

**UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
GENERAL MEETING AGENDA**

November 17th, 2022 7:00 P.M.

Zoom Conference Call

<https://oklahoma.zoom.us/j/97996963479?pwd=MDRPTWIDY2NuRksrTFIkYVBFZjJxQT09>

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Call to Order

Mission Statement: Graduate Students at the University of Oklahoma have a number of unique concerns and interests requiring a voice separate from the usual instruments that express the will of the faculty and of undergraduates. For this reason, the Graduate Student Senate of the University of Oklahoma Student Government Association was established in 1987 to represent all Graduate Students and to serve their needs.

Reading and Approval of the Minutes (minutes from previous meeting:

<https://www.ou.edu/content/dam/sga/common/GSS/minutes/2022/GSS-11-3GAM-Minutes.pdf>)

Officer Reports:

- Chair:
- Vice-Chair:
- Secretary:

Committee Reports:

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- Development & Philanthropy:
- External Affairs:
- Internal Affairs:
- International Student Affairs:
- Public Relations:
- Sustainability:
- Ways and Means:

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New Business:

- GF22-17 Salute to Veterans Parking Act (Rec of No Rec)
- GF22-18 Voicing Our Thoughts Electorally Act (Rec of Do Pass)
- GF22-19 An Act of Procedure approving Conference/Research & Creative Exhibition Grant awards for the 2022 Fall Semester (Rec of Do Pass)
- GF22-20 Auxiliary Allocation 6 Act of 2022-2023 (Rec of Do Pass)

Announcements:

Adjournment

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION 108
November 8th, 2022

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GF22
November 17th, 2022

CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-108-18
SENATE RESOLUTION NO. GF22-17

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution recommending OU parking services to increase the number of veteran parking spaces on campus; and providing for distribution.

Whereas: As of today, there are only 4 total parking spaces available to veterans visiting campus; and

Whereas: Veterans deserve to be treated with the utmost respect for the services they have provided to our country and the community; therefore

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

Section 1: Title: This resolution shall be known and may be cited as the “Salute to Veterans Parking Act.”

Section 2: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association recommends that OU parking services do the following:

1. Increase the number of designated parking spaces to thirteen spots to represent the thirteen stripes of the American flag.
 - a. Designated parking spots should be placed in any parking garage or parking space on campus.
2. Have a designated commuter parking tag for each qualified student veteran on campus.

Section 3: Copies of this resolution will be sent to:

- OU Daily
- OU Parking Services
- OU Veteran Services
- Kris Glenn Director of Parking Services

Author(s): Michael T. Reynolds Sr., College of Atmospheric and Geographic Sciences School of Aviation Studies, Shrey Kathuria, University College Representative

Co-Author(s):

Co-Sponsor(s): Lacey Lewis, Chair of the USC

Submitted on a motion by: Representative Griffin seconded by Representative Reese

Action taken by Congress: 17-0-0

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

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CVIII
November 8th, 2022

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GF22
November 17th, 2022

CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-108-19
SENATE RESOLUTION NO. GF22-18

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution to encourage the University of Oklahoma to recognize voting exemptions for students; and providing for distribution.

- Whereas: The University of Oklahoma’s Strategic plan makes frequent references to the promotion of civic participation and engagement to create a more democratic society¹; Therefore
- Whereas: It is important that the University of Oklahoma and the Student Government Association partner together to encourage civic engagement amongst students; and
- Whereas: Students historically have made up a very small percentage when compared to the number of eligible voters who actively participate in voting²; and
- Whereas: We have the unique opportunity to make a significant change and allow students to have a voice in the 2022 midterm elections; and
- Whereas: The University has recognized the importance for Staff to vote by granting them two-hour voting exemptions from work³; and
- Whereas: Administration should recognize the same rights for students; and

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS AND THE GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE, CONCURRING THEREIN THAT:

Section 1: Title: This resolution shall be known and may be cited as the “Voicing Our Thoughts Electorally Act.”

¹ <https://www.ou.edu/leadon/pillars/pillar2>

The University of Oklahoma’s Second Pillar serves to, “Prepare Students for a Life of Success, Meaning, Service, and Positive Impact.” This pillar closely relates to the promotion of Civic Engagement. Under the strategies used to preserve Oklahoma’s Second Pillar strategy 4, tactic reads:

“**Tactic 3:** Set clear service learning, volunteerism, and leadership expectations in the student experience for everyone¹.” Voting is the most basic leadership and service expectation that one can fulfill as a student.

² <https://www.campusvoteproject.org/why-student-voters-matter>

³ <https://apps.hr.ou.edu/staffhandbook#3.10.4>

Section 2: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association strongly encourages the creation of Voting Exemptions for students for future elections. Voting exemptions are needed for a multitude of reasons that include:

1. Forty-four percent of students are non-residents, and 5,669 of these students vote in Texas.⁴
2. Casting a ballot may take hours because of long poll lines.⁵
3. Many students prefer to vote in person.

Section 3: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association suggests creating new university policy, modeled on Section 3.15.2 of the Faculty Handbook, to permanently protect the civic responsibilities of students from adverse academic consequences, to be added as section 3.15.3 of the faculty handbook as follows:

"It is the policy of the University to excuse the absences of students that result from civic participation, such as voting and participation in jury duty, and to provide without penalty for the rescheduling of examinations and additional required class work that may fall on days of civic duty."

Section 4: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association also recommends leaving any requirement regarding presenting proof of voting to the discretion of the faculty member.

Section 5: Student employees should be entitled to a similar exemption as enumerated below in the Staff Handbook:

"Every employee shall be allowed two hours of time during the period when an election is open in which to vote. If an employee lives at such a distance from his or her voting precinct that more than two hours are required to attend the election, then the employee shall be allowed sufficient time to cast a ballot. Employees shall only be provided this time to vote upon oral or written notification to a supervisor on the day preceding the election. Upon proof of voting, no employee shall lose compensation or otherwise be penalized for the absence."⁶

Section 6: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association urges the Faculty Senate to create a resolution of support for the adoption of voting exemptions for students.

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

- The OU Daily
- The OU Nightly
- Governor Stitt
- Faculty Senate Chair
- Staff Senate Chair
- President Harroz

⁴ https://ou.edu/content/dam/irr/docs/Fact%20Book/fact-book-2020/20_2_35_USmap.pdf

⁵ <https://oklahomawatch.org/2020/11/03/election-2020-live-updates-will-these-precincts-look-the-same-this-time/>

⁶ <https://apps.hr.ou.edu/staffhandbook#3.10.4>

- Vice President David Surratt
- Provost Wright
- President-Elect Christopher Firth

Author(s): Lacey Lewis, Chairwoman of the USC

Co-Author(s): Weslie Griffin, Chair of the External Affairs Committee
Zack Lissau, SGA President

Co-Sponsor(s): Abby Halsey-Kraus, Chair of the Congressional Administration Committee

Submitted on a motion by: Representative Griffin seconded by Representative Reynolds

Action taken by Congress: 17-0-0

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 GF22
November 17th, 2022

SENATE BILL NO. GF22-19

AS INTRODUCED

An Act of Procedure approving Conference/Research &
Creative Exhibition Grant awards for the 2022
Fall Semester.

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

Section 1: The act shall be known and may be cited as an act of procedure approving conference/research & creative exhibition grant awards for the 2022 Fall semester.

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

Section 3: The Graduate Student Senate shall allot Conference/Research & Creative Exhibition Grant awards for the 2022 Fall semester in the following manner:

Type	Last Name	First Name	Department	Awarded
Conference	Alcala	Ruben	Music	\$750.00
Conference	Andrews	Donald	Anthropology	\$750.00
Conference	Asif	Muhammad	Psychology	\$750.00
Conference	Baeten	Abigail	Music	\$600.00
Conference	Bain	Catherine	Psychology	\$600.00
Conference	Beaty	Ryan	Communication	\$750.00
Conference	Bi	Da	Communication	\$750.00
Conference	Bilal	Umer	Journalism	\$120.00
Conference	Bingham	Brittany	Anthropology	\$225.50
Conference	Chaudhry	Ahmed	Economics	\$747.08
Conference	Cho	Jinhyo	Psychology	\$600.00
Conference	Choate	Jacob	Civil Eng. & Env. Sci.	\$750.00
Conference	Choi	Hyunseop	Physics & Astronomy	\$750.00
Conference	Cilali	Buket	Industrial & Syst. Eng.	\$750.00
Conference	Cox	Elizabeth	Journalism	\$478.04
Conference	Emre	Deniz	Industrial & Syst. Eng.	\$750.00
Conference	Ferraro	Rin	Sociology	\$554.35
Conference	Gomez	Laura	Chem., Bio. & Mat. Eng.	\$600.00
Conference	Haibe	Abdirahman	Civil Eng. & Env. Sci.	\$667.00
Conference	Hammonds	Kyle	Communication	\$200.00
Conference	Hoang	Uyen	Psychology	\$750.00

Conference	Holt	Jenna	Psychology	\$750.00
Conference	Hubbard	Caleb	Communication	\$750.00
Conference	Jafarigol	Elaheh	Data Sci. & Analytics	\$600.00
Conference	Kapfunde	Tsitsi	Chem./Biochem.	\$750.00
Conference	Khademorezaian	Kasra	Economics	\$525.00
Conference	Lepper-Pappan	Heather	Sociology	\$600.00
Conference	Lewis	Jeffrey	Anthropology	\$696.93
Conference	Ma	Alice	Anthropology	\$250.00
Conference	Mahmoud-Elhaj	Dana	Psychology	\$600.00
Conference	Mahutga	Justin	Communication	\$750.00
Conference	Malish	Megan	Geog. & Env. Sust.	\$750.00
Conference	Mondal	Anirban	Aerospace & Mech. Eng.	\$600.00
Conference	Moshebah	Osamah	Industrial & Syst. Eng.	\$750.00
Conference	Muftuoglu	Ali	Educational Psychology	\$600.00
Conference	Newbolds	Sarah	Psychology	\$750.00
Conference	Pai	Veda	Anthropology	\$200.00
Conference	Possehl	Terresa	Industrial & Syst. Eng.	\$250.00
Conference	Rangrazjeddi	Alireza	Industrial & Syst. Eng.	\$250.00
Conference	Rashidzadeh	Zhina	Architecture	\$600.00
Conference	Rayfield	Kristen	Anthropology	\$297.50
Conference	Rodriguez-Gonzalez	Samuel	Industrial & Syst. Eng.	\$600.00
Conference	Rosellini-Labombarde	Angela	Geog. & Env. Sust.	\$250.00
Conference	Rush	Katherine	Communication	\$600.00
Conference	Schnirel	Ryan	Fine Arts	\$750.00
Conference	Schwartz	Bria	Sociology	\$675.00
Conference	Sen Gupta	Himadri	Industrial & Syst. Eng.	\$750.00
Conference	Singleton	Robin	Anthropology	\$161.38
Conference	Sisler	Julie	Communication	\$750.00
Conference	Strand	Alva	Biology	\$550.00
Conference	Sun	Juhyung	Communication	\$600.00
Conference	Talbert	Neil	Communication	\$750.00
Conference	Tanner	Braden	Psychology	\$666.92
Conference	Testa	Camille	History of Science	\$250.00
Conference	Tetteh	Daniel	Petrol. & Geo. Eng.	\$560.00
Conference	Valerio	Trisha	Biomedical Engineering	\$750.00
Conference	Victoria	Violet	Philosophy	\$600.00
Conference	Weaver	Elizabeth	Communication	\$750.00
Conference	Willems	Kelsey	English	\$207.00
Conference	Woodall	Anthony	Communication	\$600.00

Conference	Wright	Kevin	Anthropology	\$360.50
Conference	Zhou	Muchu	Chem. Engineering	\$600.00
Conference	Zrain	Vaughn	Ed. Lead & Pol. Stud.	\$750.00

Type	Last Name	First Name	Department	Awarded
Research	Alam	Ahmed Shatil	Journalism	\$600.00
Research	Beeler-Blackburn	Kaitlynn	Communication	\$600.00
Research	Besozzi	Elizabeth	Biology	\$600.00
Research	Bi	Da	Communication	\$750.00
Research	Carter	Caitlin	Fine Arts	\$750.00
Research	Greer	Rebecca	Communication	\$750.00
Research	Hubbard	Caleb	Communication	\$525.00
Research	Khademorezaian	Kasra	Economics	\$600.00
Research	Liu	Xiao	Communication	\$600.00
Research	Machette	Anthony	Communication	\$750.00
Research	Mahutga	Justin	Communication	\$750.00
Research	Matney	Jacob	Health & Ex. Sci.	\$750.00
Research	McLaughlin	Peter	Political Science	\$400.00
Research	Morrison	David	Fine Arts	\$525.00
Research	Morrissey	Brittney	Communication	\$600.00
Research	Nourbakhsh-Rey	Mehrnoush	Biology	\$750.00
Research	Palacios	Horvey	Anthropology	\$600.00
Research	Rashidzadeh	Zhina	Architecture	\$600.00
Research	Rayfield	Kristen	Anthropology	\$750.00
Research	Schnirel	Ryan	Fine Arts	\$600.00
Research	Seo	Jinhee	Journalism	\$525.00
Research	Shpeer	Maria	Communication	\$750.00
Research	Singleton	Robin	Anthropology	\$350.00
Research	Valerio	Trisha	Biomedical Engineering	\$750.00
Research	Wang	Dongyu	Microbiology & Plant Biology	\$600.00
Research	Weaver	Elizabeth	Communication	\$750.00
Research	Yetter	Casey	Journalism	\$525.00

Total Conference Funds: \$36,742.20

Total Research Funds: \$17,100.00

Total Funds Awarded: \$53,842.20

Section 4: All monies will be distributed via payment through the university's accounting system. All awardees will be contacted by Shared Business Services Center in order to be set up to receive awards via check or direct deposit.

Authors: 2022-2023 GSS Ways and Means Committee

Submitted on a motion by:

Action taken by Senate:

Verified by Chair of Senate: _____ Date: _____ Date:

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CVIII
November 14th, 2022

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GF22
November 17th, 2022

CONGRESSIONAL BILL AB-108-06
SENATE BILL NO. GF22-20

AS INTRODUCED

An act relating to appropriations; providing for short title; stating purpose; appropriating Auxiliary Funding for the 2022-2023 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 6 Act of 2022-2023”
- 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
Association of Southeast Asian Nations	500			500
India Student Association	600			600
Chi Epsilon	125			125
Crimson Chords	670			670
Encounter	556.42			556.42
Super League	550			550
Horror Movie Club	500			500
Hacklahoma	350			350
Lowkey Extra Magazine	644			644
Sigma Lambda Beta	1000			1000
Omani Students Association	1010			1010
OU Climbing Club	500			500
OU Rowing Club	1050			1050
Sooner Competitive Robotics	2000			2000
Classic Film Club	101.88			101.88

Student Film Production Club	86.19			86.19
OK Sailing Club	514			514
OU History Club	120			120
Finance Student Association	200			200
Red Clay Faction	1148.18			1148.18
TOTAL:				12225.67

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 6, 2023

Section 6: All unspent money remaining in the accounts listed in Section 3 shall revert to the SGA General Account after May 6, 2023, and the remaining appropriations shall be canceled.

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

Author(s): Demetri Papahronis, Chair, SGA Budget Committee; Brandon Chenevey, Vice Chair, SGA Budget Committee

Co-Author(s): SGA Budgetary Committee

Submitted on a motion by:

Action taken by Student Congress:

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: _____