UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY AGENDA
November 12th, 2026, 7:00 PM

Zoom Conference Call
https://oklahoma.zoom.us/meetings/92159262702/invitations?signature=TEeeKeI2ySV17b3yIIprgvTX5QuDoYm8fQy0WBcOYSs

Call to Order: 7:02 PM

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/sga/branches/graduate-student-senate/agendas-and-minutes)
Approval of minutes by Senator Djassi (25), seconded by Senator Owen II (39).

Officer Reports:

- Chair: Summer Edwards
  - If you successfully submitted your ACR last spring, you should have received an email from the Grad College about receiving an Excellence card!
    - Effort spearheaded by the SGA President Mercer! This card includes many deals from businesses around Norman.
    - December 3rd, 4th, and 11th from 9 AM-12 PM (noon) is when you can come and pick up the card in-person!
  - SGA is hosting a Gala on Friday, December 4th in the Forum building.
    - Please RSVP on our Engage page!
    - Formal language for the event will be sent out in the coming weeks.
- Vice-Chair: Sam Jensen
  - Nothing new to report.
- Secretary: Ben Fellman
  - Please make sure to complete tonight's attendance form!
    - https://cglink.me/27E/s563
  - Thank you to all committee's for getting their committee attendance/notes in!

Committee Reports: (submit your meeting minutes here)

- Academic Affairs: Report given by Senator Callebs (70)
  - Committee members have worked very hard to complete and put together a survey for graduate students on the degree program length changes and other visa related issues.
    - https://cglink.me/27E/s555
  - We will work on compiling data from this survey after Thanksgiving break.
  - Senator Young (72): Should we as graduate students also fill this out?
    - Author: Yes, all graduate students can take this survey! It is geared more towards international students, but there are questions applicable for all graduate students.
- Development & Philanthropy: Report given by Senator Bueltel (8)
  - Putting ideas together for a cold weather clothing drive!
- External Affairs: Report given by Senator Jones (71)

    - Still working on the report from the survey – hoping to have results ready by late December/January.
    - Now beginning to work towards identifying legislatures to meet with for Higher Ed day.
        - Please email me if you would like to be involved!
- Internal Affairs: Report given by Senator Hamilton (66)
    - Nothing new to report.
- International Student Affairs: Report given by Senator Sadiku (27)
    - Nothing new to report.
- Public Relations: Report given by Senator Chandra (17)
    - Nothing new to report
- Sustainability: Report given by Senator Eatmon (35)
    - Nothing new to report.
    - Moving their committee meeting to next week given the Microsoft Outlook issue.
- Ways and Means: Report given by Senator Esteva-Ingram (62)
    - Will begin sending out acceptance letters and rejections for the grant applications next week!

Student Concerns: None

Special Orders:

- Mercer Martin, SGA President
    - Motion to hear SGA President by Senator Owen II (39), seconded by Senator Jones (71).
    - President's address – what is happening across SGA and within the Executive Branch.
        - Congratulations on the incredible turnout for the Halloween Event!
        - On campus, we held Mental Health Week! This took many months of planning and included collaborations with many organizations and SGA government branches.
        - Excellence cards!
            - These are well deserved by all students on campus.
            - Business owners are already saying that people are coming and using these cards which is super exciting!
        - Confetti project:
            - Next week, a social media post will be made regarding biodegradable confetti that will be provided to students. Follow @ou_sga to see these updates on Instagram.
        - SGA Gala!
            - Free dinner, time for fellowship and all the work that you have done.
            - RSVP by November 27th.
            - Official poster coming very soon!

Old Business:

New Business:

- **GF26-21:** Native American Heritage Month Resolution of 2026 *(Do Pass)*
    - Motion to see GF26-21 by Senator Callebs (70), seconded by Senator Jones (71)
        - Author: Concurrent resolution to see November as Native American Heritage Month.
            - Acknowledges the traumatic history that native people have endured, but also to celebrate their accomplishments since colonialism.

            - Directly acknowledges the native population in Oklahoma and specifically here at OU! We have 39 tribes with their own sovereignty and communities here in Oklahoma.
            - OU resides on traditional Native American land, and this resolution acknowledges this as well.
    - Motion to pass GF26-21 via unanimous consent by Senator Young (72). No objections.
- **GF26-22:** Veterans Day Resolution of 2026 *(Do Pass)*
    - Motion to see GF26-22 by Senator Callebs (70), seconded by Senator Esteva-Ingram (62)
        - Author: Recognizes Veterans Day
            - Gives the history of this holiday.
            - Provides facts on statistics within Oklahoma and the United States about Veterans. We have 4,500 here at OU!
    - Motion to pass GF26-22 via unanimous consent by Senator Callebs (70). No objections.
- **GF26-23:** SGA President and SGA Vice President Term Update Act of 2026 (~~Constitution~~ Code Annotated) *(Do Pass)*
    - Motion to see GF26-23 by Senator Callebs (70), seconded by Senator Givan (53)
        - Author: This bill just cleans up the code.
            - Currently there is not a set transition period between the administrations which can cause some slowdowns at the start of an SGA Presidential term.
            - This defines the time when the inauguration will happen.
    - Motion to pass GF26-23 via unanimous consent by Senator Young (72). No objections.
- **GF26-24:** Act of Procedure Approving Conference/Research & Creative Exhibition Grant Awards for the Fall 2026 Semester *(Do Pass)*
    - Motion to see GF26-24 by Senator Owen II (39), seconded by Senator Muntasher (15)
        - Author: This bill congratulates and states how GSS grants were funded. We were able to fund 50% of all submitted grants!
    - Motion to pass GF26-24 via unanimous consent by Senator Jones (71). No objections.

Announcements:

- As a reminder, two weeks from today is a holiday! We will be meeting the week after (December 3rd) - this will be our last meeting of the semester! I will send out meeting invites about those in the coming weeks. Our last meeting tends to be longer due to legislation that needs to be seen.
- If you did not submit your general meeting attendance form earlier in the meeting, please complete this now:
    - https://cglink.me/27E/s563
- Senator Shoutouts
    - Senator Khan (54) recently had an article published with first author credit on November 4! Here is a link to the article on the journal website if y'all want to share specifically what the article was: https://www.scirp.org/journal/paperinformation?paperid=155088
    - Senator Thompson (5) shouted out Senator Haghighi (4) for passing his general exam!!
    - Senator Lumula (48) shouted out Senator Price (49) for successfully defending her master's thesis yesterday!

Adjournment: 7:29 PM

Motion to adjourn by Senator Jones (71), seconded by Senator Callebs (70).

Attendance:

Senator #	Last Name	First Name	Department	11/12/2026
1	Vargas	Daniel	Aerospace and mechanical engineering	Y
2	Fullerton	Helen	Anthropology	Excused - Microsoft Outage
3	Young	Skylar	Anthropology	Y
4	Haghighi	Yousef	Architecture	Y
5	Thompson	Chandler	Architecture	Y
6	Arredondo	Eric	Biology (Biological Sciences)	Y
7	Simon	Peniel	Biology (Biological Sciences)	Y
8	Bueltel	Brandon	Biomedical Engineering	Y
9	Kapoor	Suryaveer	Biomedical Engineering	Y
10	Ousley	James	Business Administration	Y
11	Razzaghi	Arian	Chemical, Biological, and Material Engineering	Y
12	Azari Torbat	Nasim	Chemical, Biological, and Material Engineering	Excused - Microsoft Outage
13	Long	Kole	Chemistry and Biochemistry	Y
14	Islam	Zahidul	Civil Engineering and Environmental Science	Y
15	Muntasher	Khalida	Civil Engineering and Environmental Science	Y
16	Ayogu	Ifesinachi	Communication	Y
17	Chandra	Subhash	Computer Science	Y
18	Giri	Shailendra	Construction Science	Y
19	Ibanez	Giselle	Construction Science	Y
20	Yerra	Sindhuja	Data Science and Analytics	Y
21	Dulal	Ramesh	Economics	Y
22	Gao	Ningjing	Economics	Excused - Microsoft Outage
23	Engle	Matthew	Education Administration	Excused - Microsoft Outage
24	Minion	Laura	Education Administration	Y
25	Djassi	Queen	Education Leadership and Policy Studies	Y
26	McDaniels-Gomez	Patricia	Education Leadership and Policy Studies	Y
27	Sadiku	Feyipitan	Education Psychology	Excused - Microsoft Outage
28	Wise	Grayson	Education Psychology	Y
29	Aminpour	Sara	Electrical and Computer Engineering	Y
30	Moncada Calmet	Luis Felipe	Electrical and Computer Engineering	Y
31	Hache	Trosky	Engineering Leadership and Management	Y
32	Martin	Shane	Engineering Leadership and Management	Y
33	Buffo	Noelle	English	Y
34	Keesling	Carson	English	Excused - Microsoft Outage
35	Eatmon	Christian	Finance	Y
36	Andoh	Bright	Geography and Environmental Sustainability	Y
37	Tuli	Rajsree	Geography and Environmental Sustainability	Y
38	Miller	Elisha	Geology and Geophysics	Y
39	Owen II	Jimmy	Geology and Geophysics	Y
40	Burroughs	Trenton	Health and Excersice Science	Y
41	Sini	Yakubu	Health and Excersice Science	Y
42	Cunningham	Hope	History	Excused - Microsoft Outage
43	LeFave	KJ	History	Y
44	Lamirand	Elijah	History of Science Technology and Medicine	Y
45	Muriithi	Julia	Human Relations	Excused - Microsoft Outage
46	Karnail	Vibha	Industrial Systems Engineering	Excused - Microsoft Outage
47	Palit	Tanmoy	Industrial Systems Engineering	Y
48	Lumula	Harriet	Instr Leadership and Acad Curr	Y
49	Price	Kacy	Instr Leadership and Acad Curr	Y
50	Azizi	Shiva	Interior Design	Y
51	Martin	Kaley	Interior Design	Y
52	Akinro	Victoria	International & Area Studies	Y
53	Givan	MaKenzie	Journalism and Mass Communications	Y
54	Khan	Arslan	Journalism and Mass Communications	Y
55	Dransfield	Jake	Landscape Architecture	Y
56	Kistler	Anallely	Landscape Architecture	Y
57	Hammock	Julia	Law	Excused - Microsoft Outage
58	Minear	Sydney	Law	Y
59	Nazari	Mahdieh	Library and Information Studies	Y
60	Elima	Emmanuel	Mathematics	Excused - Microsoft Outage
61	Thummala	Vamsi	Mathematics	Y
62	Esteva-Ingram	Tatiana	Meteorology	Y
63	Rogers	Ashley	Modern Languages, Literaturese, and Linguistics	Y
64	Bissonnette	Jacob	Music	Y
65	Schimmell	Alison	Music	Y
66	Hamilton	Kiana	Native American Studies	Y
67	Rufus	Deborah	Petroleum and Geological Engineering	Y
68	Burnham-Fleck	William	Philosophy	Y
69	George	Micah	Philosophy	Y
70	Callebs	Jacob	Physics & Astronomy	Y
71	Jones	Alexis	Political Science	Y
72	Young	Kristina	Political Science	Y
73	Moore	Elijah	Psychology	Excused - Microsoft Outage
74	Waldron	Megan	Psychology	Excused - Microsoft Outage
75	Carroll	Ian	Public Administration	Y
76	Winston	Corey	Public Administration	Excused - Microsoft Outage
77	Bonsu	Harriet	Regional & City Planning	Excused - Microsoft Outage
78	Zafari	Tara	Regional & City Planning	Y
79	Hunt	Reagan	Sociology	Y
80	Wiser	Sally	Sociology	Y
81	Catalano	Travis	Visual Arts	Excused - Microsoft Outage
82	Romero	Isaac	Women and Gender Studies	Y
83	Manje	Dasplang	Chemistry biochemistry	Excused - Microsoft Outage
84	Borges	Alma	Dance	Excused - Microsoft Outage
85	Robinson (Aboba)	Casandra (Mathias)	Communication	Y
86	Perez Segura	Alejandro	Modern Languages, Literaturese, and Linguistics	Excused - Microsoft Outage

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CXVI
November 3, 2026

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GF26
November 12, 2026

CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-116-12
SENATE RESOLUTION NO. GF26-21

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution acknowledging the month of November as Native American Heritage Month; and providing for distribution.

Whereas: Native American Heritage Month is celebrated during the month of November; and

Whereas: Native American Heritage Month is used to promote and celebrate the cultural identities of Native Americans and Alaskan Natives; and

Whereas: Native American Heritage Month is also used to educate the public on the challenges Native Tribes and people have faced throughout America's history; and

Whereas: The United States federal government first recognized Native American Heritage Month in 1990[1]; and

Whereas: Today, about 7 million people are Native American or Alaskan Native in the United States[2]; and

Whereas: In 2026, about 7.71% of the population in Oklahoma are Native American, which equals to 318,175 people[3]; and

Whereas: As of 2025 at the University of Oklahoma there was 1,193 students who were registered as Native American[4]; and

Whereas: The University of Oklahoma resides on the traditional homeland of the Caddo and Wichita nations. As well as being a part of the Apache, Comanche, Kiowa, and Osage Nations[5]; and

[1] "Celebrating National Native American Heritage Month." *United States Senate,* https://www.senate.gov/artandhistory/history/common/generic/American_Indian_Heritage_Month.htm.
[2] "Native American Population by State 2026." *World Population Review*, https://worldpopulationreview.com/state-rankings/native-american-population.
[3] "2026 Demographics." *Cherokee Nation Public Health*, https://www.cherokeepublichealth.org/demographicdata?id=39&sectionId=935.
[4] "Enrollment Trends as OU." *College Tuition Compare*, https://www.collegetuitioncompare.com/trends/university-of-oklahoma-norman-campus/student-population/.
[5] "OU Norman Land Acknowledgement." *The University of Oklahoma*, https://www.ou.edu/content/dam/cas/nas/documents/ou-norman-land-acknowledgement.pdf.

Whereas: Suppression, assimilation, and removal of Native Peoples and their culture were official policies by early state and federal settlement laws[6]; therefore

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

Section 1: Title: This resolution shall be known and may be cited as the "Native American Heritage Month Resolution of 2026."

Section 2: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association shall recognize the month of November as Native American Heritage Month.

Section 3: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association shall recognize and honor the Native American students at The University of Oklahoma in Addition to their culture and heritage.

Section 4: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association shall recognize and honor that the University of Oklahoma resides on traditional Native American land.

Section 5: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association encourages the student body to participate in events such as the Native Feast on November 12th and the annual Pow Wow in the spring hosted by the American Indigenous Student Association.

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

- Joseph Harroz Jr., President, University of Oklahoma
- Dr. David Surratt, Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students
- The University of Oklahoma Board of Regents
- Quy Nguyen, Director of Student Life Office and Assistant Dean of Students
- Ryan Lee, Coordinator of American Indian Programs Services
- Tana Fitzpatrick, Director of Native Nations Center
- Georgia Harjo, President, OU American Indian Student Association
- Leo Weiss, President, OU Osage Club
- Diyiin Joe, President, Iota Gamma
- Nivy Yarholar, Clan Mom, Gamma Delta Pi
- Cale Bible, Vice President, American Indian Science and Engineering Society
- OU Daily
- OU Nightly
- American Indigenous Society of Engineers and Scientists(AISES)

Author(s): Lilith Thompson, Arts and Sciences Representative

[6] "Removing Native Americans From Their Land." *Library of Congress*, https://www.loc.gov/classroom-materials/immigration/native-american/removing-native-americans-from-their-land/.

Co-Sponsor(s): Lorelai Radzanowski, Arts and Sciences Representative

Submitted on a motion by: Representative Baker seconded Representative Fisher
Action taken by Congress: Passed 29-0-0
Verified by Chair of Congress: _____ Date: _____

Submitted on a motion by: Senator Callebs, seconded by Senator Jones
Action taken by Senate: Passed via unanimous consent
Verified by Chair of Senate: _____ Date: _____

Approved by SGA President: _____ Date: _____

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THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION CXIV
November 10, 2026

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GF26
November 12, 2026

CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CR-XXX-XX
SENATE RESOLUTION NO. GF26-22

AS INTRODUCED

A Congressional Resolution recognizing the historical significance of Veterans Day; and providing for distribution.

Whereas: Veterans Day is recognized annually on November 11; and

Whereas: Veterans Day began as Armistice Day, recognizing the Veterans of World War I; and

Whereas: Armistice Day is observed on November 11 to recognize the ceasefire between the Allied Nations and Germany that went into effect on November 11, 1918, marking the beginning of the end of World War I ; and

Whereas: Approximately 5 million United States troops served worldwide in World War I ; and

Whereas: The United States suffered over 53,000 battle casualties in World War I ; and

Whereas: In 1954, Congress renamed "Armistice Day" to "Veterans Day," therefore including the Veterans of World War II; and

Whereas: As of 2023, 15 million Americans identified as Veterans ; and

Whereas: As of 2023, 277,757 Veterans live in Oklahoma , .

Whereas: 4,249 military-connected students are attending the University of Oklahoma for Fall 20256; and

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS THAT:

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Section 1: Title: This resolution shall be known and may be cited as the "Veterans Day Resolution of 2026."

Section 2: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association shall recognize November 11 as Veterans Day.

Section 3: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association shall recognize and honor those who served our nation and the bravery they showed.

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

- Joseph Harroz Jr., President, University of Oklahoma
- Dr. David Surratt, Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students
- The University of Oklahoma Board of Regents
- University of Oklahoma Veteran Student Services
- *OU Daily*
- *OU Nightly*
- Military Connected and Veterans Student Success Center
- Students' Veteran Association

Author(s): Layla Broeker, Associate

Co-Sponsor(s): Lorelai Radzanowski, Human Diversity Chair

Submitted on a motion by:
Action taken by Congress:
Verified by Chair of Congress: _____ Date: _____

Submitted on a motion by: Senator Callebs, seconded by Senator Esteva-Ingram
Action taken by Senate: Passed via unanimous consent
Verified by Chair of Senate: _____ Date: _____

Approved by SGA President: _____ Date: _____

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION XX
Month DD, YYYY

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GF26
November 12, 2026

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CB-XXX-XX
SENATE BILL GF26-23

AS INTRODUCED

An Act of Legislation to amend the SGA Code Annotated, modifying the date of which the SGA President and SGA Vice President begin & end their term; 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 "SGA President and SGA Vice President Term Update Act of 2026 (Code Annotated)."

Section 2: Purpose: The purpose of this act shall be to amend the SGA Code Annotated, modifying the date of which the SGA President and SGA Vice President begin & end their term, as well as creating the SGA Executive Transition Committee.

Section 3: AMENDATORY: The University of Oklahoma Student Government Association's Code Annotated Title I, III, and X are 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 I-6 Inauguration

1. **Date**. The SGA President and Vice-President shall be inaugurated ~~one week after validation of the presidential election~~ upon administration of the Oath of Office to the SGA President and SGA Vice President.
2. **Ceremony.**[2] The ~~outgoing Executive Branch~~ Executive Transition Committee shall organize the Inauguration of the new SGA President and Vice-President.[2]
3. **Oath of President and Vice President**. The Chief Justice of the SGA Superior Court will administer the oath of office to the incoming SGA President and Vice-President. If the Chief Justice is unavailable to administer the oath, the Chief Justice[2] shall select another person to do so. The oath shall read as follows: "I do

solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the office of Student Government Association President/Vice-President, and will to the best of my ability, preserve, protect, and uphold the Constitution of the Student Government Association." After the oath has been administered the President will give an inaugural address.[3]

4. **New Executive Officers**. At the election of the Undergraduate Student Congress Chair and Graduate Student Service Chair, the outgoing Chair shall administer the oath for the newly Election Commissioner.[2] The SGA President shall administer the Oath of Office to the newly elected Campus Activities Council Chair at the State of the SGA Address.[2] The oath for these officers shall read as follows: "I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the office for which I have been elected, and will uphold the rules and represent the members of the organization to which I belong to the best of my ability."[4]

5. ~~**Transitional Term of the President and Vice President**. The newly elected President and Vice President shall officially assume the role and all benefits attributed to the power of the office one week after the validation of the election by the Superior Court.[5]~~

Chapter III-1 General Provisions

1. **Power.** The executive power of the SGA shall be vested in the SGA President.[1]
2. **Members.** The SGA President, SGA Vice President, and any SGA officer that is elected in a SGA sponsored election and/or receives a SGA stipend and is not otherwise designated as a member of the Legislative or Judicial Branch, shall be considered a member of the Executive Branch.[2]
3. **Succession of Offices**. In case of the removal or impeachment of the SGA President from office, resignation from office, or their inability to discharge the powers and duties of the office, those powers and duties shall devolve to the Vice President.[3]
    1. **Vacancy in Office of Vice President**. In the case of the removal or impeachment of the SGA Vice President from office, resignation from office, or their inability to discharge the powers and duties of the office, the office shall be filled by SGA Presidential appointment with the advice and consent of the Legislative Branch.
4. **Transition & Inauguration**
    1. **SGA Executive Transition Committee.** The SGA Executive Transition Committee shall be established.
        1. **Purpose.** The SGA Executive Transition Committee shall work towards ensuring a smooth, knowledgeable transition for the incoming SGA President & Vice President.
        2. **Leadership.** The SGA President shall chair the SGA Executive Transition Committee or may designate a committee member to serve as Chair, temporarily or permanently in their place by providing notification to committee members. The SGA Executive

Transition Committee Chair shall work with committee members to set meeting times, designate responsibilities, and execute other prudent activities.

3. **Membership**. The SGA Executive Transition Committee shall consist of the SGA President, SGA Vice President, SGA Chief of Staff, CAC Chair, Undergraduate Student Congress Chair, Graduate Student Senate Chair, incoming SGA President, incoming SGA Vice President, and SGA Advisor, and other members as invited by the Committee Chair.
4. **Meetings.** The SGA Executive Transition Committee shall commence meetings the academic week following validation of the election of the incoming SGA President & Vice President. Meetings shall take place at a cadence deemed appropriate by committee members. Meetings shall cease after inauguration of the incoming SGA President & SGA Vice President.
5. **Advisory Nature.** The SGA Executive Transition Committee is advisory only and shall have no authority to make any binding decisions. Notwithstanding SGACA Title 1, Chapter 5, the Committee shall not be subject to the Oklahoma Open Meetings Act.

2. **Inauguration.** The inauguration of the SGA President and Vice President shall take place during the first academic week of the spring semester following their election in the fall semester, provided the election has been validated. Should validation remain pending, inauguration shall take place as soon as practicable after validation occurs. The incoming SGA President shall determine the exact date and time of the inauguration ceremony within that week, in consultation with the SGA Executive Transition Committee.
3. **Oath of President and Vice President**. The Chief Justice of the SGA Superior Court will administer the oath of office (referenced in Title I, Chapter 6, section 3) to the incoming SGA President and Vice-President at the inauguration of the incoming SGA President and Vice-President. If the Chief Justice is unavailable to administer the oath, the Chief Justice[4] shall select another person to do so. After the oath has been administered the President will give an inaugural address.

5. **Structure of Executive Branch**
    1. **President.** The President is the chief officer of the Executive Branch.
    2. **Vice President**. The Vice President may perform any Presidential duty with the express consent of the President. The Vice President shall ~~be the~~ serve as student advisor for the Crimson Leadership Association.
        1. **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.

3. **The Executive Cabinet.** Led by the President, Vice President, and the Chief of Staff, The Executive Cabinet shall support the efforts made by its leaders to reflect the continued interests of the student body, SGA, and platforms.
4. **Rulemaking.**
    1. **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.
    2. **Funding.** The President shall make a budget for the Executive Branch, excluding the Crimson Leadership Association, for submission to the Legislature.
    3. **Removal.** The President may remove any member of the Executive Cabinet at will with notice.[7]

Chapter III-2 The President

1. **Power.** The executive power of the SGA shall be vested in the SGA President.[1]
    1. **Power to Make Appointments**. The SGA President shall have the power, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Branch, to nominate and appoint all officers of the SGA not otherwise provided for. The SGA President shall have the power to establish Executive Staff Positions, to assist them in fulfilling their presidential duties, with the consent of the Legislative Branch. The SGA President shall have the sole power to appoint personnel to fill these positions.[2]
        1. **Appointment of the General Counsel**. General counsel shall be appointed by the SGA President, with the advice and consent of the SGA Legislative Branch. General counsel shall be recommended to the SGA President by a committee composed of: the outgoing general counsel; a representative named by each house of the SGA Legislative Branch; and a representative named by the Vice President for Student Affairs. If the SGA President chose some other candidate, such candidate would not be recommended by the selection committee, as required. An Interim General Counsel, whose appointment has been initiated, may remain in office until confirmed or rejected.[3]
        2. **Appointments to Search Committees**. Representatives to Search Committees shall be nominated by the SGA President and approved by the Chair of the Undergraduate Student Congress and the Chair of the Graduate Student Senate.

2. **Interim Vacancies**. The SGA President shall have the power to fill all vacancies that may happen during the recess of the Legislative Branch. The interim appointment shall expire at the end of the Legislative Branch recess. An Interim General Counsel, whose appointment has been initiated, may remain in office until confirmed or rejected.[4]

2. **Duties.** The SGA President shall take care that all acts of the Legislative Branch are faithfully executed. The SGA President shall represent the SGA on all official occasions and coordinate all student activities and services. They may address the Legislative Branch, recommend to their consideration such measures as they shall judge necessary and expedient; they may convene the Legislative Branch in extraordinary, joint session.[5]
    1. **State of the SGA Address**. The State of the SGA Address shall be organized by the Executive Branch and be held after the Spring Election but before Pre-finals week of the Spring Semester[6] to deliver an address concerning the current state of Association. The address shall include, but is not limited to, an outline of the current administration's accomplishments up to that[7] point. The chairs shall speak on the accomplishments of their branch and the upcoming goals of their respective branches.[8] An official copy of the State of the SGA will be delivered to the Chairs of the Graduate Student Senate and Undergraduate Student Congress within three business days of the address.[6] At this meeting the SGA President shall administer the Oath of Office to the CAC Chair.[8]
    2. **Delegation of Duties**. The President may delegate any duties, including representational functions, to the Executive Staff that they deem necessary.[9]
    3. **Addressing the Legislature**. The SGA President shall address the Legislature and/or the Houses of the Legislature. Said addresses shall include, but not be limited to, a report on the official activity, policy, and agenda of the SGA President. At the time of such addresses, the SGA President shall answer questions relating to the SGA and/or the Executive Branch from members of the Legislature and any members of the SGA present. Such addresses may be further regulated by an Act of Legislation and shall be according to the procedures of the relevant House, but in no case shall there be fewer than three in each of the fall and spring semesters. This duty shall not be delegated.[10]
    4. **Monitoring Use of Allocated Office Space**. The SGA President shall be responsible for the enactment of the provisions of Title I0, Chapter 3 and Title I4, Chapter 3 (regarding the monitoring of allocated office space) and may appoint whatever agents they deem necessary for this purpose with the advice and consent of the legislative branch.[11]
    5. **Budget Submission**. The SGA President shall be responsible for submitting budget requests to the SGA Budgetary Committee during the primary budget process on behalf of the Executive Branch, including all boards, committees, and commissions found in Title X of the Code annotated. The President

shall also be responsible for submitting the SGA Operations budget request during the primary budget process.

6. **Chair Weekly SGA Leadership Meeting**. The SGA President shall serve as the Chair of weekly SGA Leadership Meetings. SGA Leadership Meetings shall include the SGA President, the CAC Chair, the Chair of the Undergraduate Student Congress, the Chair of the Graduate Student Senate, the SGA Advisor, the University Vice President for Student Affairs, the University Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs, the Associate Vice President for Student Affairs, ~~and~~ the Senior Associate Director of Student Life, and any other member of the SGA as invited by the SGA President.

3. **General Meetings**. Upon petition by ten percent (10%) of the SGA, the Student President shall call and preside over a general meeting of the SGA.[12]
4. **Presidential Veto**. Acts of Legislation, Concurring Resolutions, and Joint Resolutions passed by Each House must be sent to the Student President for approval and may be vetoed by the SGA President. If the SGA President vetoes any Acts of Legislation, Concurring Resolution, or Joint Resolution, then it will be returned to both Houses for reconsideration and will be enacted if two-thirds (2/3) of the present and voting membership of each House votes to pass it. If any Act of Legislation, Concurring Resolution or Joint Resolution is neither signed nor vetoed by the SGA President within ten (10) days (Sundays excepted) of being presented to them, the same shall be enacted in like manner as if they had signed it.[13]
    1. **Differing Versions**. If a different version of an Act of Legislation is signed by the Chair and/or President than was passed, technically the bill has not been signed. This would make the bill invalid.[14]
5. **Term.** The term of the President shall begin ~~one week after the validation of election~~ upon administration of the Oath of Office and shall end upon administration of the Oath of Office to their successor, unless the office is sooner vacated as provided in Art. IV, § 2 of the SGA Constitution.
6. **Salary.** The SGA President shall receive for their services a salary. Said salary shall neither be increased nor decreased during the period for which they shall have been elected. They shall also not receive, within that period, any other stipend from the University of Oklahoma, except for loans or other financial aids. The SGA Constitution forbids the President from receiving University stipends from any University position other than the stipends received from their respective office.[16]
    1. **Exceptions.** The SGA Constitution does not forbid the President from receiving University stipends from any University position other than the stipends received from their respective office where the individual circumstances demonstrate that it would be inequitable or in the case of financial aid, etc.[17]
    2. The SGA President must submit to the SGA General Counsel notification of other employment by the University in order to determine if a conflict of interest exists.

Chapter III-3 The Vice President

1. **Power.** The executive power of the SGA shall be vested in the SGA President. There shall also be a SGA Vice President.[1]
2. **Term.** The term of the Vice President shall begin ~~one week after the validation of election~~ upon administration of the Oath of Office and shall end upon administration of the Oath of Office to their successor, unless the office is sooner vacated as provided in Art. IV, § 2 of the SGA Constitution.
3. **Salary.** The SGA Vice President shall receive for their services a salary. Said salary shall neither be increased nor decreased during the period for which they shall have been elected. They shall also not receive, within that period, any other stipend from the University of Oklahoma, except for loans or other financial aids. The SGA Constitution forbids the Vice President from receiving University stipends from any University position other than the stipends received from their respective office.[3]
    1. **Exceptions.** The SGA Constitution does not forbid the Vice President from receiving University stipends from any University position other than the stipends received from their respective office where the individual circumstances demonstrate that it would be inequitable or in the case of financial aid, etc.[4]
    2. The SGA Vice President must submit to the SGA General Counsel notification of other employment by the University in order to determine if a conflict of interest exists.
4. **Duties.** The SGA Vice President shall be responsible for advising the Crimson Leadership Association Co-Chairs as well as any other duties delegated to them by the SGA President. The SGA Vice President may create Vice Presidential Task Forces with permission of the SGA President, as outlined in Chapter 4 of this Title.

Chapter X-5 Salaries And Stipends

1. **Positions Receiving a Salary/Stipend**.

    Section 1: The following positions shall receive a stipend:

    • Campus Activities Council Chair: $435/month[1]
    • Chair of Congress: $435/month[1]
    • Chair of Senate: $435/month[1]
    • Chair of SGA Budgetary Committee: $350/month[1]
    • Secretary of Congress: $350/month[2]
    • Secretary of Senate: $350/month[2]
    • Student Bar Association President: $350/month[1]
    • SGA President: $520/month[1]
    • SGA Vice President: $435/month[1]
    • Vice Chair of Congress: $350/month[1]
    • Vice Chair of Senate: $350/month[1]
    • Graduate Student Senate Ways and Means Chair: $350/Fall Grant Cycle

$350/Spring Grant Cycle

The pay periods of the above positions will be designated as follows:

• 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 through the end of their term.
• The SGA President and SGA Vice President shall be compensated monthly ~~with compensation periods beginning January 1st through the end of their term~~ beginning upon administration of the Oath of Office and ending upon administration of the Oath of Office to their successors. Compensation for any partial month shall be prorated.
• 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 with their term.[3]
• The GSS Ways and Means Chair shall be compensated at the end of October and February, corresponding with the deadlines for the Fall and Spring grant deadlines.
• All SGA officers who receive a stipend or salary shall be eligible to receive compensation at their usual rates of pay during the summer, which shall consist of the months June, July. This pay will be given at the discretion of their staff advisor in Student Affairs, within the parameters of the budget. The SGA officers who receive a stipend shall only be eligible to receive such compensation while executing their official duties in the course of fulfilling their office hours.

Stipends are reflective of the weekly office hour requirement for each position. Stipends are based on performing the appropriate number of weekly office hours, as follows:

• All positions receiving $520 per month are expected twelve office hours.
• All positions receiving $435 per month are expected ten office hours.
• All positions receiving $350 per month are expected eight office hours.

Section 2: The following positions shall receive a salary at a rate determined by their staff advisor in Student Affairs, with the consent of the SGA President, GSS Chair, and Congress Chair. These salaries will come from "The Office of Student Government and Organization Services" (SGOS) which will be allocated to in the salaries and stipends act of their term: two full-time staff, Associates of General Counsel, General Counsel, Chief of Staff, Election Commissioner, SGA Student Assistants.

The Chief of Staff shall be appointed by the SGA President following an open application process.

Any position not enumerated above shall not receive a salary/stipend.[7]

1. **Student Parking Appeals Board Judges**. The Student Parking Appeals Board Judges are appointed at minimum wage, but not funded by SGA; the positions are reimbursed through the Parking and Transit Office.[8]

Section 4: **Transitional Provision.** The SGA President and SGA Vice President holding office on the effective date of this act shall continue to hold office, with all powers, duties, and compensation of their respective offices at the rate then in effect, until the Oath of Office is administered to their successors as provided in Title III, Chapter 1, Section 4, unless the office is sooner vacated as provided in Art. IV, Section 2 of the SGA Constitution. This section shall not be codified.

Section 5: This act shall become effective when passed in accordance with the SGA Constitution or upon the effective date of CB-116-09/SB GF26-11, whichever date is later.

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Submitted on a Motion by:
Action taken by Congress:
Verified by Chair of Congress: _____ Date:_____

Submitted on a Motion by: Senator Callebs, seconded by Senator Givan
Action taken by Senate: Passed via unanimous consent
Verified by Chair of Senate: _____ Date:_____

Approved by SGA President: _____ Date:_____

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GF26
November 12, 2026

SENATE BILL NO. GF26-24

AS INTRODUCED
An Act of Procedure approving Conference/Research & Creative Exhibition Grant awards for the Fall 2026 semester; providing for short title; stating purpose; and appropriations.

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

Section 1: The act shall be known and may be cited as an act of procedure approving conference/research & creative exhibition grant awards for the Fall 2026 semester.

Section 2: PURPOSE. The purpose of this act is to appropriate the funds of the University of Oklahoma Student Government Association to the individuals mentioned within.

Section 3: APPROPRIATION. The Graduate Student Senate shall allot Conference/Research & Creative Exhibition Grant awards for the Fall 2026 semester in the following manner:

TYPE	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	DEPARTMENT	AWARD
Conference	Ahmadi	Shaghayegh	Industrial and Systems Engineering	$750.00
Conference	Amani	Kiana	Industrial and Systems Engineering	$750.00
Conference	Ayogu	Ifesinachi	Communication	$750.00
Conference	Bodunde	Segun	Geology and Geophysics	$750.00
Conference	Chowdhury	MD Sadikur Rahman	School of Sustainable Chemical, Biological, and Materials Engineering	$750.00
Conference	Datta	Ananya	Biomedical Engineering	$750.00
Conference	Donner	Catherine	Gallogly College of Engineering	$750.00
Conference	Griffith	Jared	Sociology	$750.00
Conference	Gyimah	Queen Nadia	Education Psychology	$750.00
Conference	Jensen	Sam	Anthropology	$750.00
Conference	Negron	Cassandra	Educational Leadership and Policy Studies	$750.00

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Conference	Odunfa	Emmanuel	Communication	$750.00
Conference	Palit	Tanmoy	Industrial and Systems Engineering	$750.00
Conference	Tuli	Rajsree Das	Geography and Environmental Sustainability	$750.00
Conference	Ye	Jizhou	Gaylord College of Journal and Mass Communication	$750.00
Conference	Zafari	Tara	Planning, Landscape Architecture, and Design	$750.00
Conference	Kleinhoffer	Daisy	Geography and Environmental Sustainability	$682.21
Conference	Harger	Russell	Communication	$627.00
Conference	Igbokwe	Onyedikachi	Civil Engineering and Environmental Science	$618.23
Conference	Davidson	Jaron	Anthropology	$606.00
Conference	Bhatt	Divya	Computer Science	$600.00
Conference	Bueltel	Brandon	Biomedical Engineering	$600.00
Conference	Cooper	Anayai	Educational Leadership and Policy Studies	$600.00
Conference	Dohou	Caleb	Economics	$600.00
Conference	Dong	Weixuan	Industrial and Systems Engineering	$600.00
Conference	Edwards	Summer	Biomedical Engineering	$600.00
Conference	Ehrenthal	Valentin	Biological Sciences	$600.00
Conference	Li	Ting	Communication	$600.00
Conference	Miller	Elisha	Geology and Geophysics	$600.00
Conference	Morshed	Shah Murtoza	Industrial and Systems Engineering	$600.00
Conference	Qiu	Yuewei	Communication	$600.00
Conference	Razzaghi	Mohammad Reza	School of Sustainable Chemical, Biological, and Materials Engineering	$600.00
Conference	Sharma	Pratit	Health and Exercise Science	$600.00
Conference	Shimamura	Airi	Industrial and Systems Engineering	$600.00
Conference	Tinuoye	Mary	Communication	$600.00
Conference	Tom	Abasi-ofon	School of Sustainable Chemical, Biological, and Materials Engineering	$600.00
Conference	Turner	Sydney	Biomedical Engineering	$600.00
Conference	Turnley	Ben	Biology	$600.00
Conference	White	Shelby	Educational Leadership and Policy Studies	$600.00
Conference	Gao	NingJing	Economics	$569.60
Conference	Akinro	Victoria	Global Studies	$556.80
Conference	Wiser	Sally	Sociology	$556.00

Conference	Adelua	Mary	Communication	$450.00
Conference	Baskin	Hannah	Psychology	$450.00
Conference	Campillo	Dorian	Biology	$450.00
Conference	Chandra	Subhash	Computer Science	$450.00
Conference	Karim	Tahmid Ul	School of Sustainable Chemical, Biological, and Materials Engineering	$450.00
Conference	Meyer	Theo	Psychology	$450.00
Conference	Morgan	Lauren	Anthropology	$450.00
Conference	Oladokun	Anthonia	Health and Exercise Science	$450.00
Conference	Punchi Hathanalage	Malinda Bimsara Premathilaka	Chemistry and Biochemistry	$450.00
Conference	Shayeghi Moghanlou	Afshin	Geography and Environmental Sustainability	$450.00
Conference	Vivero Miranda	Rodrigo	Anthropology	$450.00
Conference	Zararsiz	Alperen	Political Science	$450.00
Conference	Nazari	Mahdieh	Library and Information Studies	$446.40
Conference	Tommy	Solomon	Communication	$426.00
Conference	Amri	Taoufik	Education Psychology	$375.00
Conference	Mona	Zarin Tasnim	Aerospace and Mechanical Engineering	$375.00
Conference	Qu	Xiaochi	Geography and Environmental Sustainability	$375.00
Conference	Wambede	Jacob	Economics	$375.00
Conference	Thompson	Jessica	Chemistry and Biochemistry	$350.00
Conference	Lumula	Harriet	Instructional Leadership and Academic Curriculum	$343.80
Conference	Bates	Grace	Anthropology	$341.21
Conference	Liu	Natalie	English	$317.64
Conference	Ridge	Rebecca	Anthropology	$301.80
Conference	Biwa	Syboney	Communication	$279.25
Conference	Eminli	Isfandiyar	School of Sustainable Chemical, Biological, and Materials Engineering	$275.00
Conference	Link	Rebekah	Anthropology	$250.00
Conference	Cox	Claire	History	$215.00
Conference	Hale	Madeleine	Anthropology	$200.00
Conference	Denton	Kaitlyn	English	$97.50
			TOTAL:	**$38,359.44**

TYPE	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	DEPARTMENT	AWARD
Research	Jensen	Sam	Anthropology	$750.00
Research	Yang	Wanjing	Geography and Environmental Sustainability	$740.00

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Research	Falahati	Akram	Health and Exercise Science	$600.00
Research	Ganiyu	Abiodun	Anthropology	$600.00
Research	Haque	Tanjum	Biological Sciences	$600.00
Research	McCurdy	Trevor	School of Civil Engineering and Environmental Sciences	$600.00
Research	Powell	Noah	Anthropology	$600.00
Research	Parajuli	Bikram	Geography and Environmental Sustainability	$552.61
Research	Alahmadi	Abrar	Gibbs College of Architecture	$495.00
Research	Chandra	Subhash	Computer Science	$450.00
Research	Haghighi	Yousef	Gibbs College of Architecture	$450.00
Research	Liu	Haohao	Biomedical Engineering	$450.00
Research	Ogundare	Olamide	Communication	$450.00
Research	Ogunkola	Babatunde	Health and Exercise Science	$450.00
Research	Volz	Kenlynn	Biological Sciences	$450.00
Research	Pham	Minh Pham	School of Sustainable Chemical, Biological, and Materials Engineering	$429.60
Research	Link	Rebekah	Anthropology	$419.27
Research	Busuioc	Lorena	Anthropology	$400.00
Research	Ghorbani	Elnaz	Instructional Leadership and Academic Curriculum	$375.00
Research	Liebl	Elena	Biological Sciences	$375.00
Research	Shafer	Alexandria	Biological Sciences	$374.74
Research	Dulal	Ramesh	Economics	$174.00
			TOTAL:	**$10,785.22**

Total Conference Funds: **$38,359.44**
Funding 71 out of 142 reviewed applicants.
Total Research Funds: **$10,785.22**
Funding 22 out of 49 reviewed applicants.
Total Funds Awarded: **$49,144.66**

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

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Submitted on a motion by: Senator Owen II, seconded by Senator Muntasher
Action taken by Senate: Passed via unanimous consent

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