Graduate Student Senate, and the Chair of the Campus Activities Council of any and all violations of this Title of which they have knowledge.
 - c. If the General Counsel certifies an Initiative petition or Recall Petition, then the General Counsel shall post the Proposition in a conspicuous place in the SGA Offices and notify the Legislative Branch. All campaigning regarding referendums, initiatives, recalls, or constitutional amendments shall be subject to the guidelines set forth elsewhere in the SGA Code Annotated. If the General Counsel rejects a submitted Initiative Petition or Recall Petition as invalid, then the General Counsel shall submit a written report or make a personal appearance at the next regularly scheduled meetings of the Undergraduate Student Congress and Graduate Student Senate explaining grounds for the rejection. The decision of the General Counsel may be appealed by the Petitioner or the Legislative Branch, via concurring resolution, to the SGA Superior Court.
- 4. Referendum

Any bill being considered for passage by the Legislative Branch may, by a majority vote of the Legislative Branch, be referred to the members of the SGA for their approval. In such case, the Legislative Branch shall provide for the publication of such bill and its general dissemination among the members of the SGA at least one week prior to such election. For such bill to be enacted, it must receive a majority of the votes cast unless more stringent requirements are set by the Legislative Branch and fifteen percent (15%) of the total number of eligible voters shall have participated in such election. Balloting on such bill shall take place at such time and in such manner as provided by Congress, and the result of such an election shall be binding upon the Legislative Branch.

 - a. Content of Referendum Proposal: A referendum proposal must specifically state the purpose of sending the legislation or Constitutional Amendment to the SGA members for a referendum vote.
 - b. Ballot Explanation: The SGA General Counsel may write an explanation to appear on a referendum ballot.
- 5. Constitutional Amendment

The SGA Constitution may be amended by a majority vote of those students voting on the proposed amendment provided that the amendment shall have been presented to them by two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of each House of the Legislative Branch at least three weeks prior to the election at which the amendment is to be voted upon. A single Act of Legislation shall be used by the Legislature in a manner consistent with Article X, Sec. 1 of the SGA Constitution to (1) propose an amendment to the SGA Constitution and (2) establish a referendum presenting said amendment. Such an Act of Legislation must pass with a two-thirds (2/3) vote of each house. Such an Act of Legislation may be used to place said referendum on the ballot of a general election, to establish a special election, or to add said referendum to the ballot of an established special election, as shall be specified in said Act of Legislation. Each amendment shall be proposed by its own Act of Legislation. If the SGA President vetoes such an Act of Legislation, it shall be considered passed over any such veto.

Section 9: This act shall become effective when passed in accordance with the SGA Constitution.

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Submitted on a Motion by: Representative Broadbent seconded by Representative May

Action taken by Congress: 31-0-0

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: _____

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GS21
April 25th, 2021

SENATE BILL NO. GS21-44

AS INTRODUCED

A Senatorial Act of Procedure amending the
Graduate Student Senate Bylaws; providing short title; and
providing an effective date.

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

- Section 1:** This Act shall be known and may be cited as the “Updated Procedures Act.”
- Section 2:** Purpose: The purpose of this Act shall be to amend the Bylaws of the Graduate Student Senate to provide revised policies and procedures affecting the duties of membership and general rules of senatorial operation.
- Section 3:** AMENDATORY: Section 4 of the Graduate Student Senate Bylaws shall be removed in its entirety and replaced by the following.

SECTION 4. Duties of Members and General Rules of Operation

A. DUTIES. Senators shall be responsible for performing the following:

1. Serve on at least one (1) standing committee, as assigned by the Chair of the Graduate Student Senate.
2. Serve on any ad hoc or joint committee to which they have been appointed by the Chair of the Graduate Student Senate.
3. Attend all regularly scheduled and emergency meetings of the general body and of any committee of which they are a member.
4. Review all legislation before any such legislation is brought to any vote.
5. Report senatorial proceedings to all constituents within their Department.
6. Provide constituent service, whereby they shall be available to meet with and answer any questions had by constituents within their Department.
7. All other responsibilities as provided in these Bylaws, the Constituent Documents, or other recognized source of authority.

B. POWERS. Senators shall be empowered to perform the following:

1. Introduce legislation for consideration by a committee of the Graduate Student Senate, by the general body of the Graduate Student Senate, or by the Legislative branch of the SGA.
2. Vote on any legislation introduced to a committee of the Graduate Student Senate or the general body of the Graduate Student Senate; provided that, any such legislation complies with the Senate Standing Rules of Order.
3. Introduce any amendment to any legislation brought for consideration by a committee of the Graduate Student Senate or the general body of the Graduate Student Senate; provided that, any such legislation complies with the Senate Standing Rules of Order.

- C. **REGULARLY SCHEDULED GENERAL MEETINGS.** The Chair of the Graduate Student Senate shall schedule at least seven (7) general meetings per academic semester; provided that, the first meeting of the fall academic semester shall occur upon the Sunday immediately following one (1) month from the beginning date of that academic term and the first meeting of the spring academic semester shall occur upon the second Sunday from the beginning date of that academic term.
1. **ORIENTATION.** The Vice Chair of the Graduate Student Senate shall coordinate and lead an orientation session, which shall occur immediately prior to the first regularly scheduled general meeting of the fall academic semester.
- D. **COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT.** All Senators shall be assigned to at least one (1) standing committee of the Graduate Student Senate; provided that, each standing committee is assigned at least five (5) members.
1. **REGULARLY SCHEDULED STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS.** The standing committees of the Graduate Student Senate shall regularly schedule committee meetings prior to but upon the same date of each general meeting of the Graduate Student Senate; provided that, the first meeting of the fall academic semester shall occur upon the date of the second general meeting of that academic term, and the first meeting of the spring academic semester shall occur upon that date of the first general meeting of that academic term. However, nothing in this section shall preclude any standing committee from scheduling additional meetings outside of those regularly scheduled times.
- E. **ATTENDANCE.** All Senators are expected to and shall make every effort to attend all meetings of the general body of the Graduate Student Senate and of the committee(s) to which they are assigned or appointed.
1. **REPORTING ATTENDANCE.** Attendance for regularly scheduled general meetings shall be taken by or reported to the Secretary of the Graduate Student Senate at some point during regularly scheduled committee meetings; provided that, failure to attend a regularly scheduled general meeting shall constitute an absence, regardless of previously recorded attendance taken during a regularly scheduled committee meeting. The Secretary of the Graduate Student Senate shall regularly distribute a list of the number of absences accrued by each Senator every two (2) weeks to the body of the Graduate Student Senate.
 2. **ABSENCES.** All Senators shall be permitted one (1) absence per academic semester and one (1) floating absence that may be applied for either academic semester, totaling three (3) absences per legislative Session.
 3. **PROXIES.** If a Senator has prior knowledge they may be absent for a regularly scheduled committee or general meeting, the Senator may appoint a proxy to attend such meeting or meetings.
 - a. **ELIGIBILITY.** Proxies may only be appointed from among the members of the Department the Senator represents.
 - b. **POWERS.** Upon appointment, a proxy shall have all the powers and rights of the Senator for whom they represent; provided that, the Senator has signed and filed a Proxy Request Form prior to such meeting or meetings.
 4. **DEPARTMENT STATUS.** Attendance at regularly scheduled committee and general meetings shall be used to determine Department Status, which refers to the eligibility of members of a Department to receive funding from the Graduate Student Senate's Conference Travel and Research Grants.

- a. GOOD STANDING. Good Standing shall only occur if a Senator maintains good attendance, which shall mean the Senator has not exceeded the allotted number of absences per academic semester. Only one (1) Senator from a Department must individually fulfill the attendance requirement to maintain Good Standing. If a Department is represented by two (2) Senators, those Senators may not combine attendance records to fulfill the attendance requirements to maintain Good Standing.
- b. PROBATION. If a Senator does not maintain good attendance during one (1) academic semester, which shall mean the Senator has exceeded the allotted number of absences per academic semester, the Senator shall be on probation from that moment through the following academic semester. If a Department is represented by only one (1) Senator and such Senator fails to maintain good attendance during one (1) academic semester, the Department shall be on probation. Similarly, if a Department is represented by two (2) Senators and both such Senators fail to maintain good attendance during one (1) academic semester, the Department shall be on probation. If a Senator or Senators, as applicable, fail to maintain good attendance during the subsequent academic semester following a notice of probation, the Department shall fall into Bad Standing.
- c. BAD STANDING. If a Department does not provide representation to the Graduate Student Senate, the Department shall automatically fall into Bad Standing. If a Senator or Senators, as applicable, fail to maintain good attendance during the subsequent academic semester following a notice of probation, the Department shall fall into Bad Standing. If a Department submits representation to a following legislation session or its representation maintains good attendance during the probationary period, the Department may move into Good Standing, if in accordance with the aforementioned requirements for obtaining Good Standing.

Section 4: AMENDATORY: Section 5 of the Bylaws of the Graduate Student Senate Bylaws shall be removed in its entirety, as indicated by a strikethrough.

~~SECTION 5. Proxies~~

- ~~A. If a Senator is going to be absent from a G.A.M. OR Committee Meeting, the Senator may send a Proxy to the missed G.A.M.~~
- ~~B. The sending of a Proxy does not count as an absence.~~
- ~~C. For that missed Meeting, a Proxy shall have all of the powers of the represented Senator as long as the following condition is met:~~
 - ~~1. The Proxy must come to the Meeting with the Proxy Request Form completed by and signed by the Senator missing the G.A.M.~~

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

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Submitted on a Motion by:

Action taken by Senate:

Verified by Chair of Senate: _____ Date: _____

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GS-21
April 25th, 2021

SENATE BILL NO. GS21-46

AS INTRODUCED

An Act to declare certain Departments as in ‘Bad Standing’
and on ‘Probation’.

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

- Section 1:** This act may be known and cited as the “Spring 2021 Departmental Status Act.”
- Section 2:** Purpose: To update Graduate Student Senate Department status for the full academic year 2020-2021.
- Section 3:** AMENDATORY: For the purpose of this Act, Departments now in ‘Bad Standing’ will be found under the ‘Bad Standing’ column; Departments now on ‘probation’ will be found under the ‘Probation’ column; and Departments now in ‘Good Standing’ will be found under the ‘Good Standing’ column.
- Section 4:** Departments with status changes:

Department Status Changes		
Good Standing	Probation	Bad Standing
Aerospace and Mech. Eng.	Data Science and Analytics	Accounting
Anthropology	Dance	Chemical Biological & Material Eng.
Architecture	Interior Design	Computer Science
Biology	Petroleum & Geological Engineering	Construction Science
Biomedical Engineering	Regional & City Planning	
Business Administration		Drama
Chemistry and Biochemistry		Educational Lead. & Policy Studies
Civil Eng. & Environmental Science		Engineering Physics
Communication		Entrepreneurship and Economic Development
Economics		Film and Media Studies
Educational Psychology		General Engineering
Electrical and Computer Engineering		Geoinformatics
English		Geology and GeoPhysics
Finance		Human Relations
Geography & Environmental Sustainability		Landscape Architecture
Health and Exercise Science		Liberal Studies (PACS)
History		Mathematics*
History of Science, Technology & Medicine		Meteorology

Industrial & Systems Engineering		Native American Studies
Instructional Lead. & Acad. Curriculum		Natural Gas Engineering & Management
International and Area Studies		Public Administration
Journalism and Mass Communication		
Law		
Library & Information Studies		
Management Information Systems		
Microbiology & Plant Biology		
Modern Languages, Lit. & Linguistics		
Music		
Philosophy		
Physics & Astronomy		
Political Science		
Psychology		
Social Work		
Sociology		
Visual Arts		

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

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Submitted on a Motion by:

Action taken by Senate:

Verified by Chair of Senate: _____ Date: _____

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE

SENATE SESSION GS21

April 25th, 2021

SENATE BILL NO. GS21-47

AS INTRODUCED

A Senatorial Act of Procedure amending the
Graduate Student Senate Bylaws; providing short title; and
providing an effective date.

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

- Section 1:** This Act shall be known and may be cited as the “Resignations and Removals Act.”
- Section 2:** Purpose: The purpose of this Act shall be to amend the Bylaws of the Graduate Student Senate to provide revised policies and procedures affecting resignations and removals of Senators in the Graduate Student Senate.
- Section 3:** AMENDATORY: Section 3 of the Graduate Student Senate Bylaws shall be removed in its entirety and replaced by the following.

SECTION 3. Resignations and Removals

- A. RESIGNATION. Any Senator shall be permitted to resign from office as a Senator in the Graduate Student Senate, whereupon the procedures providing for special appointed in Subsection 2 of Subsection E of Section 2 of these Bylaws shall apply.
1. VOLUNTARY RESIGNATION. Any Senator may voluntarily resign from office as a Senator without reservation. Upon resignation, the Senator shall furnish a letter of resignation to the Chair of the Graduate Student Senate and to the Chair of the Internal Affairs Committee, providing the date of their resignation and identifying the Department of which they represent.
 2. INVOLUNTARY RESIGNATION. Any Department shall be permitted to request the removal of a Senator that represents such Department by submitting a request to remove to the Chair of the Graduate Student Senate, however, the bases of such removal shall be the responsibility of the Department. Upon receipt of a request to remove, the Senator at issue shall be informed of their removal by their Department, notwithstanding any prior knowledge of such act, wherefore the Senator shall submit a letter of resignation to the Chair of the Graduate Student Senate and the Chair of the Internal Affairs Committee.
- B. REMOVAL. Any Senator may be removed from office in the Graduate Student Senate, whereupon the procedures providing for special appointment in Subsection 2 of Subsection E of Section 2 of these Bylaws shall apply, unless indicated elsewhere.
1. REMOVAL FROM ELECTED OFFICE OF SENATE. The Graduate Student Senate shall be empowered to remove any elected officer from such office in the Graduate Student Senate in accordance with the following provisions.
 - a. RECOMMENDATION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. The Executive Committee, by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote, may furnish a resolution to the body of the Graduate Student Senate recommending the removal of an elected officer, upon which the elected officer in question shall be temporarily relieved of all duties

- ii. VOTING. A majority vote of the body of the Graduate Student Senate shall be required to remove a Senator from office as a Senator in the Graduate Student Senate on grounds of inadequate attendance.
 - iii. NOTICE OF REMOVAL. If such Senator is removed from the Graduate Student Senate, the Chair of the Internal Affairs Committee shall inform the Senator and the Department of which they represent of such removal, pursuant to the special appointment procedures provided elsewhere in these Bylaws.
- b. DERELICTION OF DUTY. Any Senator may author a resolution to remove a Senator from office as a Senator in the Graduate Student Senate on grounds of dereliction of duty, which shall include, without limitation, negligence, misconduct, and other similar actions; provided that, such resolution to remove the Senator in question is co-sponsored by not less than ten (10) additional Senators.
- i. RESOLUTION. Such resolution shall appear under "Special Orders" on the agenda and shall be in order at any regularly scheduled general meeting; provided that, such resolution has appeared before the Executive Committee for review prior to its introduction to the body of the Graduate Student Senate.
 - ii. VOTING. A two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the body of the Graduate Student Senate shall be required to remove a Senator from as a Senator in the Graduate Student Senate on grounds of dereliction of duty.
 - iii. NOTICE OF REMOVAL. If such Senator is removed from the Graduate Student Senate, the Chair of the Internal Affairs Committee shall inform the Senator and the Department of which they represent of such removal, pursuant to the special appointment procedures provided elsewhere in these Bylaws.

Section 4: AMENDATORY: Section 12 of the Bylaws of the Graduate Student Senate Bylaws shall be removed in its entirety, as indicated by a strikethrough.

SECTION 12. Dismissal of Elected Officers or Committee Chairs

~~A. An elected officer or committee chair may be dismissed by the following procedures:~~

~~1. Committee Chair~~

- ~~a. A majority vote of the effected committee is sufficient to remove the committee chair or~~
- ~~b. EC may remove a committee chair with a three-fourths majority vote.~~
- ~~c. The effected committee chair may appeal either the committee's or EC's decision to the Senate. The appeal must pass by a two-thirds majority of the Active Membership or the dismissal decision stands.~~

~~2. Elected Officer~~

- ~~a. By a two-thirds vote, the EC may send a resolution to the Senate recommending dismissal. Until the Senate has voted on the matter, the officer shall be temporarily relieved of all duties and authority. The resolution shall be the first order of new business at the next G.A.M. A two-thirds majority of the Active Membership vote shall be required to remove the officer.~~

~~b.— Any Senator may motion to remove an officer. Once moved and seconded, the motion immediately goes to the Internal Affairs Committee for review. After review, the Internal Affairs Committee may forward the motion to the Senate for disposition or fail the motion in committee. The Chair shall read the recommendation or disposition of the motion as the first order of new business at the next G.A.M. If the motion fails, the author may appeal to the Senate. The appeal does not validate a removal, it only determines whether the Senate shall hear the motion or not. The Senate shall hear the motion if a majority of the Senators grant the appeal. If the motion to remove comes before the Senate, the officer shall temporarily step down until the matter is resolved. A two-thirds majority vote shall be required to remove the officer. If the Chair is the subject of the removal motion, the Chair shall temporarily step aside at the beginning of the G.A.M..~~

~~3.— Appointed Officer~~

~~a.— All appointed officers may be removed by the Chair without appeal.~~

~~4.— Except for an appointed officer, all resolutions or motions to remove an officer shall follow proper protocol and the Standing Rules of Order.~~

~~5.— All officers or committee chairs, except for the Chair of the Senate, removed from office shall continue to represent their respective Departments unless expelled by the Senate. The Chair of the Senate, if removed, is expelled from the Senate.~~

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

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Submitted on a Motion by:

Action taken by Senate:

Verified by Chair of Senate: _____ Date: _____

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE

SENATE SESSION GS21

April 25, 2021

SENATE BILL NO. GS21-49

As Introduced

An Act Approving the Outstanding Graduate Student Awards for the 2020-2021 academic year, and providing for distribution.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE:

Section 1: This act shall be known and may be cited as “An Act of Procedure Approving Outstanding Graduate Student Awards for the 2020-2021 Academic Year.”

Section 2: The purpose of the act is inherent in the title.

Section 3: Let it therefore be resolved that:

Caleb Hubbard of the Department of Communication is hereby named the Overall Outstanding Graduate Student for the 2020-2021 Academic Year.

Nathan Donahue of the Stephenson School of Biomedical Engineering is hereby named the Outstanding Graduate Research Assistant for the 2020-2021 Academic Year.

Adrien Malek-Lasseter of the Department of Instructional Leadership and Academic Curriculum is hereby named the Outstanding Graduate Research Assistant for the 2020-2021 Academic Year.

Gokhan Gunay of the Stephenson School of Biomedical Engineering is hereby named the Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant for the 2020-2021 Academic Year.

Section 4: The University of Oklahoma Graduate Student Senate commends the outstanding accomplishments and commitment to excellence of all fourteen nominees.

Section 5: The University of Oklahoma Graduate Student Senate hereby awards \$250.00 to each of the four winners in recognition of their performance in service of the University’s mission.

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

Submitted on a motion by:

Action taken by Senate:

Verified by Chair of Senate: _____ Date: _____