

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

**March 14th, 7:00 P.M.**

**Zoom Conference Call**

<https://oklahoma.zoom.us/j/99964949655?pwd=MVZMSTJwRnNrNmNDTVpMQTVMc0pzUT09>

**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/2024/GSS-Minutes-2-29-2024.pdf>)

**Officer Reports:**

- Chair:
- Vice-Chair:
- Secretary:

**Committee Reports:** (submit your meeting minutes [here](#))

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

**Student Concerns:**

**Special Orders:**

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

- GS24-11      Telus About Mental Health (Do Pass)
- GS24-12      Women's History Month Resolution of 2024 (Do Pass)
- GS24-13      Campus Safety Resolution of 2024 (Do Pass)
- GS24-14      Spring 2024 Departmental Status Act (Do Pass)
- GS24-15      Auxiliary Allocation 14 Act of 2023-2024 (Do Pass)

**Announcements:**

**Adjournment**

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS  
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CXI

March 12, 2024

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE  
SENATE SESSION GS24

March 14, 2024

CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-111-05  
SENATE RESOLUTION NO. GS24-11

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution supporting the importance of college student's mental health; and providing for distribution.

- Whereas: In 2020–2021, more than 60% of students across the nation met criteria for one or more mental health diagnoses<sup>1</sup>; and
- Whereas: Over 40% of people between the ages of 18 and 24 say mental health and emotional stress are significant barriers to attending secondary school <sup>2</sup>; and
- Whereas: The percentage of students experiencing mental health problems has increased nearly 50% since 2013<sup>3</sup>; and
- Whereas: On February 12, 2024, the University of Oklahoma launched a partnership with Telus Health; and
- Whereas: Telus Health is a mental health service that provides access to support 24/7 which includes single sessions, short-term sessions, mental health assessments, and educational resources; and
- Whereas: There is no charge for OU students who sign up for Telus services; and
- Whereas: Services are available in languages: English, French (including Canadian French), Mandarin, Cantonese, Spanish; and
- Whereas: Telus services are available outside of the United States for students who travel or live outside of the states; therefore

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<sup>1</sup> Lipson, Sarah Ketchen, Sasha Zhou, Sara Abelson, Justin Heinze, Matthew Jirsa, Jasmine Morigney, Akilah Patterson, Meghna Singh, and Daniel Eisenberg. "Trends in College Student Mental Health and Help-Seeking by Race/Ethnicity: Findings from the National Healthy Minds Study, 2013–2021." *Journal of Affective Disorders* 306 (June 2022): 138–47. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jad.2022.03.038>.

<sup>2</sup> Cleveland Clinic. "Tested: College Students and Mental Health." Cleveland Clinic, December 21, 2023. <https://health.clevelandclinic.org/mental-health-in-college-students>.

<sup>3</sup> "Fostering College Student Mental Health and Resilience." *Psychiatry.org - Fostering College Student Mental Health and Resilience*, August 15, 2023. <https://www.psychiatry.org/News-room/APA-Blogs/Fostering-College-Student-Mental-Health-and-Resili#:~:text=Mental%20health%20is%20integral%20to%20student%20success%20and,2021%2C%20according%20to%20the%20National%20College%20Health%20Assessment>.

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 “Telus About Mental Health.”

**Section 2:** Upon the authorization of this resolution, the University of Oklahoma Student Government Association officially recognizes the University of Oklahoma Counseling Center’s efforts to provide support for student mental health.

**Section 3:** The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association acknowledges the importance of mental health resources for students.

**Section 4:** The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association recognizes that Telus Health will provide accessible care for mental health at OU for students, greatly reducing the barriers to seeking assistance and managing their mental wellbeing effectively.

**Section 5:** The University of Oklahoma Student Government acknowledges that partnership with Telus Health helps to foster a supportive campus community, encourages proactive self-care practices for students and works to reduce future mental health crises.

**Section 6:** Copies of this resolution will be sent to:

- William Wayne, Associate Vice President of Student Affairs and Director of Health Services
- Craig Rice, OU Chief of Medical Staff and Medical Doctor
- Scott Miller, University Counseling Center Director
- Brittany Stewart, Clinical Services Director
- Maggie Pool, Clinical Administration Director and Health Promotion Manager
- OU Daily
- OU Nightly

Author(s): Carolyn Berggren, Undergraduate Student Congress Secretary

Co-Author(s): Marilou Bento, Undergraduate Student Congress External Affairs Committee Chair

Co-Sponsor(s): Hudson Haskins, Undergraduate Student Congress Campus, Outreach, Safety, and Concerns Committee Chair

Submitted on a motion by: Representative Robinson seconded by Representative Harris, Chloe

Action taken by Congress: 20-0-0 Unanimous Pass

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-111-06  
SENATE RESOLUTION NO. GS24-12

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution acknowledging the importance  
of the celebration and recognition of Women's History  
Month; and providing for distribution.

- Whereas: In 1987, extensive support from the states led to the implementation of a special Presidential Proclamation (L.100-9) that designated the month of March as National Women's History Month<sup>4</sup>; and
- Whereas: Women's History month is the outcome of a fundamental movement in American history, and a symbol for the continued battle towards equality for women today<sup>5</sup>; and
- Whereas: Women continue to struggle with systematic racism and scarce representation<sup>6</sup>; and
- Whereas: These problems lead to wage gaps between men and women, limited access to education, gender-based violence, and other prejudiced issues; and
- Whereas: Women's History Month seeks to commemorate and encourage educational pursuits, awareness, and celebration surrounding the essential role that women have played in American history; and
- Whereas: March 8<sup>th</sup> is annually recognized as International Women's Day, a globally recognized holiday that seeks to celebrate women's achievements and take steps toward creating a world free of gender bias; and

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<sup>4</sup> Robinson, Cody. "A History of Women's History Month."  
<https://mollybrown.org/a-history-of-womens-history-month/>

<sup>5</sup> Stern, Majorie. "How To Celebrate National Women's History Month." (1998).  
<https://files.eric.ed.gov/fulltext/ED432484.pdf>

<sup>6</sup> "Women's History Overview." *Women's History Overview*, LiveYourDream.org,  
[https://act.liveyourdream.org/womens-history/?utm\\_term=what%20is%20womens%20history%20month&utm\\_campaign=&utm\\_source=adwords&utm\\_medium=ppc&hsa\\_acc=3468286777&hsa\\_cam=1743277637&hsa\\_mt=b&hsa\\_net=adwords&hsa\\_src=g&hsa\\_ver=3&hsa\\_ad=691023489050&hsa\\_tgt=kwd-299614519814&hsa\\_grp=159780488398&hsa\\_kw=what%20is%20womens%20history%20month&gad\\_source=1&gclid=Cj0KCQIA5-uuBhDzARIsAAa21T9Dx7VxXbsO0NJEjmJ9VUubSvXTTfn7zxWMeBJeGgf5\\_Eljn0iYUdW0aAm7pEALw\\_wcB](https://act.liveyourdream.org/womens-history/?utm_term=what%20is%20womens%20history%20month&utm_campaign=&utm_source=adwords&utm_medium=ppc&hsa_acc=3468286777&hsa_cam=1743277637&hsa_mt=b&hsa_net=adwords&hsa_src=g&hsa_ver=3&hsa_ad=691023489050&hsa_tgt=kwd-299614519814&hsa_grp=159780488398&hsa_kw=what%20is%20womens%20history%20month&gad_source=1&gclid=Cj0KCQIA5-uuBhDzARIsAAa21T9Dx7VxXbsO0NJEjmJ9VUubSvXTTfn7zxWMeBJeGgf5_Eljn0iYUdW0aAm7pEALw_wcB)

Whereas: As of Fall 2022, the University of Oklahoma has a total undergraduate enrollment of 21,294, with a gender distribution of 49% Male students and 51% Female students; and

Whereas: The University of Oklahoma has a total graduate enrollment of 3,261, with a gender distribution of 48% Male students and 52% Female students<sup>7</sup>; and

Whereas: The University of Oklahoma was named the Nation's best employer for women by Forbes in 2023<sup>8</sup>; and

Whereas: From 2020 to 2021, The University of Oklahoma awarded 564 bachelor's degrees in engineering, of which approximately 74% were awarded to men and 26% to women<sup>9</sup>; and

Whereas: As of 2017, the University of Oklahoma only had approximately 17% female students enrolled in both Aviation and Finance<sup>10</sup>; and

Whereas: Gender disparity in areas such as Engineering, Aviation, Continuing Education, and Finance is exemplary of the University of Oklahoma's need for Women's History Month recognition and celebration<sup>11</sup>; 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 "Women's History Month Resolution of 2024."

**Section 2:** The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association acknowledges and celebrates the month of March as Women's History Month.

**Section 3:** OU SGA encourages the student body to use the month of March to learn about Women's History to foster a better environment for women on campus.

**Section 4:** Copies of this resolution will be sent to:

- President Joseph Harroz
- Vice President of Diversity and Inclusion Dr. Belinda Hyppolite
- Dr. Erin Simpson, Gender and Equality Center Director, OU Advocates Coordinator & Assistant Dean of Students
- The OU Daily
- The OU Nightly

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<sup>7</sup> USNews. "University of Oklahoma Student Life," n.d. <https://www.usnews.com/best-colleges/university-of-oklahoma-3184/student-life>.

<sup>8</sup> www.ou.edu. "Forbes Names OU the Nation's No. 1 Employer for Women," July 26, 2023. <https://www.ou.edu/news/articles/2023/july/forbes-names-ou-the-nations-number-1-employer-for-women>.

<sup>9</sup> www.collegefactual.com. "The Engineering Major at University of Oklahoma Norman Campus." Accessed March 6, 2024. <https://www.collegefactual.com/colleges/university-of-oklahoma-norman-campus/academic-life/academic-majors/engineering/>.

<sup>10</sup> [https://ou.edu/content/dam/irr/docs/Fact%20Book/fact-book-2023/23\\_5\\_7\\_Avia\\_Demo\\_Pgm.pdf](https://ou.edu/content/dam/irr/docs/Fact%20Book/fact-book-2023/23_5_7_Avia_Demo_Pgm.pdf)

<sup>11</sup> Pike, Hannah . "OU's Sex Distribution Varies across Colleges despite Efforts for Gender Equality." OU Daily, March 24, 2017. [https://www.oudaily.com/news/ous-sex-distribution-varies-across-colleges-despite-efforts-for-gender-equality/article\\_c4322396-10a1-11e7-bbaa-e3fae8ef3bd4.html#:~:text=These%20colleges%20combined%20have%20about](https://www.oudaily.com/news/ous-sex-distribution-varies-across-colleges-despite-efforts-for-gender-equality/article_c4322396-10a1-11e7-bbaa-e3fae8ef3bd4.html#:~:text=These%20colleges%20combined%20have%20about).

Author(s): Associate Himani Prajapati  
Associate Reese Ball

Co-Author(s): Marilou Bento, Chair of External Affairs

Submitted on a motion by: Representative Bento seconded by Representative Wilson

Action taken by Congress: 20-0-0 Unanimous Pass

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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SENATE SESSION GS24  
March 14, 2024

CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-111-07  
SENATE RESOLUTION NO. GS24-13

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution recommending the Oklahoma State Legislature maintain current laws regarding weapons on campus; and providing for distribution.

- Whereas: Firearms on campus have a chilling effect on associational freedoms and harm the University's compelling interest in free academic discourse;<sup>12</sup> and
- Whereas: Oklahoma has a gun violence death rate of 20.1 per 100,000, with the national average of 14.4 per 100,000 persons;<sup>13</sup> and
- Whereas: Oklahoma has the 13th highest rate of gun violence in the U.S.;<sup>14</sup> and
- Whereas: Currently, Oklahoma law allows universities and colleges to make their own rules regarding campus firearm carry;<sup>15</sup> and
- Whereas: In the present legislative session, no bills have been introduced to change current regulations regarding weapons on campus, despite efforts in past legislative sessions; 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 "Campus Safety Resolution of 2024."
- Section 2:** The Student Government Association believes campus safety is a priority and any changes to current policy would not only reduce campus safety and endanger lives, but would also pose a significant detriment to the learning environment.

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<sup>12</sup> Shaundra K Lewis, *Crossfire on Compulsory Campus Carry Laws: When the First and Second Amendments Collide*, 102 Iowa L. Rev. 2109 (2017).

<sup>13</sup> "Gun Laws in Oklahoma," Everytown Research & Policy (Everytown Research & Policy, January 4, 2024), <https://everytownresearch.org/rankings/state/oklahoma/>.

<sup>14</sup> EveryStat, *Gun Violence in Oklahoma*, <https://everystat.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Gun-Violence-in-Oklahoma-1.pdf> (last visited Mar. 9, 2024) (compiling data from the Center for Disease Control Wide-Ranging Online Data for Epidemiologic Research).

<sup>15</sup> Okla. Stat. Ann. tit. 21, § 1277(g) (West 2024); Okla. Stat. Ann. tit. 70 § 5-149.2 (West 2024).

**Section 3:** The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association encourages the state legislature to maintain current law regarding weapons on campus, in which the University President has the discretion to allow non-law enforcement personnel to carry weapons on campus when individual circumstances warrant it.

**Section 3:** The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association strongly opposes any changes to state law regarding weapons on college and university campuses.

**Section 4:** Copies of this resolution will be sent to:

- The University of Oklahoma Board of Regents
- President Joseph Harroz
- Dr. David Suratt, Vice President of Student Affairs and Dean of Students
- OUPD Chief Nathaniel Tarver
- Representative Rhonda Baker, Oklahoma House Common Education Committee Chair
- Representative Robert Manger, Oklahoma House Public Safety Committee Chair
- Senator Darcy Jech, Oklahoma State Senate Public Safety Committee Chair
- Senator Adam Pugh, Oklahoma State Senate Education Committee Chair
- Governor Kevin Stitt
- Lieutenant Governor Matt Pinnell
- Charles McCall, Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives
- Greg McCortney, Senate Majority Leader

Author(s): Abby Halsey-Kraus, Chair of the Undergraduate Student Congress  
Weslie Griffin, Member of SGA

Submitted on a motion by: Representative Wilson seconded by Representative Coats

Action taken by Congress: 17-1-0

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 GS24  
March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024

SENATE BILL NO. GS24-14

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 2024 Departmental Status Act.”
- Section 2:** Purpose: To update Graduate Student Senate Department status for the Spring 2024 semester.
- 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		
Good Standing	Probation	Bad Standing
Aerospace and Mech. Eng.	Instructional Lead. & Acad. Curriculum*	Accounting
Anthropology		Engineering Physics
Architecture		Entrepreneurship and Economic Development
Biology		Finance
Biomedical Engineering		General Engineering
Business Administration		Human Relations
Chemical Biological & Material Eng.		Management Information Systems
Chemistry and Biochemistry		Social Work
Civil Eng. & Environmental Science		
Communication		
Computer Science		
Construction Science		
Data Science and Analytics		
Dance		
Economics		
Educational Psychology		
Electrical and Computer Engineering		
English		

Geography & Environmental Sustainability		
Geology and GeoPhysics		
Health and Exercise Science		
History		
History of Science, Technology & Medicine		
Industrial & Systems Engineering		
Interior Design		
International and Area Studies		
Journalism and Mass Communication		
Law		
Liberal Studies (PACS)		
Library & Information Studies		
Mathematics		
Meteorology		
Microbiology & Plant Biology		
Modern Languages, Lit. & Linguistics		
Music		
Native American Studies		
Petroleum & Geological Engineering		
Philosophy		
Physics & Astronomy		
Political Science		
Psychology		
Regional & City Planning		
Sociology		
Visual Arts		

Note. \* indicates the department changed status this semester.

**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  
Jordan Norris, GSS Secretary

Submitted on a Motion by:

Action taken by Senate:

Verified by Chair of Senate: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS  
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CONGRESSIONAL BILL AB-111-04  
SENATE BILL NO. GS24-15

AS INTRODUCED

An act relating to appropriations; providing for short title; stating purpose; appropriating Auxiliary Funding for the 2023-2024 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 14 Act of 2023-2024”
- 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
College of Law Dean’s Walking Club at the University of Oklahoma	700			700
<b>TOTAL:</b>				<b>700</b>

- 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 10, 2024
- Section 6:** All unspent money remaining in the accounts listed in Section 3 shall revert to the SGA General Account after May 10, 2024, and the remaining appropriations shall be canceled.
- Section 7:** This act shall become effective when passed in accordance with the SGA Constitution.

Author(s): Zuyyin Izza Gulam, Chair, SGA Budget 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:

Action taken by Senate:

Verified by Chair of Senate: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved by SGA President: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_