

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

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

**Zoom Conference Call**

<https://oklahoma.zoom.us/j/99964949655?pwd=MVZMSTJwRnNrYmNDTVpMQTVMc0pzUT09>

**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/2024/4-11-24-GSS-Agenda.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:**

- GS24-34 Graduate Student Senate Internal Affairs and External & Legislative Affairs Committee Responsibilities Act.

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

- GS24-22 Martin-Smith Appointment Act (Do Pass)
- GS24-23 It's On Us Taskforce Reclassification Act. (Do Pass)
- GS24-24 Crimson Leadership Association Financial Restructuring Act (Do Pass)
- GS24-25 Executive Position Act (Do Pass)
- GS24-26 Transgender and Nonbinary Student Support Resolution (Do Pass)
- GS24-27 April 2024 Superior Court Act (Do Pass)
- GS24-28 Conoco Student Leadership Center Pilot Program Act of 2024 (Do Pass)
- GS24-29 Primary Funding Act of 2024 for Governmental Organizations (Do Pass)

- GS24-30 Primary Funding Act of 2024 for Registered Student Organizations (Do Pass)
- GS24-33 Summer Pay for SGA Leaders Act (Do Pass)
- GS24-31 Academic Appeals Board Appointment Act of 2024-2025 (Do Pass)
- GS24-32 An Act of Procedure Approving Outstanding Graduate Student Awards for the 2023-2024 Academic Year (Do Pass)

**Announcements:**

**Adjournment**

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS  
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CXI

April 16, 2024

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE  
SENATE SESSION GS24

April 25, 2024

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-111-16  
SENATE BILL GS24-22

AS INTRODUCED

An Act of Legislation appointing Co-Chairs for the  
Crimson Leadership Association; 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 “Martin-Smith Appointment Act”

**Section 2:** Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to name and appoint Co-Chairs for the Crimson Leadership Association who will serve the entirety of the 2024-2025 academic year.

**Section 3:** In accordance to the SGACA Title 3, Chapter 6, Section 3, subsections b, the Co-Chairs shall be appointed by the Vice President and the previous year’s Co-Chairs, with approval of the President, and advice and consent from the Legislature.

The following nominees shall be named and appointed to be the CLA Co-Chairs:

- Mercer Martin
- Cal Smith

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

Author(s): Vice President Cyrus Mortazavi

Co-Author(s): Hope Rhoads, Crimson Leadership Association Co-Chair  
Baylor Savage, Crimson Leadership Association Co-Chair

Submitted on a motion by: Gilson-Bond seconded by Oler

Action taken by Congress: 29-0-0 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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April 16, 2024

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CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-111-17  
SENATE BILL GS24-23

AS INTRODUCED

An Act of Legislation reclassifying the It's On Us Taskforce; 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 "It's On Us Taskforce Reclassification Act."
- Section 2:** Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to reclassify the It's On Us Taskforce from the Student Government Association to a Registered Student Organization.
- Section 3:** AMENDATORY: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association's Code Annotated Title III Chapter 4 Section 3 is amended as follows. For the purposes of this bill, all items removed shall be denoted with a ~~strike through~~. All items added shall be denoted with an underline.

**~~Chapter IX 3 SGA It's On Us Taskforce~~**

1. ~~Name. The Committee shall be called the SGA It's On Us Taskforce.~~
2. ~~Purpose. The purpose of the SGA It's On Us Taskforce is to:~~
  1. ~~Bring together students across campus to work on raising awareness and shifting the way students think about sexual assault through promotional items and awareness events.~~
  2. ~~Serve as the student voice against sexual assault on campus and act as a direct avenue for students to work to raise awareness to end sexual assault~~
  3. ~~To organize, plan, and execute various events on campus throughout the national It's On Us Awareness week.~~
  4. ~~To work with the Gender and Equality Center and the Title IX Office on their current initiatives to help connect more students to resources regarding sexual assault.~~
3. ~~Chair~~
  1. ~~The Chair of the SGA It's On Us Taskforce shall be appointed by the Student Government Association President through an application process with the advice and consent of the Legislative Branch. The Chair shall serve for a one-year term concurrent with the President's term.<sup>+</sup>~~
  2. ~~Responsibilities~~
    1. ~~The Chair shall run and organize the task force meetings, coordinate communication between task force members, oversee the planning of all awareness events, and~~

- ~~regularly update the Student Government Association President on the progress of the taskforce.<sup>†</sup>~~
- ~~2. The Chair shall be responsible for coordinating with the Gender and Equality Office and the Title IX office on programming events and providing promotional materials to the student body.~~
  - ~~3. The Chair shall hold the right to appoint members of the taskforce to executive positions in order to assist with the responsibilities of the Chair.~~
  - ~~4. The Chair shall enforce the attendance requirements established in Section 39, and may be authorized to compel the attendance of absent members in such manner and under such penalties as provided by the Code.~~
  - ~~5. The Chair shall hold the right to remove taskforce members with the approval of the President of the Student Government Association for violation of the attendance requirements listed in Section 39 or any other extenuating circumstances.~~
  - ~~6. The Chair shall develop and present a budget for the Taskforce and give this to the President in a timely manner before the beginning of the Primary Funding Process.~~
- ~~3. The Student Government Association President shall have the authority to remove the Chair with the advice and consent of the Legislative Branch.<sup>†</sup>~~
4. **Membership**
    1. The membership of the SGA It's On Us Taskforce shall be open to any and all students on campus. All members will be required to file an application with the Chair who will then review and approve all application so long as the applicant is a full-time student they shall be eligible to serve on the taskforce.
  5. **Meeting**
    1. The Chair shall set the meeting times for the taskforce depending on the members' availability.
    2. The taskforce should hold bi weekly meetings in order to organize, plan, and execute their initiatives and events.
  6. **Responsibilities**
    1. Organize the campus events and promotion for the national It's On Us Sexual Assault Awareness week.
    2. Organize an informational campaign in the weeks prior to the annual Red River Rivalry football game; and, if applicable, coordinate with the equivalent officer within the University of Texas at Austin's Student Government.<sup>†</sup>
    3. Hold a general meeting at least once a semester<sup>†</sup> open to all students, staff, and faculty on campus for the purpose of raising awareness, encouraging activism, and informing all attendees on the issue of sexual assault on campus and all the local resources at their disposal. The taskforce may also hold general meetings to address any additional issues or information they feel is necessary to the success of the campaign.
    4. Coordinate with the OU Gender and Equality Center and the Title IX Office to create promotional materials with accurate information of all the resources available on campus.
    5. Maintain an active social media presence throughout the year.<sup>†</sup>
  7. **Attendance**
    1. Taskforce members are required to attend 2/3 of the scheduled meetings every semester.
    2. Taskforce members are required to attend at least two (2) SGA IT's On Us Taskforce events each semester.
    3. Absence from meetings and events may be excused at the discretion of the Chair or executive team members.<sup>†</sup>

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

Authors: President Caden Glasscock  
 Vice President Cyrus Mortazavi  
 Ellie Wolthuis, Chief of Staff to the President

Co-Authors: Carter B. Strickland, Director of the Interior  
Emelie Schultz, Co-President of It's On Us & SGA Vice President Emerita  
Gillian Marren, Co-President of It's On Us

Submitted on a Motion by: Representative Cantrell seconded by Representative Duncan

Action taken by Congress: 22-0-0 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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April 16, 2024

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE  
SENATE SESSION GS24

April 25, 2024

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-111-18  
SENATE BILL GS24-24

AS INTRODUCED

An Act of Legislation altering the financial structure of the Executive Branch; 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 “Crimson Leadership Association Financial Restructuring Act.”
- Section 2:** Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to allow the Crimson Leadership Association to apply for funding independently of the Executive Branch.
- Section 3:** AMENDATORY: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association’s Code Annotated Title III Chapter 4 Section 3 is amended as follows. For the purposes of this bill, all items removed shall be denoted with a ~~strike through~~. All items added shall be denoted with an underline.
6. Funding: The SGA Crimson Leadership Association shall be provided financial support through ~~the Executive Branch~~ primary and auxiliary funding.
- Section 4:** This act shall become effective when passed in accordance with the SGA Constitution.

Authors: Vice President Cyrus Mortazavi  
Hope Rhoads, Crimson Leadership Association Co-Chair & Human Diversity Committee Chair  
Ellie Wolthuis, Chief of Staff to the President

Co-Authors: Baylor Savage, Crimson Leadership Association Co-Chair  
Carter B. Strickland, Director of the Interior

Submitted on a Motion by: Representative Rhoads seconded by Representative Duncan

Action taken by Congress: 22-0-0 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 BILL CB-111-19  
SENATE BILL GS24-25

AS INTRODUCED

An Act of Legislation restructuring the Executive Branch;  
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 “Executive Position Act”.
- Section 2:** Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to restructure the Executive Office of the President.
- Section 3:** AMENDATORY. **The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association’s Code Annotated Title I Chapter 2 Section 4 subsection B is amended as follows. For the purposes of this bill, all items removed shall be denoted with a ~~strike through~~. All items added shall be denoted with an underline.**

High Offices of the Executive Branch. The high executive offices of the SGA shall be as follows: SGA President; SGA Vice President; the SGA President's Chief of Staff; ~~and Departmental Directors.~~ and members of the Executive Office of the President.

- Section 4:** AMENDATORY. **The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association’s Code Annotated Title III Chapter 1 Section 5 is amended as follows. For the purposes of this bill, all items removed shall be denoted with a ~~strike through~~. All items added shall be denoted with an underline.**

Structure of Executive Branch

- A. President. The President is the chief officer of the Executive Branch.
- B. Vice President. The Vice President may perform any Presidential duty with the express consent of the President. The Vice President shall be the student advisor for the Crimson Leadership Association.
  - i. **Crimson Leadership Association.** The SGA Crimson Leadership Association shall prepare its members for future involvement within the various branches of the SGA. The Crimson Leadership Association will also promote the programs and positions of, raise awareness and understanding of, and advocate for first year student involvement within the SGA as a whole, as well as other student organizations on the OU campus. There shall be two Co-Chairs of the council charged with overseeing the delegation and reporting to the SGA Vice President.

- C. ~~Departments~~
  - i. ~~Purpose. The Executive Branch shall be comprised of Departments, each headed by a Director. Departments shall be responsible for broad functions and issue areas.~~
  - ii. ~~Appointment. The President shall appoint Directors with the advice and consent of the Legislative Branch.~~
  - iii. ~~High Office. Directors and equivalently high or higher officers of the Executive Branch shall be considered High Officers for Separation of Powers purposes.~~
- D. ~~Further Delegation. Any properly appointed or established member or unit of the Executive Branch may perform any Presidential duty with the express consent of the President, provided said duty is consistent with said member's or unit's underlying purpose.<sup>6</sup>~~
- E. ~~Rulemaking~~
  - i. ~~Presidential. The President may make rules enforceable within the Executive Branch.~~
  - ii. ~~Departmental. A Director may make rules enforceable within that Director's Department.~~
  - iii. ~~Publication. The Chief of Staff shall publish, maintain a record of, and make available for public viewing any such rules.<sup>7</sup>~~
- F. ~~Funding~~
  - i. ~~Departments. Departments may submit budgetary requests for their Offices to Directors.~~
  - ii. ~~President. Incorporating said requests but based upon their own discretion, the President shall make a budget for the Executive Branch for submission to the Legislature.~~
  - iii. ~~Spending. Directors and Coordinators shall take disbursement forms to the President who may sign them.<sup>8</sup>~~
- G. ~~Removal~~
  - i. ~~Directors and Cabinet Members. The President may remove any Department Director or cabinet member at will.~~

C. The Executive Office of the President. Led by the President, Vice President, and the Chief of Staff, The Executive Office of the President (EOP) shall support the efforts made by its leaders to reflect the continued interests of the student body, SGA, and platforms.

D. Rulemaking.

- i. Delegation. Any properly appointed or established member or unit of the Executive Branch may perform a Presidential duty with the expressed consent and approval of the President, provided said duty is consistent with said member's underlying responsibilities.
- ii. Funding. The President shall make a budget for the Executive Branch, excluding the Crimson Leadership Association, for submission to the Legislature.
- iii. Removal. The President may remove any member of the EOP at will with notice.

**Section 5: AMENDATORY. The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association's Code Annotated Title III Chapter 4 is amended as follows. For the purposes of this bill, all items removed shall be denoted with a ~~strikethrough~~. All items added shall be denoted with an underline.**

**Chapter III-4 The Executive Office of The President**

- 1. ~~Departmental~~ Purpose. The Executive Office of the President is a Department of the Executive Branch. The Executive Office of the President (EOP) shall support the President and Vice President.

2. ~~Director. The Director of the EOP shall be known as the Chief of Staff. The Chief of Staff is the third highest ranking member of the Executive Branch. The Chief of Staff shall work with the General Counsel to ensure the compliance of the Executive Branch with the SGACA. Chief of Staff. The overseer of the EOP shall be known as the Chief of Staff. The Chief of Staff is the third highest ranking member of the Executive Branch. The Chief of Staff shall work with the General Counsel and other appropriate bodies and individuals to ensure compliance of the Executive Branch with the SGA Constitution and SGACA.~~
3. ~~EOP Staff. The EOP staff shall consist of the President, the Chief of Staff, a Legislative Assistant, an Executive Assistant, and any other directors, officers, and coordinators deemed necessary by the President. The Legislative Assistant and Executive Assistant shall have the rank of Coordinator. The Legislative Assistant will be responsible for drafting and analyzing legislation from the Executive Branch. They will also be responsible for being familiar with the SGA Code Annotated. The Executive Assistant shall be responsible for helping coordinate duties of the President. The duties of the EOP staff should reflect the needs of the President and the administration, including but not limited to: special projects, constituent relations, media/press relations, legislative affairs.~~  
**EOP Staff.** The EOP members shall consist of the Chief of Staff and any coordinators, assistants, and liaisons deemed necessary by the President and appropriate by the Legislative houses through advice and consent. The duties of EOP should and can reflect the needs of the President and the administration, including but not limited to: special projects, constituent relations, media relations, legislative affairs, academic affairs. The following, but certainly not limited to, positions must be included as part of the EOP:
  - A. **Communications Coordinator.** The coordinator will be responsible for promoting the interests, programs, and positions of the OU SGA. The coordinator will chair meetings with the Congress Vice Chair, Senate Public Relations Committee Chair, the CAC Public Relations Coordinator, and the SGA Webmaster to discuss matters pertaining to social media, media relations, photography, tabling, and other means of advertisement and message distribution.
  - B. **International Affairs Coordinator.** The coordinator shall be responsible for voicing the concerns for the international student population overall and take necessary steps to improve the welfare for these students, and the student body overall. The appointment process shall include communication with the International Advisory Committee.
4. Administrative Policy For Task Forces
  - A. Authorization. The President may establish Presidential Task Forces. The Vice President may, with the consent of the President, establish Vice Presidential Task Forces.<sup>4</sup>
  - B. Purpose. Each Task Force shall investigate a specific issue on campus or in student life and shall, at the conclusion of said investigation and at any additional point, submit to the Legislature proposals for Legislation or Resolutions, or a written report with findings, conclusions, and recommendations.
  - C. Officers. The establishing Executive officer shall be the Chair of each Task Force.<sup>6</sup>
  - D. Membership. Each Task Force shall be composed of members of the SGA appointed at the sole discretion of the Chair.
  - E. Open Meetings Act. Each task force shall post agendas and take minutes, in accordance with the Oklahoma Open Meetings Act. Upon dissolution of the Task Force, all written records shall be maintained by the Executive Branch.
  - F. Dissolution. Each Task Force shall be dissolved upon the submission of its final Concurring Resolution to the Legislature. Each Task Force shall be dissolved

upon the conclusion of the term of the establishing Executive officer, unless explicitly continued by the incoming President.

G. Organization. For organizational purposes, Task Forces shall be considered independent divisions of the Executive Office of the President.

**Section 6:** AMENDATORY. **The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association's Code Annotated Title III Chapter 5 is amended as follows. For the purposes of this bill, all items removed shall be denoted with a strikethrough. All items added shall be denoted with an underline.**

### **Chapter III-5 The Cabinet**

1. ~~**Membership.** The Cabinet shall be comprised of the President, Vice President and all Department Directors and members.~~
2. ~~**Purpose.** The Cabinet shall assist the President in making and executing Executive policy.~~
3. ~~**Presiding Officer.** The President is the presiding officer of the Cabinet. The Department Director is the presiding officer of each Department.~~
4. ~~**Meetings.** The Cabinet and all individual Departments shall meet regularly and shall post agendas and minutes in accordance with the Oklahoma Open Meetings Act. The time and frequency of said meetings shall be determined by the President or the Department Director.~~
5. ~~**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 marginalized genders and sexualities and issues that uniquely impact multiculturalism. This list is not intended to be restrictive or exhaustive since the immediate needs of students fluctuates. 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 shall be interviewed in collaboration with the International Advisory Committee and appointed by the SGA President and Department of Inclusivity Director. 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 7:** This act shall become effective when passed in accordance with the SGA Constitution.

Authors: President Caden Glasscock, Student Government Association  
Vice President Cyrus Mortazavi, Student Government Association  
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Chair Caleb Robinson, University Policy Committee

Submitted on a Motion by: Representative Aslam seconded by Representative Schonfield

Action taken by Congress: 20-2-0

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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April 25, 2024

CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-111-11  
SENATE RESOLUTION NO. GS24-26

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution reaffirming support for transgender and nonbinary students as well as providing resources; and providing for distribution.

- Whereas: Around 1.6 million people over the age of 13 identify as transgender<sup>1</sup>; and
- Whereas: Around 19,000 people in Oklahoma identify as transgender<sup>2</sup>; and
- Whereas: Discrimination against transgender and nonbinary people is at an all-time high<sup>3</sup>; and
- Whereas: Transgender and nonbinary individuals are over four times as likely to be victims of violent crimes; and
- Whereas: According to a study done in 2020, 82% of transgender and nonbinary individuals have considered committing suicide; and
- Whereas: The study mentions that younger transgender and nonbinary individuals are more likely to consider committing suicide; and
- Whereas: The study mentions that discrimination at the social, medical, and legislative levels is a major factor in the high rate of suicidal ideation<sup>4</sup>; and
- Whereas: Anti-transgender and nonbinary laws are being created and passed at an all-time high within the United States<sup>5</sup>; and
- Whereas: Oklahoma has passed some of the strictest anti-transgender and nonbinary laws and executive orders across the entire country<sup>6</sup>; and
- Whereas: The University of Oklahoma is dedicated to the support of its marginalized students<sup>7</sup>; therefore

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 “Transgender and Nonbinary Student Support Resolution.”

**Section 2:** The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association reaffirms its support to transgender and nonbinary students on campus.

**Section 3:** The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association strongly opposes any attempts made by the state government to limit the free speech expression of its transgender and nonbinary residents.

**Section 4:** The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association also reaffirms its support for the following organizations on campus dedicated to supporting all LGBTQIA2S+ students, including those who are transgender or nonbinary:

- Gender and Equality Center
- OU Advocates
- OU LGBTQ Alumni Society
- Student Legal Services
- Goddard Health Services
- OU Division of Access and Opportunity

**Section 5:** The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association affirms its support for the following organizations off-campus that provide support to all LGBTQIA2S+ students:

- LGBT Youth Help Center Hotline: 1-888-THE-GLNH
- The Trevor Project
- Suicide & Crisis Lifeline: 988

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

- President Joseph Harroz, University of Oklahoma.
- Dr. Erin Simpson, Director of the Gender and Equality Center.
- OU Daily
- OU Nightly
- The Gayly

**Authors:** Xander Donald, Associate  
Frankie Strahan, University College Representative.

**Co-Author(s):** Hope Rhoads, Human Diversity Chair.

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

Action taken by Congress: 22-0-0 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: \_\_\_\_\_

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE  
SENATE SESSION GS24

April 25, 2024

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-111-21  
SENATE BILL GS24-27

AS INTRODUCED

An Act of Legislation appointing justices to the SGA  
Superior Court; 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 “April 2024 Superior Court Act.”
- Section 2:** Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to name and appoint Superior Court justices.
- Section 3:** In accordance with SGACA Title IV, Chapter 2, section b, subsections iii and iv, Superior Court Justices will be appointed by a majority vote of the panelists [the SGA President, the GSS Chair, the Congress Chair, and the General Counsel]. The Chief Justice of Superior Court is one of the panelists, however they will only vote in the event of the tie.
- Tucker Dunn
  - Catalina Emond
  - Emmaleigh Ridenour
  - Jack Sweet
  - Randi Wright
- Section 4:** This act shall become effective (1) at the beginning of the Fall 2024 academic semester (2) when passed in accordance with the SGA Constitution.

Authors: President Caden Glasscock  
Chairwoman Claire Burch, Graduate Student Senate  
Chairwoman Abby Halsey-Kraus, Undergraduate Student Congress  
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Ellie Wolthuis, SGA Chief of Staff

Co-Author: Vice President S. Cyrus Mortazavi  
Carter B. Strickland, SGA Director of the Interior

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 CXI

April 23, 2024

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE  
SENATE SESSION GS24

April 25, 2024

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-111-XX  
SENATE BILL GS24-28

AS INTRODUCED

An Act creating a Pilot Program for allocating space in the Conoco Student Leadership Center; 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 “Conoco Student Leadership Center Pilot Program Act of 2024.”
- Section 2:** Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to create a Pilot Program for allocating space on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> floors of the Conoco Student Leadership Center.
- Section 3:** Beginning Fall 2024, RSOs will reserve times to use spaces on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> floors of the Conoco Student Leadership Center. All RSOs registered on Engage can reserve times, and no RSO will be allocated an exclusive, individual space.
- Section 4:** The goal of the Pilot Program shall be to optimize student space as well as provide equitable and accessible spaces for students to engage and collaborate with one another. In addition, the Pilot Program shall be a free, reservable, multipurpose space to meet the greater RSO community’s needs.
- Section 5:** After the Pilot period, the Space Allocation Committee shall evaluate the utilization of the space. Upon further consideration, the Space Allocation Committee shall continue or discontinue the program based on student feedback and space usage.
- Section 6:** This act shall become effective when passed in accordance with the SGA Constitution.

Author(s): Chair Abby Halsey-Kraus, Undergraduate Student Congress  
Chair Claire Burch, Graduate Student Senate  
Chair Katie Tremel, Campus Activities Council  
President Caden Glasscock, Student Government Association  
Vice President Cyrus Mortavazi, 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 CXI

April 16th, 2024

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE  
SENATE SESSION GS24

April 25th, 2024

CONGRESSIONAL BILL AB-111-05  
SENATE BILL NO. GS24-29

AS INTRODUCED

An act relating to appropriations; providing for short title; stating purpose; appropriating Primary Funding for the 2024-2025 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 2024 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
Campus Activities Council	163,552.78			163,552.78
Crimson Leadership Association	1000			1000
SafeRide	23,892			23,892
Salaries and Stipends			150,000	150,000
SGA Executive Branch	840.48		50.48	890.96
SGA Graduate Student Senate	1,040			1,040
SGA Graduate Student Senate Grants	75,000			75,000
SGA Operations	7,840	13,000	23,340	44,180
SGA Undergraduate Student Congress	2,600			2,600
Auxiliary Allocation 24-25	32,603.38			32,603.38
<b>TOTAL:</b>				<b>494,849.12</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 13, 2025

**Section 6:** All unspent money remaining in the accounts listed in Section 3 shall revert to the SGA General Account after May 13, 2025, 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: Representative Gilson-Bond seconded by Representative Anand

Action taken by Student Congress: 28-0-0 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: \_\_\_\_\_

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS  
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CXI

April 16th, 2024

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE  
SENATE SESSION GS24

April 25th, 2024

CONGRESSIONAL BILL AB-111-06  
SENATE BILL NO. GS24-30

AS INTRODUCED

An act relating to appropriations; providing for short title; stating purpose; appropriating Primary 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 “Primary Funding Act of 2024 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
Academic Team	610			610
Advanced Radar Research Center Student Affairs Committee	715			715
African Women's League	1,270			1,270
Air Force ROTC Student Association	500			500
Alpha Sigma Kappa- Women and Gender Minorities in Technical Studies	750			750
American Constitution Society	500			500
American Indian Law Review	500			500
American Indian Science and Engineering Society	450			450
American Indian Student Association	18,300			18,300
American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics	300			300

American Institute of Architecture Students at the University of Oklahoma	500			500
American Mock World Health Organization	1,493.29			1,493.29
American Society of Civil Engineers	600			600
American Society of Mechanical Engineers	400			400
Animal Legal Defense Fund at the University of Oklahoma College of Law	750			750
APICS	200			200
Arab Student Association	2,000			2,000
Armenian Student Organization	409.75			409.75
Art Club	400			400
Artificial Intelligence Organization at the University of Oklahoma	649.38			649.38
Asian American Student Association	12,887.50			12,887.50
Asian Americans in Business Association	600			600
Asian Pacific American Law Student Association	850			850
Association for Women in Mathematics	700			700
Association Friends of Venezuela	1,000			1,000
Association of Geography Graduate Students	725			725
Association of Southeast Asian Nations	2,430			2,430
Association of Southern African Students	910			910
Baccano Italian Club	600			600
Beekeepers' Association	509.60			509.60
Biology Graduate Student Organization	1,100			1,100
Biomedical Engineering Society Student Chapter	375			375
Black Girl White Coat	300			300
Black Men in Stem	600			600
Black Men's Mental Health Club	300			300
Black Student Association	30,000			30,000
Business Law Society	300			300
Chi Alpha Campus Ministry	500			500
Chi Epsilon	600			600
Chinese Language and Culture Club	200			200
Christian Legal Society	1,430			1,430
Christians on Campus	800			800
Circle K International	1,660			1,660
College Democrats	440			440

College of Law Dean's Walking Club at the University of Oklahoma	400			400
College of Law Outlaw	300			300
College Republicans at the University of Oklahoma	750			750
Colombian Student Association	11,000			11,000
Communication Graduate Student Association	1,245			1,245
Criminal Law Association	1,200			1,200
Crimson Chords	800			800
Crimson Prairie Ventures	450			450
Cru	850			850
Data Science and Analytics Club	600			600
David F. Schrage Chapter of the National Residence Hall Honorary	100			100
Delta Sigma Phi	450			450
Dialogues of Contemporary Sociology (DOCS) Workshop	960			960
East African Alliance	609.08			609.08
Engineers Serving Others	400			400
Engineers' Club	1,400			1,400
Environmental Law Student Association	675			675
Environmental Science Student Association	595			595
Eta Sigma Phi Classical Honors Society	300			300
Ex-Yugoslav Student Association	625			625
Federalist Society	1,120			1,120
Finance Student Association	200			200
First Generation Law Student Association	500			500
Flying Sooners	398			398
French Club	360			360
Freshman Action Team	600			600
Friday Accounting Meeting	689			689
Futsal Club	100	105		205
Gamma Delta Pi	300			300
Geographic Information Science Student Organization	450			450
Geography Honor Society/ Gamma Theta Upsilon	120			120
Graduate Business Association	500			500
Graduate Music Student Association	500			500
Graduate Physics Student Interdependence	367			367



Graduate Women in Business	500			500
Hacklahoma	751.52			751.52
Headington Hall Student Leadership Association	125			125
Health and Exercise Science Student Association	470			470
Health Law Student Association	300			300
Healthcare Business Club	1,000			1,000
Hispanic American Student Association	15,000			15,000
Honors Student Diversity Council	850			850
Horror Movie Club	700			700
Housing Center Student Association	14,500			14,500
India Student Association	8,467.38			8,467.38
Informed Citizen Discussion Groups	900			900
Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences Student Chapter	1,000			1,000
Integrity Council	600			600
Intellectual Property Society	800			800
International Advisory Committee	30,000			30,000
InterVarsity Christian Fellowship: Black Campus Ministries	600			600
Investment Club at the University of Oklahoma	600			600
Iranian Student Association	11,000			11,000
Jurassic Journeymen	390			390
Kappa Delta Pi	600			600
Kappa Kappa Psi National Honorary Band Fraternity Delta Chapter	810			810
Korean Student Association	1,003			1,003
Lambda Delta Psi Sorority	800			800
Latin American Law Student Association	900			900
Latinos Without Borders	600			600
Law Students of Texas	350			350
LGBTQ Program Advisory Board	4,600			4,600
LGBTQ Student Alliance	3,000			3,000
Linguistics Club	225			225
Mathematics Graduate Students Association	300			300
MEDLIFE	648			648
Military Law Society	200			200
Minority Health Sciences Conference	651.80			651.80
Model African Union Club	1,000			1,000

Model United Nations	1,500			1,500
Multicultural Greek Council	8,000			8,000
Muslim Student Association	2,000			2,000
National Council of Teachers of English	400			400
National Gay Pilots Association	300			300
National Pan-Hellenic Council	18,000			18,000
National Society of Black Engineers	630			630
Native American Law Student Association	330			330
Nepalese Student Association	700			700
OBI OUtreach	890			890
Oil and Gas, Natural Resources, and Energy Journal	400			400
Oklahoma Aspiring Educators Association	800			800
Oklahoma College of Law Board of Advocates	800			800
Oklahoma Intercollegiate Legislature	7,000			7,000
Oklahoma Law Review	1,400			1,400
Oklahoma Weather Lab	800			800
Omani Students Association	820			820
Omega Delta Phi Fraternity, Inc.	1,000			1,000
Organization for the Advancement of Women in Law	3,050			3,050
OU Badminton Club	621.04			621.04
OU Climbing Club	157			157
OU Design/Build/Fly Club	525			525
OU Men's Rugby Club	340		2,534.30	2,874.30
OU Men's Ultimate Frisbee Club	1,000			1,000
OU Swim and Dive Club	750			750
OU Tennis Club	100			100
Our Mental Health	180			180
Out in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics	500			500
Pakistani Student Association	2,746.09			2,746.09
Peruvian Student Association	650			650
Phi Beta Delta	500			500
Phi Delta Alpha	500			500
Phi Delta Phi	350			350
Phi Iota Alpha Fraternity Inc.	365			365
Pre-Veterinary Club	600			600
Print Club		530		530

Professional Writing Student Association	350			350
Psychology Club	420			420
Psychology Graduate Student Association	1,170			1,170
Public Interest Law Student Association	400			400
Real Estate Club	500			500
Rooks & Books	900			900
Rug Making Club	150	415		565
Russian Club	350			350
School of Meteorology Outreach	200			200
School of Meteorology Student Affairs Committee	800			800
Scientific Undergraduate Research Association	450			450
Sigma Alpha Iota International Music Fraternity, Alpha Iota Chapter	500			500
Sigma Gamma Rho	196.78			196.78
Sigma Gamma Tau	400			400
Sigma Lambda Alpha Sorority Inc.	590			590
Sigma Lambda Beta	2,129.50			2,129.5
Sitaraas	450			450
Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers	700			700
Society of Women Engineers	625			625
Sociology/ Criminology Club	400			400
Soniyes	505			505
Sooner Air Traffic Control Association	2,000			2,000
Sooner Competitive Robotics		1,500		1,500
Sooner Off-Road		2,000		2,000
Sooner Racing Team		1,000		1,000
South Asian Student Association	1,620			1,620
Spanish Language Club	320			320
Sports and Entertainment Law Society	450			450
Student Association of Bangladesh	1,800			1,800
Student Association of Graduates in English	500			500
Student Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects (SCASLA)	420			420
Student Chapter of the Association for Computing Machinery	500			500
Student Council for Exceptional Children	1,500			1,500
Student Planning Association	400			400

Student Society of Human Relations	200			200
Students for Local Action	916.50			916.50
Super League	600			600
Sustainable Energy Society	443.38			443.38
Tau Beta Pi	400			400
Tau Kappa Omega Fraternity	500			500
The Big Event	4,000	3,000		7,000
The Oklahoma Group	1,650			1,650
Theta Nu Xi Multicultural Sorority, Inc.	400			400
Undergraduate Mock Trial Team	1,951.11	424.29	79.81	2,455.21
Victim Advocacy Program	500			500
Vietnamese Student Association	2,812.69			2,812.69
Wall Street Sooners	520			520
Wealth Management Club	600			600
Well Read Book Club		500		500
Wesley Foundation	300			300
Women Impacting Supply Chain Excellence	1,000			1000
Women in Business Association	500			500
Women in Finance	600			600
Women in Physics	400			400
Women's Rights in Healthcare Organization	600			600
World Literature Today Student Advisory Board		550		550
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>337,201.80</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 13, 2025

**Section 6:** All unspent money remaining in the accounts listed in Section 3 shall revert to the SGA General Account after May 13, 2025, 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: Representative Cantrell seconded by Representative Wilson

Action taken by Student Congress: 26-1-0

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

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS  
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CXI

April 23, 2024

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE  
SENATE SESSION GS24

April 25, 2024

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-111-26  
SENATE BILL GS24-33

AS INTRODUCED

An Act of Legislation providing pay for SGA leaders in the summer months; 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 “Summer Pay for SGA Leaders Act.”
- Section 2:** Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to allow SGA leaders to receive pay in the summer months, at the discretion of Student Affairs employees.
- Section 3:** AMENDATORY: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association’s Code Annotated Title X Chapter 5 Section 1 is amended as follows. For the purposes of this bill, all items removed shall be denoted with a ~~strike through~~. All items added shall be denoted with an underline.

**Section 1:**

Campus Activities Council Chair, Chair of Congress, Chair of Senate, Secretary of Congress, Secretary of Senate, Student Bar Association President, Vice Chair of Congress, and Vice Chair of Senate shall be compensated monthly with compensation periods beginning August 1st and perpetuating monthly until April 30th. The SGA President and SGA Vice President shall be compensated monthly with compensation periods beginning December 1st and perpetuating monthly until November 30th. The Chair of SGA Budgetary Committee shall be compensated monthly with compensation periods beginning the month of their appointment by the SGA Congress and ending April 30th.<sup>3</sup> ~~The SGA President~~ All SGA officers who receive a stipend or salary shall be eligible to receive compensation at ~~the aforementioned rate~~ their usual rates of pay during the summer, which shall consist of the months June, July, and August. This pay will be given at the discretion of Student Affairs Staff, within the parameters of the budget. ~~The SGA President~~ officers who receive a stipend shall only be eligible to receive such compensation while executing their ~~presidential official~~ duties in the course of fulfilling their office hours. The GSS Ways and Means Chair stipend is to be paid out at the end of October and February, corresponding with the deadlines for the Fall and Spring grant deadlines.

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

Authors: Vice President Cyrus Mortazavi, Student Government Association  
Ellie Wolthuis, SGA Chief of Staff

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

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE  
SENATE SESSION GS24  
April 25, 2024

SENATE BILL NO. GS24-31

AS INTRODUCED

An Act to appoint representatives for the 2024-2025  
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 2024-2025

**Section 2:** Purpose: To approve the nominations for the 2024-2025 Academic Appeals Panelists

**Section 3:** List of Nominees:

**SECTION 1.** List of Nominees

Academic Unit	First Name	Last Name
Art History	Travis	Catalano
Art History	Abby	Mikalauskas
Biology	Alejandra	Cespedes
Biology	Jasmeen	Kaur
Communication	Ryan	Beaty
Communication	Emmanuel	Odunfa
Economics	Kasra	Khademorezaian
Economics	Ahmed	Chaudhry
Economics	Ahmed	El Fatmaoui
Economics	William	Townsend
Geology	Alysha	Zazubec
Geology	Cassie	Kenyon
Geophysics	Danial	Mansourian
Industrial & Systems Engineering	Alice	Nanyanzi
Industrial & Systems Engineering	Tanmoy	Palit
Instruction Leadership & Academic Curriculum	Weiyi	Cheng
Interior Design	Mariana	Hernandez Franco
Mass Communication	Emily	Guajardo
Mass Communication	Umer	Bilal
Mathematics	Jeremiah	Isu



Mathematics	Michael C.	Brown
Mathematics	Tatiana	Abdelnaim
Mathematics	Emelia	Boye
Mathematics	Sayantana	Santra
Mathematics	Anna	Mikulo
Music	Aubrey	Chapin
Music	Gui	Lopes
Sociology	Reagan	Hunt
Sociology	Jared	Griffith

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE

SENATE SESSION GS24

April 25, 2024

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. GS24-32

As Introduced

An Act Approving the Outstanding Graduate Student Awards for the 2023-2024 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 2023-2024 Academic Year.”

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

**Section 3:** Let it, therefore, be resolved that:

**Feng Yang** of the Gallogly College of Engineering Department of Biomedical Engineering is hereby named the Overall Outstanding Graduate Student for the 2023-2024 Academic Year.

**Aanuoluwa Adekoya** of the Dodge Family College of Arts and Sciences Department of Biological Sciences is hereby named the Outstanding Graduate Research Assistant for the 2023-2024 Academic Year.

**Catherine Bain** of the Dodge Family College of Arts and Sciences Department of Psychology is hereby named the Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant for the 2023-2024 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 both the Outstanding Teaching Assistant and Outstanding Research Assistant. Also, The University of Oklahoma Graduate Student Senate hereby awards \$500.00 to the Overall Outstanding Graduate Student. Each of these awards is given to the three 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: \_\_\_\_\_

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE

SENATE SESSION GS24

April 25th, 2024

SENATE BILL NO. GS24-34

AS INTRODUCED

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

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

**Section 1:** Title: This Act shall be known and may be cited as the “Graduate Student Senate Internal Affairs and External & Legislative Affairs Committee Responsibilities Act.”

**Section 2:** Purpose: The purpose of this Act shall be to amend the Bylaws of the Graduate Student Senate (GSS) to modify the names and responsibilities of the Internal Affairs Committee and the External Affairs Committee of the Graduate Student Senate.

**Section 3:** AMENDATORY: Section 2 of the GSS Bylaws shall be amended to provide the following:

**Section 2. REPRESENTATION**

E. APPOINTMENT. All members of the Graduate Student Senate not elected according to the most current provisions of these Bylaws shall be appointed to the Graduate Student Senate by the following procedure.

2. SPECIAL APPOINTMENT. Upon a Senator’s resignation or removal from the Graduate Student Senate, the Chair of the ~~Internal Affairs~~ External and Legislative Affairs Committee shall notify that Senator’s Department of a vacancy within five (5) business days from the date of the Senator’s resignation or removal and provide a Notice of Vacancy to the Department.

a. The following statutory Notice of Vacancy is sufficient for use (content framed in brackets indicates inclusion is optional; content framed in parentheses, which the exception of numerical values, indicates inclusion is mandatory but variable among documents):

NOTICE OF VACANCY

(DATE)

To whom it may concern,

This form serves to inform you of a vacancy[/-ies] in the Graduate Student Senate for your Department. The named individual[/s] below has[/have] [resigned/been removed] from the Graduate Student Senate [for the following reason or reason:].

Name: (Last Name, First Name)

Department: (DEPARTMENT)

[Name: (Last Name, First Name)  
Department: (DEPARTMENT)]

Your Department has two (2) weeks from the date of this correspondence to appoint one[/two] Graduate Student[/s] to continue the electoral term of the named individual[/s] above. To note, elected Senators serve a term of one (1) academic year, beginning the fourth academic week of the academic year.

Each Department is represented by no more than two (2) Senators. According to our records, your Department is currently represented by [zero/one/two] Senator/[s].

Graduate Students duly enrolled in a Department with a G.P.A. of 3.0 or higher are eligible for office. If a Graduate Student belongs to more than one (1) Department, that student may only represent one (1) Department.

[Departments may remain in good standing and eligible for funding so long as at least one (1) Senator for that Department has regular attendance in the Graduate Student Senate. We encourage full participation by a Department, however, and request two (2) individuals represent each Department.]

If your Department chooses not to appoint any individual at this time, your Department may fall into bad standing and be ineligible for funding. Failure to complete this form and return it to the Chair of the ~~Internal Affairs~~ External and Legislative Affairs Committee by close of business at the end of the two-week period shall also constitute a forfeiture of immediate representation.

Please provide the names of the individual/[s] your Department intends to appoint:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Sincerely,

(First Name, Last Name)

Chair of the ~~Internal Affairs~~ External and Legislative Affairs Committee of the Graduate Student Senate

- b. The Graduate Contact of a Department shall be provided two (2) weeks from the date of receipt of a Notice of Vacancy provided by the Chair of the ~~Internal Affairs~~ External and Legislative Affairs Committee to procure an appointment from the Graduate Students of that Department.
- c. The Graduate Contact must furnish a response to the Notice of Vacancy containing the names and contact information of the appointee(s) to the Chair of the ~~Internal Affairs~~ External and Legislative Affairs Committee at the close of the two (2) weeks.
  - i. If the Graduate Contact is for whatever reason unable to respond to the Notice of Vacancy and return it to the Chair of the ~~Internal Affairs~~ External and Legislative Affairs Committee by close of business at the end of the two-week period, it shall constitute a forfeiture of immediate representation.
- d. It shall be at the discretion of the Chair of the ~~Internal Affairs~~ External and Legislative Affairs Committee to accept a Notice of Vacancy response submitted after the two-

week period, but not longer than four (4) weeks following the date of receipt of a Notice of Vacancy.

- e. The ~~Internal Affairs~~ External and Legislative Affairs Committee shall author an act of procedure appointing members of the Graduate Student Senate, of which such act shall provide the names of both the members and their respective Departments. This act shall appear under “Items to be Considered” during the next general meeting following receipt of the Department’s response to the Notice of Vacancy.
- f. The Chair of the ~~Internal Affairs~~ External and Legislative Affairs Committee and the Vice Chair of the Graduate Student Senate may provide a condensed orientation for specially appointed Senators up to three (3) times per academic semester.

**Section 4:** AMENDATORY: Section 3 of the GSS Bylaws shall be amended to provide 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~~ appointment 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~~ External and Legislative 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~~ External and Legislative 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.
    - b. RECOMMENDATION OF A SENATOR. Any Senator may issue a complaint to remove an elected officer from such office.
      - i. REVIEW OF COMPLAINT. Such complaint shall be directed to the ~~Internal Affairs~~ External and Legislative Affairs Committee, which shall begin a review of such elected officer and the merits of such complaint upon receipt. The ~~Internal Affairs~~ External and Legislative Affairs Committee shall have a period of two (2) weeks to conduct such review, at which point the complaint shall either be failed in committee or recommended to the body of the Graduate Student Senate for disposition. During the review period, the elected officer in question shall be temporarily relieved of all duties and authority until either the ~~Internal Affairs~~ External and Legislative Affairs Committee or the Graduate Student Senate has issued a vote on the matter.

- ii. RECOMMENDATION OF THE ~~INTERNAL AFFAIRS~~ EXTERNAL AND LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE. If the ~~Internal Affairs~~ External and Legislative Affairs Committee recommends that the complaint be brought before the body of the Graduate Student Senate, such complaint and the recommendation of the ~~Internal Affairs~~ External and Legislative Affairs Committee shall appear under "Special Orders" on the agenda at the next occurring general meeting following the conclusion of the review period.

**Section 5:** AMENDATORY: Section 5 of the GSS Bylaws shall be amended to provide the following:

#### **Section 5. OFFICER ELECTIONS**

- A. ELECTION OF OFFICERS. The officers of the Graduate Student Senate shall include the Chair of the Graduate Student Senate, Vice Chair of the Graduate Student Senate, and Secretary of the Graduate Student Senate.
  4. ELECTION GUIDELINES. The officers of the Graduate Student Senate shall be elected in the following manner
    - a. ELECTION COMMISSIONER. The Chair of the ~~Internal Affairs~~ External and Legislative Affairs Committee shall serve as Election Commissioner and oversee the election of officers. In the event the Chair of the ~~Internal Affairs~~ External and Legislative Affairs Committee is a candidate for office, the ~~Internal Affairs~~ External and Legislative Affairs Committee shall appoint by a simple majority one (1) person from among its members to serve as Election Commissioner.
- C. ELECTION OF CHAIRS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES. The chairs of the several Standing Committees shall be elected in the following manner.
  3. VOTING. Standing Committee elections shall be conducted by a plurality vote of the members of the Standing Committee, whereby the candidate receiving the greatest number of votes shall be immediately appointed to that office, with the sole exception of the Chair-Elect of the ~~Internal Affairs~~ External and Legislative Affairs Committee. The Chair-Elect of the ~~Internal Affairs~~ External and Legislative Affairs Committee shall not be appointed to that office until elections for the officers of the Graduate Student Senate have concluded.

**Section 6:** AMENDATORY: Section 6 of the GSS Bylaws shall be amended to provide the following:

#### **Section 6. ELECTED OFFICERS**

- D. SUCCESSION. If the officers of the Graduate Student Senate are absent, must temporarily recuse themselves, or are otherwise incapable of fulfilling their duties, the duties of the Chair of the Graduate Student Senate shall fall to the chairs of the Graduate Student Senate's standing committees in the following order: ~~Internal Affairs~~ External and Legislative Affairs Committee Chair; Ways and Means Committee Chair; Academic Affairs Committee Chair; Development and Philanthropy Committee Chair; ~~External~~ Internal Affairs Committee Chair; Human Diversity Committee Chair; Sustainability Committee Chair; and Public Relations Committee Chair.

**Section 7:** AMENDATORY: Section 7 of the GSS Bylaws shall be amended to provide the following:

#### **Section 7. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

J. ORDER OF BUSINESS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. Orders of Business in the Executive Committee meetings of the Graduate Student Senate shall be conducted in the following order.

4. Committee Reports

- ~~Internal Affairs~~ External and Legislative Affairs Committee
- Ways and Means Committee
- Academic Affairs Committee
- Development and Philanthropy Committee
- ~~External~~ Internal Affairs Committee
- Human Diversity Committee
- Sustainability Committee
- Public Relations Committee

**Section 8:** AMENDATORY: Section 8 of the GSS Bylaws shall be amended to provide the following:

**Section 8. STANDING COMMITTEES**

A. STANDING COMMITTEES. There shall be nine (9) standing committees, listed as follows:

1. ~~Internal Affairs~~ External and Legislative Affairs Committee

a. COMMITTEE PURPOSE. The ~~Internal Affairs~~ External and Legislative Affairs Committee shall address all matters concerning the ~~Internal Affairs~~ external affairs and legislation of the Graduate Student Senate and the SGA, including all proposed changes to the Graduate Student Senate Bylaws, the SGA Code Annotated, and the SGA Constitution. The Committee shall work to improve relations among the Graduate Student Senate and all other co-equal branches of the SGA, and it shall strive to make the Graduate Student Senate more effective in fulfilling its role within the SGA. Additionally, the Committee shall work to advocate for graduate student interests at the local, state, and federal levels.

i. SPECIAL POLICIES AFFECTING COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP. At least one (1) member of the ~~Internal Affairs~~ External and Legislative Affairs Committee must be a Graduate Student Senator from the University of Oklahoma College of Law (“College of Law”).

A. If that Senator from the College of Law shall be permanently removed from the Graduate Student Senate for any reason, a remaining Senator from the College of Law—if such person exists—shall be removed from any committee of which they are a part and reassigned to the ~~Internal Affairs~~ External and Legislative Affairs Committee; provided, if that remaining Senator from the College of Law is a chairperson of any committee, they shall not be removed from such committee.

B. In such cases, as may from time to time occur, any subsequent Senator provided by the College of Law shall be assigned to the ~~Internal Affairs~~ External and Legislative Affairs Committee for the duration of their term or the duration of the current Senate Session, whichever period is longer.

b. COMMITTEE CHAIR.

i. The Chair of the ~~Internal Affairs~~ External and Legislative Affairs Committee shall serve as the Parliamentarian. The Parliamentarian shall assist the Graduate Student Senate Chair in bringing before the body the proper procedures as outlined in the SGA Constitution, SGA Code Annotated, Graduate Student Senate Bylaws, and Robert’s Rules of Order.

- A. In the event there is a question over the legality of any given procedure, the Parliamentarian shall be entrusted to immediately research the issue using all immediately available resources and report their findings to the Chair of the Graduate Student Senate.
  - B. The Parliamentarian shall not be empowered to overturn any decisions made by the Chair of the Graduate Student Senate, however, and shall only be utilized as a parliamentary resource as the Chair of the Graduate Student Senate deems necessary.
  - C. If the Chair of the ~~Internal Affairs~~ External and Legislative Affairs Committee is for whatever reason unable to execute the responsibilities of the Parliamentarian during a general meeting, the Vice Chair of the Graduate Student Senate shall serve as Parliamentarian.
- ii. The Chair of the ~~Internal Affairs~~ External and Legislative Affairs Committee shall oversee the election of Officers. In the event the Chair is a candidate for office, the ~~Internal Affairs~~ External and Legislative Affairs Committee shall select by a majority vote one (1) of its members to serve as election commissioner.
- 5. ~~External~~ Internal Affairs Committee.
    - a. COMMITTEE PURPOSE. The ~~External~~ Internal Affairs Committee shall address all matters relating to wage, health insurance, and facility access issues, as well as other related matters that affect Graduate Students. The Committee shall identify and work to resolve problems with new and existing University policies and initiatives. The Committee shall strive to develop the relationship Graduate Students have with their respective Departments and the University.
    - b. COMMITTEE CHAIR. The Chair of the ~~External~~ Internal Affairs Committee shall work with leadership within the Executive branch and the Graduate College to identify and work toward resolutions of the aforementioned matters

**Section 9:** AMENDATORY: Section 12 of the GSS Bylaws shall be amended to provide the following:

### **Section 12. AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS AND CONSTITUENT DOCUMENTS**

- A. APPLICATION OF CONSTITUENT DOCUMENTS. The SGA Constitution and SGA Code Annotated shall comprise the Constituent Documents.
  - 3. REVIEWAL PROCEDURES. Such acts must be submitted to the ~~Internal Affairs~~ External and Legislative Affairs Committee for review, which shall ensure such amendment does not conflict with any other provision of the Constituent Documents. The ~~Internal Affairs~~ External and Legislative Affairs Committee shall be added to such act as a co-author and submit the act on the author's behalf to the Executive Committee of the Graduate Student Senate upon the conclusion of its review.
- B. APPLICATION OF BYLAWS. The Bylaws of the Graduate Student Senate shall be attached to and treated as an integral part of the SGA Constitution, wherefore any provision of such Bylaws shall be of full force and effect upon the body of the Graduate Student Senate, provided that such provision does not conflict with any provision of the Constituent Documents.
  - 1. PROCEDURES TO AMEND. Any provision of the Bylaws of the Graduate Student Senate may be amended. Any member of the Graduate Student Senate may propose an amendment to these Bylaws by an act of procedure. Alternatively, any Graduate Student of the University of Oklahoma may initiate a public referendum to amend these Bylaws by providing a petition signed by one hundred (100) Graduate Students, which shall be submitted to the Chair of the ~~Internal Affairs~~ External and Legislative Affairs Committee, who shall in turn author an act of procedure making such proposed amendment.



3. REVIEWAL PROCEDURES. Such acts must be submitted to the ~~Internal Affairs~~ External and Legislative Affairs Committee for review, which shall ensure such amendment does not conflict with any other provision of these Bylaws or the Constituent Documents. The ~~Internal Affairs~~ External and Legislative Affairs Committee shall be added to such act as a co-author and submit the act on the author's behalf to the Executive Committee of the Graduate Student Senate upon the conclusion of its review.

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